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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

MILVILLE.—Bro. John King, writing from Milville, on the 31st ult., says the small pox has now disappeared from the settlement, one death only having resulted,—a female child, two years of age. The health of the people generally is now good.

INDIAN KILLED.—We have just heard that an Indian, who was intoxicated, was killed this morning on the Utah Central at Ogden. He, with several more, went up from this city on the train, and on reaching the terminus there they alighted; but as the train backed up on the Y he tried to jump aboard again, but missed his footing and got under the cars, both his legs being severed from his body.

HEBER CITY.—Bro. John Lee, writes from Heber City, on the 30th ult., that such a mild winter as the present has not been experienced in that part of Utah for the past thirteen years. There has generally been from two to three feet of snow, but this winter, up to date of his letter, there had not been enough for good sleighing. The people there are feeling well and are up to the times. They have three schools well attended, and good tutors, a good bishop, good meetings, faithful teachers, and no litigation, which, altogether, is a decidedly good showing for Heber City.

PARTICULARS OF THE FIRE.—The following particulars of the fire at Pleasant Grove were received by Deseret Telegraph line yesterday, but too late for publication:

"PLEASANT GROVE, Feb. 6.

Our Meeting house, Tithing office, and Post office were all burned this morning at five o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The Sabbath school library, dramatic scenery, one room which was used for quorum purposes with furniture, prayer room with its contents, three hundred bushels of wheat, some flour, corn and potatoes, with all the bins were destroyed with the exception of a small amount of wheat. The tithing department did not suffer much. E. Mayhew had all his supplies in provisions burned. The Provo Woolen Factory lost 100 bushels of wheat; the county some little poor fund and 50 bushels of wheat. The post office and tithing records were saved.

BEN. W. DRIGGS."

REPORT OF THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—We have received from the Government printing office at Washington, the report of the total eclipse of the sun, which took place on the 6th of August, 1869. The observations taken under the auspices of the U. S. Government were conducted by Commodore B. F. Sands, U. S. N., and the published report contains the reports of Commodore Sands, Professors Newcomb, Harkness, Hall, and Eastman; Brevet Major Edward Curtis, and of Messrs. J. H. Lane, W. S. Gilman and F. W. Bardell. To students of celestial phenomena this work, we should think, would be of great interest, as it contains a complete history of the eclipse, the appearance of the sun in the various stages of the eclipse, engravings and descriptions of the instruments used in taking the observations, mathematical data, &c., &c. It is a large volume, printed on fine paper, clear type, with strong and very neat binding; and is a work that would adorn any library.

THE MEETING AT THE CITY HALL.—Last night the Parent Society for the im-

provement of stock, &c., held their usual fortnightly meeting at the City Hall. There was a full attendance of members present.

An interesting communication was received from H. J. Faust, chairman of the committee on horses, on the great utility of that noble animal, and showing the steps that have been taken at various times by the governments of Europe for its improvement within their domains. A lecture on bee culture was then delivered by Mr. S. H. Putnam.

Mr. John Morgan, of Mill Creek, and Messrs C. Crismon, Sen., and R. V. Morris, of this City, were added to the Committee on stock.

The meeting throughout was interesting.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

WE learn from the Omaha Herald that the Union Pacific Railroad company are now checking baggage through to this city. Heretofore it had to be re-checked at Ogden for this city.

HELP THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.—Bro. Geo. Rowley, who has been blind for about five years, caused by a severe cold, which settled on his eye sockets, has been the recipient of a series of benefits in the several Wards of the city, the present winter, given him in the shape of parties. On Monday evening he had one in the 8th Ward, which was well attended and passed off very pleasantly indeed. Bro. R. intends, during the coming summer, to give concerts throughout the settlements, and we trust will be well supported by the people; he is gifted with rare musical talents, and the loss of his eye-sight entitles him to sympathetic considerations.

BRIGHAM CITY.—"A. C." writes on the 6th instant:

"Editor Evening News:—Dear Sir:—Last Saturday afternoon about one hundred spectators, among which was Pres. L. Snow, were present to witness the running of the machinery of the woolen factory for the first time. Everything about the institution is substantially made, and in good style and order. Our winter here, has, as yet, been more like a spring than a winter. Last night it snowed eight inches, but it is melting away fast."

