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TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 15.

**Primary Fair.**—This afternoon the Eighteenth Ward Primary Association, presided over by Sister Y. Thatcher, with Sisters Kate Young and Ellen Grieve as counselors, was having a fair in the hall, the articles exhibited being products of the ingenuity and of the little folks. We understood no charge was made for admission.

**Improvements on the Square.**—Messrs. Pitts & Watson are rushing work on the 8th Ward Square. The present appearance, should the weather prove favorable, they nearly complete the filling for bicycle track, which will be fifty feet wide and one-seventh mile, inside measurement, this, and probably also finish the grading and leveling for the base and cricket grounds. The work which they are taking out of the square, is eminently suitable for the purpose of the track, and will be surrounded with a finer quality of material than City Creek, and rolled down and solid.

**Pete Stone.**—A new trade has been opened in this city with San Francisco in the shipment to this point of beautiful white sandstone, which is found in that part of the country. Brother E. L. Parry, a mason of the Manti Temple, is forwarding the material, and Mr. Morris, of this city, is acting as agent for its disposal. The latter is using it for the walls and so are Watson Bros., factors and builders. Several others have already reached the city. It is beautiful rock, not excelled by any other of the same class in the region, and is just the thing for sills and corners of buildings.

**Building Association.**—A meeting was held at the Shoe Factory last evening to further consider the desirability of organizing a Building Association. There was a large attendance. The by-laws were reported progress through the chairman pro tem., Brother J. Cope. The draft of the constitution and a portion of the same were presented, and after discussion the constitution was read by sections was adopted. The Society receives the name of "Zions' Benefit Building Association." The committee on by-laws were granted further time to complete their labors, and the meeting adjourned till Monday evening, May 28th, when it is hoped the society will be ready for the election of officers.

**Amidized.**—One of our fellow-citizens whose name we might as well state is Heber H. Ashworth, the victim this week of a curiously misplaced confidence. It seems that he has been employed several months past a man whose assumed name is Rice, as a helper, the man generally giving most satisfaction. About a week ago, however, he sent Rice to Bullionville, Nevada, with a load of lumber to sell. This errand was performed, but neglected to send Rice back to his employer, saying there went to work for several days with the team and then taking a load of lumber freight to Millford, disposing some way of the team and at the latter place left the lumber on the cars, leaving Mr. Rice not only minus his earnings of his employment, but his team and wagon also leaves a wife and four children behind him. — *Beaver*

**Singular Statement.**—While Under Sheriff Mulvenon was at Flagstaff, Arizona, John Reese, of that place, consigned to his care for Dr. Ainsworth, an extraordinary specimen of petrification, being nothing less than a human right hand, which, through some strange agency, had been changed to stone. The hand and part of the wrist is perfect, with the exception that the thumb is lacking. The four fingers are partially closed, and hold what appears a bunch of petrified grapes. The hand is large, but delicate, and apparently belonged to a person not accustomed to performing manual labor. The nails are perfect in shape, as are also the veins and leaders, and the wrinkles across the knuckles are as distinctly defined as those on the hands of a living person. Neither has the delicate texture of the skin been in the least impaired by the strange transformation of flesh into stone. This singular freak of nature was picked up by Mr. Reese on Cataract Creek, where exist extensive tracts of petrified forests. — *Weekly Miner.*

**Track Torn Up.**—By mutual understanding between the U. P. and U. P. Railroads, the Denver and Rio Grande laid a third rail on the U. P. track at Ogden, on the west side of the hotel. This was to enable the narrow gauge line to deliver its freight and passengers on arrival at that city. On Sunday night, however, the Denver and Rio Grande, in addition, laid a track along the space between the two depot tracks of the C. P. The U. P. men promptly appeared on the scene with an engine, and attaching some chains to the new track, pulled it up and piled the materials. We understand that the U. P., C. P. and U. C. roads jointly occupy the depot grounds, and by mutual arrangement no other line can be laid on them without the consent of the three companies, and that the track between the east and west ones of the C. P. was put down without this having been obtained.

**Missionaries.**—We are indebted to Brother Wm. C. Spence for the names of the following missionaries who left for their fields of labor today:

For Scandinavia—Ole Sorenson, Fountain Green; Daniel K. Brown, Levan; Neils Peterson, Bloomington; Martin Christofferson, Salt Lake City; August Swenson, Spanish Fork; Lars F. Swalborg, Gunnison.

Norway—Charles J. Christianson, Ephraim.

Germany—Gottlieb Hirochi, Rockville.

Great Britain—Henry Norman, H. W. Attley, John A. Druce, Salt Lake City; Wm. D. Williams, Benson.

Russia—John Wink, Salt Lake City.

Canada—George W. Beckstead, West Jordan.

Northwestern States—James A. Anderson, Hyrum.

Southern States—Christian F. Christianson, Kanab; Minor Wilcox, Park; Victor D. Gram, Kanab; Newel A. Hill, Salt Lake City; Erasmus G. Farmer, Herriman; Reynolds A. Crump, Herriman.

