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TERMS IN ADVANCE.

DAVID O. CALDER,
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 29.

Nothing Doing.—No cases in the police court to-day. This speaks well for the city, in holiday time.

Lakes of It.—The streets of this city are fair representations, in many places, of canals of mud, and if a change does not soon occur in the atmosphere it may be necessary soon to pry up the crossings to obviate the necessity of pedestrians resorting to boats and stilts.

In Nashville.—We see, by a communication from him in the Nashville Democrat of December 24, that Elder Junius F. Wells is in that city and actively employed.

The Democrat speaks of an address delivered by him, in Marlin's Hall, on the Sunday evening previous, "on the principles of Mormonism," as "quite interesting."

Weather.—After very fine, mild, weather, cloudiness, blusteriness, rain, and attempts at snowing, for several days, this morning the trees and the ground and the buildings were actually arrayed in white, and it did seem for an hour or two as if the storm of the winter had commenced at last. But the promise did not hold out, and the snow lay only about two inches deep.

Deseret Silk Association.—There will be a meeting of the Deseret Silk and Manufacturing Society at the City Hall on Monday, January 3rd, at 6 p. m. We extend an invitation to all who feel interested in the raising or manufacturing of silk, or who can give any information on the subject, from the hatching of the worm until the silk is manufactured and ready for use.

REUBEN SIMPSON,
Sec'y pro tem.

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

Petition of F. J. P. Pascoe, asking that he be not required to pay license on his smelting works, north of the city; referred to committee on improvements.

Petition of Joseph Warburton and others, asking that Tenth East street, between Seventh and Eighth South streets, be opened for travel; referred to committee on streets and alleys.

Petition of Salt Lake City Street Railroad Company, for the privilege of building a double track from their line on First South street to their stables on Second East street, and similar tracks on such other streets, not already granted, as the necessities of the public may demand; referred to committee on streets and alleys.

Petition of H. Wagener and Wm. Showell, for leave to put down a plank crossing on the intersection of Second South street and the alley running between and parallel with Commercial street and East Temple street; granted, during the pleasure of the Council.

Petition of George Showell for leave to erect a water spout for filling sprinkling carts, on North Temple street; referred to committee on water works.

Petition of Fritz Fullreider, asking that the amount of an unexpired license be transferred to another license; granted.

Petition of Mary Guiver, a widow, residing at Butcherville, for the privilege of keeping a dog without a license, being unable to pay for it, and representing that she lived in an isolated part and needed the canine for protection;

decided by vote to license the dog and remit the amount.

Petition of Jonathan Chatterton, representing that his son, eight years old, while looking at the men engaged in laying the City water pipes, was struck in the eye by a piece of a chisel, which broke while being used by one of the workmen, and by which his eye was destroyed, and he maimed for life. The petitioner asked for pecuniary relief to aid in defraying surgical and other expenses, he being poor and unable to meet them; referred to committee on claims.

Report of the Street Supervisor for the quarter ending November 30th, showing an expenditure of \$1,954.65, was referred to the committee on claims.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Morris and Evans, asking the privilege of burning a kiln of brick, at their yard, at the rear of the Theatre, reported that they had discovered that the kiln was filled and ready for burning before the passage of the recent ordinance on Fire Limits, etc., that the proprietors would suffer loss if not granted the privilege they asked for; also that, there being no fire brick in the city, parties desiring supplies of the article would suffer loss, and the committee therefore recommended the passage of an accompanying resolution granting the prayer of the petition; report received and resolution passed.

The committee on public grounds, to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Gibson, for the privilege of quarrying sandstone in Red Gulch, near the base of Ensign Peak, recommended the granting of the prayer of the petition, under specified stipulations; report adopted.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the bills of physicians for medical attendance upon Affleck and Brandley, injured by a cave in the water pipe drains, and a bill for hospital supplies, amounting, in the aggregate, to \$116 00, reported them correct and recommended their payment; report received and amount appropriated.

The matter of damming up the waters of City Creek and using the same for a skating pond, at Pleasant Valley, was referred to the Marshal.

Adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 30

Sleigh Riding.—The merry jingle of the sleigh bells is again heard on the streets of this city.

Wintry.—Wintry weather appears to have fairly set in, the air being cold at nights. A snow-fall of about six inches last night and this morning.

About to Leave.—Colonel J. H. Wickizer, special mail agent for this western district, having been removed to a similar office in Georgia, with headquarters at Atlanta, expects to leave for that State in about a week.

The Utah Northern.—It is announced that on and after Jan. 1st trains on the Utah Northern R. R. will leave Ogden daily at 9.20 a. m., Franklin at 9 a. m., and Logan at 10.55 a. m. Trains to and from Corinne will be discontinued.

Argentiferous.—We are informed that a gentleman named W. Barbee brought five tons of silver ore from the neighborhood of St. George the other day, assaying \$600 to the ton. He states it was taken from the same locality as the Temple rock was quarried from.