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.—Brother Thos. R. Cutler, writing from Lehi, on the 6th inst., says:

"Editor Deseret News:—A gloom has been cast over us by the death of our esteemed friend and fellow citizen, Bro. Wm. S. S. Willis, on the 3rd inst., who met with a serious accident at the lumber mill, in American Fork canon, two weeks previous to his death, by which one of his legs was broken. His funeral took place yesterday, attended with military honors. The citizens of this place, together with a few from Pleasant Grove, numbering altogether six hundred, and fifty-nine teams, followed his remains to their last resting place. Bro. Willis was a man universally esteemed, and we sincerely condole with his bereaved family."

THE ASTRONOMICAL LECTURE.—The seventh of the University series of lectures on astronomy was delivered in the Tabernacle last evening by Elder Orson Pratt, at the usual hour; but owing, probably, to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not so large as usual. The audience listened with rapt attention to the lecturer's lucid description of the primary planets of our solar system.

We should regret to see any falling off in interest in these lectures; they have been prepared with the greatest care, and are couched in the simplest language possible, so that they may be understood by the unscientific; they will amply repay both young and old for the time spent in attending them; and we hope to see the Tabernacle crowded during the remainder of the course. From what the Professor said last night, respecting the character of the future lectures, they will increase in interest, especially the closing one, for the correct understanding of which those preceding it should be attended.

PLEASANT GROVE.—Bishop Brown, of Pleasant Grove, accompanied by Elder George Halliday, called in to-day and favored us with a report of matters in general down in their district of country. Last Tuesday week a small town was located and surveyed in American Fork Canon by Bishop Brown and his assistants. This was done for the benefit of miners in that locality. The new town, it is believed, will be called Silver Lake City, and it is twelve or fourteen miles from Pleasant Grove, very near the boundary between Salt Lake and Utah Counties, at the mouth of Deer Creek on American Fork river.

The people of Pleasant Grove are alive to their religion and to the interests of education; their meetings are well attended and

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

SUCCESSFUL.—Captain C. Crow's military company had a party in the 11th Ward school house last night, the object being to raise means to purchase various articles needed by the company. The affair was first rate socially, and a success financially, and all hands went home pleased and satisfied at 12 o'clock, that being the rule in the Ward.

FEBRUARY 8, 1871.

Editor of Evening News:—Dear sir: In the First Ward the Female Relief Society had a very good social party last night, when everything went off in the most satisfactory manner. A very good spirit pervaded the meeting throughout, and all present appeared to enjoy themselves. A very good picnic was set out at intermission, which would be acceptable to any one's taste. A vote of thanks was given to the musicians for their kind and gratuitous services, also to the ladies. It was under the supervision of Sisters Steel and Neall, Brother Conk being floor manager. H. MITCHEL.

"THE SONG MESSENGER."—The Song Messenger, for February, from Root & Cady, Chicago, comes brim full of matter which will be acceptable to singers, musical amateurs and all interested in the divine art and its leading lights. In addition to a large amount of characteristic reading matter, it contains the words of two songs entitled: "Be of Good Cheer," and "Angels Visits," with four part musical accompaniments; and two quartettes with chorus, entitled: "Home in the Vale," and "Bessie Bligh." All the matter is extremely well printed, on good paper, and is published at a dollar a year.

"OLD & NEW."—The Monthly Magazine entitled *Old and New*, published by Roberts Brothers, 143 Washington St., Boston, of which we have just received the February number, is fast winning for itself a front rank in the highest class of American Magazines. Its articles are not of that trashy kill-time stamp, so characteristic of popular literature; but it is a magazine that will be acceptable to those who read for information and culture, its articles being generally of a solid, common sense character, interspersed with an occasional story, just to give variety and spice. The articles for the present month include "Pink and white Tyranny," "Protoplasm Again," "Optimism," "Translations," "Practical Atheism," "The examiner,"—a miscellaneous collection of short articles, &c., &c. Single numbers are sold at 35 cents, yearly subscriptions \$4.

