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Local and Other Matters

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 17.

The "Instructor."—We have before us No. 1, vol. 12, of the *Juvenile Instructor*. It augurs well for the volume just entered upon, being even more than usually interesting. It has "Alfred the Great" (with illustration), "Ancient War Galley" (with illustration), "Travels in India," "Leaves from a Log Book," "Editorial Thoughts," "Jesus Blessing Little Children" (with illustration), "To the Centennial Exhibition," "Joseph Smith, the Prophet," "A Trip to Our Antipodes," "An Indian Vision," Poetry, "Praise Ye the Lord," words by R. Allridge and music by E. Beesley.

Information Wanted of the whereabouts of Robert McKenney, aged 28 years, son of Joshua McKenney, of Syracuse, New York, who has been absent from home about six years, most of the time in Nevada. Wrote from Corinne, Utah, on the 21st of June last; said he was going to Salt Lake City that evening, and from there to Montana Territory, where he had a chance to do some work; since which nothing has been heard of him. He is described as being tall, has light complexion and blue eyes. Any information concerning him, whether dead or alive, sent to the undersigned, will be communicated to his distressed and anxious parents.

FERAMORZ LITTLE,
Mayor Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 15th, 1877.
Utah, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada papers, please notice.

West Jordan Y. M. M. I. A.—Pursuant to appointment, the young men met at the Ward House this evening, Jan. 15th, to organize a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association.

Elder Wm. S. Burton, of Salt Lake City, who had been sent out to visit this Ward as a missionary in the interest of Mutual Improvement Associations, stated the object of these societies and the great benefits to be derived from organizations of this kind. His advice was timely and well given, meeting with the hearty approval and prompt action of the priesthood and young people of the ward.

The following brethren were chosen to act as officers—

Ben. W. Driggs, President; Wm. L. Bateman and John W. Irving, counsellors; Hyrum Goff, Secretary; George Gardner, Treasurer.

Bishop A. Gardner and others made some encouraging remarks, and promised their aid and influence in support of the cause.

HYRUM GOFF, SEC'Y.

Missionary Labor.—We have seen an interesting letter, of a late date, written, by Elder Helaman Pratt, at Tampe, Maricopa Co., Arizona. Himself and fellow missionaries are laboring unceasingly, holding meetings and preaching to both the English and Spanish speaking population of that locality. At the place named the people who speak the Spanish language were visited by the Padre or Priest from another section, and informed by him that if they went to hear the "Mormon" Elders they would be under condemnation as committing a great sin, therefore they were shy about coming out to meeting.

Elder Pratt relates some circumstances connected with himself and Elder Stewart visiting Phoenix, traveling on horseback, taking nothing with them for the sustenance of themselves or animals, trusting in God to provide for their wants. Their faith was not in vain, for they were supplied with food and lodgings, and had their animals cared for in a most unlooked for manner, adding to their assurance that God was with them. When the Elders have spoken in public they have also been blessed with great freedom and power, even to their own astonishment.

Some of the party expected soon to visit and preach to the Pimas, Maricopas and Papago Indians,

some of whom speak the Spanish language.

City Council.—The Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Petition of George Triplet and 306 other residents of the Twentieth Ward North Bench, representing that they had been at considerable expense last season in constructing a water ditch, and that, notwithstanding this expenditure of means, their water supply had been very meagre, besides other disadvantages they labored under on account of the location of their residences; they therefore asked the Council to remit their taxes for 1876; referred to the committee on claims.

Fifty job wagon runners asked the privilege of paying their licenses quarterly instead of yearly, in advance; referred to the committee on license.

Petition of W. H. Hickenlooper, asking that \$75, in addition to the \$400 already allowed for the purpose, be appropriated for repairing street crossings in the 5th and 6th Wards; granted, the previous action of the Council on the same being rescinded.

On petition, Peter Cowling was granted the privilege of laying a platform across the water ditch in front of his store on Second South Street.

On petition, the A. & P. Telegraph Company was granted the right of way to erect a line of telegraph poles, in the streets, from the northern part of the City to the office on East Temple Street.

