

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

**FROM THE BLOCKADE.**—John E. Cowles, Esq., formerly of the firm of Bradford and Wells, of N. Y., arrived in this city on Wednesday evening. He was one of the passengers detained by the blockade on the U. P. R. R., which occurred last Monday morning between Church Butts and Carter's Station.

We learn from him the following particulars: The snow had drifted in a cut at this point and two engines were attached for the purpose of driving the train through. The snow however was packed so hard that the cow-catcher of the leading locomotive was broken off, both engines being also very badly smashed by the concussion. In backing the engine some of the rails were torn up, and a detention of about sixteen hours was the result. At four o'clock on Tuesday morning help arrived and the train proceeded on to Ogden, arriving there on Tuesday night. The only personal injury sustained through the accident was by one of the firemen, who received a slight hurt on his hand.

**OUR NEW GOVERNOR.**—It will be seen by the telegrams to-day that the U. S. Senate has confirmed Col. J. Wilson Schaffer, of Ills., Governor of Utah Territory.

**HARD UP.**—Either news is very scarce down east, or the young gentlemen who collect and forward the telegraphic dispatches in that part of the continent are constant attendants of the meetings of the Saints in New York, and are determined to let all America know it. After waiting several days for dispatches the following, dated New York, Monday, came to hand this morning:

"Some interesting ceremonies took place yesterday in the Mormon temple at Brooklyn. A new elder from Edinburgh was installed with an appropriate service. One hundred and forty Saints were present. A Salt Lake Elder delivered the sermon, vigorously defending their policy and denouncing the scurrilous press of New York."

**PETITION FOR POSTMASTER.**—We learn from the Ogden Junction that a petition signed by the most influential and respectable citizens of Ogden has been forwarded to the Postmaster General, to procure the appointment of D. H. Peery, Esq., to the vacant office of Postmaster in that city. We trust that the wishes of the people in this respect will be respected by the authorities of the Post Office department.

**POLICE.**—As a couple of our most respected citizens were leaving the Theatre last evening, shortly before the close of the performance, they were stopped and outrageously insulted by four men, two of whom wore the uniform of the United States. The police being near at hand, the four heroes decamped. One, however, was captured, who was brought up before His Honor, Alderman Clinton, this morning, and fined five dollars. Rather a small fine for such an offence. Is it not, Doctor?

**STOP SLEIGHING ON THE SIDEWALKS!**—We like to see the boys enjoying themselves, but not at the risk of their own and others lives and limbs. We have sometimes wondered that accidents did not occur from the practice some of the youngsters have of making many of the principal thoroughfares of the city rendezvous for "coasting," during the frosty weather. On Wednesday evening a gentleman connected with the Theatre, while walking down the sidewalk leading to the east door, was struck, knocked down and severely shaken by a sled with a boy on it running against him. Much inconvenience and annoyance are experienced by timid pedestrians, during these seasons, from this cause as they step aside into the deep snow to make way for the "coasters." It is also somewhat remarkable that accidents do not oftener happen to the boys themselves, through getting entangled with sleighs and other vehicles, when with railroad speed they dart off the sidewalks across the roads.

Cannot the police keep an eye on this matter so that our best streets, and especially the sidewalks, may be freed from what is becoming, as the city increases in population, an intolerable nuisance?

**PEDESTRIANISM UNDER DIFFICULTIES.**—Walking, these melting times, is very disagreeable owing to the thaw, and overshoes are more than usually servicable. At some points on our principal street the water-ditches are completely overflowed, rendering pedestrianism a matter of some difficulty; this is especially noticeable at the crossing of South Temple Street, and at one or two other places. We are not exactly aware under whose supervision such matters fall, or whether they are everybody's business; but if some of the public officers whose duty it is to keep the water courses clear would devote a very small amount of time and trouble, the difficulty complained of might be remedied and the comfort of the traveling public muchly increased; otherwise a ferry-boat may soon become necessary.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

CALLED.—We have received a call from

R. H. Conwell, Esq., special correspondent of the New York Tribune and associate editor of the Boston Daily Traveler, with whom we have had a very pleasant interview.

**DO NOT KILL THE BIRDS.**—We have been requested to call attention to a practice, becoming common amongst the boys, of killing small birds. We are told that they set traps for them on the benches, and shoot them, and succeed in killing off great numbers. This is a wanton mischief, is doing a positive injury and should not be allowed. Utah is a great fruit-producing country, and these little birds are the scavengers of the orchards, and do a great deal of good there in destroying grubs and insects that would otherwise infest the trees and damage the fruit. In various portions of the Eastern States the want of small birds has been so seriously felt that large numbers of sparrows have been imported from England, which are said to be doing great good in clearing the fruit and shade trees of parasites of various kinds that would otherwise destroy them. If the evil practice to which we are now calling attention is not stopped, we shall soon be under the necessity of adopting some such measures here or have poor fruit. Boys, do you see the point? If you do, let the birds alone.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.**—Bro. Daniel Graves, honorary secretary, of the Provo branch of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, sends us the result of the 11th annual election of directors for Utah County, which took place on the 17th instant. The following are the names of the newly elected Board of Directors. Residing at Provo, Andrew H. Scott, Daniel Graves, Peter Stubbs, Thos. Almau, D. W. Rogers, C. Two'ves, H. C. Roger.

