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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 10.

AppleTree Insects.—The Curator of the Museum will be pleased to receive specimens of insects such as infest the apple trees in this city, for investigation by the distinguished entomologist Dr. A. S. Packard, who has done so much to benefit this country by his researches in relation to destructive insects.

Deseret Museum.—The Curator returns thanks to Brother Graves, of Provo, for a handsome specimen of silk made in Utah County. Also to Brother Dan James, of Tooele City, for a fine specimen of charcoal made from mountain mahogany. This is the most compact kind of charcoal that is made in this Territory, and can be supplied in any quantity by addressing as above.

Fish Culture.—County Fish Commissioners for Utah Territory can receives copies of "Directions for making fish ponds, dams, etc., with plates describing the various structures for raising fish, etc.," by applying to Joseph L. Barfoot, Box 332 Salt Lake City. Persons requiring copies can obtain them by sending their names and postoffice address, as above, and enclosing a three cent stamp for reply.

Drowned.—The *Herald* (Ogden) learns by private letter from Midway, Wasatch County, that the family of Mr. John Huber, living in Snake Creek Valley, a few miles from the settlement, has been afflicted by a deplorable accident. On the 19th of April their little daughter Matilda, born May 8th, 1877, fell into Snake Creek in an unwatched moment, and was drowned in the foaming torrent. The corpse of the little one was found an hour after by the sorrowful father.

Sudden Separation.—On Sunday afternoon, Neils Larsen, a blind man, was driving his wagon, containing his wife and several children home from meeting, when upon passing the Eagle Gate, going eastward, the kingbolt broke and away went the horse with the tongue and forewheels, leaving the driver and other inmates upon the ground with the box and hind-wheels. The party, one of whom was an infant, were pretty well shaken up by the fall, and it was thought the baby's thumb was sprained, but no further damage was reported.

An English Artist.—We had a pleasant call this morning from Prof. Wm. Armitage, late of London, England, who has just arrived in Utah, with the intention of making this his permanent home He has been a pupil of the Royal Academy of Arts and a student at the British Museum. Among his own, were members of the family of Baron Rothschild and the late Lord Lyndhurst. Mr. Armitage will take a limited number of pupils in oil and water color painting, and in drawing. For further information apply at Savage's Art Gallery.

Painful Scald.—Mr. Phillip Kimball, fireman on the Utah Southern freight train, was severely scalded by the bursting of an engine flue, yesterday afternoon, while the train was leaving Santaquin station for Salt Lake. He was standing near the fire box at the time, through which the escaping hot water and steam came gushing, and the whole of his left side and limbs were scalded. The engine was so disabled that it had to be sent after by a special locomotive from this city. Mr. Kimball, was brought up on the regular evening express, and is now at his home in this city, and progressing favorably. The scald, though painful, is not serious and will have no permanent consequence.

Returned Elders.—Elder William W. Turner, of the 21st Ward, arrived in good health last Thursday from his mission to Europe, having been absent from home two years and five days. His labors were confined to the Birmingham Conference, an extensive field, including Northpamtonshire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire and Shropshire. He baptized 55 new members, rebaptized 5, blessed 17 children, and organized three new branches. He closed his work in the latter two of the above named shires, baptized 16 persons in one day, and left seven other believers for his successors to initiate into the Church. He did a great deal of out-door preaching, traveled over 3,700 miles while in England, and, as is evident from the above statistics, was richly blessed in his efforts to spread the Gospel. He is endowed with the gift of healing to a remarkable degree, and was thus enabled, through the help of the Lord, to administer much to the relief of the afflicted. He returns in good spirits, feeling greatly benefited by his missionary experience.

We had a pleasant call on Saturday from Elder W. W. Willey, of Bountiful, who returned with the company of Saints reaching this city last Thursday evening. Bro. Willey was absent from home just eighteen months and fourteen days, and spent all the time in Great Britain, laboring in the London Conference. He returns in good health and spirits.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY MAY 11.

