

under the skylights will hang large hanging baskets, neatly constructed of evergreens and artificial flowers. The spaces between the pillars which support the gallery will be hung with similar baskets of a smaller size. The floral decorations will be much more profuse than previously. Ladies and little girls are in the building with busy fingers manufacturing, manipulating and arranging those ornamentalations with a skill and good taste that do them credit.

A noticeable feature of the decorations will be the suspension of an evergreen tree from each of the numerous ventilating apertures in the ceiling. It is believed that those arrangements will materially aid the acoustics of the huge building.

A Mysterious Disappearance.—At six o'clock last evening Ann Matheson, aged fifteen years, left the residence of her parents, second house east of the 20th Ward store, for the purpose of calling at the dressmaking establishment of Mrs. McMahon, opposite the Townsend House. As she did not make her appearance at home again her parents, John N. Matheson and wife, became alarmed, and although they have made diligent search for the missing girl they have been unsuccessful in gaining any tidings of her, further than that she called at Mrs. McMahon's place about seven o'clock last evening, where the proprietor said she stayed but a few minutes.

Her parents are greatly anxious concerning her, her mother being especially filled with grief. They state that, so far as they are aware, she had scarcely any acquaintances or associates, male or female. It is not improbable that she may have been enticed away by some evil-disposing parties, there being no lack of miscreants now in this City capable of taking advantage of the unsophisticated innocence of young girls, but still we hope it may turn out better than might be anticipated.

The missing girl is about the average height for one of her age, inclined to be plump rather than spare, has dark brown hair and blue eyes, and, when she left home, wore a grey checked dress, black shawl and white straw hat, trimmed with white ribbon.

Any information likely to lead to the discovery of her whereabouts will be thankfully received by her parents, and may be communicated to them or to Captain Andrew Burt, at the City Hall.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JULY 19.

Preparing His Statement.—By dispatch from Beaver, special to the News, we learn that John D. Lee is preparing a statement of the Mountain Meadow affair.

Will Preach.—On Sunday next, July 18th, by invitation, Elders H. W. Naisbitt and David James will visit and preach at Springville and Elder R. F. Neslen at American Fork.

Enjoyable.—Yesterday's cloudiness and moisture and 20 degrees lower temperature than the day preceding were exceedingly welcome, making this seem more like a Christian country.

Crazy.—This morning the police took charge of a young man whom they found on East Temple Street, whooping, yelling, and capering about bareheaded and barefooted. He had gone demented, was taken to the City Hall, whence he was taken to his home by his friends.

Short of Water.—Elder Orson Hyde writes from Spring City, July 12—

"Our supply of water in this county is getting very short, though crops look well up to the present time. But if we do not have rain soon, I fear they will suffer much. General good health prevails with the people."

Missionary Appointments for Sunday, July 25—

Mill Creek—Elders S. Neslen and G. Nebeker.

Taylorville—Elders C. R. Savage and J. P. Freeze.

South Branch, West Jordan—Elders G. Swan and S. H. B. Smith.

Neff's District—Elders T. Taylor and D. James.

The John D. Lee Case.—The following telegram was received from our special reporter this afternoon—

"BEAVER, July 16th.

Editor Deseret News:

"The testimony of Jno. D. Lee, as well as of other important witnesses, will entirely refute all charges which have been made against Brigham Young and the leaders of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City."

Silk in Sanpete.—The ladies of Mount Pleasant Relief Society intend commencing the silk raising business as soon as possible. They have a number of thrifty mulberry trees, and have forwarded, through their president, M. F. C. Harrison, an order for silkworm eggs to a gentleman of this City. That's right, keep the stone rolling.

A Disputed Point.—Woolsey, who gave Mr. Hawke such an unmerciful beating the other night, was brought into Justice Pyper's court this afternoon, when the attorneys for the prosecution and defense commenced an argument on the point as to whether the accused could now be committed and tried under the Territorial statute, for assault with intent to do bodily injury, seeing he had already been tried under the ordinance and fined, for assault and battery, for the same offense.