Managing board, residing at Santaquin, Wm. Dell; Payson, John H. Moore; Spanish Fork, C. H. Hales; Springville, Wm. Mendenhall; Pleasant Grove, J. Wadle; American Fork, John Duncan; Lehi, Wm. Taylor, Sen. Alpine not returned.

At the next meeting to be held at Provo, Feb. 15th, the following matters will be considered: First premium list for the ensuing season; a seed committee for each settlement, and traveling committees on field crops and early fruits, vegetables, &c.

**SOCIAL PARTY.**—A very pleasant social party was held last evening at Doremus' Hall, 17th Ward, by the officers of Companies E and F of the Third Regiment of Infantry. The Committee of Arrangements were Messrs Charles South, Miles Williams and Edward W. Davis; the Floor Manager was Major W. Broomhead. There was a full complement of guests, military and civilian, present, despite the inauspicious nature of the weather and other considerations. From an early hour in the evening until early dawn this morning, dancing was kept up, aided by most excellent music. During recess, the musicians, officers and a number of invited guests partook of an excellent supper which was provided by Captain E. W. Davis. Throughout the entire evening the utmost good feeling prevailed, and the party was conducted in a most orderly manner. Judging from the smiling faces of those present all seemed to enjoy themselves and returned home after having spent an agreeable time.

**REMOVAL OF THE POST OFFICE.**—The Post Office officials were busy to-day removing the office from its present location in the Old Constitution Building to the new quarters in the Exchange Buildings, at the corner of East Temple and First South Streets, where in future all business connected with Uncle Sam's mail will be attended to.

**THE GALLERY.**—We recently took a look into the New Tabernacle and were pleased to notice the rapid manner in which the gallery was being pushed forward. H. Grow, Esq., who is in charge of the work, informs us that it was commenced about the 8th of November last, and he fully expects to have it sufficiently near completion to be used at the next conference. Like everything else connected with that "mountain of the Lord's house" the New Tabernacle gallery is of gigantic proportions. It stands out above thirty feet from the walls, and is built on every side of the House, except where the organ stands. When completed it is calculated that it will comfortably seat three thousand people.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—Will our correspondents, when favoring us with their communications, please write on but one side of the paper. It is so much easier for the printer to set up, and saves the editorial corps considerable trouble. Brethren, your attention will oblige.

**A SPECK OF WAR.**—Our mountain exchanges appear to have become possessed with the idea that Indian hostilities are imminent in the neighborhood of Fort Shaw. The cause assigned is that several of the chiefs of the Blackfeet nation at their last interview with General Sully declined to accept the stipulations of a treaty proposed by that officer. In consequence of this, four companies of cavalry, under the command of Col. Baker, a few days ago passed through Helena, en route to Fort Shaw, with the understanding that they were proceeding thither to engage in active service. The local papers express the opinion that General De Trobriand, who is in command in that district, will spare no energy in keeping the Indians there in proper subjection.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—Mr. William Lewis, of North Ogden, solicits information concerning a bundle, containing clothing and a pair of boots, which was to have been left for him, about a year ago, at Mr. Samuel Martin's, photographer, East Temple street, Salt Lake City, but which has been left by mistake at some other address. The bundle was brought from Moroni, Sanpete County.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—The congregation was addressed in the morning by Bishop A. O. Smoot, of Provo; and Elder Jonathan C. Wright, of Brigham City. Bishop Smoot spoke at some length on the importance of sustaining home manufactures, showing the necessity for the people doing so to secure prosperity; and touched upon the foolishness of those who will buy inferior articles merely because they are imported.

Elder Wright bore an earnest testimony to the truth of the gospel and the blessings it confers upon those who obey its principles.

In the afternoon Elder Lorenzo Snow delivered a very interesting discourse, which was reported.

**TERRIBLE OCCURRENCE.**—The following dispatch was received by Deseret Telegraph line this morning:

"Wellsville, 24th.

On Sunday morning, while bro. Robert Leishman and family were at meeting, two of their children, a boy and a girl, the former four and the latter eight years of age, went to a chest and took a small vial containing strychnine therefrom. When the parents returned from meeting both the children were in the agonies of death, and died in about an hour. No one suspected what was the matter until after death had taken place, as the chest was locked when the parties examined it, and they found the key in the same place as when left by the father, but after death, and a close examination had been made, it was ascertained that some of the strychnine had been used, and a small belt, which the mother had given to her daughter, which had been in the box, was found on the floor. Then, and not till then, did the facts flash across the minds of those present."

This is one of the most tragic and melancholy events it has ever been our lot to record, and it should be enough to make all parents who read it resolve never to keep poison in their houses. We sincerely sympathize with Brother and sister Leishman in their terrible affliction.

