

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 18

**DISCHARGED.**—James Evans, who killed Henry Lucas at Dry Valley, twelve miles from Pioche, has been discharged by the grand jury, at the latter place.

**MORGAN COUNTY.**—Bro. John Toone, just in from Croydon, reports about an inch of snow in that region, feed good on the mountains, stock doing well, and one case of smallpox in the settlement.

**FINE.**—Does any body remember a finer December than the present in these valleys? The cold, however, must be rather severe at nights, for we see the ground cracked by the frost in various places.

**THE BAZAR.**—The Z. C. M. I. Christmas bazar at the Eagle Emporium was opened this morning. The display of goods particularly adapted for Christmas presents is very fine, and the articles are arranged in the tasteful style peculiar to Mr. Candland.

**A MORGUE WANTED.**—Seeing that fatal casualties are of rather frequent occurrence hereabout now, it has been suggested that a regular morgue be established. The floor of the old city prison is scarcely a proper place for bodies on which inquests have to be held.

**NOT LIKELY TO RECOVER.**—We are informed that Mrs. Griffiths, who was shot by her husband a short time since, is not likely to recover, that being the opinion of the surgeon in attendance upon her. She has suffered terribly from the time of her being wounded.

**DEPARTURE.**—Mr. Jones, the humorist and lecturer, left this city for the east this afternoon. The ability of this gentleman is unquestioned. The audiences who attended his lectures in this city were highly delighted with his efforts. He has the happy and rare faculty of incorporating and harmonizing in his subjects sound instruction and pungent wit and humor. His points are always so clear and his comparisons so apropos, combined with an easy yet forcible style of delivery, that he never fails to interest his hearers.

**OGDEN.**—The following are from the *Function of Monday*—

"This morning, at Jos. Harris' yard, a young man was emptying the loaded chambers of his revolver, for the purpose of cleaning it. One of the balls hit a rock and rebounded, striking Mrs. Goodenough, who was at the time on the way to Mr. Strong's school, where she is an assistant teacher. The ball grazed her forehead, but, we are happy to announce that no serious injury was inflicted."

"Upon the arrival of the C. P. train, a Argenta, Saturday morning, a confidence man jumped into the cars, and proposed a game of three card monte. Several passengers staked heavy sums, some losing, others being winners. A reverend gentleman took part in a game, and lost \$1,400. He made an appeal to the conductor of the train, to compel a restitution of his small and hard earned fortune, but without avail. The rogue suddenly disappeared with his ill-gotten gains."

**SMALLPOX.**—A gentleman now in St. John's Valley, Tooele Co., writes as follows, under date of Dec. 16th.

"The disease of which I spoke in my last is now decided to be a malignant type of smallpox. It was first introduced in this settlement by a sister of Bro. Jno. Todd, of this place, who arrived with the last company of emigrants, and whose name is Mrs. McLoud. She had a son about fifteen years of age, who was taken sick on the cars, while en route for Ogden. It was at first feared that he had the smallpox, but, on an examination being made, it was decided that he had a disease called waterpox, which is not at all dangerous.

"Mrs. McLoud arrived in this place during the latter part of November, and stayed for several days at Bro. Todd's. She has since gone to Grantsville, but she went away before any one was known to have the smallpox.

"During her stay here the people had a Sunday school concert, which was largely attended, and during the evening a daughter of sister Duncan, of this place, sat by Mrs. McLoud's son, and she is now very sick with the loathsome disease.

"Five of Bro. Todd's children have had the terrible malady, one of whom, a little girl, about six years old, died last night, and another girl, about fourteen, is in a critical condition. One little boy has quite recovered and it is thought the rest will with good care. These are all the cases known.

"The school has been discontinued and every precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease, the weather is very clear and intensely cold and the ground is dry and dusty, which are all healthful conditions.

"To-morrow has been appointed a day for fasting and prayer, in hope that the Almighty will be merciful and prevent the spread of this disease."

**MINING AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS.**—The following letter we find in the *Territorial Enterprise*: In the case referred to the land was declared mineral by the commissioner. An appeal was taken to the Secretary of the Interior, who held it to be agricultural. After this decision a fil-

ing to purchase as mineral was made on the land, and a protest was made against this on the ground that the land having once been decided agricultural by the Secretary of the Interior, the highest authority, it could not be subsequently entered as mineral lands.

