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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 14

From Cache.—Bishop William B. Preston, of Cache Valley, is in the City, on his way to Conference.

Emigrants.—A party of three emigrants, from the branch of the Church at Canton, Illinois, arrived in the City on Saturday evening.

Burial.—The funeral services of Jared Pratt, who was killed by a snowslide in Little Cottonwood Cañon, were conducted to-day at the residence of the parents of the deceased, in the 19th Ward.

Hubbard Nokes.—We state, for the benefit of the gentleman who made inquiries some time since regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Hubbard Nokes, that he resides in Springville, Utah County.

Going To-morrow.—Besides the other Church authorities heretofore mentioned as about to leave for St. George, Elders John Taylor, Orson Pratt, Lorenzo Snow and Joseph F. Smith will start south to-morrow morning.

A Home Product.—R. Matthews & Co. are manufacturing an article of scouring soap for cleaning wood-work, cutlery, copper and tinware, &c.; it is an amalgamation of soapy substances with a very fine native bath brick material.

Gone South.—This morning a squad of soldiers, of the Fourteenth Infantry, left the City for Camp Cameron, near Beaver, having been ordered there, to be present at the execution of John D. Lee, which has been fixed to take place on the 23rd inst.

Home Again.—Hon. George Q. Cannon, Utah's Delegate to Congress, arrived home from Washington last night. He was met at Ogden by a party of friends and relatives, by whom he was escorted to this city. The many friends of the honorable gentleman will be pleased to learn that he is in excellent health.

Death of Madame Le Vert.—Our readers will read with regret the notice of the death of Madame Le Vert. The lady, with her daughter, it will be recollected, passed through this city a year or two ago, and the Madame gave a lecture in this city. As a brilliant society and literary lady of years ago, Madame Le Vert was widely known in both hemispheres.

P. O. S.—"Fair Play" writes as follows—

"In regard to the tobacco nuisance at the Post Office, clerks do not monopolize the blame. It can not be very pleasant to them when inveterate smokers, coming to enquire for letters, poke their noses into the inquiry window and fill the interior with the strong perfume they emit from their mouths."

Painful Operation.—About noon to-day, a difficult and delicate operation was performed on Mr. Horatio Hancock's little son, about two and a half years old. Being afflicted with cancer in his left eye, the organ had to be removed. Dr. Stanley, of Salt Lake, performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Condon, of Ogden. It was accomplished skillfully and successfully, the little fellow enduring the operation with great fortitude. He is in good condition, and has excellent prospects for recovery.—Ogden Junction, March 13.

The Lecture.—The lecture on "Language," by Prof. T. B. Lewis, under the auspices of the 20th Ward Institute, last evening, was well attended, and listened to with great interest by the audience. Bro. Lewis is a good speaker, and his effort last evening was a gratifying success. The lecture is a history of the English language, from its origin to the present time, and the lecturer's description of its powers and the influence of those who can wield it happily was clear and forcible, and was greeted with applause. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered him at the close.

Benefit Entertainment.—The entertainment given at the Seventeenth Ward School house, last

evening, for the benefit of the family of Miles Williams, was numerously attended by the many friends of Mr. Williams, who were very liberal in their appreciation of the programme of songs, recitations, instrumental solos, and a comedy, "Naval Engagements," presented by Mesdames B. Carrington and Camilla Cobb, Misses Helen Kimball, Kittie Heywood and Minnie Horne; and Messrs. D. McKenzie, John C. Graham, B. B. Young, B. Carrington, H. A. Heywood, H. B. Emery, J. T. Caine, Jr., H. M. Wells and H. G. Whitney, and the Union Glee Club.

Returned Missionary.—This afternoon we were pleased to receive a call from Elder William McLachlan, who returned home yesterday from a mission to New Zealand. He left for that portion of the globe on the 3rd of November, 1875, in company with several other Elders. He commenced his labors at Canterbury, in company with Elders John Rich, F. W. Hurst and C. C. Hurst, and also Thomas Steed, who had preceded them to New Zealand, and whom they met on their arrival. While there twenty-three were added to the Church by baptism, but a general indifference prevails throughout the Island to the principles of the gospel, or any other religion in fact.