A few of the missionaries for Europe went by the D. & R. G. line the bulk going by the U. P.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 16.

**Wasatch County.**—We learn from Brother Richard Camp, of Wallburg, Wasatch County, that everything is prosperous in that section. Crops are looking well and nearly as forward as in this valley.

**Information Wanted.**—Wanted to know the whereabouts of Thomas Bates, who came from Cambridge in 1864 in company with John Hallam and family. A friend will be glad to hear from him. Address Mrs. Marchant, Rockport, Summit County, Utah.

**Teaching the Young.**—The 18th Ward Primary Association had its first annual meeting in the new Chapel yesterday afternoon. The occasion was celebrated by a fair and special exercises for the children. The specimens of juvenile handiwork were very creditable, consisting of a variety of plain and fancy needlework, ornamental hair-

work, drawing, mechanical contrivances, etc. The exercises were singing, reciting, answering questions, etc., the whole showing good progress made by the little ones under the direction of Sister Fanny Y. Thatcher, the President of the Association, and her counselors, Sisters E. Grieve and Vilage Young.

**Bluff City.**—By letter from Wm. Adams, of Bluff City, San Juan County, we learn that the people of that settlement gave a very fine entertainment to Bishop Jens Neilson, of that place lately, the occasion being the 63d anniversary of his birthday. He also says:

"Good health prevails; prospects are favorable for a large crop this season; the water ditch having been enlarged to double its capacity will be ready in a few days to receive the water. Navajos are peaceable and going into farming. It is very common to see them going home with shovels, sheep-shears, wool cards, etc. Many of our young men are acquiring their language. There is plenty of land for new settlers to make them comfortable homes."

**Encouraging the Boys.**—We find in the *Mechanical Engineer*, published in New York, a very sensible article from the pen of Mr. Wm. J. Silver, of this city, upon the proper training of boys in mechanical pursuits. He advocates the taking of greater care in giving them a technical education. He is not only a theorist in this line, but carries out his views practically. In connection with his works in this city, he has established a drawing class for the boys, who meet for exercise in mechanical drawing every Monday evening, under his personal supervision. They are, we understand, taking a strong interest in the subject, and making encouraging progress.

**Her Description.**—A few days ago we requested the *Utah Journal* to publish, for the benefit of people outside of Logan, a personal description of the woman calling herself Dr. M. J. Solander. That paper furnishes it. Here it is:

She is probably over 50 years of age, but wears a wig of brown hair which makes her appear younger, is slightly under the medium height, with a form inclining to leanness rather than the opposite. Her complexion is sallow, and her face is somewhat wrinkled. Her attire was plain black when we saw her; a close observer might have detected evidences of "shabby gentility" about it.

She is polished and easy, but wholly unabashed in her manner and address, evidently possesses a fair if not a good education, and is an ardent and accomplished conversationalist. Her tact in this direction is unquestionable, and is one of her main qualifications for the business she follows. In Logan she adopted the tactics of a book agent, calling, unknown and uninvited, at houses where she hoped to find "patients." She would introduce herself to the inmates and converse freely, often on religious subjects, unhesitatingly avowing infidel and free-love doctrines. To several married ladies known to us she urged the necessity of curtailing the number of children in a family and some of the arguments put forth by her in support of this position were well calculated to impress the minds of the thoughtless, foolish, ignorant or depraved among the women she might meet, and were designed to pave the way for sales of her vile nostrums.

One of her marked characteristics was a disposition to converse freely, on the street or elsewhere, with gentlemen, on the most delicate subjects, without manifesting a symptom of modesty.

From what she said of herself while here it appears that she came from Colorado to Park City, thence to Ogden, and from there to Logan—an ascending series by the way. On reaching Logan, however, she found herself in a moral atmosphere of an altitude entirely too high for her health, and she greatly abbreviated her stay among us.

**Details of the Shooting.**—The following, from a Tintic correspondence of the *Enquirer*, is the fullest account of the Silver Creek homicide that has yet been published:

"I arrived here on Wednesday, and found everything smooth, with the exception of a little excitement caused by a drunken crowd, a spectacle common in mining camps. Among the crowd was a man named Frank James, a Cornishman, who was intoxicated and boasting in the street that he was the bully of the town and had been for the past eight months, and he would make persons he met give the road to him, with a six shooter stuck in their faces. This was the way he acted the whole of the evening, every one being afraid of being shot. About 11:30 that night he came into the saloon of McChrystal & Co., and with a string of oaths, said he could whip anyone in Eureka, and came up to a man named Peter Brown, formerly of Provo, and challenged him to fight. Brown told him he did not wish to fight, and besides, said he, 'you are full, and I won't fight you for money or anything else.' 'Well,' said James, 'if you won't fight for money, I'll fight you for fun,' and at that he struck Brown, and they clinched. They fell in the corner and beat each other, till James cried out, 'Have I not a friend in the house that will stop us; I have had enough.' They were then parted, and James went over to the billiard table, picked up his coat that had laid there and pulled out a six shooter. The men rushed upon him and took the weapon from him, a man by the name of Lynn Mitchell getting the pistol. He (Mitchell) went back to hand the weapon to the barkeeper, and James ordered Mitchell to give it to him. Mitchell told him he could not have it as he was then too drunk, but he should have it back in the morning. James then said he would get another, and told Mitchell to look out for him, and to be 'heeled,' for when he came back he would come shooting. He went away, and was gone only a short time. As he entered at the door, he fired into the saloon. At this all the men ran out. He tried to shoot three or four times, but the pistol would not go; if it had gone off every time he tried to fire, a man would have been shot every time. He then called out for Mitchell, who then appeared at the door. Mitchell asked him if he was 'heeled,' and James answered that he was, and fired twice at Mitchell, but missed him each time. Mitchell then fired and struck James in the leg; James again fired a third time missed his mark. Mitchell then shot James in the arm, and fired a third shot, which hit him in the neck. James fell to the ground and never spoke again."

