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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 22.

**A Native Born Alien(?)**—John A. Baxter, born in the State of Iowa, applied for naturalization, at the District Court to-day.

**Effects.**—The effects of last night's hurricane were scattered around on the streets in the business centre of town this morning in the form of mashed sign boards, broken posts, tattered awnings and the like.

**Agricultural Prospects.**—One of the most practical farmers in Utah and an old resident of the Territory stated, this morning, that it has been an almost invariable rule in past years that when there is a late Spring there is a full harvest.

**Started.**—On Thursday last operations commenced for the season in the Bountiful Co operative Brick-yard. We are glad to hear of this. The bricks made there have a high and well deserved reputation. To them were awarded the first class diplomas at the Territorial Annual Fair held in this City in October last.

**Win'g Storm.**—Probably the stiffest breeze for several years past blew over this city last night. The wind whistled, and roared and snorted, disturbing the nocturnal slumbers of the citizens.

We learn that it blew a perfect hurricane at Bountiful, which is an exceedingly windy locality, and Farmington still more so.

**Cache Valley.**—By courtesy of Elder B. Young, Jr., we have been permitted to peruse a telegram to him, from Bishop W. B. Preston, dated at Logan, April 22d, from which we learn that the weather in Cache is still cold and more or less stormy, which is very hard on the stock. One mile of track, towards Richmond, was laid to-day, on the Utah Northern Railroad.

**Appointment.**—Governor George L. Woods has appointed Prof. O. H. Riggs, Territorial Superintendent of Common schools, in place of R. L. Campbell, lately deceased.

Mr. Riggs having been a practical teacher gives him a great advantage in the office, he being thoroughly acquainted with the detailed workings of the school-room. He has accepted of the appointment, filed the necessary bonds, and will at once enter upon the duties of the position.

**District Court To-day.**—The following persons were admitted to citizenship, by naturalization—Samuel Holbrook, James Bishop, W. N. Thomas, Jacob Larsen, S. Aldhum, Thos. Smith, G. Hougan, C. C. Neilson, Peter Christianson, Jas. O. Swift, C. B. Tuckfield, Lars Larsen, G. Hansen, W. Bond, John Kremer, Thomas E. Marriot, Robt. Gray, Peter Erickson.

Thomas Ivins vs. Jas. T. Woodman et al; default.

Flagstaff S. M. Co. vs. James A. Varnes et al; motion to dismiss

writ of certiorari overruled; defendant excepts judgment of justice reversed; defendant excepts.

**Fire.**—Considerable of a sensation was created on the street, between ten and eleven o'clock to-day, by the City Hall fire bell ringing out the alarm. At first the rumors of the locality of the fire were exceedingly conflicting, some asserting that it was in the 20th Ward, and others that the 10th Ward schoolhouse was in flames.

Firemen ran to the engine house from every direction and then proceeded eastward, followed by a continuous stream of people.

The fire was at the house of Mr. John Papst, on the north side of the 10th Ward, and when the firemen from the City Hall got within a couple of blocks of it they received word that the flames had been extinguished, so they beat a hasty retreat to the engine house.

The Wasatch Company got to the scene of the fire, however, before it was quite extinguished. The house is a small one of two rooms and a back shed. The fire originated in the latter part, supposed to be from sparks from the chimney of an adjoining house, as there had been no fire in either of the rooms for two days previous. The shed was consumed and a portion of the south side of the house was partially destroyed, the damage amounting to about \$150.

As usual the members of the Fire Brigade manifested commendable alacrity.

**City Council.**—The council met last evening, Mayor Wells presiding.

Resignation of J. R. Higgs, as one of the mechanical engineers of the fire department, was read and accepted, and the petition of Jno. Ouson for the situation was also read and referred to committee on fire department.

Report of committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred the subject of digging a ditch through a portion of the 5th Ward for draining purposes, recommended that it be dug on 5th West and 7th South Streets, instead of through Mr. Winter's field, as the latter desired; adopted.

The report of the same committee on the subject of granting the petition of Wm. Crowther and thirty-two others, asking permission to turn the water of City Creek northwards on 9th West Street, recommended that the petition be granted, provided the petitioners bind themselves to become responsible for all damages thereby ensuing; adopted.

Report of committee on license, to whom was referred the petition of A. Leaventhal, asking permission to sell goods from a basket at a stand adjoining Kimball & Lawrence's store, recommended that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. The report was not adopted, as the council decided that such a precedent would have a bad effect and that the granting of the petition would not be consistent with the ordinance on license.

Council adjourned to meet next Tuesday at seven o'clock.

**Suicide.**—Coroner Taylor, being notified this morning that suicide had been committed in the 19th Ward, at 4 o'clock last evening, summoned an officer and went immediately to the residence of John Entwistle, where it occurred.

