

Helena, M.T., 23, p.m.—Thermometer 22 above zero. Clear and pleasant.

The following is courteously furnished by Mr. Pomeroy, the gentlemanly Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city:

Salt Lake City, Jan. 23.—At the request of Prof. Morse, inventor of the Morse system of telegraphing, who is now in Paris, a trial was made of the speed with which business could be transmitted over a wire by his system. The result was as follows:—over a short circuit of one hundred miles, from New York to Philadelphia, 2,520 words were transmitted in an hour, being 42 words per minute. On a trial over the long circuit, from Chicago to Salt Lake, 1,800 miles, 2,250 words were transmitted in an hour, being 39 words per minute. This is considered very rapid work, but can be done with safety at any time when the wires are in good working order, and will, without doubt, be highly gratifying to the gifted inventor.

#### LOCAL ITEMS.

**THEATRICAL.**—There is every prospect for a crowded house to-night for Mr. McKenzie's benefit. The inducements to attend are great, the beneficiaries being a public favorite, and presenting an unusually strong and attractive bill, comprising a fine, stirring drama, characteristic dancing, singing, recitation, and a beautiful farce concludes the entertainment.

**SOCIAL PARTY.**—Last night there was another reunion at the Social Hall, when a large and genial party assembled and enjoyed themselves exceedingly. Presidents E. Young and D. H. Wells, with several of the Twelve, and a number of our most prominent citizens had such "a good time" as can rarely be found, unalloyed with aught to mar the happiness of the occasion, outside of our dear, delightful, much reviled and greatly belied, centre of "Mormondom."

**DEAD.**—We understand, through a person arrived from Heber City to-day, that John Lee, the young man who was frozen so badly in going from this city to Heber City, died on last Friday.

**THE WEATHER.**—As we write this, at noon to-day, there is a bright sun shining, with some fleecy clouds north and northeast. Through the kindness of President Young, we have received the following from the office of the Deseret Telegraph Line in this city:

The operator at Logan says that a gentleman from Paris, Bear Lake Valley, reports the snow at that place two feet deep, and the same depth to Soda Springs. The weather at Logan is pleasant, with five inches of snow. Our line is down between North Bend and Mount Pleasant, and, consequently, we have no weather report of importance.

**SENSIBLE.**—The following is from the Cleveland Herald. We have known for many years that other places as well as Oberlin might take a lesson from Salt Lake on many subjects, "what makes a Christian" being one of them:

Fast Day in Mormondom is a reality, and not, as in Gentile-dom, a mere matter of form. President Brigham Young has ordered his Bishops to see that the families of each Ward bring, in baskets, on each monthly Fast Day, the amount of food each family would consume in one day, and contribute that to the poor. In default of such contribution, the offender to be cut off from church fellowship.

We think Oberlin might take a sensible lesson from the Salt Lake definition of "what makes a Christian?"

**SEVENTIES' HALL.**—Last night Elder Septimus W. Sears delivered an interesting lecture on the "Rise, Progress and Statistics of Swedenborgianism," giving many historical items relative to Baron Swedenborg before and after the period of his life when he declared he began to receive visions. The doctrines of the New Jerusalem Church were treated upon; and statistics given relative to the body.

Secretary Willes followed in some remarks, occupying the rest of the evening.

**POLICE.**—Henry Walker, the colored person sentenced to 100 days lately, having given the "word of a colored gentleman" that he would not try to escape, was allowed to move about the city, and got off, but was captured by Major Benham of Camp Douglas, who politely handed him over to the officers. This afternoon he was duly graced with the legal decorations of the convict.

**VENISON.**—Among a crowd of wagons, loaded with coal, wood, hay, shingles, &c., that were in the market to-day, we noticed one with venison, rather a scarce article in this city market, which was selling for fifteen to eighteen cents. The deer were killed on Weber.

**PAROWAN.**—By a kindly letter from Br. Wm. C. McGregor, dated Parowan, Jan. 14th, we learn that on the 13th, which was the seventeenth anniversary of the settlement of Parowan Bishop W. H. Dame gave a party to the pioneers of the settlement and invited guests, at which all present enjoyed themselves most heartily.

Our correspondent says: "When Parowan was first settled there was no other settlement south of Parowan; but now they are spread on every side, many of them being first settled by men from his place, which settles Parowan to the name given it by Br. George A. Smith. The mother of settlements in the south."

He further informs that the basement of the new meeting house is finished and comfortably heated, in accomplishing which Bishop Dame evinced much of his customary energy. All things are moving on lively in the settlement.

Thanks, Br. Mc. for your kindly wishes.

**THANKS.**—We are under obligations to the Hon. W. H. Hooper for interesting documents received.

AT ST. GEORGE.—By telegram from St. George we learn that Captain D. P. Kimball and train had reached that point, all well. He would leave this morning for California.

January, 23.

**Council.**—On motion of Counsellor Smoot, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, to consider the report of Hosea Stout, Esq., Chairman of the Code of Practice Committee.

Counsellor Smoot handed in their report, which was referred.

Counsellor Benson presented petition of S. Roskelly and George Barber, of Smithfield, Cache Co., for a charter for a road and toll bridge in Cache Co., referred.

Mayor Wells expressed the acknowledgments of the City Council for the freedom of the Council tendered them.

Some other matters advanced a stage.

**HOSEA.**—Mr. Reese presented petition of James Leith and 100 others, residents of the settlements of the Muddy, in relation to changing the road from Salt Lake thence, which was read and referred.

Mr. Wright, Chairman of Committee on Private Incorporations, to whom was referred the Pleasant Grove Library Bill, received from the Council, reported the same back with an amendment.

The Cedar City Library bill reported back with title amended. Amendment accepted.

The Petition of the Mayor, City Council and Aldermen of Cedar City, was reported upon adversely; report concurred in.

The bill changing the name of Great Salt Lake City to Salt Lake City was taken up, and pending its second reading referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

The Deseret City charter was read and referred.

The charter of Green river ferry was taken up on its second reading and reported back to committee for amendment.

House adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

**UGLY FACTS.**—The New York Times tells us: "On one night this week, three newly-born infants were picked up by the police in the streets of this city, where they had been abandoned by their mothers. On one night last week three were in like manner picked up; and other cases have occurred with unusual frequency since the cold weather began. We quite agree with those who denounce the mothers of these poor castaways as inhuman and brutal; but still we can admit that in at least some of the cases the pangs of poverty and the prospects of the winter may have been almost intolerable. Such occurrences are proof of the extreme hardness of the times among the very poor, and should stimulate our generous citizens rather to search out and alleviate cases of distress than to indulge in severe language against the wretched sufferers."

So says the Washington Evening Star. But what about the fathers, the inhuman, brutal and scoundrelly men, who after gratifying their hellish lust have left the poor, unfortunate mothers to sorrow and suffer and starve, to bear the odium and the pain, until they forget their nature and their sex, and leave the offspring of illicit passion to a horrible death? No wonder the would-be moralists of the East are horrified at the plural marriages of Utah, with such "ugly facts" staring them in the face at home. Gentlemen, there is an augean stable to clean out under your very eyes, that will tax the utmost powers of the wisest men and greatest minds of the day. The stench arising from it salutes your nostrils in morning, noon and night. Better direct your energies there, and learn from Utah the lesson how to live in virtue and purity.

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