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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JULY 29.

Cool.—By courtesy of Brother Mark Lindsey, all hands in the office, to-day, were regaled with a supply of very delicious ice cream.

Information Wanted.—Mrs. Esther Taylor, of Coalburg, Trumbull county, Ohio, is anxious to hear of the whereabouts of her husband, who left the locality named on the 17th of April, and who landed at Evanston, Wyoming Territory, on the 16th of May.

No Mistake.—This morning Brother John Harter, of the 9th Ward, placed before us a basket of gooseberries, a sample of his raising in that line. We have scarcely ever seen larger or tasted finer. They are of the Silversmith (English) kind.

A Needed Improvement.—The sidewalk on the west side of Chestnut street, 18th ward, near the location of the "Old Lime Kiln," has been in a most unsatisfactory condition heretofore for pedestrians, whose toes have suffered greatly from stubbing against the boulders and other obstructions thereabout. Yesterday the supervisor placed a gang of hands to put it in repair, and the "rough places have been made smooth."

Scribner's.—We have received from the publishers, through Mr. Dwyer, Scribner's Monthly for August, the "Midsummer holiday number," which is something new in magazine business, all extra effort being generally concentrated upon Christmas numbers. This Midsummer holiday issue is suited to the season, the extraordinarily large amount of most interesting reading matter having mostly an out-door interest. The table of contents is too voluminous for us to describe.

Petit Jury.—The following order has been published—

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 29th day of July, 1876, at 10 o'clock a.m., in the court room of the Third Judicial District Court of Utah Territory, in Salt Lake City, there will be drawn in open court and according to law, by the United States Marshal of said Territory, from the furnished list of jurors, the names of thirty-six jurors, who shall constitute the petit jury for the September term of said Third District Court for 1876. July 24th, 1876.

M. SCHAEFFER, Judge.
Attest my hand and the seal of said court. C. S. HILL, Clerk.
By W. P. McBRIDE, Deputy Clerk.

City Council Proceedings.—The Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Petition of Mrs. Mary E. Kimball and Mrs. Ruth A. Kimball, asking the city to bear the expense of repairing their well, which had been broken in by the breaking of the bank of the 19th Ward irrigating ditch. Referred to committee on claims.

The committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred the petition of residents on the block immediately south of that portion of South Temple Street where springs are breaking forth, to the damage of property and asking that a deep drain be dug to carry off the water, reported that the digging of said drain was inadvisable, as, by the washing out of land, from under the surface of the ground, it would probably endanger the buildings above or north of the springs. As a mitigation of the evil complained of the committee had ordered the Supervisor to dig surface ditches to convey away the water as well as it could be by that means. The report was received and adopted.

Bill of J. L. Rawlins, city attorney, for one month's salary \$166, was allowed and appropriated.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Walker Brothers, asking for information as to whether their powder magazines are in Salt Lake or Davis County, reported that they were in Davis County, and in Salt Lake City, and that the County

and Territorial taxes should be paid in the County of Davis; report adopted.

Council adjourned till next Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Pleasure Seeking.—Probably never has there been a season in the history of Utah when pleasure seeking has prevailed to a greater extent than in this, so far as it has gone. This may be greatly owing to the increase of facilities in that direction, but by no means altogether so.

Somewhat of an anomaly in this connection is the fact that this excessive pleasure hunting manifests itself at a time when people generally are calling out about hard times, probably many of those making the loudest complaints frequently spending in cash as much means in a few short hours as would be sufficient to maintain a good sized family for at least a week.

Now we have always advocated the necessity of people generally, and especially those who have to labor industriously, and almost incessantly, whether mentally or physically, having a judicious amount of relaxation and recreative enjoyment. The natures of most people absolutely demand this, as much as they do food to sustain their bodies; but because a sensible amount of this is necessary to mental and physical health, especially of some people, there is no more reason in running to excess in that direction than there is in gorging the stomach with food, which is always injurious, and so is the excess of pleasure hunting, mentally, morally and physically.

This pleasure hunting mania mostly takes the form of railroad excursions, and excursions other than by railroad, and there is one class of trips of this nature that should be discountenanced and discouraged by at least everybody claiming to be a Latter-day Saint, Sunday excursions, the desecration of the Sabbath being one of the plainest and most inexcusable breaches of the religion of the Saviour, and how anybody can persistently violate the simple requirement to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," in this or any other manner, and yet keep up pretensions to religious consistency as a Latter-day Saint, is quite remarkable. In view of the recent reformatory movement, when the great majority of the Saints renewed their covenants, this continued Sabbath desecration is especially reprehensible, when engaged in by those professing better things.

Take the excessive excursion business as a whole, and it has many objectionable features; a large amount of money by this means goes from the pockets of the masses of the people into pockets where a large amount is already concentrated. There is frequently an element accompanying those parties, especially excursions of a mixed or general character, the reverse of respectable in their behavior, engaging in the disgusting habit of drinking, becoming intoxicated, showing an example to the young, plenty of whom are generally along on such occasions, that they are too ready to follow. In fact in the same connection examples are too frequently set before the young and unwary that are far from being conducive to their moral development.

There is not only an excessive running after railroad excursions, but every pleasure resort of nearly every kind is being run after in a manner that shows many people have scarcely anything in their heads but how they can spend their time and money to the least advantage to themselves and others. If many claiming to be Latter-day Saints are not careful they will be in danger of becoming "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God," a very bad condition to get into and entirely opposed to the spirit of the Gospel. However, in the last days "perilous times" were to come, and Zion will hardly escape them, as with the rest of the world, at least that is the way things look to us, viewed from a broad standpoint, looking into the future, for as many men and women of the

present disregard in a flagrant manner their most solemn obligations, what can be reasonably expected of the men and women of the near future, who are looking to their elders for an example after which to pattern?

