

—The Omaha *Herald* says the blackbirds are making terrible havoc with the juvenile hoppers.

—The Omaha *Bee* thinks that the recent Utah decision in the matter of an application for divorce and alimony, particularly for the latter, was a most crushing blow to the chivalrous lawyers who expected to transfer several thousand of another man's ducats into their own pockets.

—The London *Telegraph* says, "A man who claims the ground upon which Cleopatra's Needle, recently presented to the United Kingdom by the Khedive of Egypt, lies, has fenced it round, and demands several thousands of pounds compensation before he will allow the monument to be removed."

—The stockholders of the Maryland Agricultural College lately passed the following resolution—"Resolved, That the board of trustees be requested to make instruction in practical and experimental agriculture the leading feature in the educational system, at the earliest possible moment."

—The Nauvoo *Expositor* of April 27 says, "Several Mormon preachers, among whom was Rev. Stuart, were in the city last Sunday and gave those who assembled to hear them the benefit of several hours' scriptural talk. It seems that there are quite a number of Utah Mormon missionaries traveling about throughout the country, as several of them have passed through this city lately, and we hear of them at other places."

—Horace Greeley is credited with the following sensible paragraph—"There is nothing easier in this wicked world than to edit a blackguard paper, and nothing more difficult than to get up a newspaper free from foulness and blackguardism. Fish women and bar-room loafers are skilled in the art of bandying epithets and bespattering each other with dirty words—it requires no brains to do this; but it does require both heart and brains to print a newspaper that a decent man and woman can read without a blush."

—A Boston gentleman writes thus of Miss Soldene's new comic opera "kicker"—"Miss Soldene is accompanied by the new dancer Sara, who is the most decided novelty put forth this year. She belongs to no particular school or dancers, unless the school of a male Majilton. No other female now existing can kick so high, of whirl so like a dervish. She is rather clumsy, and the miraculous manner in which she can put her knee two inches above her head is beyond belief."

—It is no use looking for the Benders any more. They received rough phenological and physiological handling when they were here in Utah, and now it appears that they are really dead and buried, as an old citizen of Kansas, named Dubois, informs the *Chicago Times* that he was one of the party who followed the trail of the murderous Bender family when they quit Kansas, and that a short, sharp fight took place, which resulted in the summary burial of the whole of said family.

—Builders and plasterers may be thankful for the following—"One of the German scientists recommends the use of sawdust in mortar as superior to hair in preventing cracking and peeling off under the action of storms and frost. His own house, exposed to prolonged storms on the seacoast, had patches of mortar to be renewed each spring, and after trying without effect a number of substances to prevent it, he found sawdust perfectly satisfactory. It was first thoroughly dried and sifted through an ordinary grain sieve to remove the large particles. The mortar was made by mixing one part of cement, two of lime, two of sawdust and five of sharp sand, the sawdust being first well mixed dry with the cement and sand."

—In the cable dispatches from London, April 28, to the New York *Herald* it is stated that Queen Victoria has ordered that the Albert medal, hitherto only presented for gallantry in saving life at sea, be extended to similarly meritorious actions on land, and the first medals under the new rule will be given to the rescuers of the Welsh miners; that Her Majesty's Theatre opened that evening with *Titens* as "Norma" before a brilliant audience, the house, after having been closed a long time, being resplendent with fresh paint and new up-

holstery, at once taking the lead of the London theatres; that the new National Opera House on the embankment is to be completed; and that the London theatres never paid better than now.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 8

Departed.—Mr. R. T. McEwan, of the *Herald* office, has the sympathy of his friends and acquaintances over the decease of his wife, Janet Hogg, this morning.

Recreating.—The members of the Twentieth Ward Institute are spending the afternoon and evening at Lindsey's Gardens, having a pleasant time, exercising in various amusements.

Personal.—Yesterday we received a call from William Parlin, Esq., of the Canton, Illinois, Agricultural Works, who, accompanied by his wife, was on a visit to this city. Mr. and Mrs. Parlin left for the east this morning.

Unnecessary Suffering.—We were informed to-day that a dealer in poultry, on First South Street, is in the habit of plucking the feathers from chickens and cutting their legs off before killing them. This prolongation of the sufferings of a dumb creature is unnecessary and cruel, and we are satisfied that the party referred to will, on reflection, surely desist in future from such a practice.

