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Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JULY 2

Harp.—John Harp, a blind man, formerly from Arkansas, and lately from San Francisco, has come to the city in search of his brother, Leonard Harp, a bricklayer, who is supposed to be somewhere in Utah. John Harp can be found at the Overland House.

Fatal Accident.—A private dispatch states that Howard & Harper's mill, near Randolph, was blown up this morning, killing William Howard, Jr., and the engineer, and seriously injuring the father of Wm. Howard. The latter is the son of Mr. W. Howard of Big Cottonwood.

Diphtheria.—There are still several cases of this dreadful malady in the city. One death occurred in the 13th Ward from that cause this morning. The victim was the daughter of Brother William and Sister Ann Hart. She was the only remaining child, and was uncommonly bright, beautiful and attractive.

Home Again.—Last night Hon. George Q. Cannon, Utah's Delegate to Congress, returned home from Washington, accompanied by Mrs. Cannon and other members of the family. He was met at Ogden by a party of relatives and friends, who escorted him from that point to this city, in a special car, which went up from this city yesterday afternoon for the purpose.

Delegate Cannon returns to his constituents, by whom he is cordially welcomed, after having again, through the labors of another session of the National Legislature, faithfully served them.

Grand Gala Day.—Wednesday, July 10th, will be to the members of the Salt Lake fire brigade and their friends, one of festivity and enjoyment. Fuller's Hill is the place of resort, and extensive preparations are being made to have the scene and the day one of unusual attraction. The Ogden fire company has accepted an invitation to participate, and the Ogden and Tenth Ward Brass Bands will also be present to enliven, with their music, the spirits of the pleasure-seeking company. A torch-light procession, by the joint companies of Ogden and Salt Lake, at night, as well as dancing in the afternoon and evening, will constitute the prominent features of the day's proceedings.

Missionary Labors.—Elder Llewellyn Harris writes from Cobero, Cobero County, New Mexico. He states he has been laboring as a missionary in that part about four months, and that he has travelled about 800 miles, mostly on mountain trails, searching out the different Indian tribes and preaching the gospel to them.

The most interesting people he has visited are the Acamos. Their principal village is situated twenty miles west of Cobero, on a high mountain. There is no living water nearer to it than eighteen miles, their only source of supply being from reservoirs, in which they catch the rains as they descend.

They are very industrious, manufacture blankets and cultivate the soil, raising corn and beans. They are kind and hospitable and are all Roman Catholics. They manifested great interest in the Book of Mormon when it was read to them. Elder Harris, escorted by the chief, visited the Catholic Church, which was built in 1802.

Water.—Messrs. Calton and Thomas, who are sinking the preliminary shaft for an artesian well near the city cemetery, have at last struck a small stream of water. As yet, however, there are no indications of bed-rock. They are down between 25 and 300 feet.

Mr. Pierce, an experienced artesian well borer, from California, is in the city. He has succeeded in obtaining a number of wells for the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroad Companies, along their respective routes. One is a Bitter Creek, where the stream was struck at between 80 and 900 feet depth, notwithstanding that geologists had asserted that the aqueous fluid could not be found there. It now gives out a copious stream.

Mr. Pierce states he has not the slightest doubt that artesian wells can readily be procured upon the bench lands surrounding this city. He has come here to ascertain the prospects for prosecuting his business in Utah. Should it be demonstrated that artesian wells can be obtained here, a wide field will be opened for operations in that line.

Welsh fund.—In the company of Saints that will reach this city in a few days are about a dozen persons whose passage have been paid by the Welsh aid fund. A number of others assisted from the same source are with the company that left Liverpool last Saturday.

We have perused a letter from Elder W. N. Williams, now laboring in Wales, written at Swansea, June 8th, in which the following passage occurs:

"The famine still continues to an alarming extent, and I fail to see any prospect of times being better in the dreadful future. There are some families here, of the Saints, and they are not worse off by a good deal, who have sold all of their household furniture and most of their clothing to get bread to eat, and are now left destitute of the necessities of life. Many of them have barely rags enough to cover their nakedness. The poor-houses are full, hence they are compelled to go from door to door, begging for something to sustain life. Those who are at work at all are only employed about three days a week, receiving from one to four shillings a day."

Water Stealing.—We find it necessary once more to notice and condemn this reprehensible practice. Once speaking would be sufficient, if the culpable parties were in the least degree conscientious, or had any respect for the law, or the rights of their fellow-citizens; but there seems to be a class of persons devoid of a proper sense of honor and justice on this point. Complaints are continually coming in from parties who are being cheated of their rights by their neighbors in the matter of irrigation and water privilege. A person, whose right it is to use the water at a certain time, often finds it necessary to sit up half the night to guard his right, lest some good neighbor, equally watchful, should, on his back being turned, appropriate the water to himself. Others persist in using the water longer than their allotted time, and some as a consequence, do not get it at all. This is wrong.

