

year. We have had a fine rain and snow storm lately, which lasted a week, more or less, and which is a great blessing to our fruit trees and the earth generally, for the ground was very dry before it commenced, not having had rain of any account since the first day of September, then we had a tremendous, heavy thunder storm, which broke our ditch in many places, and filled it up in others, took our flume away, and rendered us unable with our little help to get any more water in our ditch this season, so we could not put in any fall wheat this year, yet we have tolerably good crops of corn and other things except fruit. The late heavy frosts last spring killed the blossoms of our apricots and peaches entirely, and nearly all the apples.

"Of pears there were but a very few, and very few grapes, for they were nearly a failure, yet we live and rejoice in the blessings which our Heavenly Father continually bestows upon us as he sees we need them, according to our wants. We have a day school in this little settlement, well attended, I think, by all the young, large and small, who are able to go, who are taught by Brother John Ballard, as his health will permit. We have good health generally here, with few exceptions. Our president, Alonzo H. Russell, has suffered much with very bad eyes since the middle of last summer and they are not well yet. We have a desire to live our religion and have peace through the settlement with a few exceptions. Some evil disposed persons have deliberately and brutally cut the throats and killed some of their neighbor's animals, and some other evil disposed persons can scarcely keep their hands off other people's property."

Home Made Soap.—Mr. John B. Maiben, of this city, has commenced the manufacture of soap by R. P. Thomas' patent process, having secured the entire right for Utah and Montana Territories. The factory is at Pugsley's mill, 19th Ward, where all the necessary machinery has been put up and is in operation. Mr. Maiben has secured the services of Mr. Charles Davey, who has had a large experience in soap-making.

We have used this soap and can therefore speak advisedly concerning it. By the Thomas process the glycerine is retained in the fat, instead of being evaporated from it, as is done in the usual way. This being the case it has a most salutary effect upon the skin, when used for washing the body. Its cleansing powers are also good, as attested by the statements of families who have used it for washing clothes.

The manufacturer has delivered his first consignment of the article at Z. C. M. I. wholesale and retail grocery departments. It will be sold at the co-operative stores henceforth, and it will soon be in the stores of nearly all the merchants in the Territory, several of the leading houses in this city having already given orders.

Home enterprise should be sustained, and it would do no harm for people to try that specially advertised to in this article, and see how they like it.

An obstacle in the way of home manufacturing enterprises is the difficulty sometimes experienced in obtaining raw material. Surely, however, there is sufficient grease, &c., in the Territory to supply one soap factory. An advertisement of Mr. Maiben's, for tallow, &c., will be found in another column.

Cattle Stealing Case.—The examination of B. F. Tasker and Thos. Gray was commenced yesterday afternoon, before Justice Clinton, and was resumed again this morning and at one o'clock the case was laid over till Friday morning, to allow time for the appearance of two other witnesses.

The evidence thus far showed that Mr. Cochrane, the owner of the five head of stolen cattle, went to Mr. Pickard, dealer in hides, and asked him to look out for the hides of his cattle. The other day a man called at Pickard's and sold fourteen hides, and among this lot were those from the five animals stolen from Mr. Cochrane. Mr. Pickard sent his son after the wagon to watch where it was taken and the movements of the driver. He followed to Walker Bros' bank, and on the way there another man got into the wagon. After leaving the bank which he entered, the driver took the wagon to the store of Geo. H. Knowlton, to which

point he was also followed by Mr. Pickard's son. The latter was there relieved of his watch on the movements of the driver by a young man named Hines, an employe of Mr. Pickard. The wagon was afterwards driven to the Colorado stables. The lad who followed the wagon gave his evidence lucidly enough, so far as it went, but he confessed that he was frightened when he followed the wagon and was unable, probably through being a little confused and keeping at a "respectful distance" from the wagon, to identify the men whom he saw or to tell distinctly the color of the horses. It appears that the same wagon was driven away from the stable the following day by Ben. F. Tasker.

Simultaneously with the examination of Tasker and Gray here, two others, Williams and Keiser, butchers, of Bingham, have been under examination before Justice Kinney, at the last named place, on a charge of stealing the same cattle. We understand, however, that they admitted to having had the cattle, but that they bought them from a party named Gleason.

