

## HOME ITEMS

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

**UNIVERSITY MEETING.**—A meeting of the Chancellor and Board of Regents of the Deseret University was held last evening and Elder Orson Pratt informed the Board that, after four months continuous labor, he had completed the translation of the Book of Mormon from the present orthography and Roman characters into the characters of the Deseret alphabet and the improved orthography. Elder R. L. Campbell was appointed by the Chancellor to assist Elder Orson Pratt in the revision of the work, with a view to its speedy publication. Professor David O. Calder, Principal of the Commercial College of the Deseret University, presented his resignation to the Board of Regents, his duties in that position being incompatible with the business upon which he is making preparations to enter, as forwarding and commission merchant; his resignation was accepted. A motion was made, and unanimously carried that Prof. Park be employed to take charge of the institution under the direction of the Chancellor and Board of Regents. A Committee, consisting of Robert L. Campbell, Isaac Groo and David O. Calder, was appointed to superintend all the business of the University, such as advertising, arranging for pupils, collecting the pay, and every other duty necessary to make the institution a success.

We congratulate our citizens on the employment of Bro. Parks in the capacity of Principal of the University, as he is a gentleman eminently fitted by culture, and extensive experience as a teacher, for the position. His school at Draper, on South Willow Creek in this county, has always been estimated, by those who have been familiar with it, as the best in the Territory. The citizens of that locality secured his services as teacher, some years since, and they have been averse to parting with him; in fact, they had done so much better by him than any other locality would have been likely to do, that any proposition to remove him to the city was checked by the remark that the people of Draper ought to have the benefit of his talent, as they had been so enterprising in securing him and maintaining his school. The field there is really too narrow a sphere for his abilities as a teacher; all who knew him felt this, the good people of Draper having begun to feel so as well the rest, and they, therefore, felt pleased to hear that there was a prospect of his being selected as Principal of the Deseret University.

**GUNNISON.**—Bro. H. H. Kearns, of Gunnison, writes under date Feb. 24th as follows: "The weather here is beautiful, although we have very strong frost in the nights. The beginning of this month was warmer than it is for the present, and a few acres of wheat were sown; but a later storm and frost prevented our continuing for perhaps a few weeks. Our brethren here are working a road into Twelve Mile Canyon this winter, and Bishop Kearnes & Co., will before long have an excellent saw-mill running in the same canyon, as there is an excellent supply of timber there. The health of the people is generally good and an enterprising spirit is everywhere visible."

**THE WEATHER.**—We have received the following by Deseret Telegraph line:

American Fork; cloudy and pleasant. Provo; sun shining, very warm; a few clouds. Nephi; very pleasant and seems much like spring, roads dry. Fountain Green; very fine and a little cloudy; it looks like storming. Springtown; cloudy but very warm, roads dry. Round Valley; pleasant and a little cloudy, roads very dry and passable. Fillmore; clear and warm, a beautiful spring morning, roads good. Beaver; very clear and pleasant, roads dry. Parowan; beautiful and warm. Cedar city; a mild, warm, spring day. St. George; clear and pleasant, thermometer 55. Kaysville; snowing hard, snow about two inches deep.

**DIED.**—In this city on the 2nd of March, Eleanor Cora, daughter of John and Eleanor F. Squires, aged 4 months and 5 days. —*Mil. Star* please copy.

**STATISTICAL ALMANAC.**—We have received a copy from the "Montana Publishing Co." of their "Statistical Almanac for 1899, and Year Book of facts, showing the material resources of Montana." It was compiled by Messrs. S. P. Bassett and Jas. Magee, and printed at the *Rocky Mountain Gazette* office. It is a valuable little work, full of information concerning the neighboring Territory of Montana; and its typographical appearance is very creditable. The historical sketches of the discovery and development of the mines of Montana are highly interesting. Altogether, the work is one which should be in the possession of every person interested in the history, development and progress of Montana.

