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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 11.

Gravel.—Now is a good time to gravel sidewalks and garden paths. There is plenty of the article at the mouth of the stone culvert, North Temple Street, and on the hill near Mr. W. H. Naisbitt's residence.

Another Improvement Association.—The 19th Ward Young Men's Institute was organized last night at a meeting, presided over by Bishop A. H. Raleigh, and the following officers were elected—George Nebeker, President; James Watson and George D. Nebeker, Vice-presidents; A. W. Carlson, Secretary; Wm. Ridd, Treasurer, and Milando Pratt, Jos. M. Watson, Christopher Alston, Elihu Barrell, Joseph Mathews and Alfred Solomon, Directors.

Prison Reform Congress.—The members of the National Prison Reform Association mean business at their next Congress, to be held at St. Louis, next May. They are forwarding categorical circulars to all the wardens in the country, soliciting answers to the questions they propound with regard to condition and method of conducting all the prisons. Warden Rockwood received one of those circulars the other day. It is probable that that gentleman will attend the Congress as delegate thereto from Utah.

That Robbery Case.—This morning Mike Connelly, Samuel Rogers and Joseph Hicks had an examination before justice Clinton on a charge of robbing Andrew Wileman of \$72. The evidence not being deemed sufficient to hold them, they were discharged.

Another charge, that of vagrancy, was preferred against Connelly and Rogers. They had been sleeping several nights in the stable of the Salt Lake House. Connelly, who is an old offender against the laws, was fined \$25 and Rogers \$15 each, with the alternative of working the number of days represented by the amount of dollars.

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

Petition of the Wyoming Coal Company was read. It stated, that in accordance with official notice, the company had applied for a license, giving, as a basis on which to calculate the amount of their license, the average monthly receipts during the last year.

The city recorder had refused to take this as a basis and insisted on charging the company a license in proportion to the amount of coal on hand at the time the application was made, which, the petition stated, was very large, as they had stored a considerable quantity on their premises, so as to be prepared in case of railroad blockades, etc., and claimed that it would be unjust to charge license for the year on this amount as a basis. Referred to committee on license.

Petition of J. C. Little and seven

others, asking that plank crossings be put from American Hotel corner across First South and Second East Streets; granted.

A petition of the officers of the D. A. and M. Society, asking permission to convey, in pipes, to Agricultural Park, the water flowing from springs in Union Square and the block immediately west of it; the water to be used for irrigating the trees, streets, etc., which the Society propose to plant, was presented.

Referred to Committee on Improvements.

A communication from Wm. Willis was read, which stated that, as cities containing twelve thousand inhabitants were entitled to a free postal delivery, it was desirable to establish one in this city; the writer proposed, with the permission of the Council, to number each house, and charge the householders a small sum therefor.

Referred to Committee on Improvements.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 12.

Acquitted.—In the case of W. B. Brant, tried in the Probate Court of Tooele County, for the killing of P. Bennett, the jury, yesterday, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The Court proceeded to empanel a jury to try N. R. Lawless on a charge of the murder of Snively at Ophir.

Horrible Death.—On the morning of March 7th, Mrs. Joseph Judson, of Fillmore, was burned to death. Her clothing accidentally took fire and before assistance could be rendered she was so badly burned that she died next morning. She was sixty-four years of age and a native of Bradford, Yorkshire, England, and came to Utah from there about twelve years ago. Her son, Benjamin Judson, is engineer of this office.

Law.—We have not heard much lately about the military law being superior to the civil law, or about a municipal law not being a known law of the land. If a municipal law is not a law, what is it? And if it is a law, is it a known or an unknown law? If it is not a known law of the land, is it a known law of the ocean, and as the negro said, if so, why not? As Graham used to say in one of his dramatic impersonations, "We pause for a hanser."

The Fruits of the Judicial Muddle.—We have it from good authority, that nearly half a million dollars have been brought into this City within the last thirty days, for investment in Utah mines, so soon as the machinery of the courts can be put in running order. A district court for Salt Lake county would be a good move in that direction. Let us have a court in each county in the Territory, a sheriff to serve the process, and juries to determine causes.

Tokens of Respect.—Flags at half mast have been out on a large number of prominent buildings to-day, in respect to the memory of ex-President Millard Fillmore, whose funeral took place to-day, and also in token of respect to the departed statesman, Charles Sumner. Two men of honest worth, of whom the nation had some reason to be proud. Would that there were many such left behind them. Peace to their ashes.

Ore Cleaning.—Some time since we mentioned that Mr. Pentecost J. Mitchell, Superintendent of the "Northern Light" mine, Bingham, had invented an ore-cleaning machine. He has received information from Washington that a patent on it will shortly be issued to him.