The heads of the animals were found at Williams and Keiser's place. The evidence thus far is not very strong against Gray.

Two Wives.—For a bit of spicy reading, just peruse the account of the San Bernardino two-wife case, published in to-day's NEWS. Very likely the good Christians thereabouts, who consider it their religious duty to poke their pious noses into everybody's business and make scandal, when their neighbors fail to do so, consider it a highly civilized and the only proper and Christian thing for Mr. Oades to do to put away one of his wives and turn her out to starve. The Bible, however, expressly says the Lord hates putting away.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 31.

Suspected.—A young man was arrested this morning on suspicion of having stolen \$40 from a partner of his. As it is not certain that the suspicious are well founded, we withhold names for the present.

Training.—We understand Prof. Leotard is putting himself through a course of exercises and training, with a view to strengthening his wrists and preparing to give a performance in this city. He still suffers considerably from the effects of his accident, although he is able to be around.

Only One Printer.—The Beaver Enterprise of Dec. 29 says that only one printer from the Enterprise office was among the crowd of speering sparks from Beaver, who annoyed the emigrant company at Indian creek, Nov. 29, and that the crowd merely indulged in boisterous laughter and comic singing.

Icy.—In many parts of the City the water ditches have overflowed and in numerous places the streets are sheeted over with ice, making pedestrianism disagreeable and dangerous. We believe that an ordinance requires that the people under the direction of the Ward water-masters, shall keep the ditches in good order.

More Shooting at Bingham.—Bingham still sustains its reputation for scenes of blood, as will be seen by the following dispatch.

BINGHAM, 31st, 1873.

"A shooting affair occurred here at 11.45 this morning, between L. D. Clay and Charley Barnum. Barnum and Clay had a dispute last night, which was the cause of shooting. Barnum was shot twice. One ball entered his side, struck a rib, glanced off, and came out. The other ball passed through his arm. Two balls passed through Clay's clothes, but did not hurt him. Clay gave himself up to the authorities.

Mount Pleasant.—Bro. C. H. Wheelock called on us to-day. He is on the way to make a visit in Weber county. He states that a theological school, with Edward Cliff president, and two assistants, has been organized at Mount Pleasant. Money there is scarce, but everybody is feeling well, as well as others anywhere he has travelled. They have plenty of good eatables. At one meeting the people donated 5,200 bushels of grain towards extending the Utah Southern Railroad southward. They have also contributed largely for the St. George Temple, and sent their quota of hands—25—with the wherewith to sustain them while working on the building; 100 in all having gone

from San Pete county. Prest. O. Hyde, although suffering considerably from sickness in the fall, is in pretty good health and spirits.

New Year's Day.—By to-morrow the year 1873 will have die out, and its successor will have come into existence. As a general thing, in looking back upon the local circumstances and scenes that have transpired in the now expiring year, the people of Utah can scarcely have other than pleasing reflections. They have been blessed with an abundance of the substantialities of life at least, and, notwithstanding the wishes and efforts of their enemies they have enjoyed the inestimable blessing of peace, of which they are still in possession. No people have more reason to be grateful to the giver of all good for his blessings than the Latter-day Saints. They enter upon the year 1874 with bright prospects before them; knowing as they do that all things will work together for their good if they will seek to keep the commandments of God.

We take pleasure in wishing our readers and patrons specially and everybody in general "a happy new year."

The Wills of Mrs. Ben Holladay.—New York, Dec. 27th. The will of Mrs. Ben. Holladay, made last August, and successfully contested in favor of the will of 1871, was very intricate and eccentric in many of its conditions and provisions for contingencies. It gave her property chiefly to her son, Ben. Holladay, Jr., and not any to her surviving daughter, Cassandra, but generally among her friends, as Polly, wife of Baron Bussiere, of France. The will of 1871 gave everything to the testatrix' husband, from whom, in fact, she had received it. The recent will failed to recognize the husband at all, and bore abundant evidence sustaining the testimony of her physician that Mrs. Holladay's mind was unsound from excessive grief caused by the sudden death of her oldest daughter, the Countess Pourtales, a few weeks previous. While Ben. Holladay, Jr., was the proponent nominally of the will in his own favor, it was well understood that he preferred that the will in favor of his father should stand. The estate in Westchester is very elegant and valuable.—*Sacramento Union.*

City Council.—In the City Council last evening the petition of Crismon & Co., asking permission to erect hay and coal scales on South Temple, between Third and Fourth West Streets, was granted.

