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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 24.

Broke His Arm.—The numerous
friends of Bishop Edwin D. Wool-
ley will regret to learn that he,
yesterday, accidentally fell from a
step ladder, while trimming trees
in his orchard, and broke his right
arm, a short distance above the
wrist. Dr. Anderson was sent for and
set the injured limb.

Sale of Lands in Salt Lake City.
—Mr. Cannon, of Utah, by unani-
mous consent, introduced a bill
(H. R. No. 4439) authorizing the
sale and private entry of certain
tracts of land within the limits of
Salt Lake City, Utah Territory;
which was read a first and second
time, referred to the committee on
public lands, and ordered to be
printed.—House Proceedings, Jan.
16, in Congressional Record.

Diminishing.—Crime appears to
be diminishing in Salt Lake City.
The city prison is nearly empty,
and, compared with previous win-
ters since the advent of the Union
Pacific and Central Pacific rail-
roads, has had but few occupants
thus far in the Winter of 1876-7.

Some attribute this gratifying
falling off to the unusual stringency
of the times. Circumstances must
be very gloomy when they have
no feature from which good may
result and comfort be drawn.

A Narrow Escape.—Yesterday a
couple of boys were engaged in
sledding down one of the slopes
leading from the 20th Ward to
South Temple Street. On one of
their trips, being both on one sled,
they glided under the bellies of
the street car mules, the animals,
making a spring, leaping over
them, and the driver, Mr. Crabtree,
as quick as thought, giving the
brake wheel a sudden whirl, stop-
ping the car just as the front wheel
struck the sled. But for the good
sense displayed by the mules and
the presence of mind and prompt
action of the driver, those boys
might have fared very badly.

The recklessness of some lads
while engaged in this sport is most
remarkable; so much so that it is
really a wonder that disastrous ac-
cidents from this cause are not of
frequent occurrence. Be cautious,
boys.

A Pleasant Incident.—A pleasant
episode occurred in the life of Miss
E. R. Snow, on Monday evening.
Sunday last being the seventy-
third anniversary of her birthday,
a few of her personal lady friends
purchased and made for her a very
handsome dress, the presentation
being made at the Ladies' Com-
mission store, where she by request
dressed herself in the gift, the bestow-
al of which was a pleasant sur-
prise to her. She was then invited
to visit the house of Sister Bath-
sheba Smith, where, to her aston-
ishment, she found about fifty
ladies assembled to receive and
congratulate her. She was here
presented by the young ladies of the
13th Ward Retrenchment Society
with an elegant autograph album,
containing the names of the don-
ors, and a beautiful pair of slippers,
the presentation being made by
Sister C. J. Thomas.

President D. H. Wells and El-
der Orson Pratt were present and
made some appropriate remarks,
when the whole party partook of
an excellent supper, separating be-
fore nine o'clock, after spending a
very pleasant and sociable time.

Free Gospel.—The following ap-
pears in the Strasburg (Pa.) Free
Press of Jan. 13—

LANCASTER CITY,
Jan. 6, 1877.

DEAR MR. EAGER:

Ed. Free Press.—We notice in
your last issue a reference to an ad-
mission fee which was charged at
the discussion lately held in Mas-
sachusetts Hall at your place.

This is to inform your readers
that the undersigned had nothing
whatever to do in collecting tolls
at the discussion. Such thing was
suggested to us by Dr. Martin, who
thought that we had better do so
and divide the proceeds between
us. We peremptorily and em-
phatically repudiated the idea, re-

fusing to entertain it for a moment.
At the second evening the Umpire
informed us that there would be
quite a little sum left after paying
hall rent, and asked what should
be done with it. We told him to
give it to the poor and not to make
any distinction as to what religious
sect they belonged. He afterward
asked us if we were willing that a
portion should be given to Dr.
Martin. After a little hesitation
we said, "Yes, make whatever dis-
position you please of it." We
would like to say, further, that our
Elders receive no pay for their
ministerial services, and that so far
as we are concerned we are even
willing to contribute to the neces-
sities of antagonists.