**MASS MEETING AT NEPHI.**—The ladies of Nephi held a mass meeting on the 14th, to express their indignation at the bills before Congress presented by Cragin and Cullom. The attendance was large, the meeting-house being well filled. Mrs. Amelia Goldsbrogh was called to the chair, and Mrs. Amy S. Bigler was chosen Secretary. A number of speeches were made by the ladies and the meeting was highly interesting and spirited. The speakers characterized the bills as malicious and infamous and designed to subvert the rights of civil and religious liberty. The originators and authors of the measures were characterized as too contemptible for notice from high-minded ladies; but the speakers expressed themselves confident that Congress would not countenance their efforts by so illiberal and unjust a proceeding as the passage of either of the bills, which would be an indelible blot on the national escutcheon.

**GOING EAST.**—Brother Parley P. Pratt expects to leave this city, on his mission to the Eastern States, on or about the 27th inst. He desires us to say that he would be pleased to have the company of any of the brethren who may wish to travel eastward about that time.

**PUBLICATIONS.**—We are under obligations to Mr. James Dwyer, news agent, for the following: "The Tribune Almanac" for 1870, containing a large fund of useful information. "The Illustrated Annual Register of Rural Affairs, for 1870," containing much that is of value to farmers and cultivators of the soil; also "Harper's Monthly" for February, which, with Leslie's "Ladies' Fashion Book," are for sale at the Railway News Depot, East Temple Street. Also at the same place may be found No. 3 of the People's Library, being the conclusion of Zimmerman's work entitled: "The Wonders of the Ancient World."

**CASE DECIDED.**—The case of Salt Lake city vs. Mrs. Nellie K. Robinson, in the long pending suit relative to the Warm Springs, has been at length decided in favor of the city by the Commissioner of the Land Office at Washington.

**FROM MASSACHUSETTS.**—The following extract is from a letter written by Bro. N. H. Felt, now in the East, preaching, to his family in this city. Bros. Felt and Brizzee are traveling together, and the letter is dated North Fields Farm, Franklin County, Mass.:

"According to an appointment we had made, we held meetings in this place, morning, afternoon and evening, in a large hall. We had a full house all day and evening; the congregations were very much interested, and the most prominent men said they never had heard the scriptures expounded so clearly in their lives before, and they wanted me to engage for the year.

The hall was already engaged for Monday evening, so we arranged for another meeting on Tuesday evening.

When we got through, at 6 p. m., the house was full, a thing they had not known before in that region. Some came from ten miles away. I engaged their close attention for two hours and a half; at the close, late as it was, many would not start for their homes until I had engaged to stay another day. We appointed a meeting at six p. m. next day. It had been raining all day and cleared off during the evening, but commenced again during the night and continued all Wednesday. But we "hitched up" and started at half-past five. The house was not near as full as before, but there was a pretty good congregation; and as it was the last night, everything was so still you could hear a pin drop. I commenced and continued for two hours, bearing testimony of the great latter-day dispensation, and an open defense of polygamy, &c.

A physician said to me: "If it be a remedy for that crime, (social evil), I would not raise my hand against it."

The rural districts are much more accessible than the cities. I think that quite a number from this neighborhood will go to Utah next season."

Died:

At Millville, Cache County, on Sunday, the 9th inst., George Martin, son of Bishop George O. and Maria Pitkin aged 25 days.

In this city, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 8.30 p. m., of typhoid fever, Florence Luella Wells, daughter of James and Hannah Wells, aged 5 years, 6 months and 11 days.

In West Jordan Ward, January 12th, 1870 of inflammation of the lung, George, son of Thomas and Sarah Mackay, aged 7 years and 10 months.

In Mill Creek Ward, on the 21st inst., of dropsy, Emily, wife of Edward Fairbourn, aged 43 years.

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At Kaysville, December 3rd, 1869, of inflammation of the lungs, Elizabeth Bentley, wife of Joseph Bentley, late of Bradford, Yorkshire, England, aged 53 years.

She died in full faith of the gospel.

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English engineers are pondering the relative merits of iron and stone in bridge building. The cost of the former is only about one-third of the latter; but, while a stone bridge of substantial character will outlast a nation or a language, the duration of the best fabric of iron which can be reared is limited. The Waterloo and London bridges are of stone, and their cost per square foot was between £10 and £11. The Westminster bridge, of iron, cost £26s per foot. In view of our own enterprises in bridge-building which are in progress, the aggregate cost of those which span the Thames may be of interest:

Waterloo	£279,915
London	542,150
Southwark	384,000
Old Westminster	389,500
New Westminster	280,000
Vauxhall	300,000
Blackfriars	320,000
Hungerford	98,760

This is an aggregate of £2,897,325, or in round numbers about fourteen and a half millions of dollars.

Fashion is indeed a fickle jade. A gentleman at a meeting of wool manufacturers illustrated this truth by showing that one of the prevailing stylish fabrics, made of coarse wool, is identical with an article gotten up by himself over thirty years ago, for the negroes on the rice plantations of South Carolina and Georgia! "Genteel" young men now adore it.

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