Extensive.—The late snow storm extended pretty much all over the Territory, excepting in Southern Utah, beyond the rim of the basin, where it is quite pleasant. Yesterday the snow was about fifteen inches deep at Beaver, and four inches at Nephi.

Hunting.—This is harvest time for deer hunters, and consequently numerous parties are sallying forth to the mountains, armed and equipped. Yesterday a young man of the Fourteenth Ward killed a fine deer on the other side of Ensign Peak, bringing it in about four in

the afternoon. While out he saw a bear and cub, but did not tackle them. He also shot a porcupine.

Shooting.—John Allen and William Coffield, while celebrating Christmas at Evanston last Saturday, became quarrelsome and Coffield was pitched into the snow. He then drew his revolver and fired at Allen, who knocked the pistol aside, the ball scooting up the street and into the right leg of Wm. Hayes, who had nothing to do with the squabble. Hayes' leg was frightfully injured, and Coffield, who is sometimes called Foster, was locked up in jail.—Ogden Junction, Dec. 29.

Rapid Cure for Catarrh.—In the last "Annual Record of Science and Industry," is a remedy for catarrhal cold which, from its constituents, should prove more or less efficacious. It is given on the authority of Hamilton, who says it will remove the severest affection of the kind in about ten hours. The recipe is as follows: 10 drops of carbolic acid, 7-5 drops of iodine, and the same of chloroform. A few drops of this mixture are to be heated over a spirit lamp, in a test tube, the mouth of which is to be applied to the nostrils as soon as that liquid vaporizes. The operation is to be repeated after an interval of two minutes, when the patient will deliver a number of vigorous sneezes; and then his troublesome symptoms will quickly disappear.

Serious Accident.—While a lad named John Hall, about fifteen years of age, an adopted son of Bishop Lorenzo D. Young, was harnessing a mare in the stable of that gentleman, this morning, the animal kicked him in the stomach, rendering him insensible, in which condition he remained a considerable time. After consciousness returned he remained for nearly an hour unable to speak, and breathing only with much difficulty, and his sufferings were very intense, until relieved by medical aid, administered by Dr. Seymour B. Young, who was called to attend the patient as soon as possible.

The injury being in a vital part, the case may prove dangerous.

Missionary News.—We extract the following from a letter from Elder Moroni H. McAllister, dated at Viola, Wis., Dec. 20th—

"We held two meetings yesterday (Sunday). The attendance was slim in the afternoon, but there was a full house in the evening. Elder Miles P. Romney spoke of the setting up of the Kingdom of God in the latter days, basing his discourse upon the image seen in vision by Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel's interpretation of its meaning. He had the spirit of God upon him all the time. I bore testimony to the truth.

"We were invited to the Viola House, Mr. Hulls, proprietor, and were most hospitably entertained. We shall hold meetings to-morrow (Tuesday) at Seelyburg, next night at Rockton. We expect to go to Dale Court in a few days. We shall go to Michigan next Spring, if all be well. We shall probably stop in this State for the winter, making Viola our headquarters."

At Tucson, Arizona.—Quite a number of immigrants arrived here yesterday from Utah. They started out on a mission to preach the gospel in Mexico, but may conclude to stop in Arizona. They understand this kind of country and all about irrigation, and are very much pleased with what they have seen of the territory and the reception given them by the people here.

The names of the gentlemen composing the party are—Captain D. W. Jones, Heleman Pratt, J. Z. Stewart, Ammon M. Tenney, R. H. Smith, A. W. Ivins, Wiley H. Jones; Mr. J. Z. Stewart being secretary. We believe they are Mormons by profession, but they are very intelligent men and just suited to develop a new section of country.—Tucson Citizen, Dec. 14.

The Weather.—Per Deseret Telegraph line, 3 p. m., Dec. 30—

Fillmore—Cloudy, blustery, snow five inches deep.

Parowan—Snow about 15 inches, seems clearing off now.

Cedar City—Very cold, rather cloudy, snow fifteen inches deep.

St. George—Clear with cold north wind blowing, no storm yet.

Hebron—Cloudy and windy, about four inches snow.

Nephi—Very cold, snow twelve inches.

Payson—Cloudy, cold, snow about four inches.

Franklin—Clear and pretty cold, about four or five inches snow.

Logan—About four inches snow, turning cold and freezing.

Brigham City—Cold and cloudy, about one inch snow.

Corinne—Two inches snow, cold and cloudy, seems clearing off.

Ogden—Bitter cold and wind blowing, four or five inches snow.

Moroni—Snow about 12 inches, very cold.

Manti—Very cold, snow about 7 inches on level, drifting considerable.

Richfield—Pretty cold to-day, but no snow scarcely, and not very cloudy.

Mt. Pleasant—Snow about two feet deep.

Silver City—Stormy, snowing, snow 3 feet deep.