Elder Job Welling, who had been laboring in Australia, and Elder Thomas Steed both returned yesterday also.

Elder McLachlan, who is in excellent health, states that the prospects for further increase to the Church in New Zealand are much improved, and that he enjoyed his mission very much.

City Council.—The Council met last evening, Alderman Spiers in the chair.

Petition of Louis Cohn, bankrupt, asking a reduction in the amount of his City taxes from \$300 to \$75; referred to the committee on claims.

Petition of W. J. Hooper and others, asking that Third East Street, between Second and Third South Street, be placed under repairs; referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

A remonstrance from residents of the 15th Ward against the granting of the petition of the Continental Oil and Transportation Company, who have asked for the privilege of establishing an oil depot immediately south of the railroad depot. The remonstrance was read and referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The committee on public grounds, to whom was referred the petition of F. J. P. Pascoe, asking for a deed to a certain tract of land north of the Warm springs, recommended that the petitioner have the privilege of quarrying rock from any portion of said land during the pleasure of the Council, at an annual rental of \$5, provided he did not obstruct, interfere with or blast within five feet of a road, fifteen feet wide, to be surveyed across said land, east of the present quarry. The recommendation was adopted.

The committee on streets and alleys reported adversely upon the petition of the Continental Oil and Transportation Company, against the granting of which the residents in the locality remonstrated, as stated above; report adopted.

The auditor's report for the quarter ending February 28th was read, and referred to the committee on finance.

Report of the supervisor for the quarter ending February 28th, referred to the committee on claims.

Bill of W. Hyde, for boarding City prisoners during February, \$287.70; allowed.

On motion, the annual rental required from Morris & Evans, for the privilege of quarrying rock, north of the Warm Springs, was reduced from \$25 to \$5.

The committee on streets and alleys were instructed to take into consideration whether it is advisable to grade Second West Street.

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

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 15.

Damp.—A little rain this morning.

Going South.—Bishop Edward Hunter expects to leave for St. George next Sunday morning.

The Advantage.—The late wet weather and the consequent mud abounding caused a general appreciation of the city improvements in the way of grading and gravelling.

Information Wanted.—Mrs. Rebecca D. Peko, 29 Oliver Street, Salem, Mass., is anxious to hear from Mr. Benjamin Ashby, or of his whereabouts.

Renomination.—By reference to our dispatches it will be seen that President Hayes to-day sent to the Senate the name of P. H. Emerson as Associate Justice for Utah for another term. The President's first nomination for Utah will be well received by the people.

Excommunicated.—Thomas Bircumshaw and Priscilla, his wife, of this city, were, on the 1st inst., cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Bishop Alexander McRae and Council, for apostasy.

Also, Brazillai Williams and Annie, his wife, were, on the 9th inst., cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Bishop McRae and Council, for apostasy.

Lewis W. Smith, of Kamas, Summit Co., in compliance with his own request, was cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Bishop S. F. Attwood and Council.

The action taken in the foregoing cases was unanimously sustained by the High Council, on the 14th inst.

CLERK OF HIGH COUNCIL.

A Laudable Resolve.—We are informed that at Richfield, Sevier County, a number of young men have combined and entered into an agreement to observe strictly the "Word of Wisdom," refraining from the use of tea, coffee, tobacco and every description of spirituous and fermented liquors. Besides, their agreement includes the observance of propriety of conduct in every other respect. Not only does their association demand their own observance of exemplary rules of conduct, but enjoins upon them the moral obligation to use an influence, so far as lies in their power, against all unlawful and immoral practices, especially among the young of the community.

Such young men as these, should they not falter by the way, are taking a course to lay in themselves a solid moral foundation, which is the chief element of true greatness.