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2, 1872.

"Hon. A. A. Sargent, Washington, D. C.

"Sir: I have the honor to state in reply to your letter of the 18th ultimo, that the N. W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4, section 9, T. 16 N., R. 9 E., etc., is within the limits of withdrawal for the Central Pacific railroad company, but never has been listed to said company, as affidavits had been filed with the Register and Receiver of Sacramento, California, alleging the mineral character thereof. On the 8th of November, 1869, at the instance of S. W. Austin, a hearing was held before the local land officers, to determine the character of said tract, and on the 10th of July, 1871, the Honorable Secretary of the Interior decided the whole tract to be agricultural in character, an appeal having been taken from the decision of this office of January 24th, 1872, in reference thereto. This land having been adjudged agricultural upon the evidence taken at said hearing, cannot be entered under the Mining Acts of Congress, unless such discoveries or developments have been made since the date of said hearing, to-wit: November 9, 1869, as to show that the tract described is of more value for purposes of mining than agriculture. I return herewith the letter from Deal & Clark, dated November 20, 1872, which were referred to this office by you. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

"WILLIS DRUMMOND,  
"Commissioner."

Thus, as has been before stated, land can be entered as mineral or as agricultural, according to what it is shown it is most valuable for, and when once decided on by competent authority, the decision can not be reversed only on the strength of subsequent developments.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 19

**ANOTHER.**—It is reported that materials adjusted for an incendiary fire, were found in the rear of the White House last night.

**THREATS TO BURN THE CITY.**—James Langley was arrested last night on a charge of threatening to set fire to and burn the city. The affidavit against him was made before Judge McKean. Langley is now in the city jail, awaiting examination.

**NEARLY ANOTHER FIRE.**—There was nearly another fire last night at the Salt Lake House, which started about the same time as the one on Mr. Winder's premises. Fortunately it was discovered and subdued in its incipency.

**ARRIVALS AT LIVERPOOL.**—The *Millennial Star*, of November 26th, notes, in addition to the Palestine party, the arrival, at Liverpool, November 19th, per steamship *Minnesota*, of the following persons:

"Elders Anson Call, John I. Hart, Mark Lindsey, John Martin, William Parker, William Birkinshaw, Thomas Snarr, H. S. Gouans, Henry B. Wilde and wife, also sister Mercy R. Thompson, relic of the late Robert B. Thompson, and Mary A. Fielding. All from Utah on a pleasure trip to see relatives and friends, &c.

"Elder Mark Lindsey will return to the Eastern States in about two months, where he will labor as a missionary till Spring, when he will return to Utah."

**DECEASE OF ELDER JOHN R. CLAWSON.**—It is with deep regret that we have to announce the decease of Elder John Reese Clawson, of typhoid pneumonia, last evening, Wednesday, at 10.30, at his residence in this city, after a brief illness of six or seven days.

He leaves a wife and five children. He was born at Utica N. Y., Dec. 23, 1828. Baptized in Nov. 1841. Emigrated to Nauvoo the same year. He was a member of the Mormon Battalion, with which he went through to California, served the full time creditably, and was discharged at Los Angeles, when the Battalion was disbanded. After staying in California a while he came to this City.

In May, 1867, he went on a mission to England, where he presided over the Southampton and Essex conferences. He returned home in 1869.

He was a President of the 17th Quorum of Seventies, was known as an upright, conscientious man, and was highly esteemed by the Presidency and other influential authorities in the church, for his faithfulness, and by the community generally.

Funeral services at the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms at 11 a.m. to-morrow, Friday. His relations, the members of the Mormon Battalion, and his many friends in the city and vicinity, are respectfully invited to attend.

**THE CONCERT.**—There was a full house last night at the Theatre, on the occasion of the concert for the benefit of St. Mark's Hospital, and the entertainment passed off very satisfactorily, some of the performers executing their parts with *ecclat*, while the others acquitted themselves at least creditably. During the performance of the overtures by the orchestra the audience was not quite so orderly as it might have been. Notwithstanding this little drawback the effect of the orchestral music was really enchanting, reflecting great credit on Professor Careless and the instrumen-

talists under his direction. They also acquitted themselves admirably in the concerted pieces.