Intercollegiate Regatta.—Here comes a ticket of admission to the grand stand, first day, at the Intercollegiate Regatta, Saratoga Lake, July 13 and 14, 1875. J. E. Eustis, C. H. Ferry, J. Coleman Drayton, Intercollegiate Regatta committee; G. L. Ames, Prest., R. H. Southgate, Treas., Wm. Hay Bockes, Cor. Sec'y Saratoga Rowing Association.

While acknowledging the honor of the compliment, we may say that we trust that our absence on the interesting occasion in question will be excused, seeing that we received the ticket this morning, July 16.

Another Free Fight.—There seems to be a fatality connected with Hill's Farm in the matter of fights, as it would appear that there is seldom a party there without one occurring.

One of the most regrettable affairs of the kind that ever took place there came off on Wednesday when several parties, who have hitherto been known as sober, peaceable citizens, so far forgot themselves as to quarrel and beat each other very severely. All the participants in the row were people from an adjoining country Ward, and the cause of the affray was the usual one, too much strong drink, which is for sale on the grounds.

It appears to have come to a pretty pass when a great many people seem to be impressed with the worse than foolish notion that there can be no enjoyment at excursions and picnic parties without a certain amount of beer swilling and whisky drinking.

If there is any enjoyment at all in muddling the brain, befogging the intellect, and as is proved to be the case, inflaming the worst passions by imbibing strong drink, it must be of the lowest and most brutal character. By indulging in this base practice men are frequently led to the commission of acts that they are apt to regret during the remainder of their lives, which we hope and believe will be the case with the participants in the three encounters on Wednesday, for it certainly is food for regret, and should be a lesson to each of them that will benefit them in the future.

The Upper End.—The upper portion of East Temple Street is looking up in the matter of building. There is, for instance the Z. C. M. I. new mammoth building, the substantial basement walls of which are rapidly approaching completion; there is the proposed Deseret National Bank Building, and the fine stores that will adjoin it on the north; there is the new building being erected by Mr. William Harrison, tinner; and now Mr. C. R. Savage steps forward with a programme to tear down the premises he now occupies and erect another and far more suitable structure two stories high and measuring, on the ground, one hundred feet long by twenty-eight feet front, being determined to have a gallery that will, in every respect, be a credit to Utah, as his scenic views are today. He proposes to commence the work of demolition and erection on or about the beginning of next month, the plans being in process of getting ready now.

All of those improvements and proposed ones are within a few rods of each other, showing that the business centre is extending northward.

A Lunatic at Large.—Last night, about 9 o'clock, a man, apparently a lunatic Scandinavian, of medium size, light complexion, with large nose, and about 22 years of age, went to Mr. Malcolm McDuff's, at the Lime Works, opposite the Hot Spring Lake, and staid till between ten or eleven o'clock, spending the time in shouting, yelling, singing, preaching, and swearing, when he departed in the direction of the City.

At nearly one o'clock this morning he re-appeared at the Lime Works, and abused Mr. Charles Burns with his tongue for about an hour, and then went away northward. He gave his name as Alfred Johnson, and said he belonged to the 16th Ward, though he afterwards contradicted the statement.

This morning Mr. Macduff's boys, while out after their mules, found some clothing on the Utah Central Railroad, which they thought might belong to the strange visitor of the night past. The clothes were strewn along the track from about a quarter of a mile north of the Hot Spring Lake for a distance of half a mile or so further northward, first the hat, then the coat, pants, shirt, and boots, as if they were pulled off one at a time as the wearer went northward, leaving him with nothing on except possibly his stockings.

In the pockets of the clothing, which were of bottle green color, were found a ten dollar greenback, some old cents and other coin (a portion foreign), a pocket knife, with a small pair of scissors.

The Missing Girl.—There is considerable feeling in the community concerning Ann Matheson, the girl who left her home night before last and who has not since been seen by her parents. Mr. H. Heath, night watchman, saw her twice, late on the same night, and she was also seen early yesterday morning, in a stairway, on First East Street, by Mr. John Holden, a painter, but since then no clue has been discovered to her whereabouts, but the search will be of such a thorough character that there can be but little doubt as to her being ultimately discovered.