A working model of the machine, made by Mr. William Paul, Sen., can be seen at the latter's workshop, Commercial St. Miners and others can see on what principle the machine operates by examining the model referred to.

Demented.—About a week ago a Scandinavian woman, named Larsen, was found by the police lying around on the streets. She gave the name of a family with whom she had been living for some time and said they had turned her and

her baggage out of doors. She afterwards had her trunk and articles dumped down at the City Hall, with the apparent intention of making that her headquarters. She talked very incoherently and gave unmistakable evidence of being completely non compos mentis. She was placed in jail for safe keeping for a while and this morning she was taken to the insane asylum.

Mail Contracts.—The contracts to carry the U. S. mails between Salt Lake City and Ophir, and Salt Creek or Nephi and Bullion, have been awarded to Mr. Leonard I. Smith. For the first named route he will get \$1790 a year and for the second \$3,490 a year.

Mr. Wheeler has been awarded the contracts to carry the mails between Lehi and Eureka, Tintic District, and Payson and Eureka. For the first he will get \$1,200 and for the second \$800.

The parties above named are expected to commence filling the contracts on the first day of July.

Cache Valley.—Thos. E. Ricks, writing from Logan, March 9th, says—

"Snow is about sixteen inches deep all around Logan, and twenty inches deep north of here as far as Franklin. Hay is very scarce indeed. Some cattle and sheep are dying. The weather is moderating a little to-day and I hope it will continue.

"We are doing well in getting out our rock and sand for the building of our Tabernacle. We have now on the ground three thousand tons of rock and nearly enough sand to put up the building, and intend to go to work at it in the Spring in good earnest."

Powerful Vitality.—For the last forty years the enemies of "Mormonism," or, more properly speaking, the gospel of the Savior, have been prophesying the downfall and destruction of that system. According to those unreliable prognosticators it has scarcely ever had more than but a few months to live, yet it lives to-day and will continue to live, for in it are the germs of life everlasting. The facts of its surviving the opposition with which it has been met is strong external evidence of its vitality, and those who fondly imagine that it is on the wane are doomed to certain disappointment. Its mission is eventual "peace on earth and good will to men."

Chasing Slanderers.—Chasing slanderers is generally a very unprofitable business. It is something similar to chasing a shadow, one has to keep up a tremendous running without catching the object of pursuit, and get terribly tired out into the bargain. It is sometimes necessary to contradict a public lie, but not often. No reptile is more despicable than anonymous liars and slanderers. They are the very embodiments of cowardice and treachery, and there are any number of them hereabout. They are unworthy the notice of respectable people, and one day or another will meet with their deserts. They are slopping over with malignancy and venom, and to be slandered by such is nearly as good as commendation from a decenter source. As a general thing, let them alone.

Furniture Auctions.—Some people go to a furniture auction because they imagine they can there buy cheap. Well, sometimes they may, but frequently they don't. They may buy furniture for little money, but it is often worth less than that little. A great deal of the furniture sold at auctions is made up for that description of trade, and if it stands a couple of week's use it does pretty well for that kind. It is not put together in the usual way, the joints bearing as much evidence of having been stuck or pasted together as otherwise. When the shrewd, voluble auctioneer sells that kind of furniture he makes a double sale, for he also sells the purchaser.

It is easy for the cunning auctioneer to get away with people at a sale of this kind. When he wants a good bid he opens his eyes in feigned astonishment, and wonders at the lack of judgment of the

bystanders and their ignorance of the high value of the articles being disposed of.

Some people think that an article must be cheap if purchased at an auction sale, which is by no means necessarily so.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 13.

Hard on the Cattle.—A letter received from Brigham City states that hay is very scarce there and the cattle are suffering in consequence, as the weather has been exceedingly severe for about four months.

New Store.—Atwood Brothers, brick makers are about to erect a new two-story brick store, on the State Road, South Cottonwood Ward. The building will be 40x20 feet. Messrs. Morris & Evans have contracted to put it up.

Storm.—The weather was quite blustering during last night, with accompanying snow fall. About four inches of the feathery stuff on the ground this morning. It has gradually cleared up to-day. A superabundance of mud under foot, but little snow at mid-day.

Disrespectful.—This morning a man who was driving a donkey cart called out to a high U. S. official, saying, "Won't you come and take a ride? May just as well as not." This was disrespectful; the man, however, was in a condition that betokened that he did not belong to the fraternity of "Good Templars."

Fixing Up.—An elegant partition has been erected over the dividing railing in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, partially hiding the gentlemanly Treasurer and Recorder from the view of persons who may be in the main compartment of the room. Mr. H. Dinwoodey is the manufacturer of the neatly panelled partition.