If the people of your quiet and
well-ordered place desire to hear
further from us, and will furnish
the hall or other place of worship,
they are at liberty to collect tolls at
the door and give the entire pro-
ceeds to the poor. We hereby
make the same proposition to any
and every city or town possible for
us to reach. Letters will find us at
this place for sometime yet to come.
Respectfully &c, the friends of
truth.

A. MILTON MUSSER,

ORSON F. WHITNEY,

Elders of the "Mormon" church.

City Council.—The Council met
last evening, Mayor Little presid-
ing.

Petition of F. J. P. Pascoe, repre-
senting that he had duly filed upon
a certain piece of land in the vicini-
ty of the Warm Springs, but that,
through an error or oversight, the
title thereof had been confirmed to
the City, and he prayed that the
same be transferred to him; refer-
red to the committee on public
grounds.

Petition of A. Podlech, asking
that his taxes, for 1876, be remitted,
the property assessed having been
destroyed by fire; granted.

The Mayor submitted a report of
expenditures from the contingent
fund placed subject to his order.
During November and December
\$156.40 had been expended, leaving
an unexpended balance of \$472.75.
Report approved.

The committee to whom was refer-
red the bill of A. Coon, \$190, for
labor of various kinds performed,
recommended that \$130.50 be ap-
propriated to him, as payment in
full for all claims; adopted.

The committee on finance to
whom was referred the annual re-
port of the Treasurer for the year
ending Nov. 30th, 1876, reported
having examined the same and
finding it correct; and recommend-
ed that it be ordered placed on file,
and that the same committee be in-
structed to destroy the auditor's re-
deemed warrants, named in said
reports; adopted.

The committee on finance report-
ed having examined and found
correct the report of the auditor of
public accounts for the quarter end-
ing Nov. 30th, and recommended
that the same be adopted and or-
dered published; adopted.

The committee to whom was refer-
red the petition of E. White and
others, asking that they be allowed
to pay their license for running job
wagons quarterly, recommended
that the matter be referred to the
committee on municipal laws, with
instructions to make certain chang-
es in the ordinance relating to
hacks, omnibuses, job wagons,
drays, &c.; referred to committee
on municipal laws, without in-
structions.

The committee to whom was refer-
red the petition of the teachers
and scholars of Sunday Schools,
asking the Council to adopt mea-
sures for the restraint and suppres-
sion of the liquor traffic, reported as
follows—

"Your committee, to whom was
referred the petition of the teachers
and scholars of the Sunday-schools,
asking the city council to suppress
as far as possible the sale of
intoxicating liquors in Salt Lake
City, report that they have duly
considered this matter, and have
taken some pains to ascertain the
feelings of the people in relation to
it, and find that a great majority
are decidedly in favor of suppress-
ing, as far as possible, the sale of
intoxicating liquors in Salt Lake
City, and that they require the

city council to use the authority
given it in the charter, to regulate
or restrain the manufacture and
sale of spirituous and fermented
liquors in Salt Lake City. We re-
commend that this matter be re-
ferred to the committee on munici-
pal laws, with instructions to
amend the present ordinance by
making it a punishable offense for
any person to sell spirituous or fer-
mented liquors to any minor with-
out a written order from the parent
or guardian; and also to provide
that a license issued may be revoked
by the city council at any time
for a violation of the ordinance,
with such other amendments as
the committee may deem advis-
able."

The report and subject matter
were referred to the committee on
municipal laws, without instruc-
tions.

The salary for the last month of
the City Attorney, was appropri-
ated.

Council adjourned till next Tues-
day evening, at half-past 6 o'clock.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 25.

Already Published.—The grass-
hopper specific forwarded by A. M.
M. was published in the News
when received, some time ago.

St. Louis.—We have seen a letter
from Elder W. W. Jackson, mis-
sionary in the east, in which he
states that he lately organized a
Sunday school in the city of St.
Louis, with fifteen children en-
rolled as pupils.