The committee on license, to whom was referred the petition of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, asking that its license for 1877 be remitted, recommended that all telegraph companies be required to pay license, and therefore that the prayer thereof be not granted; recommendation adopted.

Four thousand dollars were appropriated to take up a corporation note.

One thousand dollars were appropriated, to be subject to the order of the street supervisor.

Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at half-past 6 o'clock.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 18.

Sleighing.—Sleighing has been the order of to-day.

Snow.—About six inches of snow fell yesterday and last night, but it has been melting fast to-day.

Another Line.—The Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company have commenced the erection of a telegraph line between this City and Ogden, and anticipate having it finished in between one and two weeks.

A Change.—Bishop M. W. Merrill, of Richmond, Cache County, having recently resigned the superintendency of the Utah Northern Railroad, George W. Thatcher has been elected, by the company, to that position.

A Desperate Case.—A man named Danlap has been arrested and placed in jail for safe keeping, being affected badly with delirium tremens. He is possessed of a terrible delusive fear that three men are after him to assassinate him. He is in a most miserable plight, a living exemplification of the horrible effects of drunkenness.

Temple Donations.—The general meeting of the Seventies, last evening, was fully attended, and the reports relating to the building of the Temple in this city, so far as received, showed, that as a general rule, the response to the call to aid in that good work had met with a liberal response from the brethren belonging to the different quorums.

President Joseph Young, A. P. Rockwood and Horace S. Eldredge were present at the meeting.

Fort Wayne and P. E. R.—By a private communication from Chicago we learn of the Fort Wayne and Pennsylvania Railway that business on the road continues good, notwithstanding the almost unanimous cry of hard times. So far this winter the weather has been cold, and much snow has fallen,

but this road has been extremely fortunate; while other eastern roads have been blockaded, this entire line has been clear, and it is a rare case for the trains to be over fifteen minutes late.

The Brigham Young Academy.—We learn, from the *Enquirer*, that there was an examination of the students of the Brigham Young Academy, of Provo, on the 15th inst., on the occasion of the closing of the second term of the first academic year. The exercises, from the elementary to the higher branches, showed commendable progress on the part of the students and reflected great credit on the principal, Prof. Karl G. Maeser, and assistants, Prof. M. H. Hardy and Misses Caddie Daniels and Tee-chie Smoot. This educational institution is reported in excellent working order.

Shall there be War?—One of the prevailing themes hereabouts and all over the country is whether or not the nation is about to be plunged into a fratricidal civil war. Until recently the opinion that a bloodless solution of the questions at issue would be attained has been quite extensive, but this idea appears to be gradually waning and giving place to the dreadful conviction that the prospects of a peaceful arrangement are becoming more and more remote. Each party appears to be unrelaxingly determined to carry matters to any degree of extremity rather than yield to the other. Should a resort be had to the arbitrament of the sword, the struggle will doubtless be fierce and determined, and of such an interminably mixed character as to be almost unparalleled in the history of modern warfare, civil or national.

Until recently it has been thought generally that the better sense of the people would prevail, but there appears to be a strong probability that the people of the better-sense class will, by the encroachments of the senseless class, be forced to accept of the unconstitutional aggressions against their liberties by the latter, or resist them to the bitter end.

Anyhow, the nation appears on the edge of a seething maelstrom of destruction, into which it may be at any moment hurriedly precipitated. If things come to the worst, the people of Utah are in as safe a place as could well be desired.

Bear Lake.—N. Williamson wrote from St. Charles, Bear Lake Co., Idaho, January 13th, as follows—

"I see in the News that you have plenty of snow in Salt Lake Valley, while here at St. Charles we have not yet three inches of snow on the level. Stock is doing well on the ranches yet. The health of the people in this place has been very good, only two deaths and twenty-two births in 1876. Our Sabbath meetings are well attended and a good spirit prevails among the people. We have a good Sunday school, well attended, and well conducted by William M. Alfred and wife, who superintend also two day schools. The Young Men's Association and the Young Ladies' Retrenchment Association are doing well and feel a lively interest in their meetings, also the Relief Society are prospering. We intend to build a new meeting-house next summer, 32 x 50 feet, and have the most of the material now on the ground. The Lord has blessed the people in Bear Lake in their endeavors to build up the country; though we have been visited by frost and grasshoppers, still we are prospering, temporally and spiritually, and we acknowledge the hand of the Lord has been over us for good."

Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, Jan. 15—

Special Marshal Fife this morning nailed up a yellow flag on the house in which is the supposed case of smallpox. It is just under the brow of the hill, near Eighth Street. The young girl has a few watery pustules on her face, which may be pronounced smallpox. If

so, the case will be very light. Proper precautions have been taken, and disinfectants used liberally. Fife is after it. If it is smallpox, it is the only case in town.

The worst runaway that ever took place in Ogden occurred about two o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Thompson, the job wagoner, was weighing a load of hay on the scales near the Tithing Yard, which he was hauling for Capt. Young, who was with him on the load, when the team started, pitching both men off. Capt. Young alighted on his feet, jarring his knee joints pretty severely, and Mr. Thompson, falling on his back, received a very ugly wound on the back of his head and severe bruises in the loins. He was conveyed to Dr. Murphy's office and waited on by the Doctor. Meanwhile the team tore up Fifth Street, scattering the hay in the road. The wagon parted, leaving the box near Wade's corner, and the horses proceeding up Main Street, ran into P. G. Taylor's wagon, which had just arrived in front of W. G. Child's store. His wagon was turned over, and away went the second team, the driver having just jumped out. One of Mr. Thompson's horses broke its near hind leg, the bone protruding several inches. In this condition the animal ran on three legs as far as Biddle's harness shop, giving Mr. Carroll a parting kick in the mouth with the broken leg. The other team was not stopped until half the running gears was broken to pieces, the box was left opposite Mr. Child's store. Dr. Murphy on examining Mr. Thompson found his head in a bad fix, and at first thought the skull was fractured, but on sending for Dr. Conden, who has the proper instruments, the latter decided that though the wound was deep the skull was not broken. Mr. Thompson's case is one that calls for more than sympathy. But lately recovered from the effects of the smallpox, and the stroke of death in his family, he is now himself seriously hurt, and part of his team, a mare, is in a condition only for a bullet. Thus his means of a livelihood are taken away. Help is what he needs. Who will feel for him in the pocket?

Hons. Wm. Budge and Jas. H. Hart, of Bear Lake, arrived here this morning from Boise, where they had been to attend the Legislature of the Territory of Idaho. Those gentlemen were received with the courtesy and consideration to which their well-known talents and gentlemanly demeanor are entitled. They were successful in procuring the passage of several bills of great benefit to their constituents, and in defeating measures designed in hostility and bigoted partisanship. Messrs. Budge and Hart will leave this evening to connect with the Bear Lake mail at Evanston to-morrow morning. They have done well, and the Bear Lake people will receive them with honors.

Gentlemen just in from Boise say there is now no snow there, and there has not been enough of the beautiful up there to shut out the natural color of the soil.

Two deaths from small-pox occurred at North Ogden yesterday. One in the Godfrey family and the other in the Berrett family.

Mr. Thomas Duce, who was so terribly injured in the accidental shooting at the Depot, last September, came down from Cache, yesterday, and called on us to-day. He looks well, is able to walk around without assistance, has the use of the thumb and two smaller fingers of the left hand, and is hopeful of retaining the right arm. We are glad to see Mr. Duce so far recovered, and hope he will yet be able to use his arms as well as he can his legs.

This morning, Mrs. Eliza Brown, wife of Mr. Thomas Brown, while walking on the ice near her residence, at North Ogden, slipped and fell, breaking her left arm about three inches above the wrist, also dislocating the wrist of the same arm. D. P. L. Anderson attended to the injuries, chloroform being administered by Mr. H. C. Ward-leigh. The patient is doing well.