The general belief is that she has been enticed away to some infamous den by some consummate scoundrel, it being a fact that there are men in this City who make a business of procuring young girls for such places, receiving a stipulated amount for each victim they secure.

No language is adequate to describe the utter baseness of such vile creatures as lend themselves to so foul a trade, and they should have no place among decent people. They are the vultures of society, the violators of the morals of the young, and, when known, have no right to be at large. It is to be hoped that the officers will not let up in their efforts to trace up this case, so that if this missing girl has been enticed away to a life of shame it may be known who the villain is, and that he may be suitably punished.

Since the above was in print we learn that there is some reason for the belief that the girl has become demented and is wandering around. Should anybody meet with a girl answering her description, as published in yesterday's News, such will oblige by taking her to the City Hall.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, JULY 17.

Rain.—That was a fine rain last night, though it did not last long.

Fitch Active.—The California papers say, "Tom Fitch is going to canvass the State next month for the Republican ticket."

Harvest.—The cutting of Fall grain has been commenced in portions of Davis county. Crops there are pretty good.

Aids to Locomotion.—It does seem that some of our handsome and clever young men would be unable to move around the streets and about town unless they were ably assisted by an elegant staff in the hand and a fragrant Havana in the mouth.

Bound Over.—Yesterday afternoon Col. Nelson had a preliminary examination before U. S. Commissioner Sprague, on the charge of killing James Wheyland, at Park

City, recently, resulting in the accused being held in bonds of \$3,000 to await the action of the next grand jury.

Sunday School Reunion.—We are in receipt of a complimentary invitation to attend a Sunday school reunion party at the 16th District School-room on Saturday evening, July 24th, commencing at 7 o'clock. Theodore McKean, jr., Harry Heywood, W. J. Lewis, and E. D. Mousley are the committee of arrangements.

Klingen Smith in Beaver.—Our special telegraphs from Beaver, July 16th, as follows—

"This afternoon deputy U. S. Marshal Cross arrived here, bringing with him P. Klingen Smith, a leading witness for the prosecution in the Lee trial. He was found by the officer in San Bernardino County, Cal. When found he expressed his willingness to come here and testify."

Court at Beaver.—The following was received from the News special reporter this afternoon—

"Beaver, Utah, July 17.

Editor Deseret News:

"More witnesses are being subpoenaed, as it is very undecided whether they will accept Lee's statement, which is now completed, thinking he is not telling the whole truth; if they do not, he will be put on trial on Monday."

Discharged.—Yesterday, in the case of "Bill" Woolsey, charged under the statute with assault with intent to do bodily injury to Dr. Hawke, the motion of defendant's counsel, to discharge the prisoner, was granted, the Justice holding that as the accused had already been tried and punished under the city ordinance, he could not be proceeded against for the same offense under the statute.

SALT LAKE CITY,
July 17, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

The Seventh Ward Sunday School had an "out" to Calder's Farm, yesterday, and enjoyed a very agreeable time together. Our Bishop, and Counselor Dinwoodey, and quite a number of the older folks, were present. The day passed without any accident or anything to mar our day's pleasure, with the exception of a little rain storm on our home trip.

Yours respectfully,
W. M.

Shot Through the Hand.—A day or two since an Indian woman, Segwitch's son's wife, in dismounting from her horse, in Weber Canyon, set the breech of her rifle on the ground, her left hand being over the muzzle. Her foot caught the trigger, causing the gun to discharge, the bullet passing directly through the hand, making an ugly hole, besides scorching and mangling the flesh. She came down to the vicinity of this city, when Dr. Benedict attended upon her, dressing the wound, giving his services gratuitously.