There is law on this subject, and the proper officers should, as far as practicable, see it enforced. The blame does not rest entirely upon the shoulders of the watermasters, for they are often the very ones who are obliged to lose their sleep in watching for the parties who commit such acts.

Persons who appropriate water that does not belong to them merit punishment as much as those who take any other property belonging to their neighbors. The only way to mitigate if not abolish the water stealing nuisance is to enforce the law on the subject.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JULY 3.

(Special to the DESERET NEWS.)

ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT.

More Particulars of the Randolph Disaster.

PARIS, Idaho, July 3, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:
In a horse race yesterday, at 10 o'clock, at St. Charles, Thomas G. Rich, son of President Charles C. Rich, was killed. The horse fell with him, his head coming in contact with a rock and, being strapped on, he could not free himself, the horse rolling over on him. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

A terrible accident occurred at Randolph, Rich County, yesterday. The steam boiler at Howard & Harper's shingle mill exploded, killing one of Howard's children and the engineer instantly, severing the head from the body of the child, cutting the body of the engineer in two, scalding Brother Howard badly, and injuring several others.

Diphtheria.—A little son of officer Alexander Burt, who resides in the 6th Ward, died last night, from diphtheria. We hear of other cases in different parts of the city.

Sailed.—By letter from Elder W. C. Staines we learn that Elder Wm. Budge sailed for Liverpool on the S. S. *New York*, on the 25th inst., at 1 p. m., in excellent health and spirits.

A Southern Trip.—Last evening Sisters E. R. Snow and Zina D. Young returned from a three weeks' trip to the South. They met with the Ladies' Relief societies of Sanpete County, and some in Juab and Utah Counties. They had a very interesting time, the spirit of the Lord being made manifest in the assemblies they attended. Everywhere they visited they found a growing disposition among the people to practice in their lives the principles and precepts of the gospel.

Compensation of Postmasters.—The following is an extract from a circular of the Postmaster General on the above subject, which is of considerable interest to a good many people:

By a recent act of Congress the law relative to the compensation of postmasters at offices of the fourth class was changed under the law which takes effect July 1st. The compensation of such postmasters is based upon the amount of stamps canceled, instead of the amount sold as heretofore, upon the following basis, viz: On the first \$100 or less per quarter, 60 per cent; on all over \$100 and not over \$300 per quarter, 50 per cent; on all over \$300 per quarter, 40 per cent; the same to be ascertained and allowed by the auditors in the settlement of the accounts of such postmasters upon their sworn quarterly returns.

Caterpillars.—A species of green caterpillar is attacking the pea-crop in Wasatch County. This grub is of the "looper" family, and is exceedingly voracious and prolific. Brother John Crook, of Heber City, says: "The pea crop in places is entirely destroyed." Steps are being taken to lessen the evil; the young people are employed in hand-picking, and the collected grubs are destroyed. Insect pests are in various parts of the Territory in large numbers, and are likely to stay with us for a considerable time if steps are not taken to abate them. With each caterpillar extinguished a generation is ended, and one crystal destroyed puts an end to many generations. Dr. A. S. Packard, in the government reports, states that "from one-quarter to one-half of the annual waste by the ravages of injurious insects could be saved."

Funeral Services.—On the 28th of June the funeral services over the body of John Thomas, were held in the meeting house of Lehi, Utah County, deceased having died in that city the day before. Elder Woodruff addressed the congregation assembled at the funeral.

Elder Thomas was born March 15th, 1803, in Kentucky, and was baptized by Elder Woodruff in the

summer of 1835, at Damon's Creek, in the same State. The father and mother also of Elder Thomas were baptized about the same time. The former was a revolutionary soldier under General Washington. Both of them removed to Far West, and died and were buried near that place.

Elder Thomas was an old resident of Lehi, well and favorably known. He lived and died true and faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paradise.—Brother Samuel Oldham wrote from Paradise, Cache County, June 28th, that the prospects for an abundant harvest there were never surpassed in any former season. A new rock meeting-house was nearly finished, and would be ready for the holding of divine worship in it in a few weeks. The people generally were well, happy and prosperous. The co-operative store was proving of great benefit to the town. The Sunday school and their friends, to the number of 250, enjoyed an "out" in a shady retreat about three miles distant from the settlement, on June 21st. Various games and amusements were engaged in, a sumptuous dinner was partaken of at noon, and the balance of the time was spent in singing, reciting and kindred exercises. An original poem by Sister Sina Bishop, and recited by that lady, was a pleasing feature of the occasion.