The vocal genius of the evening was rendered by Mrs. Haydon. This lady is the possessor of a fine contralto voice, which appears to be well under her control, and the simple, pathetic ballads sung by her were rendered with exquisite pathos and sweetness.

Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Gorlinski and all the other vocalists did well, and Mr. Orson Pratt, jun., piano accompanist, performed with his usual well known ability.

The piano used at the concert was kindly tendered for the occasion by Messrs. Calder & Careless, and we may say that the contributions of the musicians, instrumental and vocal, towards the charitable object of the concert, are far ahead of those of any other portion of the public. Their time was largely taken up for some weeks previous by numerous rehearsals, besides the concert performances they giving their services gratis, while the general public had the privilege of merely purchasing their tickets and getting an excellent return for their money in listening to a superior musical entertainment. The burden of credit accrues to those who most actively and efficiently participated in this charitable movement.

CITY, Dec. 18th 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Passing from the question as to whether the fire last evening was caused by incendiaries, to the absorbing question of what is to be done to prevent an outbreak of what may be in process of being engendered in the brain of desperadoes, whose only chance to live is by plundering during this winter, the first suggestion that presents itself is, to establish a fire district; second, inasmuch as "Tinder Box" Street is established on rented ground, to have a tank built there at once; third, to pass an ordinance to compel parties owning or renting houses of residence or business to clean out the ditch in front thereof, to a proper depth, at their expense, as is the case in other cities; fourth, let the people be willing to have an increase of taxes, if necessary, for the purpose of hastening reservoirs and water mains through, at least, the business part of the city, and engage a fire company and pay at least seven members thereof a proper compensation to stay night and day in the engine house, and have the engine always ready for immediate use, the fuel to be such as hastily generates heat; and, finally, to prohibit hay from being stacked in such close proximity to buildings as I see around town, and if there is no help but that the tinder boxes already on Tinder Box Street must yet be permitted, at least insist that no more of this kind of buildings be erected. The building supervisor should be instructed to proceed at once and cause all dangerous stove pipes, &c., to be adjusted safely, either by the voluntary act of the owner, or by the involuntary one of cost, when done by the city, and a fine for gross negligence and endangering other property. This may be called an abridgment of our liberties, but no man's liberty must endanger my house, life or limb. Particularly would I urge the cleaning out of ditches, so that a volume of water can flow when turned in.

**FIRE.**—Last evening fire was discovered in a barn at the rear of the new store fronting on East Temple Street, and near the corner of Third South, recently built by Mr. John R. Winder, to whom the barn also belonged. The fire was first observed by a daughter of Mr. Winder, and as soon as the latter's attention was called to it he hastened to the spot, and found that the fire was confined to a small bundle of straw, on which coal oil had apparently been poured, in the wagon house. He states that if he had had a couple of buckets of water handy at the time he could have conquered the fire in its incipency. The water not being at hand at the time, he endeavored to fight the fire with a board, but the flames got the best of the tussle, and they soon crept upwards and communicated to the hay in the loft over head, and he felt assured then that it was all up, so far as the barn and contents were concerned.

The city fire brigade and the Z. C. M. I. fire company were both at the fire, and rendered all the service in their power. Despite all efforts made to prevent it the flames communicated to a new frame house of Mr. Winder's, fronting on Third South Street and immediately in the rear of D. Clift's large new brick building on the corner. It was evident from the time of Mr. Winder's house taking fire that no efforts could save it from being consumed, being lumber, and the streams from the hose of the engine were directed so as to prevent the fire from reaching Mr. Clift's building, and in this direction the hook and ladder company did fine business with their excellent apparatus. Fortunately the wind was blowing from the north at the time, thus inclining the flames and sparks southwards towards the street, where there were no buildings in close proximity. Had it been otherwise, there is no knowing where the calamity would have ended.

Mr. Winder's loss by the fire, as near as can be ascertained, amounts to about \$3,500, he having spent about \$2,200 in the erection of the partially completed house which was consumed, and the loss of the barn, including a quantity of hay, 400 bushels of wheat, &c., would probably reach \$1,300.