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JULY 27.

Hotter.—Getting hotter again to-day, up to 93.

Indicted.—Brother Samuel L. Evans, of the 6th Ward, having been indicted by the grand jury, for polygamy, was arraigned in the District Court yesterday. He pleaded not guilty, and was held in \$500 bonds to appear for trial.

Croydon.—Bro. John Toone writes from Croydon, July 24—

"We are trying to appreciate our privileges as pioneers of this country, with music, dancing, candy, &c., for the children. We have a new schoolhouse, 40 by 26, capable of holding all the inhabitants. Our crops appear very good, more so than usual. Everything is lovely, with the exception of the times through financial pressure, yet we feel happy and comfortable considering all things."

Personal.—This morning we were much pleased to meet with S. Matsumoto, from Japan, who recently graduated at the Troy, New York, College, and is now on his way to San Francisco, for which city he purposed leaving this afternoon. He is a gentleman of culture and great liberality of views. He is much interested in the appearance of this City, and the history of the "Mormon" community, concerning which he made many inquiries.

Crops Suffering, Etc.—We learn, from Brother B. T. Young, who arrived last evening, direct from Richfield, that the bed of the Sevier River is completely dry from Prattville and below that point, and in consequence of this the crops at that place and at Annabel are suffering greatly, and in danger of being a failure.

The crops at Gunnison are also suffering from the same cause—lack of moisture.

We learn from the same gentleman that the good people of Axtell and Salina have shown commendable energy and enterprise lately in constructing an irrigating canal seven and a half miles in length.

Human Bones Found.—Yesterday a couple of boys took to the City Hall a quantity of human bones, which had been found in a house in the 14th Ward, owned by Dr. Van Derbergh. This morning an inquest was held over the remains, by Coroner Taylor and a jury, disclosing the fact that the bones had belonged to three different persons, but there were not enough to make up an entire skeleton. The bones also bore unmistakable evidence of having been surgically prepared for anatomical purposes. Mr. George Luffkin, who rented the house from Mr. Geist, son-in-law to Dr. Van Derbergh, two years ago, found the bones in a box, together with some bottles and cards belonging to the Doctor, and asked Mr. Geist to take them away, the latter replying that they wouldn't do any harm, a portion of the remains being those of the leg of "Grace Darling." Mr. Luffkin left the house several months ago.

The jury, Dr. J. D. M. Crockwell, Mr. Henry E. Bowring and Mr. Stephen Shingleton, returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Arrested.—Yesterday Mr. Wm. Rossiter was arrested at the instance of a reporter of a disreputable and slanderous morning paper, published in this city, taken before Commissioner Sprague and released, with the understanding that he would appear subsequently for examination on a charge of assault and threatening the said reporter.

We understand the facts to be that both parties were in the Federal Court yesterday, when Mr. Rossiter asked the other to step outside a moment, as he wished to speak with him. The reporter refused, saying, "I understand you

have threatened to kick me on sight." Mr. Rossiter intimated that he had a correct understanding of the situation, the intention to kick being caused by a base slander the reporter had published concerning him to the effect that he attempted to murder a couple of deputy marshals. The reporter intimated that if the kicking was attempted he would stab Mr. Rossiter with a knife, the latter replying that he would risk that part.

The result of this was the arrest of Mr. Rossiter, one of the deputy marshals, if we recollect aright, whom the ridiculous and lying article referred to stated Mr. R. attempted to murder, Mr. Bowman Cannon, gave his word that the accused would be on hand when wanted.

Our view in such matters is that slanderous statements emanating from sources like the one over which Mr. Rossiter felt aggrieved, are entirely unworthy of notice and their authors more so.

Homicide at Fort Ephraim.—From a gentleman recently from Fort Ephraim, Sanpete County, we learn that a young man named Larsen was killed at that place, on the afternoon of the 24th, by Peter Peterson, son of Bishop Peterson. The facts, as they have been narrated to us, are that young Larsen and a few rowdies, of whom he appeared to be the leader, had frequently threatened the life of the Bishop and some others. While the celebration proceedings were in progress, on Monday, some persons went to the house of Bishop Peterson and smashed the windows, also to the house of the magistrate of the town, whose name we think is Christenson, there breaking down an ornamental fence, also to the house of Peter Peterson, where they tore in strips a quantity of clothing that was hanging outside.

Parley Peterson, a younger son of the Bishop, meeting Larsen, and understanding that he was the leader or perpetrator of those depredations, pulled off his coat and squared off at him in the attitude of boxing, when Larsen put his hand in his boot leg, as if in the act of drawing therefrom a knife or pistol. Peter, brother of Parley, believing that the life of his brother was in danger, it being understood that Larsen was generally armed, picked up a piece of fence pole, with which he struck him over the head, killing him instantly. At first it was thought that Larsen was only stunned by the blow, and Peter Peterson himself picked him up and did what he could to restore him, but to no purpose, a projecting knot in the piece of wood having penetrated through the skull to the brain. When the truth burst upon Peter, who has a wife and four children, he was filled with grief. When the Bishop appeared, on hearing what occurred, Peter said to him, "Father, it was I that struck him; I did not intend to kill him."

Before the occurrence it is said that Larsen, meeting the magistrate before mentioned, on the street, dared him to have him arrested, asserting that he was going to do as he pleased.

Correction.—Our Ogden correspondent sends the following—

"In your issue of the 26th inst., in the report of the celebration of the 24th at Ogden, it reads 'The orator of the day Hon. F. S. Richards then delivered an eloquent oration, &c.' This is an error; it should read 'Hon. F. D. Richards then delivered an eloquent oration.'"

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