That Lecture.—We learn that the lecture of A. Miner, Esq., at Ogden, last Tuesday evening, gave general satisfaction. The lecturer held that the principles revealed by the Creator through Moses formed the basis of law, and he reviewed its history and development from that time to the present, manifesting a thorough acquaintance with the subject upon which he treated.

Millard County.—Wm. Probert, writing from Holden, Millard Co., March 8, says—

"Winter is holding out pretty stiff, no signs of ploughing for two weeks yet. This is the hardest winter known here for many years. Some stock is dead on the range and more is expected to die before winter is through. There is some sickness in the settlement, mostly coughs and colds; otherwise good health prevails."

Twelfth District School.—The 12th Ward Schoolhouse has lately been furnished with patent imported desks, and a first-class school was opened in it, a short time since, by Mr. C. Barratt, assisted by Miss Josephine Taylor. Nearly all the branches necessary to a good English education are taught. Parents living in that Ward and vicinity would do well to patronize the school.

Locomotive vs. Cattle.—As this morning's freight train from Ogden to this city was nearing Farmington it ran into a drove of stock which were upon the line. The engineer blew the whistle loudly and the brakes were promptly applied, but all to no purpose, the animals would not move. The consequence was that the train collided with seven or eight of them, causing some to execute involuntary summersaults. Several were very severely, perhaps fatally, injured.

Didn't Stick.—This morning John Wickel, livery stable man, was arrested at the instance of N. Boukofski, who charged him with refusing to give up a horse that belonged to the complainant. Wickel's plea was that Mr. Boukofski was not the party who gave the animal into his charge, which was correct, and that there was a bill of \$20 for feed and stabling, which he wished to have settled before he gave up the horse. This being the state of the case Mr. Wickel was

discharged, Mr. Boukofski intimating that he would resort to replevin in the matter.

Exonerated.—It will be remembered that sheriff John Burt, of Box Elder County, was summoned to appear before Judge McKean, in this city, for alleged contempt of court, in failing to obey the orders thereof. He appeared in court in this city to answer to the charge, but was sent home again with the understanding that he was to appear again whenever wanted, but has not been called upon since, and we understand he will not be called for, as it turned out that the charge was without any foundation in fact.

Accident.—Yesterday, Anson Call, Esq., of Bountiful, Davis County, sent his son Israel, who is 19 years of age, to Kaysville with a wagon and a pair of horses. On his way home, when near Centreville, the young man was examining a derringer, when the charge in one of the chambers suddenly went off, the ball entering his hand on the inside, between the two middle fingers, passing in an oblique upward direction to the back of the wrist, whence it was extracted on his arrival home by Mr. David Sessions, of Bountiful.

This is another added to the hundreds of instances, showing the necessity of caution in the handling of firearms.

Commenced Operations.—Bishop Archibald Gardiner, the contractor for making the canal connected with the smelting works of Messrs. Carson and Buzzo, at West Jordan, has let out the work to sub-contractors, and the latter have commenced the work, which will cost \$35,000.

In addition to Carson and Buzzo's old and new smelting works, they purpose soon erecting a stamp mill. This becomes a necessity, as a proportion of the ore from some of their mines in Bingham is milling rock. The works, when all the contemplated improvements are completed, will be the most extensive in the West. The facilities in the hands of Messrs. Carson and Buzzo give them a great advantage, as they are enabled to lay the ores from their mines down at their smelting works at a comparatively small expense, say about \$3.50 a ton.

They are enterprising gentlemen and are causing a good deal of money to circulate around.

Not Running Smoothly.—A young fellow, who lives in the north-eastern part of the city, appeared at the City Hall to-day and made complaint against another party, who, he said, gave him two energetic thumps on the left eye last night. The injured eye, which was protected by a bandage, was exhibited, that is, so much of it as could be seen, for it was nearly closed, being much swollen and in deep mourning, and "thereby hangs a tale." Those vigorous thumps, it appears, were administered by the brother of the young lady to whom the young fellow was paying his addresses. The brother had several times told him that if he did not desist from going around with his sister he would cause his state of health to decline. The warning was not heeded, and the angry brother met his sister and the young fellow in each other's company last night. He approached the pair, so the young fellow says, seized the latter by the hair of the head and brought the young man's eye abruptly against his clenched fist, the eye, as a matter of course, getting the worst of it.

The young man then said, according to his own story, "It is a good thing I have nothing to defend myself with," and at this the brother produced a pistol and said, "There, you can have that." This magnanimous offer was refused, however, and thus the matter stands, until there is an examination this evening, before Justice Clinton.

It looks reasonable to suppose that the brother had some cause for his aversion to his sister receiving the addresses of the young man, and upon that depends at least the measurable justification of his conduct.