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LOCAL NEWS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 17.

Address Wanted.—The addresses of Wm. Webb and Charles Deakin, who emigrated from Hanbury, near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, England, and are supposed to be at Wellsville, by W. Weaver, 768 E., Second South Street, Salt Lake City.

Returned From Europe.—J. A. Cunningham, one of the prominent mining men of Utah, returned on Friday last, from a visit to Europe extending over a period of three-and-a-half months, on business connected with his mining interests. He visited various parts of England, France and Ireland during his absence, enjoyed the trip and returns in good health.

Wants Work.—A young man named George Benson, late from Berkshire, England, is out of employment. He has been accustomed to attending to cows, horses and other domestic animals, and can besides make himself generally useful about the household. He has been represented to us as being honest, industrious and strictly moral. He desires to get a suitable situation; one in the city preferred. He can be heard of at this office.

Court Proceedings.—Hyrum Rands from Cape Town, S. A., was admitted to citizenship.

A decree of divorce was granted on the report of the referee in the case of Nettie G. Powell vs. A. T. Powell.

The grand jury entered and pre-terred six indictments found under the laws of Utah Territory. They were filed and the jury retired.

John W. Lowell Co., vs. J. G. Snyder. The motion for a change of venue was granted in this case. Exception was taken.

Rehearing upon the motion for alimony in the case of Julia Eastman vs. James P. Eastman was argued. Defendant was sworn, and the matter was submitted and taken under advisement.

Demurrer to the amended complaint in the case of T. W. Jennings vs. John Hell, was argued.

Dr. Crookwell Dead.—Many of our readers will not be surprised to learn that Dr. Crookwell has passed from mortality, for they have been posted from time to time in regard to the precarious condition of his health. He has suffered for some time from paralysis of the stomach, and was relieved by death this morning at 8.25.

Dr. John D. M. Crookwell was born June 8th, 1820, at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. He subsequently removed to the west, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Council Bluffs, Sioux City and Dubuque, Iowa, in which State he embraced the gospel in the spring of 1858, being baptized by Elder John Gleason. He immigrated to Utah in 1863, and since that time has resided principally in this city, where he is well and favorably known.

Chinamen Bound Over.—Lee Dong, Ah Ping and Ah Sane, three festive Celestials, were up before Justice Spiers this morning, charged with burglarizing the store of Hans Madsen, Commercial Street, on the eighth instant. Mr. Fletcher appeared for the prosecution, and J. D. Lomax for the defendants. An interpreter was sworn and defendants entered a plea each of "Not Guilty." After hearing the testimony for the prosecution Justice Spiers discharged the defendant Ah Sane, there being nothing to implicate him in the affair. Judge Lomax then asked to have the others discharged, and made a lengthy argument on the motion. His argument was squelched by Mr. Fletcher, who had made out a very good case against Lee Dong and Ah Ping. The motion to dismiss was overruled, and as they made no defense, Justice Spiers bound each over in \$1,000 bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

Lomax asked a reduction of the bail, which was denied, and the two Chinamen were jailed.

Accidentally Shot.—A most distressing accident resulting in the death of a little son of Henry W. Russell, occurred at Salina, on the 7 inst., the particulars of which we learn from the Sevier Valley Echo.

At the time of the accident the father was not at home, and the mother was in an adjoining room. The little boy, who was only eight years old, had a wooden pistol which he wanted to clean. He asked his older sister, who was playing with him, to get the ramrod from a pistol that hung on the wall, as he wished to use it to clean his toy pistol. She took down the weapon from the wall, not thinking it was loaded, and while in the act of drawing the ramrod it was discharged, shooting her little brother through the left side, just below the heart, the ball ranging downward, making its exit near the back bone. After being shot the little fellow sat motionless for a few seconds then got up and ran toward the other room where his mother met him. On seeing her he exclaimed: "Oh, Ma, I'm shot; take me in your arms and let me die!" It happened at four o'clock in the afternoon and he lingered until four the next morning, when he died. Everything was done for the little sufferer that love or skill could suggest, but without avail. The family are stricken with grief.

RELIEF FOR ALTA.

RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

According to the announcement in last evening's issue, a meeting was held at 7 o'clock, last night, in the Federal Court Room, to organize an expedition and raise funds for the relief of the Alta avalanche victims. A goodly number of citizens was in attendance and Governor Murray was elected to the chair. The Governor, in a brief and feeling address, stated that the main object of the meeting was to secure a company of 50 or 60 able-bodied men, who would volunteer to leave on the 7 o'clock train this morning, for the scene of the late disaster at Alta, and work for the relief of the sufferers and the recovery of the rest of the bodies. Another object was to appoint a committee to take up a subscription to meet the necessities of the hour.