Benefit Entertainment.—The entertainment given in the 11th Ward School-house last evening, for the benefit of the Sunday school, was very numerously attended. The several young ladies and gentlemen acquitted themselves creditably in the fairy drama, "Sleeping Beauty." After several songs, and a recitation on "Homespun," by Mrs. E. Holling, the farce of "Cherry Bounce" concluded an enjoyable and successful evening's amusement.

District Court.—Tuesday, May 8th, morning.

Salt Lake City vs. Joseph Russell; on motion of J. L. Rawlins, attorney for plaintiff, it is ordered that the appeal be dismissed on payment of the clerk's fees, and that procedendo issue to the Court below.

Salt Lake City vs. S. Maltese; same order.

Salt Lake City vs. James Robbins; same order.

David Hillhouse vs. Horace Bliss; continued by consent.

John S. Hanke vs. Nicholas Groesbeck et al; jury trial in progress.

Suit of Samuel Kahn vs. Old Telegraph Mining Company still in progress.

Severe Accident.—About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, John Acomb, conductor on the Sandy train, Utah Southern Railroad, had his right leg very badly crushed and mangled, between the ankle and knee, the bone being broken and splintered. We understand that the accident was caused by the brake on one end of a car that was backing toward another networking, when Mr. Acomb ran to the opposite end, thinking he could reach and work the brake there in time to prevent a collision. He was too late, however, and the cars collided, smashing the platform of each, between which the limb was caught. One of his fingers was also injured. On arriving in the City he was conveyed to his home in the 6th Ward, where he was soon attended by the Doctors Richards, aided by Dr. Anderson. The injuries are necessarily very severe, but the surgeons are in hopes of being able to save the leg. We learn to-day that Mr. Acomb passed a tolerably comfortable night, and that he is doing as well as could be expected.

Escape of Prisoners.—We learn from a gentleman from the north, of an escape of two prisoners from the Brigham City jail last Friday. On that day most of the inhabitants were indulging in a holiday, in a grove, some distance from the town, and, taking advantage of the opportunity of getting away unobserved, one Clinton, serving out a term for larceny, and Joseph Johnson, under commitment for non-payment of a fine, imposed for disturbing the peace and resisting and striking the officers of the law, succeeded in forcing the door open and escaping. It is supposed they received some aid from parties on the outside. It is somewhat unfor-

tunate that the building is not enclosed by a wall. Two other prisoners confined at the same time, Joseph Jensen, for the same offense as Johnson, and one Glassner, committed, at Corinne, to await the action of the grand jury, on a charge of larceny, made no effort to get away. The parties who escaped have not yet been recaptured.

The same Glasner referred to gets a very unenviable character from the people of Corinne. It appears he is one of those smooth, oily, cunning, insinuating fellows, aided in his nefarious and swindling practices by a fair education.

Cannibalistic.—The case of nose-biting that occurred recently, on the borders of Alpine City corporation, referred to in a brief communication in yesterday's News, was particularly barbarous. The parties are Whiting and Myers, formerly residents of this city, and brothers-in-law. A person claiming to be cognizant of the facts states that Whiting first bit Myers' nasal organ till his teeth men, when the latter retaliated by biting the facial protuberance of Whiting clean off and spitting it out upon the floor. It is also stated that Whiting's wife stuck the piece on again, but, in her excitement, placed it the wrong way, giving it an upward tendency. Its posture was finally changed to the original one, and surgical aid being called in and a large amount of plaster being applied, it was considered likely that the mutilated article would take root again. It is also stated that one of the parties in the same encounter had the end of one of his fingers bitten off, that the detached fragment could not be subsequently found, leading to the inference that the cannibalistic individual whose molars severed it, had swallowed it whole.

It is a matter of congratulation that such exhibitions of brutal ferocity in human beings are of rare occurrence.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 9.

Unexpected Return.—Last evening the family of Elder Joseph Toronto, of the 18th Ward, who has been on a mission to his native country, Sicily, were pleasantly surprised by his unexpected return home, after an absence of sixteen months. Accompanying him were fourteen natives of Sicily, nine of whom are related to him.

Suicide.—The following came by Deseret Telegraph this morning—
EPHRAIM, May 8th,
9.05 p.m.