There is little room for doubt that the fire was the work of incendiaries, there being several circumstances which would naturally incline persons to that belief. It is reliably stated that threats have been made by parties lately to burn the city, and a bystander at the fire last night said that shortly before the fire was discovered he saw two men issue from the alley between Mr. Clift's and Mr. Winder's buildings and run westward along Third South Street. He stated that he did not suspect that they had been at any mischief until after the discovery of the fire. It is well known also that this city is now cursed with some characters who are capable of committing any crime in the calendar, and who would stop short of nothing to accomplish their nefarious ends, if they thought they could evade discovery. Such fiends incarnate, when caught in such acts of villainy as incendiarism, thus endeavoring to place at the mercy of a devouring element not only the property of citizens, but the precious lives of men, women and children, should not receive much tempering of mercy with the justice which should be meted out to them. There were men around the scene of the fire last night, who, instead of rendering aid, blasphemed and cursed and pushed each other around, and acted in such a manner as to create confusion.

The City fire brigade and the Z. C. M. I. fire company acted nobly last night. There is one thing which is very essential to matters pertaining to the subjugating of fires, and that is, that it is not the province of every private citizen to give directions as to the *modus operandi*. A large number last night undertook the directing part, and those who shouted the loudest, had the least right to and did the least amount of work.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 20, 1872.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—Elder John I. Hart is appointed to preside in the Nottingham Conference.

Elders Anson Call, Mark Lindsey, John Martin, William Parker, William Birkinshaw, H. S. Gouans, Henry B. Wilde and Thomas Snarr, are authorised to labor in the ministry as they may have opportunity and feel disposed. We trust that their labors may prove both pleasant and beneficial. —*Millennial Star*, Nov. 26.

**FROM LOGAN.**—Brother George L. Farrell, of Logan, called last evening. He informed us the U. N. R. R. track would be laid to Mendon last night, and the grading to Logan be done on Saturday night. The company was short of spikes for the track between the two points named, and it was the intention, if a supply did not soon arrive from the east, to take immediate steps to manufacture a sufficient quantity for the purpose. It was expected that the line would be completed to Franklin next May. An extensive freighting company have promised to ship \$600,000 worth of freight over the line next summer, after it is finished to the last named point.

## ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL BENEFIT CONCERT.

To the Committee of Management of the late Benefit Concert for St. Mark's Hospital:

The Trustees of St. Mark's Hospital beg that you will accept their most cordial thanks, for your generous kindness and untiring diligence in arranging and conducting the late Concert.

They ask of you the continued kindness to make the expression of their grateful acknowledgments to the ladies and gentlemen whose valuable assistance contributed to make the entertainment an eminent success; and they venture to express the special hope that the members of the Orchestra and chorus, whose parts, it is thought, were excellently and painstakingly well done, will not be forgotten.

You yourselves are with the Trustees, they feel sure, in warm feelings of appreciation and gratitude to all connected with the Theatre for their cheerful willingness to help; and to the general public for their liberal patronage and inspiring presence.

It will be the endeavor of the Trustees to make the Hospital deserving of the condenses and kindness that it is receiving at the hands of all.

I am most respectfully yours,  
DANL. S. TUTTLE,  
Chairman.

## DIED.

In the Twentieth Ward of this city, Dec. 18th, of measles, MARY JANE, daughter of William and Mary Graham, aged 23 months and 23 days.

At Paradise, Cache Co., Nov. 21, of typhoid fever, PIERRE ART. ENIE, daughter of Charles and Mary Housely, aged 2 years, 8 months and 12 days.

Also, on Dec. 11th, of the same complaint, MARY H. E. daughter of the same parents as the above, aged 8 years, 9 months and 6 days.

*Mill. Star*, please copy.

At Kirkham Gate, near Wakefield, England, Nov. 7, 1872, of consumption, BENJAMIN WILLOUGHBY, aged 54 years. —*Mill. Star*.

At Ossett, near Wakefield, England, Nov. 9, of consumption, RUTH LINDSEY, aged 44 years. —*Mill. Star*.