Mr. Richard Mackintosh was appointed secretary of the meeting, after which the chairman called for volunteers who would engage in the benevolent labor, to come forward and enroll their names with the secretary. An immediate rush was made for that individual, and about fifty names were soon enrolled. The following are the persons who volunteered:

Frank White, Albert Householder, Patrick Connell, Alonzo Groesbeck, Major Trumbo, M. M. Bird, Hugh Lyons, John Wall, J. Householder, John Wm. Smith, F. H. Grice (by proxy), Albert Hewlett, John Burroughs, Ed. Hines, N. E. Livingston, James Knowles, H. C. Wallace, P. J. Peterson, C. H. Appleton, L. H. Merrill (one of the survivors), James H. Coates, Jacob Jones, Alexander Shannon, E. H. Mitchell, Geo. Moore, (another of the three who came down Saturday) S. Sleeman, J. Ledingham, H. J. Robinson, Geo. P. McDonald, Jas. M. Smith, Jas. Brown, Robert Howard, John J. Murray, Wm. Skewes (pledged six men besides himself) L. U. Colbath, Geo. Cullins, Oluf Johnson, W. P. Rowe, a Chinaman, Robert Skewes, Jacob Jones, I. S. Bartlett, John Bone, A. Woven, Jos. Householder and Wm. Rainey.

Mr. Wallace moved that George Cullins be given charge of the company, as he was well acquainted with the needs of the occasion. Carried.

Governor Murray, Richard Mackintosh and Juab Lawrence were elected to act as executive and finance committee, and instructed to take up a subscription for the relief of the sufferers, the burial of the dead, and other purposes connected with the calamity.

A motion that the City Council be petitioned to appropriate money to aid the relief fund was carried.

The chairman stated that food, sacks, twine, tools and other supplies, had been provided, and requested the company who had volunteered, to meet this morning at the D. & R. G. depot at 7 o'clock. He also thanked those who had so generously and promptly responded the call, and assured them they would have the sympathy and respect of their fellow citizens. The meeting adjourned.

It is expected that the relief company will be augmented at Wasatch by twenty men from the Church Quarry, from which point they will have to break a trail to Alta a distance of about eight miles. This will be hard work as snow is very deep and the cañon is full of snowslides. This task will be done by each one taking his turn on the lead and tramping a given distance through the snow, when he will be relieved and fall into the rear.

The following dispatches were received this morning:

WASATCH, Utah,
Feb. 17, 7.21 a.m.

To Mr. Bancroft:

Forty to fifty men will be down here this morning with twelve corpses. They want cars to meet them and bring them to the city. B. Y. G.

WASATCH, Feb. 17.

To J. J. O'Reilly:

Fred Cullinan was taken out alive and well. He will be down to-morrow. Let his parents know. ED. HEARD.

WASATCH, Feb. 17.

To Geo. Cullins:

Mail carrier arrived from Alta at 9.30. last night. Been unable to get message in before. He reports fifteen found; one Chinaman still not found. Twelve are dead; Fred Cullinan and two others alive. Fred all right, but other two badly hurt. Letter from Norton stating they would all be down this afternoon, and asking to have train ready on their arrival to take them to city. B. Y. GOLDING.

At 1 o'clock a special D. and R. G. train composed of an engine, one box car, one baggage car and one coach left here with 15 coffins. There were about fifty persons on the train going to meet the bodies at Wasatch.

The remains of the persons killed were to arrive in sleighs at Wasatch about 4 o'clock this afternoon. It is probable that an inquest will be held this evening if the bodies arrive.

The mail carrier who arrived at Wasatch last night, forgot the names of the two men who had been dug out alive and badly hurt.

It is storming at Wasatch as we go to press.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 18.

Blockade of the D. & R. G.—A dispatch from Denver of yesterday's date states that the snowstorm which has been raging in the mountains the last few days has resulted in another formidable blockade. No trains have crossed Marshall Pass since Sunday morning. The train which left this city Saturday morning is snow-bound on the west side of the range, with no immediate prospect of release. Both the Gunnison and Eagle River branches are badly blocked, and no effort is being made to move trains on either road.

New Road to Richfield.—Our legislators at their last session appropriated means for the erection of a bridge across the Sevier River, for the purpose of opening up a direct route from the north to Richfield, and places further south and vice versa. The site selected for the bridge is situated towards the northern part of Dover township; hence the new route will be in a direct line from Juab to Richfield, passing through Dover, Redmond, etc. This will save many miles of distance and hard travel through Fayette, Gunnison and Salina. Furthermore a splendid road can be made on the west side of the river at very little cost.

The construction of the bridge was entrusted to Ole Nielson, of Ephraim, who is making for himself a name as a boss bridge builder. It will be open for traffic in about a week.

The road to the new bridge coming from the north leaves the old road about three miles north of Warm Creek, running directly south.