The resignation of W. J. Silver, as engineer of City Water Works, was read and accepted.

The petition of Mr. P. Thomason, Editor of the *Utah Posten*, asking that the ordinance relating to fires be published in that paper as an advertisement, was laid on the table.

The report of the committee, to whom was reported the petition of C. M. Donelson, asking to be remunerated for means expended by him on the water tank near Snow's corner, reported favorably for the petitioner, and the amount asked for, \$264.40, was appropriated.

Bid of T. Aubrey, to paint the city lamp posts for \$1.25 each, was tabled.

The petition of S. W. Richards, asking an appropriation to cover his bill to the amount of \$197.50 for extra services, while a member of the Council, was tabled.

Council adjourned till Tuesday evening next, at 7 p. m.

An Item.—A local reporter was out upon the street to-day, in search of items. While conversing with three or four gentlemen, near the Eagle Emporium corner, his companions made sudden and active movements away from him. Somebody said "Look out," and on turning around he faced a black charger, galloping directly towards him. The horse was only a yard or two off, and the agility displayed by that reporter was something to admire, if not to astonish. The horse just brushed him as he passed. Some might be inclined to blame that reporter at his readiness in spoiling what might have been a first-class sensation item, had he remained another second in the position in which he was standing. He had several reasons, however, for getting out of the way, the first being that if he had allowed himself to be run over he might not have been able to write the item up himself. It is probable also that he has not reached that point of newspaper enthusiasm which would cause him to sacrifice himself

on the altar of the public taste for sensation items, and he may possibly feel like Artemus Ward, who was willing that the blood of all his distant relations should be shed in the cause of his country.

The horse belonged to the California Bakery, First South Street, and had run away with a light wagon from which, through the harness snapping, it broke loose, galloped up East Temple Street, turned the Emporium corner and made directly for the stable, at the rear of the bakery.

SALT LAKE CITY.

"A. M." wrote to Benham's *Musical Review*, from Salt Lake City, Nov. 3—

"A few days visit in this delightful city and valley, observing its people, hearing from them of their peculiar religion, and admiring the beautiful surroundings of the city of Saints, has been one of the brightest features of my trip 'across the continent.' Much to my surprise I found the people ready to give any information regarding their religious views, and received many favors at their hands. Through the kindness of Mr. Calder, proprietor [editor and publisher] of the *Deseret Evening News* (the church paper) we had a very pleasant interview with President Young who, although suffering with rheumatism, looks well preserved for a man of his age, and in conversation is very entertaining.

"But the readers of the *Review* will be more pleased in the musical taste and the development of the city, which I was specially interested in noticing. The Tabernacle is a mammoth circular [oval] building with a seating capacity of 13,000, for which has been built an immense fifty stop organ. The style of the case is massive with large gilt pipes in front, and the appearance gives one an idea of the power and variety it will contain when the swell organ is fully completed. Joseph H. Ridges, an Englishman, and a member of the Mormon church, is the builder, and this, his greatest work, shows him no novice in musical mechanism. The organ, when finished, will cost over \$100,000, and having been built by their own people is, as it may well be, a matter of pride to them. Mr. Jos. F. Daynes, the organist, on Monday, kindly exhibited the full capacity of this organ king which fills the vast building with a beautiful volume of tone. The choir consists of above one hundred voices well trained under the direction of Mr. Careless, a thorough English musician. His wife is an accomplished singer, and only the best music is used for their voluntaries. At the yearly assembling of the Saints in the valley, at the Tabernacle, it is designed to have the country choirs assist, which will make a chorus of about 500 voices. The music to be used next year has now been distributed and is in course of preparation for that occasion. There are three music stores in the city, two of which, Calder & Careless, and Daynes & Son, are doing a flourishing business. The Burdett and Peibout organs are represented by the above dealers.