Runaway.—There was a runaway
of an express wagon, starting from
Barratt Bros' furniture store, down
East Temple Street, to-day. The
vehicle turned over near the Salt
Lake House, stopping further pro-
gress; damage slight.

Utah Musical Times for January
15th contains "The Lyre hath
Music Still," "Domenico Cimarosa,"
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Three Sons of Nimrod.—Three
well known citizens went over Jordan
to hunt yesterday, equipped
with guns, ammunition, cartridges,
&c. In the evening they came
home, after an arduous day, flush-
ed with success, and loaded with
the spoils of the chase. Each of
the sportsmen killed one unfortun-
ate rabbit. There were rabbits
over Jordan, but they were, like
some specimens of the genus homo,
of the stubborn class; they object-
ed to stopping, sitting up on their
hind legs and waiting to get shot
at, notwithstanding they might
probably have occasionally passed
through the experiment with im-
punity at longer range than three
and a half feet. Some good shots
go out hunting now-a-days, scarce-
ly ever missing when able to place
the muzzle of the gun within a
couple of inches from the head of
the object aimed at.

Unauthorized by Law.—A com-
munication from Bishop Thomas
Taylor, on the "school-book ques-
tion," will be found in to-day's
issue. The point raised in it ap-
pears to be strong enough to put
a quietus on the agitation caused
on the matter heretofore, it being
plain enough that the Convention
held last Spring to decide as to
what text books should be used in
the district schools was totally un-
authorized by law, and therefore
never had any legal existence, and
its action can have no binding force
whatever. Herewith we give por-
tions of the school law, bearing on
the matter—

(601.) "SEC. 16. The territorial
and county superintendents and the
president of the faculty of the Uni-
versity of Deseret, or a majority of
them, shall, at a convention called
by the territorial superintendent of
district schools, for that purpose,
decide what text books shall be
adopted in the schools, and their

use shall be exclusive and manda-
tory in all the district schools of
the Territory: *Provided* that no
text book so adopted shall be
changed within a period of five
years from its adoption, except for
sufficient cause. The county super-
intendents, with the trustees in
their respective districts, shall regu-
late the school terms, allowing
such holidays and vacations as may
be advisable."

The foregoing shows, beyond the
possibility of a doubt, that the Ter-
ritorial Superintendent of district
schools is the only officer authoriz-
ed to call the convention in ques-
tion, and such an officer can have
no existence until after the election
next August.

Here is the section providing for
the election of the officer authorized
to call the convention and for all
but one of those who shall be em-
powered to participate in its pro-
ceedings—

"(602) SEC. 14. At the general
election for the year one thousand
eight hundred and seventy-seven,
and biennially thereafter, a terri-
torial superintendent of district
schools shall be elected, whose term
of office shall be for two years and
until his successor shall be elected
and qualified; and before entering
upon the duties of his office, he shall
qualify by taking and subscribing
an oath, giving bonds with
approved sureties to the peo-
ple of the Territory of Utah
in the penal sum of two thousand
dollars, conditioned for the faithful
performance of the duties of his
office, said oath, bond and securi-
ties to be approved and filed with
the auditor of public accounts. At
the same general election, and
biennially thereafter, there shall
also be elected for each county in
the Territory, a superintendent of
district schools, whose term of of-
fice shall be for two years, and
until his successor shall be elected
and qualified; and before entering
upon the duties of his office he
shall qualify by taking and sub-
scribing an oath of office, and giv-
ing bonds, with approved security,
in such sum as shall be prescribed
by the probate judge of the county,
which oath and bond shall be filed
with the clerk of the county
court."

According to law not only was the
convention of last spring called by
a legally unauthorized person, but
none of those who composed it had
any legal standing in a body of
that kind, excepting one—the Pre-
sident of the Faculty of the Uni-
versity of Deseret, for, like the
territorial superintendents of dis-
trict schools, county superinten-
dents of district schools will have
no existence until after the next
general election.

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