**RAILROAD MATTERS.**—By Hon. B. Young, Jun., who arrived yesterday from Wasatch, which he left on Saturday morning, we learn the following: Wasatch is a pretty "hard" place, with enough "hard" characters to run even a much larger railroad town than is located at the head of Echo. Business was rather dull there partly in consequence of no trains arriving caused by the snow blocking the track; even the "hurdy gurdy" was playing slow tunes, and was not moving as lively as would indicate a thriving business. No

through mail had been received for fourteen days up till Friday last. Forty miles of the 150 blocked up had been opened so that a train could run through, but the snow filled it up again immediately. The permanent track down the North Fork of Echo, is being pushed ahead with vigor, and it is expected that it will be ready for the cars by the first of April. The line down Echo canyon is in good condition. Down Weber the line looks excellent. Daylight is let through the large tunnel in Weber canyon around which a temporary track has been laid. The rails were down over the bridge at Devil's Gate on Sunday evening, and ties were scattered along the line to the mouth of the canyon. There is little doubt but to-day the locomotive will enter this valley; and at the close of this week it cannot be far from Ogden.

**MILITARY BALL.**—Last night a military ball was given in the Music Hall, for the benefit of Adam Paul, who was wounded while on an Indian expedition to Sanpete. The committee were Col. Heber P. Kimball, Col. John R. Winder, Captains J. Q. Knowlton, David P. Kimball, Hamilton Park and John Houtz. The party was a complete success; and we are pleased to say will afford a substantial benefit to Bro. Paul.

**A DECIDED IMPROVEMENT.**—On stepping up to the Theatre to-day, we were greeted with the genial countenance of our friend Mr. Williams in the new box office, he having moved from his temporary sojourn on the east side of the platform. The new office is light and roomy, well carpeted, and is in keeping with the rest of the building; and when fully completed will be a comfortable and handsome office for the Treasurer. Friend Thomas will be pleased to see any desirable number of the public at the ticket window.

**WINTER COME AGAIN.**—The beautiful weather of some time past, has given place to a genuine wintry snow-fall, which commenced a little before 9 o'clock this morning, and has covered the earth with a coat of the "beautiful snow" which promises another season of slush and mud, for there is little prospect of it remaining long after the storm passes over.

**POLICE.**—This morning Alderman Clinton attended to the cases of the following individuals:

F. Lerdiff, for being drunk, was fined \$5. Wm. Starkey, fined \$5 and costs, for drunkenness.

Wm. Hunt Royal was taken up for being royally drunk, and was fined \$5 and costs. James McVicker was arrested charged with stealing, but was discharged.

Peter McCann, for being drunk, was fined \$5.

Isaac Row, for kicking up a row and disturbing the public peace, was fined \$10.

## FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**THEATRICAL.**—Last night, we are sorry to say, owing to the unpropitious state of the weather, a rather slim house assembled to witness Mr. Lindsay's drama of the "Shingawn" on the occasion of his benefit. We do not intend, on the present occasion, to offer more than a word or two by way of criticism on the piece. Not having perused the manuscript, consequently being unacquainted with the groundwork of the piece, we do not think any criticism based on witnessing its presentation last evening, would do it or its author justice. It was a first presentation, and several of the actors were fearfully behind in their parts, which detracted greatly from the success of the piece. From what we saw of the performance we are convinced that the "Shingawn" contains many points of great dramatic interest, but are of the opinion that if the incidents were condensed, and remodelled into a three act piece it would greatly improve it.

This, with a modification of some of the strong denunciatory portions of the dialogue,—errors in style which betray the beginner in dramatic composition, and a more thorough study of the parts, would, on a second representation, we feel confident, secure for this home production of dramatic talent a success commensurate with the most sanguine expectations of its author. We feel to encourage Mr. Lindsay to persevere, believing that study and experience, will develop talent as an author, equal or superior to that which he possesses as an actor.

To-night an excellent bill will be presented. The performance will commence with the beautiful play "Two Loves and a Life," which will be followed by "The Grecian Bend," Dunbar's greatest hit; the whole to conclude with "Nan the good for nothing."

**RAILROAD FROM OGDEN TO THIS CITY.**—A number of gentlemen held a meeting last evening for the purpose of taking the initiatory steps, in conformity with the requirements of the law published in yesterday's NEWS, for the organization of a Railroad Company to build the line between Ogden City and this point. Shares were taken, exceeding to a considerable extent the amount per mile required by the law, and ten per cent. on the sums subscribed was paid in. We hope to soon see this Company in active operation.