NINTH WARD SCHOOL PARTY.—Yesterday afternoon the children and teachers of the above Sunday School met in the school-room and had a most delightful reunion. The dancing commenced at 3 o'clock, and was kept up until evening set in, when they adjourned for one hour. Upon re-assembling, upwards of two hours were enjoyably spent in songs and recitations, which reflected great credit upon all concerned, and met with many expressions of approbation. Dancing was resumed and continued until midnight. The Wilson band kindly played gratuitously. A large number of the parents and friends were present. It was a time long to be remembered.

A similar entertainment—the regular weekly series—was enjoyed by the residents of the Fifth and Sixth Wards. This was a greater success than any of its predecessors.

ITEMS FROM THE "JUNCTION."—The following items are from the Ogden Junction, of yesterday:

"On Friday afternoon last Mr. David H. Stephens, of this city, who had been shining his kitchen, came down from the roof to get a fresh supply of nails. When he stepped on to the scaffold it gave way and precipitated him to the ground, breaking his left collar bone and severely bruising his left side. Dr. Williams was called in, who set the bone and dressed the bruises. Mr. Stephens is now doing well."

"The freight train came to a stand-still on Monday morning on the sand-ridge, the cylinder of the engine was damaged. The engine went to Kayville without the train which was brought back to Ogden by the train from Salt Lake."

"The numerous friends of Elder D. M. Stuart will be pleased to learn that he arrived safely in Omaha on Wednesday last."

Telegraph poles are rented to bill-posters in New Orleans at \$10 per each pole.

THE cattle disease, which for several years past has done so much damage in England and on the Continent of Europe, is creating some excitement and alarm in New York; some of the New England States, and other Eastern States where cattle are dying of it. The milk consumers are specially troubled on its account, and not without reason, for the disease is very contagious and fatal in its effects. It is not confined to cattle, though its effects are more serious with them than with horses or other animals. So great is the alarm that the Governor of Rhode Island has issued a proclamation to the authorities of towns to do all in their power to prevent the spread of this "exceedingly infectious and contagious disease."

In Massachusetts many cattle, in various localities have, or have had, the disease, and their removal from the infected localities has been prohibited.

The disease appears first in the mouth, its first stage rendering it very difficult for the animals to eat. Its second stage affects the feet, between the hoofs, and thence, in cows, it takes the udder, soon proving fatal. The poison is very readily transmitted, either by contact with a diseased animal, its saliva, or even with the skin, which the disease in its progress causes to peel off the mouth and which, in feeding, falls into the stable. The soil of the yards in which the cattle stand is also poisoned to a depth of several inches, and the disease can be communicated to healthy animals in this way, and the clothes or hand of a person who has been near diseased animals will also convey the infectious matter. In the Boston cattle market the alarm on the subject is great, and the State Commissioners have applied to the Legislature for an appropriation to aid them in their efforts to stay the progress of and exterminate the disease.

A MEETING of prominent colored men from various parts of Pennsylvania was held a few days ago in Philadelphia to consider the expediency of founding a settlement in Montana Territory. The deliberations resulted in the organization of the Montana Agricultural Emigrant Aid Association, the object of which will be to found a settlement in the beautiful and luxuriant valley of the Iuko, and furnish lands and homes to the landless and homeless in the Far West, along the line of what will be the great American trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific highway, the Northern Pacific Railroad.

The society elected a president, four vice-presidents, general and corresponding secretaries, treasurer, general superintendent, and eight directors. The general superintendent, through whose exertions the association was organized, has operated for two years in Montana and went to the East highly indorsed by the Governor, ex-Governor, Surveyor General, and other prominent citizens of that Territory. Many good wishes are indulged in by people in Philadelphia for the success of the society.

AFRICA, time and again, has been credited with being the home of the lowest specimens of the human race; but it seems that the Island of Borneo, one of the largest in the East Indian Archipelago, carries off the palm. A writer in the *Atlantic Monthly*, in an article on "Barbarism and Civilization," says that in Borneo and in some of the neighboring islands there is a race of beings about four feet high, dark, wrinkled and hairy. They walk nearly upright; live in caves, on snakes, mice, ants, eggs and each other; they can not be tamed or forced to any labor, resemble a stunted specimen of the gorilla, yet when caught their face is found to be human, their jabbering sounds like articulate language, and the females show instincts of modesty, altogether leaving no doubt that they really belong to the human race.

There are at present in Germany upwards of 25,000 widows and 120,000 fatherless children.