The McCormick Self-Binder.—A trial of this ingenious and effective piece of machinery was given yesterday afternoon, on the farm of Mr. W. W. Galbraith, at Kaysville, to the entire satisfaction of all who witnessed it. The place of operation was a sparsely grown field of rye, with an undergrowth of weeds and barley, and added to this disadvantage the wind was blowing considerably at the time, but the harvester did its work thoroughly, and well sustained its claim to the superior efficacy claimed for it by its owners. It was managed by an expert, and in the time, but was proven to be equally tractable in the hands of a novice, after a brief experience. Its mechanism and method of working is very simple. The grain, after falling upon the receiver, is carried, by its motion, toward two inward-turning rollers of canvas crossed with wooden slats, which convey it over a bar to the opposite side of the machine, where it falls upon a table ready to be bound. Overhanging it is a curved arm, called the compressor, which holds the wire in much the same manner as the needle bar of a sewing machine holds its thread, and to this is attached a second wire, proceeding from below, in the manner of the shuttle thread in a sewing machine. At the option of the driver, this arm is made to work at required intervals, and, bending down, gathers the grain into a bundle, unites its wire to the under one, thus encircling the bundle, and, by a curious contrivance below, is twisted and cut; the arm assumes its natural position, the wire is ready again for use, and the bundle of grain pushed from the table to the ground, well out of the way of the machine. The points of superiority claimed for the McCormick binder over others, are akin to those claimed by double-threaded over single-threaded sewing machines; economy in the use of wire, the substantial binding made, as well as the simplicity and durability of the whole apparatus. Not one wire or bundle was broken all day, yesterday, and the facility and completeness of the work done elicited many favorable comments from the spectators present. To-day will witness the trial, by competition, between the McCormick and the Walter A. Wood machines, at the same place.

City Council.—The Council met, last evening, Mayor Little presiding. The committee on public grounds to whom was referred the subject of conveying fresh water to the Warm Springs, Bath House, reported that the necessary repairs to the ditch and flumes had been made by the supervisor which, in their judgment, would answer every purpose for the present. Adopted. The committee on improvements,

to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hamer and Wm. Y. Jeffs, complaining of damage to their lots from seepage water, caused by the filling up of a certain spring known as "Jackson's Spring," on Fifth West Street, reported that the chief cause of complaint was the lack of ditches to properly control the water on the streets, and therefore recommended that the watermaster be instructed to cause water ditches to be opened on Third and Fourth West streets, between First and Second North streets, to run north and west, so as to carry off the water from said spring. Adopted, and watermaster instructed accordingly.

The same committee reported on the petition of P. Pugsley and others, relative to cleaning and widening the canal on Seventh West Street, and recommended that the ditch running west on Third North Street, between Seventh and Eighth West streets, be enlarged to carry the surplus water into the canal on Eighth West Street, and that the canal on Seventh West Street be cleaned out and repaired where necessary. Adopted, and the carrying out of the recommendations was referred to the superintendent of public works.

The committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Ridd, asking for the opening of certain streets in the west part of the 19th Ward, reported and recommended that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and the streets opened in the Fall after the crops come off. Action referred for further information.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the subject of the compensation for the city assessor and collector, reported and recommended that for the present year he be allowed \$2,000, and that the clerk in the recorder's and assessor's offices be allowed \$900. Report adopted and the necessary appropriations made.

The superintendent of waterworks reported his doings for the quarter ending May 31, 1878. Twenty-six water services had been supplied at a cost to the corporation of 600 \$7, or an average of \$23.11—being the lowest rate at which service had yet been supplied to the corporation. The amount expended on waterworks account during the quarter was \$752.99. The service and works were reported as in good condition and everything working satisfactorily. Accepted and approved.

The street supervisor presented a report of work done on roads and streets for the quarter ending May 31st, 1878, which showed that \$4,658.36 in cash, and \$993 in prison labor had been expended on that account. Referred to committee on claims.

Alderman Pyper presented report of the police court for the month of June. Eighty-one cases had been tried and \$248 05 in cash and \$451.50 in labor had been assessed in fines. Alderman's fees, 81 cases at \$2 50, \$202 50. Accepted and fees allowed and appropriated.

The following bills for the month of June were allowed and the amounts thereof appropriated: Marshal's expense bills, \$248 38; fire department expense bills, \$147 50; boarding prisoners, 1,199 meals at 15c, each, \$179 85; Dr. S. B. Young, care and keeping of three insane patients, \$76 50; police salaries, eight policemen, \$960; J. A. Wright, guarding water tanks and lighting oil street lamps, \$45; Walter E. Long, janitor City Hall, \$30; collecting dog tax, \$30.

A bill was presented from Peter Reid for blinds and carpenter work on jailor's house account, amounting to \$88.40, which was allowed and appropriated.

The application of the city sexton for an additional appropriation of \$200 to complete improvements on the city cemetery, was referred to the committee on cemetery.

One thousand dollars was appropriated to the water works, to be drawn upon the orders of the superintendent and \$1,000 to roads and streets, to be drawn upon the orders of the street supervisor.

The Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.