Co-operation in Bear Lake Valley.—The stockholders of the Co-operative Mercantile Institution of Paris, Bear Lake Valley, have established a cheese factory in Nounan Valley, a short distance north from the city named. The ranche is an excellent one and suitable buildings have been erected, and other facilities established to manufacture from the product of 200 cows. Yesterday Bishop Budge showed us samples of cheese made there last season. It is a good, wholesome article, being composed of nothing but the purest material.

The same co-operative institution has also purchased a tannery in Paris, in the vicinity of which place bark is tolerably plentiful. It is intended to keep it in constant operation, and it has capacity sufficient to supply all the leather necessary to make up what boots and shoes are needed for the people throughout the settlements of that northern region.

It is also intended, as soon as possible, by the co-operative institution, to establish other branches of home industry.

A Good Answer.—The other evening, in a meeting of one of the Ward mutual improvement associations, a member, a lad of about fifteen summers, being requested to give some of the evidences establishing the claim of Joseph Smith being a true prophet, made the following brief but lucid answer—

"Some of the evidences of Joseph Smith being a prophet are—the literal fulfillment of many of his prophecies, and the revelations given through him; notably the

revelation foretelling the great war of the rebellion.

"In the testimony of those who received the gospel as revealed through him, thousands of whom testify that they know that he was a true prophet.

"In the fulfillment of the promises made to believers in his testimony, that certain 'signs should follow them that believe,' similar to the promises made by Christ and his apostles in their day.

"The evidences of his being a true prophet rest upon a better foundation than those of any of the ancient prophets, from the fact that many of the witnesses who knew him and knew of the fulfillment of his prophecies are still living.

The Little Colorado Country.—We have read a letter from Brother James Clark, now settled at Allen City, on the Little Colorado. The communication is addressed to Bishop Alex. McRae, and is dated Feb. 25th.

The writer says that he does not doubt that by the labors of sterling, honest Latter-day Saints that part of the country can be made rich and desirable, but nothing but hard work, perseverance and indefatigably industry will bring it to that condition, yet he believes that it will be accomplished in a few years.

We make the following extract—

"There is any amount of land here. The bottoms or valleys I have spoken of are but two out of fifty or a hundred. This country is nothing like Salt Lake Valley. Here you have a long narrow valley. I have seen a good deal of the country on the river, but I have never seen any place yet where it would exceed three or four miles in breadth across the bottom, land, which, in a great many places, is covered with alkali or salt. You know how such land as this produces, and there is no need of me saying anything about it. We have also some land which is good and productive, and all that it needs is to get the water upon it. We are now busy extending our water ditch, which, when completed, will be eight miles in length and six feet wide in the bottom. The reason for making such a long canal is to get the bottom of the ditch as near as possible level with the bed of the river, which will make the work on the dam very light when compared with what it was last year, and not only that, but if the dam washes out again, we will be able to replace it again the same season, and not lose the crop, as we did last year. It will take about three or four weeks longer to finish the ditch and dam.

"I must say a few words more in regard to the country. This is the best stock raising country I have ever seen. The hills are completely covered with grass of a fine quality; not only that, but there is no snow here, and consequently there is no danger of stock suffering in the winter time. All the snow that has fallen in the past year here, if it were all put on one wagon road, it would not make a good track for sleighing. This is the kind of winter we have here. In fact there is no winter at all. It is never so cold but a person is quite comfortable in his shirt sleeves when working. There is also the finest range of timber here that I ever saw. I do not think it can be excelled. It is true that it is quite a distance from here, but this obstacle will be removed when the railroad comes through this country, which it undoubtedly will. The timber alone is a great inducement for capitalists to send the 'iron snorting horse' through this country. It is in the timber where we find the best land. One valley which we have taken up will be tried this season. We expect to raise grain there without water."

At Mount Pleasant, March 8, 1877; SEYMOUR LEEF IVIE, aged 6 years and 6 months.

Deceased was a boy of great promise, deeply interesting to all. His parents grieved at their loss, yet rejoice in the gospel of assurance that they will see their loved one again. A large attendance testified respect and sympathy.—COM.