We understand that it is the intention of G. M. Clarke & Sons (upon whose land the bridge is built) at an early date to erect a hotel and store alongside the bridge for the convenience of travelers. This hostelry will make a twenty-five mile stage to and from Juab, without any intervening dwellings or watering place.

The Murphy Murder Case.—The proceedings before Judge Zane in the case of Michael Murphy, charged with the murder of Patrick Egan last summer, continues to excite the attention of large crowds in the courtroom. The testimony being introduced by the prosecution tends to show up the affair in rather a different light than it appeared when the particulars of the killing were first published.

The first witness sworn this morning was Mr. Furg. Ferguson, who was a deputy marshal at the time of the first trial of Murphy. He testified that subpoenas were served on all the witnesses wanted in the case at that time, including Thos. Dwyer and Terry Brogan, who at the present time can not be found.

Mr. Cohn, formerly Justice of the Peace at Park City, testified that the case of the shooting of Egan was heard before him last June. He recognized the written testimony of Thos. Dwyer, which was shown him by Mr. Dickson. Said it was given by Dwyer under oath. He did not know where Dwyer is now, but understood that he was in Tintic last October or November.

The written testimony of Dwyer given at the examination before the Justice of the Peace was admitted as evidence, and according to the account it contained, it seems that Egan was in Woodside Cañon, going

on foot to his boarding house, when he met Dwyer on horseback. Thinking to play a joke on the latter, Egan pretended to be an officer and seized the other's horse by the bit, at the same time telling him that he was arrested. Dwyer, however, recognized Egan's voice, and a hearty laugh ensued. The two then made it up to play the same joke on Murphy who would be along shortly. They did so, and the joke took better with Murphy than it had done with Dwyer, for he started to follow them to town. They did not go far, however, until the joke was seen and the party had another laugh and a drink. Dwyer then rode on a short distance ahead leaving the other two together behind. Presently he heard a shot, and Egan called to him, asking him to come back as he was shot. Dwyer thought he was fooling and did not heed the call until Murphy rode past him in a hurry and the cry was repeated several times. He then went back and found Egan was really wounded. He lent him his horse, which Egan mounted and hurriedly rode to town. Dwyer followed on foot, and subsequently visited Egan at the boarding house before he died.

It seemed that on one occasion Egan admitted that it was his own fault that he got shot.

One or two other witnesses were examined before the Court adjourned at noon.

In the afternoon Michael Murphy gave his own version of the killing of Egan, which was substantially as follows:

He and Thos. Dwyer were on horseback, when Egan suddenly appeared from near the road and first seized the bits of Dwyer's horse, after which he reached under the horse's neck and seized his animal's bridle, at the same time saying, "I want you; you must go with me." It was dark, and he did not recognize Egan, and said he could not go, as he had to work at the pumps in the morning. He then broke loose and rode forward some distance leaving the other two men behind; then, thinking that the man who had stopped him and Dwyer might be a highwayman, and possibly others were in the brush, he rode back to rescue his friend. He did not, however, draw his revolver at that time. He found Egan still holding the bits of Dwyer's horse, and as he approached Egan sprang forward to seize his horse's bridle. At the same instant a shot was fired, and, thinking other highwaymen were in the brush, he drew his self cocking pistol and fired two shots in rapid succession at Egan, who was only four or five feet distant. He did not hear the wounded man make any exclamation, but hastily rode into town and told the boys at the boarding house what had happened, and said that Dwyer ought to be rescued from the robbers, and that he would go with them. A number left for the scene but he did not go.

The examination was in progress as we went to press. During the recital of the above, the witness was subjected to severe questioning by Mr. Dickson, and at times seemed almost completely entangled in his own assertions.

THE ALTA CATASTROPHE.

ARRIVAL OF THE BODIES.—CORONER'S INQUEST—VIEWING THE REMAINS.

Upon the arrival of the special train at Wasatch yesterday afternoon, each member of the rescuing party took a sack of provisions and all started in double file to meet the procession from Alta. A number of the leaders carried shovels to dig out the drifts. When about half way between Wasatch and Alta the party were met by Joe Smith, who had come ahead of the Alta party to get relief, as they were worn out, and some were lying down and resting in the snow. He led the relief party back to where he had left his own resting. When they came in sight of the fagged-out Alta men, they were hailed with a shout of joy. All put their hands to the sleds, and arrived at Wasatch at 6.15 p.m.

The procession was formed with the bearers of the body of Mattie Higley first, then that of Tim Madden, Jerry Reagan, David P. Evans, James Watson, Barney Gilson, Mrs. Ford and baby. The next sled contained the four children of Ed. Ballou, and the next Mr. Ford, badly wounded. Then Fred Cullinan, who is unable to walk on account of bruises about the spine. The bodies were all sewed up in blankets and one lashed to each sled.