The jury, being duly empaneled and witnesses sworn, Mary Ann Needham, sister of the deceased, testified as follows:

"At about fifteen minutes to four o'clock p.m. yesterday, John Entwistle, husband of deceased, came to me and told me that my sister had taken poison. I came immediately and sent for my sister-in-law. My sister (deceased) was sitting down in the large chair when I entered. I asked her if she had taken poison, and she told me that she had taken strychnine, about half of twenty-five cents' worth, which had been purchased for poisoning mice. I gave her camphor gum and sweet oil and milk. She told me she wished to live and took anything that was offered to relieve her. Her husband had previously given her some butter. She was perfectly calm

and rational, even after Dr. Benedict and Mr. Quins arrived, which was half an hour after she took the poison. The Doctor administered an emetic and took about a pint and a half of blood from her. The poison was taken d warm tea, on an empty stomach, and it was a large dose; enough to have killed several persons. She died at seventeen minutes past 8 p.m., yesterday. Deceased was a native of Lancashire, England, and came to this country first in 1862.

Martha Lees corroborated the foregoing statement, and said—

"I saw some of the poison left on the table and threw it into the fire. When the spasms of pain came on, the Doctor administered chloroform, which relieved her a little. She seemed to die peacefully. I know the poison was strychnine, from the bottle and its general appearance. The cause of her suicide was domestic infelicity."

The jury rendered the following verdict:

"TERRITORY OF UTAH,  
County of Salt Lake."

"An inquestholden at Salt Lake City Precincton the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1874, at the hour of 11 a.m., at the house of John Entwistle, upon the body of Sarah Entwistle there lying dead, before George J. Taylor, Coroner of said County, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors, upon their oaths, do say that she died from the effects of strychnine poison, self administered. In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereto set their hand, the day and year aforesaid.

"JAMES SEWELL,  
OLIVER R. OSTLER,  
J. O. H. LUNDQUIST.

"GEO. J. TAYLOR, Coroner."

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 23.

**Tabernacle Meetings.**—Until further notice, meetings will be held in the New Tabernacle every Sunday, commencing at ten o'clock a.m., and two o'clock p.m.

**Large.**—Brother McMurrin showed us a common hen's egg to-day, which measured six inches in circumference one way and eight inches the other, and weighed nearly a quarter of a pound.

**District Court to-day.**—Eli B. Kelsey vs. Richard S. Law; on motion of attorney, plaintiff allowed to amend undertaking and affidavit on attachment, by correcting the name of defendant E. D. Minfley.

Hugh White vs. John Crawford; judgment for plaintiff.

Charles Lorintz vs. L. B. Kinney; judgment of justice reversed.

P. Edward Connor vs. H. S. Jacobs et al; motion to discharge attachment; decision reserved till to-morrow.

**Handy.**—There was exhibited, in front of Scott, Dunham & Co's., East Temple street, to-day a diminutive, portable blacksmith's forge. The whole thing occupies a very small space, is quite light, and is only about four feet high. The necessary draft to blow the fire up is obtained by turning a handle which causes currents of air to pass through a perforated plate on which the coals are laid. It is a Pennsylvania invention, and is said to be exceedingly handy for use in mining camps.

**Big Boot.**—The Workingmen's Co-operative Association have just had painted, at Midgeley's paint shop, a sign, in the shape of a mammoth boot, ten feet high. On both sides of the upper portion of it are three gilt bees, emblematical of industry, and the initials of the Association. It was to be placed in position, in front of the premises, Mr. D. Greenig's new building, some time to-day or to-morrow.

Those who are identified with the W. C. A. feel encouraged, as business keeps increasing with them almost daily.

**A Brute.**—The other evening as a respectable young lady was walk-

ing along in the 14th Ward, on her way to her home, in the lower part of the City, she was grossly insulted by a brute in human shape. Some of these scoundrels will get an impressive lesson taught them one of these times.

We reiterate our often repeated advice for ladies not to go out after dusk without being protected, unless absolutely compelled to. There is too much "civilization" running loose now-a-nights for the safety of womankind.

**Curiosities.**—To-day we were shown some curiosities in the shape of naturally formed marbles from the south. They are perfectly round and solid, and are to be found, of various sizes, in large numbers in the locality where the specimens came from, a few miles east of Cove Creek, where there is an extinct volcano. It is believed that their formation was caused by the material of which they are composed being thrown out of the volcano, in the form of lava, and dropping into water, thus receiving their spherical shape in the same way as shot is manufactured. Their complete roundness certainly makes them interesting natural curiosities. They are hard volcanic rock.