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAY 17.

**Second Company.**—By telegram from James H. Hart to President John Taylor, we learn that the company of Saints which left Liverpool yesterday per S.S. *Nevada*, numbers 427.

**Arrival of Hill.**—A. S. Hill, accused of swindling his wife to the amount of \$9,800, arrived in this city last night, in charge of Deputy U. S. Marshal Compton. His bail had been fixed at \$3,000, but up to a late hour this afternoon he had failed to secure it, and was still in custody.

**Reservoirs.**—A visitor now at Wales, Sanpete, writes from that small town concerning the reservoirs now being built by the thriving farmers there. He says there are three now in course of construction. One is very nearly completed. When finished the amount of water they will contain will be 45,000 cubic yards. The farmers are all in hopes of the enterprise being a success so that their property may be of more value than heretofore. The Bishop of the settlement takes the lead in the enterprise.

**Extreme Judicial Action.**—It is scarcely possible to imagine a more extreme judicial action than the one taken by his honor Judge Twies of the Second District Court, in the case of the woman Belle Harris, who it appears, is still in custody for contempt. The question put to her by the grand jury and which she declined to answer was, so we are informed, whether she had ever

been married, and if so to whom? She was taken into court and the Judge deciding the question was proper, and the witness persisting in her declination to answer, fined her \$25 and remanded her to the custody of the Marshal until further order. Now the witness is on the way to this city a prisoner.

We refrain from commenting to any extent on this case at present preferring to await developments, but we may have something to say regarding it shortly.

**A Change.**—Constant changes are going on in railroad matters. The Ogden *Herald* notes one as follows:

An important change took place, to-day, in regard to the place of arrival and departure of the passenger trains of the Utah Central Railroad. From the time the road was opened for business until to-day, all tickets for passengers have been issued in the Utah Central office. Henceforth until further notice the tickets will be sold at the Union Pacific ticket office. The passenger trains arriving from Salt Lake City will stop on the west side of the Union Depot Hotel, and there the travelers will alight. The outgoing trains will start from the platform on the east side of the hotel. The times of arriving and departing have not been changed.

All the other business outside of the passenger traffic will be conducted as usual at the Utah Central office. There will also be proper persons appointed to acquaint those going to the former office with the change and escort them to the other depot.

**The Sunday Liquor Traffic.**—Five of the parties who keep saloons on the State Road, mostly resorted to by drunken carousers on Sundays, have been complained against for selling liquor on the Sabbath day. This morning, two of them, Campbell and Decker, and Pitts and Caswell, appeared before Justice Splers and plead guilty. On the recommendation of the prosecuting attorney, a light fine was imposed, being the first time the parties had been before the court on the charge. The amount assessed in each case was \$20 and costs, aggregating \$29.

James Gordon, another party similarly accused, was granted a continuance of his case until to-morrow. There are eight saloons in all strung along the State Road, and as Sunday traffic is their main dependence there is some talk among them of uniting and commencing a legal fight with the county. Should they make this attempt they will doubtless come out at the contracted end of the horn. The Sunday whisky trade in that locality is a growing and intolerable nuisance. We are pleased to note a beginning point on the part of the county to suppress it. Don't give it up.

THE BEAVER CONTEMPT CASE

THE COURT REFUSES TO MODIFY, OR ACCEPT BAIL.

The following dispatch to the News was received from Beaver today:

"In the matter of the contempt case of Belle Harris, for refusing to answer questions of the grand jury in relation to a polygamy case, the court yesterday refused the application of her counsel for a modification of the order and for bail, and she goes to Salt Lake to-day, in charge of a deputy marshal. Mr. Kenner, acting as her counsel, has perfected an appeal to the Supreme Court, the argument in the case was lengthy on both sides, consuming most of Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon."

A SUFFERER FROM RHEUMATISM.

I limped about for years with a cane, and could not bend down without excruciating pain. Parker's Ginger Tonic effected an astonishing cure and keeps me well. It is infallible. M. Gullfoyle, Binghamton, N. Y.

Nervousness, peevishness, and fretting, so often connected with overworked females' lives, is rapidly relieved by Brown's Iron Bitters.