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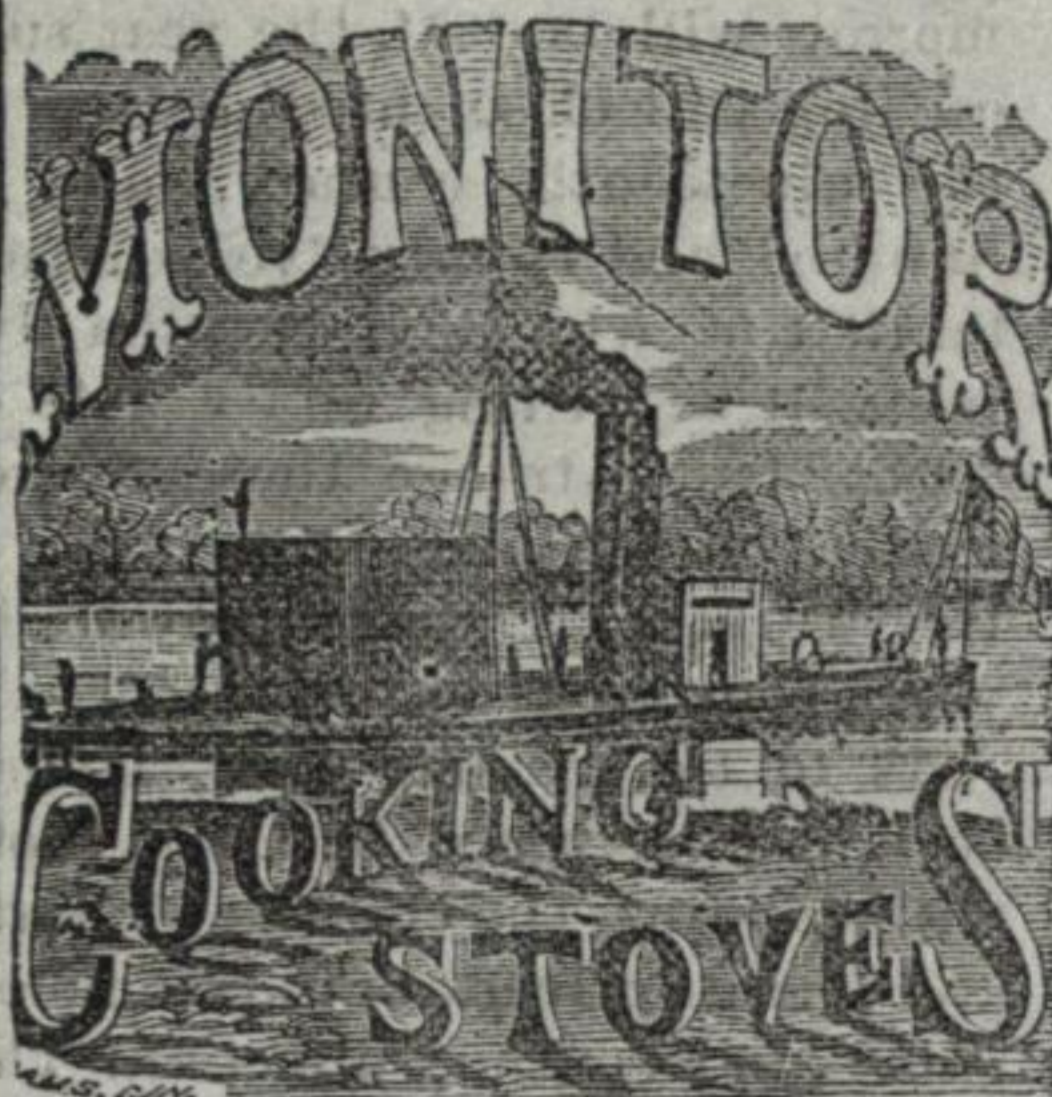
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