**Bender Gone.**—This morning officer B. Y. Hampton left this city for Topeka, taking with him old man Bender. Mr. Hampton is not accompanied by any other officer, so that he will not have a very comfortable time until he reaches his destination. If he sleeps he will, figuratively speaking, have to do it with one eye and one ear open, as the old man would be likely to take desperate chances if he had the least opportunity, for if he be the veritable Bender, which is now almost beyond doubt, he must be aware that his doom is sealed anyhow.

From the time that he was told that he had been identified from his portrait, in Kansas, to the time of his leaving, he maintained a persistent, dogged silence, refusing to answer any questions that were put to him.

**Fire Signals.**—The inability of people generally to tell in which direction a fire is located in this city, as indicated yesterday, implies an ignorance on the part of the public as to the signals used by the Fire Brigade to indicate particular directions. We therefore republish them.

For north, one decided stroke; south, two decided strokes; east, three; west, four.

For north-east, one decided stroke and three separate ones; north-west, one stroke and four separate from it; south-east, two distinct strokes and three separate; south-west, two strokes and four separate from them.

Between the intervals of the giving of any of these signals each time there is a sharp continuous ringing, as a fire alarm. In case of fire in the more immediate vicinity of the City Hall, the alarm is a quick, sharp, continuous ring. The City Hall is the initiatory point for the signals.

Those signals can be readily retained in the mind, as the point of commencement is North, following up through eight points of the compass.

The Wasatch company have also an alarm bell, at their engine house on South Temple Street, 12th Ward.

**Shams!**—There is every reason to believe, if the present rate of progress in the matter of shams and shoddy be continued here, that Salt Lake will soon equal any other part of America in that particular. It is time, however, that people learned not to be "caught with chaff," in the matter of public catch-pennies, with which the community has been flooded for the past year or two. Adventurers have come here without number, "dead-beats," who have done nothing but scheme and fish about for some speculation on which to "make a raise." When an idea is struck by him, the speculator, or his friends, who probably expect to share in the prospective profits of the speculation, at once, as a general rule, ask the aid of

prominent men" to assist them in "selling" the public by affixing their names to a powerful request for the talented(?) "dead beat" to deliver some great lecture.

There are cases where such a manner of procedure might be justifiable, providing always that the solicitations be genuine, coming freely from the solicitors as an appreciation of real, not supposed or imaginary, merit.

In the matter of lectures got up on canvassed solicitations for delivery, as a general rule it may be said of those who attend them, "Blessed are they who do not expect much, for they are not likely to get disappointed."

People should seek more after the genuine and the real, and less after the flimsy and transparent. A good deal of common sense and infinitesimal doses, if any at all, of "spread-eagleism" will do considerable towards the abolishment of the sham and humbug nuisance.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

In the House of Representatives, April 20, Mr. Poland offered a resolution reciting the conflict of authority between the United States courts and the Territorial courts of Utah, and that the enforcement of the laws has been delayed and obstructed, and directing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill for the regulation of legal jurisdiction of the courts and officers in Utah. Adopted.

The following are from the Washington Capital of April 19—

We are beginning to suspect that old Moses was something of a fraud. We would not dare say this had not Brother Newman of China and the chimes gone back on the patriarchs generally.

It will be recollected that the peripatetic Newman went among the Mormons with missionary views, but neither his example nor eloquence could make a sinner of a single saint. He returned and told us all about them—that is, all that was fit to be told—and his wife delivered a lecture at the same time "to ladies only," which must have embraced some things not fit to be told, at least to men as modest as we are. The smiling Colfax also visited them, and he must have been contaminated, for it was afterwards that he went where the woodbine twineth.

The Hon. McKee of Illinois, but representing at present a large African district in Mississippi, is not happy. He belongs to the modern school of statesmen who have flocked up in swarms from the sunny South and taken the places of the Calhouns, Prentisses and Leontons of the days of yore. A school whose cardinal article of faith—it has no cardinal virtue, except it make one of necessity—is greed and self-aggrandizement, and whose least concern is for the good of the commonwealth. The Hon. McKee was conspicuous, in the early days of the session, for clinging to the salary grab with a deathless grasp, and arguing how insignificant a compensation of \$7,500 per annum really was for his congressional services. On Wednesday this legislative pumpkin-head disclosed the corroding grievance of his heart. The door-keeper of the House of Representatives will not respond to his demands. He can get no patronage. He wants offices for his friends and henchmen. He insists upon a division of the spoils. He darkly insinuates there is a ring; and he isn't in it. Something must be done. The Mississippi statesman must be conciliated—or he will have bl-ud.

The commissioner of Internal Revenue has received a letter from the supervisor of North Carolina containing a history of violence by a band of thirty disguised men towards a witness for the government in some revenue cases. They shot at the man and his wife, and, after driving both out of the house, tore it down. Threats were made to kill witnesses for the government "in spite of hell."—Washington Star, April 18.