

Probably the most numerous readers of novels are to be found among women, perhaps because they have more time and fewer other diversions than men. In the large class of them who derive their ideas of life and of the world from this source the result is seen in the enormous and increasing business of the divorce courts, of which they and their husbands are the principal patrons.

Aside from the loose and vague notions of morality that become familiar to them, unconsciously, from the books they read, they enter upon married life with ideas and expectations so false and theories so absurd that nothing but disappointment and unhappiness can follow. Instead of the impossible and self-sacrificing heroes of their dreams, they awake to find themselves married only to men, with the imperfections common to humanity. They perceive that the perfection they are in search of is to be found in other women's husbands, not in their own; on which point they would be speedily undeceived if they could exchange situations with their apparently more fortunate sisters. It is not long before both parties to a union that has proved a disappointment are ready to escape from it; or, if not, one or the other is determined to break away. It is probable that all other causes put together are not so prolific of divorce among the class in which it commonly takes place as the fact that its women are brought up on novels of a low grade as their habitual and almost only reading.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

December 26, Mr. Andrew Madson was brought down from Ogden, to serve eight months in the Penitentiary, that being the term to which he was sentenced Dec. 26th by Judge Henderson, on a conviction of adultery, in living with his plural wife.

David Sorenson, of the Sixteenth Ward, was arrested December 28 by Deputies Springer and Sprague, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. On being brought before Commissioner Greenman, the evidence showed that the defendant had had three wives. The first died, and eight years ago the second left him. He has since lived with the third. He was discharged, and was advised to make the third his legal wife.

About 6 o'clock Dec. 27 Mr. James Leatham, of the Sixth Ward, was arrested on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. At 10 o'clock his case was called before Commissioner Greenman. The alleged plural wife, Rachel H. Hill, declined to state the name of her husband, or to give any reason for refusing. A recess was taken till 2 p. m., because of other business the attorneys had to attend to. On resuming the hearing, Mr. Leatham entered a plea of guilty. He was required to give

\$1500 bonds for himself, \$100 for his legal wife, and \$500 for his plural wife; the latter to appear as witnesses before the grand jury in February next.

Released From Prison.

December 27th, Bishop Joseph S. Black, of Deseret, Millard County, was released from the penitentiary, having served 75 days and paid his fine for unlawful cohabitation. He went south today.

Dec. 28 Brother Wm. L. Hutchins, of Lehi, Utah County, was released from the penitentiary, where he has served a term of eleven months on a conviction of adultery for living with his second wife.

We had a call Dec. 27 from Brother Goudy Hogan, of Richmond, Cache County, who emerged from the penitentiary on Christmas day, after serving a term of imprisonment for a breach of the Edmunds law. He was in extremely poor health when he was arrested, being so afflicted with rheumatism that he could not even dress himself. However, he went voluntarily before the grand jury and acknowledged to having and associating with more than one wife, whereupon he was promptly indicted and two days subsequently sentenced to one month's imprisonment, the lightness of the sentence being due to his poor health.

Those Conspiracy Cases.

Dec. 24 James McGhie was arrested on the charge of conspiracy, in connection with those arraigned on Saturday, and gave bonds for his appearance when wanted.

In the Third District Court this morning, Assistant District Attorney McKay said it had been agreed to postpone the taking of the pleas in the cases of Mayor Armstrong and others until Monday next. The court granted the postponement. Mr. Dickson appears as one of the attorneys for the defendants.

Southern Ute Indians.

The following is a dispatch from Durango, Col., dated Dec. 25. The Southern Ute Indians have just held a council of the three tribes relative to the treaty made by them last year for their removal to Utah. They do not understand why the treaty has not been carried into effect. They were unanimously in favor of removal, and resolved to ask the Indian Department for permission to send a delegation of Indians to Washington to urge ratification of the treaty. They want to be heard in answer to the objections made by the Indians' Rights Association to the treaty.

Notice.

In order that the position of the People's Party in relation to the approaching municipal election may be understood and clearly defined, we deem it proper to make the following announcement:

We consider that all male citizens of the United States who are over twenty-one years of age and have resided in this Territory six

months and in the precinct where they have their homes one month, who intend to reside here, and can truthfully and conscientiously subscribe to the oath required by law, are legally entitled to register and vote, no matter where they may have formerly resided.

But we do not consider any person is entitled to register who is not a *bona fide* resident, by act and intent, and we warn all transient persons who are merely staying here temporarily, and intend shortly to remove from this city, that they should not attempt to register and vote at the approaching municipal election, and that if they do so they will be in danger of prosecution.

In behalf of the Central Committee of the People's Party of Salt Lake City. F. S. RICHARDS, Chairman.
R. W. YOUNG, Secretary.

May Have Been Accidental.

The funeral of the late William C. Turner, of Provo, who was shot on Tuesday, was held yesterday afternoon. The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury:

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
Provo Precinct, Utah Co.

An inquisition holden at the residence of John W. Turner, Provo Precinct, Utah County, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1889, before John R. Twelves, coroner of said county, upon the body of Wm. Chaucey Turner, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed.

The said jurors upon their oaths do say: that from evidence given the said deceased came to his death by a pistol shot from his own hand.

REED SMOOT,
W. H. HARDY,
HENRY ELLIOT.

Attest: JOHN R. TWELVES, Coroner.

The *Enquirer* of last evening has the following: There is, however, another view of the case, and we trust the correct one, and that is that the shooting was accidental. The evidence does not clearly show whether the killing was intended or accidental; there is a probability that the latter is the case. This view is shared by the father and mother of the deceased and by Doctors Pike and Simmons. It had been his intention to attend a ball in Springville and he had run upstairs to get his pistol to take with him.

Death of A. J. Stout.

Allen Joseph Stout, Sen., died in Rockville, Washington County, December 18th, 1889, of old age and debility.

He was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, December 5th, 1815, but passed his boyhood in Clinton County, Ohio, where his parents located when he was three years old; removing to Missouri about the time the Saints migrated to Caldwell County. The subject of this sketch, with his brother Hosea and sister Anna, embraced the Gospel in 1838. He was one of the 60 prisoners taken by General Clark at Far West, and listened to the latter's speech in which he declared that "their fate is