Undertaker Taylor met the procession at Wasatch and placed the bodies in coffins and put them aboard the train, which started at once for this city, arriving at 9 o'clock p.m. They were taken to Sexton Taylor's office. Mr. Stevens and thirty-five men accompanied the remains to this city.

Fred Cullinan who was in the show 16 hours, tells the following story: "I was at Thomas' when the avalanche struck the house, and was carried a short distance. I was caught in a sitting posture, with my right hand pressed by a log, my left caught fast in the

snow, at right angles with my shoulders, my feet up, a log resting on the back of my neck, pressing my head forward, and one on my breast. I fell asleep several times and awoke and was under the impression I had been buried under the snow several days, but I never despaired for I felt sure I should be rescued alive. My father and two other men had dug a hole down in the snow while I was asleep for I heard them and realized their presence suddenly and heard some one say, 'Is that you, Fred?' and I answered with a shout of joy. I was pulled out and my eyes fell once more upon this beautiful world."

Andrew White, who was in the snow twelve hours said: "I was sitting in my house, next door to Mrs. Ford's when the slide came. The top of my building was carried away and the balance crushed down on me, pinning me where I sat. A small timber lodged across my breast and another across the back of my neck, pressing my head forward. My watch was wound to run till 6 a.m., and at 8 a.m. I was taken out, so I had a good idea of how long I was under the snow, for I could hear my watch tick. I fell asleep several times during the night and had no difficulty in breathing. I heard the rescuers at work when they were ten feet from me."

There are several people still left in the snow-buried city. They are Mrs. Ballou, Mrs. Keist, Mrs. Hemet, Mrs. Johnson and four children; also Mr. Hans Olsen and one child, all of whom are very anxious to come down, but who could not come yesterday, for the lack of aid to get them and their children out of the place. At the time of the accident Mrs. Keist was sitting on one side of the stove in Mr. Ford's house, Mrs. Ford on the other and Mr. Ford in front with the child in his arms. The child was found within a few feet of where Mrs. Ford's body was discovered, the appearances indicating that she had reached for the child at the fatal moment, but Mr. Ford only remembers that it was snatched from his arms.

Another slide occurred on Saturday in Superior Gulch, which the Alta people are satisfied resulted in the death of John White, Sam's rescott and R. Angrove, who had a contract and were at work on the Superior Tunnel. The slide was seen by a man named Murphy, who was on his way to the gulch to see if the men were safe. When within about a quarter of a mile of the gulch, within sight of the tunnel and cabins, the slide started and all was lost to view. The concussion of the slide was so great that Murphy was knocked down and considered it useless to proceed farther.

McDaniels, who lived at the old Whippy house, on the south side of Alta, is supposed to be buried in the snow, as he has not been seen or heard of since the slide. As soon as possible search will be made for him.

A large crowd surrounded Sexton Taylor's office this morning, anxious to view the remains of the deceased. A horrible sight met the eye of our reporter as he passed through the room where was stretched the scarred remains of Mrs. J. Ford and child, Maggie Higgy, of Tooele, and Ballou's four children. In the shed lay the scratched and bruised remains of Jas. Watson, a Scotchman, aged 42 years, and one of the most prominent men of Alta. He has a brother in New York City. Barney Gilson, of Irish parentage, aged 50 years; Jeremiah Reagan, aged 27 years, born in South Wales, but of Irish descent. He has a mother near Baltimore, Maryland, and a nephew in St. Joseph's School, this city; David P. Evans, aged 47 years, a Welshman. Has a brother in Patagonia and a mother in Wales. Timothy Madden, about 40 years of age, an American of Irish descent. He leaves a wife in Park City.

Henry Clay Wallace, in his testimony, stated that it had been snowing several days before the slide. He was in the Bay City tunnel which opens just above the town. The first intimation was the lights going out. Immediately afterwards he heard a tremendous noise. The slide was three-quarters of a mile long and a mile wide, extending from Grizzly Flat to the Flagstaff mine. (A slide came over part of the same ground the night of March 7, 1884, killing twelve persons.) There are twelve houses still standing in Alta, and twenty-seven were swept away. Morgan Richards, Mrs. Keist, Joseph Baker and Andrew S. White received slight injuries.

Mr. Thomas said he heard the crash in the upper end of the town, and called to others "a slide is coming." He ran 30 feet, when he was caught by broken timbers, snow, etc., but dug himself out.

The following is the substance of the verdict: The deceased died in Alta City, Salt Lake County, at about 8.15 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13, 1885, from the effects of a snow slide which swept away nearly the entire town. Jeter Clinton, Henry Reiser and W. J. Hooper acted as jurors.

We understand efforts will be made to get the balance of the people down from Alta at once.