Swiss Saints.—The first company of Saints from the Swiss Mission, this season, will leave Bern on the 14th inst. They number from 60 to 65 persons. So we learn from private correspondence.

Gone South.—The following party left for Sanpete this morning: Prest. John Taylor, wife, son and daughter, Prest. Joseph F. Smith and wife, Prest. Wilford Woodruff and wife, Apostle F. D. Richards, Apostle John H. Smith, Prest. John Van Cott, Patriarch John Smith, Elders George Reynolds and George F. Gibbs. Their destination is Manti, to attend the Stake Conference on Saturday and Sunday, but they will hold meetings on the way, commencing to-night at Nephi, Fountain Green and Moroni.

The Co-op. Scrip Case.— This was the day set for the trial of the case of Z. C. M. I. vs O. J. Hollister, for the recovery of $9,500, tax assessed on the scrip of the Institution by the defendant as U. S. Collector, together with the accrued interest on that amount, since it was paid over pursuant to an order of the Court to that effect. This afternoon the attorneys, witnesses and jurors were in attendance, awaiting the close of the case of James McKnight *vs.* Henry Collins, which preceded the above action on the docket, but as the trial continued longer than was expected, the jurors and witnesses in the other case were excused until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Official Changes.—We learn from the Bear Lake *Democrat* that Hon. J. C. Rich has resigned his office of Auditor and Recorder of Bear Lake County, and that John U. Stucki has also resigned his office of Treasurer of said county.

Wm. L. Rich has been appointed Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of J. U. Stucki.

J. U. Stucki has been appointed Recorder of Bear Lake County, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation first mentioned.

Geo. B. Spencer has been appointed also by the Board of County Commissioners to the office of County Sheriff, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Christian Wallantine. These changes go into immediate effect.

The Home Dramatic Club.—On Saturday evening, the 28th inst., and on Monday evening, the 30th (Decoration Day), the Home Dramatic Club of this city will perform, for the first time away from Salt Lake, at the Union Opera House in Ogden. The first night they will present the "Banker's Daughter," the justly celebrated play which created such a furore, and won for the Club its enviable triumph for last winter. Their second appearance will be in "Coralie," an entirely new piece, just arrived and never yet played in Utah. The casts of both dramas will include the favorite actress, Miss A. A. Adams, the full strength of the Club, and other talented ladies and gentlemen from this city. An orchestra of ten instruments, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Willard Weihe, the talented young violinist, will supply the music. Our Weber County friends should not fail to see these performances. We can promise all who patronize them, a rich dramatic treat.

The Tax Case Non-suited.—This morning, Chief Justice Hunter rendered a decision in the case of George Crismon vs. the Bingham Canyon and Camp Floyd Railroad. This action was brought by the plaintiff, as tax collector of Salt Lake County, to recover from the defendant the taxes due and delinquent for the years 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $3,840. Messrs. Sutherland & McBride argued the case for the defendants, and Messrs. Royle, Merritt & Baskin for the plaintiff. The defendants objected to the taxes for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877, assessed under the act of the Legislature of 1865, on the grounds that the assessments were not properly made, for those years. The reasons assigned were:

1st. That no sufficient description of the defendant's property was contained in the assessment rolls for those years, and that they did not contain the proper headings.

2d. That the figures denoting the value of the property were not prefixed by the $ mark or by other prefix denoting the value.

3d. That the assessment rolls were not made and returned by the officer within the times required by law.

4th. That the rate per cent. for the county levy was not written at the head of the tax roll, as required by law.

5th. That the tax rolls were not made in accordance with the provisions of the statute of 1865.

These objections were sustained by the Court last Monday morning, after elaborate argument by counsel, and the assesment rolls and tax lists for those years were excluded from being given in evidence.

As to the taxes assessed for the year 1878, the defendant objected on these grounds:

1st. That the assessment roll for 1878 did not contain a sufficient description of the property of the defendant.

2nd. That the assessment did not give the name of the defendant correctly.