Bingham—Snow one foot and snowing now.

Correspondence.

Visit to the Hill Cumorah.

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Editor Deseret News:

We felt as though we could not be satisfied in leaving this part of the country without visiting the spot around which gather so many interesting reminiscences of the past. We presume Cumorah would be oftener visited by our people, when travelling through the country, were they aware of the trifling expense and loss of time necessary in doing so.

Brother F. Little and myself left Clyde on a western bound train a little after 9 a. m., Dec. 14th, and in about an hour arrived at the beautiful village of Palmyra, in the western part of Wayne county, N. Y. We found a livery convenient to the station. In reply to our inquiries, the proprietor informed us that he was familiar with the spot we wished to visit and would drive us to it. In a few minutes we were on the road. There was about an inch of snow on frozen ground and the road was smooth from travel. In a short time our driver pointed to an abrupt hill, a little distance ahead, as the place we were seeking for.

In a few minutes we turned to the left into a lane which crossed the north end of the hill, and led around to the east side of it, to the residence of Mr. Anson Robertson. Although the day was a very unpleasant one for sight-seeing we could not but feel a little enthusiasm, and started at once for the top of the hill. A fierce west wind was blowing, which drove the falling snow into our faces, and sent it scudding along near the surface of the ground into the hollows, and to form drifts on the lee side of the numerous rail fences which divide the farms of the country into small fields.

These circumstances made the ascent of the hill seem a little difficult, and might have affected our estimate of its height, grade, &c. On the top we found a couple of lind or basswood trees, nearly joined together by the stump of another which had fallen a prey to the woodsman's axe. These slightly broke the face of the wind and F. Little, with characteristic perseverance, took out his memorandum book, drew a rough sketch of the hill, and made a note of its probable altitude and of its surroundings.

A fine road runs from the village of Palmyra south fourteen miles to Canandaigua, passing through the village of Manchester, seven miles south of the former place. The hill Cumorah is about four miles south of Palmyra, runs nearly

parallel with the road, and the north end is about two hundred yards east of it.

It is about 300 feet across the north foot of the hill, the top of which we estimated to be 200 feet above the level of the surrounding country. The grade of the hill is about 300 feet in length, forming an angle with the plane of the horizon of about forty-five degrees. In the centre of the north end is a swell in the ground, termed in Utah a "hogback," extending from base to top, where it flattens out a few feet in width. The hill continues very abrupt on the east and west sides for some three hundred yards south, when it begins to spread, and in the distance gradually loses itself in the level of the country.

With the exception of a few scattering trees the north end is denuded of timber for some 400 yards, while beyond much of the natural forest still remains. On the north end of the hill, but on the west side of the swell of ground which runs up its slope, and near the top, the traditions of the country locate the spot where the "Mormon Bible" was found.

The hill is about twenty miles south of Lake Ontario, in the northern part of Ontario county. The line between Ontario and Wayne counties, and also the township line between Manchester and Palmyra run, east and west, about midway between the hill Cumorah and the village of Palmyra.

This section of country has a peculiar surface formation of parallel ridges, running nearly north and south, often several miles in length, and varying in height, few however exceeding the altitude of Cumorah. The north ends of these hills are invariably the highest and most abrupt portion of them. They have a gradual depression southward, until lost in the general level of the country. But there is one peculiarity about the hill Cumorah. While its abrupt altitude would give it prominence almost anywhere in the country, it stands alone, as if singled out from its fellows for a specific purpose. For three or four miles around the country has a gently undulating surface, interspersed with fields, forests and farmhouses. The nearest eminence resembling it is Prospect Hill, on the edge of the village of Palmyra, four miles distant, which is a place of pleasurable resort in the summer season.

In our visit we met with those whose facial expression seemed almost to suggest a doubt of our sanity, in being so much interested in "Bible Hill." This reminds us of the vast chasm which separates us, in thought, in interest, in present realizations and anticipations of the future, from those who live around this interesting spot.

While I would not detract from the interest or pleasure of others in visiting the ivy-clad castles, the ruined cities, and the battle fields of the eastern hemisphere, there is no spot on earth, except Gethsemane and Calvary, around which the reminiscences of the past gather such mighty interests of humanity as around Cumorah. In this vicinity slumbers the dust of several millions, the remnants of two mighty peoples who here made their last great struggle for existence. For over fourteen centuries it has been the tomb of their inspirations and history, which have been resurrected in the nineteenth century by the revelations of Heaven to develop the last great dispensation of salvation to men.

This interesting spot is easily accessible to our people. The passenger rates on the New York Central railroad are uniform, two cents per mile. In travelling either way persons can ticket to Palmyra without additional cost. Livery charges will doubtless be found reasonable; or it would be only a pleasant walk in good weather to Cumorah and back for those a little accustomed to pedestrian exercise. We were back in Palmyra a little past noon, and in Clyde at five o'clock p. m.

JAMES A. LITTLE.