**SCHOOL PARTY.**—Yesterday afternoon and evening the pupils and teachers of the 14th Ward Sunday School had a very pleasant party in the 14th Ward Assembly

Rooms. The afternoon was occupied by the younger children, to the number of 175 or 200; and a most pleasing sight it was to see the little dears engaged in their terpsichorean exercises with all the earnestness of children of a larger growth. The Committee of arrangements were bro. James Currie, William Cutler, William Ayland and Richard Ballantyne, Jun.

In the evening, after the dismissal of the youngsters, the elder scholars and teachers and some of their friends had a first rate time until about 2 or 3 o'clock this morning. Bro. Henry Richards was floor manager. Harmony and enjoyment prevailed and all were highly pleased with the party.

We are happy to be able to state that the 14th Ward Sunday School is in a highly prosperous condition. The managers of the School, Elders Thomas Taylor, G. H. Taylor and C. R. Jones are good, energetic men and take a lively interest in the welfare of the pupils. Their corps of teachers numbers about thirty. They have a very excellent library consisting of about 300 volumes.

**SANTAQUIN.**—Bro. D. S. Andrew, of Santaquin, writing on the 1st inst., says the people there feel a lively interest in building up the Kingdom of God. Their attention has recently been forcibly called to sericulture, signs of the times, and co-operation, these subjects having been advocated, by Elders G. D. Watt, O. Hyde, and — Milner, of Provo.

**THAT "MEAT SHOWER" AT SAN JOSE.**—The San Jose *Mercury* of February 18th says, in relation to this extraordinary phenomenon:

There was considerable excitement among our ordinarily unexcitable citizens, on Monday last, in consequence of a shower of fresh meat which it is most reliably asserted fell in the vicinity of Mr. Meserve's place at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the preceding day. Mr. J. S. Bentley brought to this office several ounces of this meat, in small fragments, which he picked up upon the ground where it fell. He says that the meat was scattered over an area of about five acres. His statement is confirmed by a number of others who subsequently visited the spot. A man who was standing out of doors at the time of the shower, relates that he heard a sort of a whizzing noise in the air, when immediately a piece of raw meat fell upon his shoulder. The sky was clear with but little wind. Most of the fragments were very small; but some of them were an ounce or more in weight, and presented the appearance of having been torn apart with the beak of a vulture. Many of our people were disposed to regard the whole affair as a hoax; but what object any one could have in mincing up fresh meat and scattering it over several acres of land, is not apparent. We certainly cannot see the point to the joke.

That the circumstances as related actually occurred we do not doubt. The only question to be settled is, where did the meat come from? One theory is—and it is probably the true one—that an immense flock of crows or vultures had been gorging themselves on some dead animals, probably those drowned in the late flood; and that while flying over the section mentioned, at a great height, one of them was taken sick at the stomach (or rather at the crop), and commenced disgorging. The rest did the same from sympathy! We have heard it stated that in the vicinity of Salt Lake, showers of beetles are sometimes witnessed, which are known to be disgorged from the crops of a species of gulls which abound in that region. These birds surfeit themselves with the insects aforesaid, and then "astonish the natives" by settling themselves down upon their heads. This seems to us a plausible solution of the meat shower problem. A shower of gridiroms could not so easily be accounted for. We hope to hear from our learned savant and philosopher, W. F. Stewart, on the subject.

Has any of our readers ever heard of those showers of beetles, disgorged from the crops of the gulls of this region? It will, probably, be an item of news to them, as it is to us, to hear that we have such showers and from such a source.

**TWENTIETH WARD BRANCH OF ZION'S CO-OPERATIVE MERCANTILE INSTITUTION.**—Last evening a preliminary meeting was held at the 20th Ward Meeting house, to take the first step to organize a Co-operative Mercantile Association in the Ward. W. C. Dunbar, Esq., was called to the chair, and W. Barton appointed Secretary. The meeting was addressed by H. W. Naisbitt, W. C. Dunbar, W. L. N. Allen Esqrs., and other gentlemen, on the objects and benefits of ward co-operation in mercantile matters. It was then unanimously decided that a Co-operative store be established in the 20th Ward, and the following gentlemen were elected as the officers thereof:

Bishop J. Sharp, President; W. C. Dunbar, Esq. Vice-President; W. L. N. Allen, Geo. Romney, C. Sanson, H. W. Naisbitt, B. H. Schettler, Directors; Geo. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer.

It having been decided that the shares be \$5 each, so as to place them within the reach of all the members of the ward, a list of stock taken, was opened and eighty members of the ward took shares. The meeting was then adjourned, subject to call of the directors.

## FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

**THEATRICAL.**—Last night the perform-

ance was excellent; the "Grecian Bend" seemed to give special satisfaction. To night there is a splendid bill. The recitation by Miss Lockhart will be worth more than the price of admission. The pieces selected—the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing and Wallace, the Hero of Scotland, are excellent, and have never before been presented to a Salt Lake audience. Everybody who wishes to have a theatrical treat should go and see that character, so renowned in Scottish history, Sir William Wallace, personated by Mr. Hardie. Miss Lockhart will play Lady Helen Mar. Remember this is Inauguration day, and while General Grant will, to-day, become the recipient of the highest honor the people of America can confer, let "Jim" be the recipient to-night of substantial marks of public appreciation in an overflowing house at his benefit.

**RECOVERING.**—We were glad to see Warden Rockwood around to-day. About ten or twelve days ago he was seized with lung fever, since which time he has been severely indisposed and confined to his room. He is still very feeble, but we are happy to say that he is on the way to convalescence. We wish him a speedy return to his usual health.

**DIED.**—In this City, March 31, Dinah, wife of Charles Ringwood, aged 37 years, formerly of Wymondham, Norfolk, England.

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Funeral services will take place from the residence 20th Ward, Friday, March 5th at 2 p.m. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

**POLICE.**—George Trowbridge, for indulging too freely in intoxicants, paid a fine of \$10. John Haley paid a like sum for a similar violation of good manners.

Thomas Dawson, being short of funds, had to don the City livery, and work out a ten dollar's fine for being intoxicated.

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—The Board of Directors of the Deseret Agricultural Society, met a few evenings since, in the Historian's office, when A. O. Smoot, Esq., was appointed agent to go East and expend \$5,000, in the purchase of an improved breed of sheep to be imported to this Territory. Bro. Smoot, we are informed, will take means from any of our farmers or others, to be invested in Ayrshire milch cows or any other kind of stock. He intends visiting the best stock marts in the East and will take pains to select specimens from the best breeds; and being a man of experience in such matters, we hope that all who can avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded will do so, as the improvement of our breeds of cattle and sheep is an item of great importance to the future prosperity and development of our people and Territory.

**NEW LAW OFFICE IN OGDEN.**—We notice that our old friend Major S. M. Blair is about to open a law office in Ogden City. The Major for some time past has been following other pursuits, the soil, climate and surroundings of the people of Utah not being particularly favorable to the prosperity and well being of members of the legal profession. Major Blair, having an eye to business when there is any prospect of success, knowing that Ogden city is likely soon to become, if it is not so already, a focus or centre stake of "civilization" has determined to settle there for the present, being satisfied that there is every probability of his professional services being in greater demand there than in most any other part of the Territory. We wish him abundant success.

**THE WEATHER SOUTH.**—The *Rio Virgen Times*, of the 17th ult., says "Weather continues Springlike. Although since our last we have had some rain, and the mountains around are white with snow, in these valleys verdure appears and labor in field, garden, and vineyard is incessant. Buds of peach are swollen and show the flower tint. Rose, gooseberry, and currant shrubs are leafing out, and we notice that peas, radishes, lettuce, &c., are up in our grounds. Yes, it is spring and high time grapes were pruned, and all trees, vines and shrubs, to be moved, were put in place at once."

We are having almost unprecedentedly fine weather, here, but we must yield the palm to St. George. If the present spell of beautiful weather continues we may soon hope to see the delightful indications of spring mentioned above; but not just yet.

## Special Notices.

We call the attention of the ladies of Utah generally, to the advertisement in this paper, of Mrs. Bull, agent for, and instructor in the use of, Mrs. Curtis' Prize Models. By the means of these models, with a few hour's instruction, in the method of using them any person of ordinary aptitude and intelligence, entirely unacquainted with the art, may be taught to cut any garment worn by man, woman or child, including cloaks, gored dresses, &c., &c. This advertisement is no sham, it sets forth no more than can be done. Several ladies in this City and vicinity, entirely ignorant before going to Mrs. Bull, can now, after having purchased the models and learned the method of using cut any kind of garment and insure a perfect fit. To mothers especially this method is invaluable, and in the course of a year would save several times its cost. Numerous references of the most satisfactory character can be given if required.