Mormon Icelanders.—Among the passengers there were two Mormons from Utah, Icelanders, who had been converted to the Mormon faith some twenty years ago, and who were now on their way to their native island to guide some forty converts to the new Zion in Utah. You will see from this that it must be a very remote corner of the world where the Mormons do not find their way and make proselytes. But I must confess that I have never seen a more industrious people than the Mormons in Utah, and the circumstances that one of those two apostles who were now returning to Iceland, was, before he emigrated, known to be a helpless drunkard, and generally a hard case, but now a man of means and good habits, speaks well in the eyes of the people for the discipline of the Mormons.—*Iceland Cor. (June 16) New York Sun.*

Died From an Insect Bite.—This morning a five months old little girl of police officer Charles Ringwood, 20th Ward, died it is supposed from the effects of an insect bite. About a week ago a couple of spots were noticed in the infant's knee, where she had apparently been bitten, but there appeared no particular effects until yesterday, when the limb commenced to inflame and swell, the ailment spreading up the side of the body along the arm and into the head. Medical aid was summoned, but nothing that

was done had any mitigating effect, and the virus, having evidently spread through the blood, reached the vital parts, causing death this morning, as before stated. It is not known by what kind of an insect the little one was bitten, but it was probably a black spider. Anybody who knows of effectual remedies for such bites should give them publicity, for the benefit of persons who might need to apply them.

The Approaching Jubilee.—The executive committee of the Sunday School Union Jubilee have determined not to charge any admission fee to the Tabernacle on the 24th, and have decided to supply not only the children but also all of the visitors with the words of the various songs, in book form, and also with programmes of the order and arrangement of the entertainment.

The decoration of the interior of the huge building, involving the use of an exceedingly large amount of material and the printing of so many thousands of books and programmes, etc., as well as other incidental expenses, cause a large outlay of means, and there being no appropriation from any sources to meet it, the executive committee have appointed Thomas E. Taylor, Thomas Jennings, Jas. P. Freeze, John B. Maiben and Geo. Goddard a committee to solicit and receive subscriptions for so praiseworthy an object as to fittingly celebrate the important historical event of the entrance into Salt Lake Valley of the Pioneers of the great West, twenty-eight years ago. It is to be hoped the public will show its liberality in the matter.

The Missing Girl Found.—Ann Matheson, who so mysteriously disappeared lately, has turned up again. She tells a peculiar story; but co-incidental circumstances, known before her discovery, go to show that it is truthful. After leaving Mrs. McMahon's place she went down East Temple Street, near where the band was playing, in front of the Walker House, where she was accosted by a man, who pretended to be acquainted with her, and who offered her ten dollars to go with him; when she declined it, he offered to accompany her home, she refusing to allow him to do so. She left there and was followed by the same man. She tells how this fellow dogged her around, and attempted to take indecent liberties with her, she being afraid to go home lest she should be followed upon the more unfrequented streets and assaulted on the way. She also describes the manner of her escape from him, and about her being afraid to go home after staying out so late, going into the stairway, falling asleep there and being awakened by Mr. Holding in the morning. She felt so afraid and ashamed to go home after being out all night that she sought for work, which she obtained at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Boukofsky, 15th Ward, where she was found last evening.

The Lee Statement.—The following is from our special telegraph reporter:

BEAVER, July 19.—It is stated this morning, on the best authority, that the prosecution will not accept Lee's statement, as they expect to prove more, by the witnesses already here, some of whom are said to have participated in the massacre, than he confesses.

R. N. Baskin arrived last night, and will take an active part in the prosecution.

In Court this morning the names of 107 witnesses, subpoenaed for the people, were called, not more than half being present. Lee's counsel asked a continuance till to-morrow, when they promised to be ready without fail.

The Patterson (N. J.) Guardian, speaking of the Mervine case, says that "hereafter all who contemplate murder in Pennsylvania can escape the gallows by first getting intoxicated."

The New Orleans Times, the leading Democratic journal in Louisiana, resents the imputation that the South is for inflation as "a most extraordinary and unprovoked humbug."

A French-African expedition, organized for continuing the investigations of Dr. Livingstone, is announced to sail from Toulon, Sept. 1st. M. Saffozan de Brazza will take the command.