Editor Deseret News:

Yesterday Kersten Johnston fifty years of age, committed suicide by taking poison. Her reasons for doing so are unknown. She was considered a respectable woman, and leaves a husband and four children.

A Mistake.—We are informed, by the poultryer referred to as plucking chickens before killing them, that the parties giving such information were in error. He says that himself and other dealers in poultry first dispatch the fowls by drawing their necks, then pluck them, before entirely detaching the heads from the trunks, this method being adopted to keep the feathers free from blood.

Museum.—There have been received from Davenport Museum photographs of the gas tablets. From the University of Sidney, Australia, important papers on the minerals of New South Wales, and on the formation of mass gold and silver, by Professor Archd. Liveridge, of the Royal School of Mines, London. Also a pamphlet by Dr. A. S. Packard, Jun., describing a new form of myriopod, found in Clinton's Cave, Utah, and other western fauna.

Heavy Loss.—Mr. John Sloan has only recently discovered the real extent of his loss by the late robbery of his boiler shops. He has kept missing his tools, some of them of considerable value, until, together with a large amount of material carried away, he could not replace what was stolen for less than a thousand dollars. Besides being a heavy loss pecuniarily, the robbery has caused much inconvenience to him in other respects, as for instance when the nature of his work required the use of certain special tools he would discover for the first time that they had been stolen.

Improving.—Hon Wm. Jennings has pulled down the older portion

of his mansion on South Temple Street. This was the original portion, and years ago, when W. C. Staines, Esq., owned it, was considered one of the neatest and prettiest residences in the city. That was about the time of the "Buchanan war," at the close of which Governor Cummings lived in the building for a short time. We understand it to be the intention of Mr. Jennings to build on the old site an addition to the present more modern part of his residence, and in a similarly palatial style. Mr. Wm. Paul, sen., architect and builder, has charge of the work.

Missionaries for Europe.—The following is a list of the missionaries who left this city for Europe on Tuesday morning—

Joseph F. Smith, accompanied by his wife and son; E. D. Woolley, Jr., Bengh Wilson, Carl Olsen, Joseph Cowley, Samuel L. Adams, Jr., Jens Anderson, John Peterson, H. B. Clawson, Jr., Joseph Bull, Jr., Royal B. S. Young, John McCarthy, Samuel Claridge, accompanied by his sister, Warren B. Smith, Daniel Jacobs, John R. Young, Wm. H. Branch, Jr., Erasmus W. McIntyre, Charles Nibley, F. S. Richards, Thomas Lockyear, Job Rowland, Alma L. Smith, Thomas Hancock.

Besides the foregoing, J. G. Hafen, missionary to the eastern States, accompanied the party. It was expected they would be joined by a number of others at Ogden and between the latter point and Echo.

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

Petition of Mrs. McLellan, a widow, for the privilege of conducting a small grocery business, on South Temple Street, free of license; referred to the committee on license.

William Crouch, on his own application, was employed as a special policeman.

The ordinance in relation to railroads was referred to the committee on municipal laws.

The Mayor presented his report of expenditures from the contingent fund placed in his hands,

which was received and approved. The sum of \$500 was appropriated, as a contingent fund, subject to the order of the Mayor.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of J. C. Swaner and others, for the opening of 10th East Street, between 3rd and 4th South, recommended that the Marshal be instructed to cause the opening of the said street to its full width; adopted.

The same committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hale and others, asking for the opening of Third West Street, between 7th and 8th South, reported adversely on the same; adopted.

The City Attorney presented his report, which was read, accepted and ordered placed on file.

Sundry bills, for labor done on Union Square, and for trees, \$57.25, were allowed.

Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

District Court.—Wednesday, May 9th, morning.

Salt Lake City vs. James Robbins; procedendo stayed.

Salt Lake City vs. S. Maltese; same order.

Salt Lake City vs. Joseph Russell; same order.

Russell & Juvel vs. Baker & Nelson; continued by consent.

John S. Hank vs. Nicholas Groesbeck et al; thirty days given to plaintiff in which to file statement and move for a new trial.

Charles C. Thurston vs. Joseph Richardson; jury trial; the jury find for the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,043.70.

At Lindsey's.—The Eleventh Ward Sunday School have a good time at Lindsey's pleasure grounds to-day, the Twentieth Ward seminary to-morrow, and St. Mark's school on Friday.

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