3rd. That the tax roll for that year was not certified by the county clerk at the time required by the act of 1878, and before its delivery to the tax collector.

4th. That the tax imposed on the defendant was not prefixed by the $ mark.

5th. Because the collector, not having a properly certified tax roll in his possession, had no warrant to distrain for taxes, and that until he had such a tax roll, he had not exhausted all the remedies by distraint, as required by law, before bringing suit, and therefore could not maintain this action.

The Court overruled the first and second objections of the defendant, and sustained the third, fourth and fifth objections, and consequently excluded the tax roll, whereupon, on motion of defendant, a non-suit was granted, to which plaintiff excepted, and proposes to take the case to the higher courts for final determination.

The latter decision was given this morning. The arguments in the case have consumed nearly four days. The opinions, for the most part, were given orally, hence we can only give our readers a synopsis of the points decided.

Mobs in South Russia are attacking students as well as Jews.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY MAY 12.

How It Occurred.—According to the Park City *Mining Record*, the death of Nymphus H. Murdock, of Heber City, mentioned by the NEWS several evenings ago, took place as follows:

"On Tuesday last, while N. Murdock, in company with several others, was trying to break a jam in the logs that were being floated down the Provo, he missed his footing and fell into the jam. He at once struck out down the river to escape, and had just succeeded in catching hold of some willows and was drawing himself up out of the water, when a large log struck him in the back, nearly crushing him and causing instant death."

The Scrip Case.—Owing to the case of McKnight vs. Collins, continued from yesterday, occupying the fore part of to-day the case Z. C. M. I. vs. O. J. Hollister did not commence until about half-past two o'clock this afternoon. At this time the empanneling of the jury took place. J. L. Rawlins, Esq., appeared as counsel for the plaintiff, and Judge Van Zile and J. H. Beatty, Esq., for the defendant. Mr. Rawlins stated the case to the jury, and the jurors were then examined as to their qualifications to sit upon the case. Rulon S. Wells, a juror, being an employe of Z. C. M. I., was excused from acting, Hugh Anderson another juror, admitting bias against one of the parties, was also excused. Mr. Jake Heusser, who answered affirmativly to the question as to whether he stood in the relation of debtor or creditor to either of the parties, was excused. John S. Scott, having admitted that he had formed an opinion in the case, was challenged for cause by counsel for the plaintiff, but the challenge was not sustained. Plaintiff excepted. These proceedings were in progress as we went to press.

Match Making.—The next important enterprise to be inaugurated in our midst, is one which has as its object the manufacture of a superior article of matches. An expert recently arrived from Scandinavia, has been engaged by a company of twelve of our citizens, all Swedes, to superintend the manufacturing, and in about six weeks, the industry is expected to be fairly established and in operation. It is the design to make an article of matches which cannot be surpassed by anything in that line now imported into the Territory. They will be of a kind that cannot be ignited, except by friction upon the box which contains them, and will therefore be as thoroughly safe as any now on the market. The business will be upon such a scale as to furnish two or three hundred people with work, in box and match making and various other employments, and some of the labor will be simple enough to be done by children. The matchmaker is a personal acquaintance of Mr. John C. Sandberg, one of the leading spirits of the enterprise, who says he knew him in Scandinavia, where he superintended one of the largest match factories in Europe, and cleared his employer a fortune of over a million dollars. They exported largely to other countries outside of their own, some of their goods even going as far as Japan and other Asiatic nations. The factory now in course of erection is situated in the southeastern part of the city.

The projectors are all men of moderate means, but for some time have been setting aside from their monthly wages a certain percentage for a fund with which to give the new business a proper beginning. The manufacturing will be done mostly by machinery, which has been imported from Scandinavia for that especial purpose. The matches will not only compete in quality with those of foreign make, but in respect to prices, the company do not propose to have their goods undersold by any other matches in the world. If these representations are correct, and the facts just as they have been stated by those about to enter into this worthy undertaking, we wish it all possible success, and hope the people of Utah will evince a similar spirit in a more substantial way.

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