

past four months been diligently practicing and rehearsing the Oratorio of the "Messiah," the most celebrated work of the greatest composer of the sacred oratorio which the world has yet known. The first public performance of the "Messiah" took place in the city of Dublin, Ireland, in the month of April, 1742, and from that day to the present it has held its position in all the civilized world as the acknowledged masterpiece of all musical compositions of the class to which it belongs. Such works as the "Messiah" take the same rank among musical compositions as the plays of Shakespeare among dramatic productions, and to ensure their true interpretation the genius of the actor or musician, while not of the same order as that of the author or composer, must be of the same high character; and hence in the public rendering of such works as the one under consideration the very best musical talent of the world is often engaged, and short of that it is vain to hope for anything like an adequate rendition and exposition of their marvellous intricacies and beauties. And this being well understood by operatic managers and conductors it is seldom that such efforts are made in cities of less pretensions than New York, Boston, Philadelphia or Cincinnati, and we are informed that, except in San Francisco, the oratorio of the "Messiah" has never been performed in the United States in any city west of Chicago.

In view of these facts it may seem somewhat presumptuous for a city no larger than Salt Lake to attempt the "Messiah." But it should be remembered that an ardent love of music is a characteristic of the people of our city, and that among its citizens are many enthusiastic, and not a few skillful, musicians; and while it is not to be expected that a superb composition like the "Messiah" will be rendered with the style and finish given to it by artists eminent in the musical profession, there is very good reason to believe that the performance which will take place at the concert in the Theatre next week will be highly creditable to, and will increase the fame of, the musicians of Salt Lake.

The rehearsals of the "Messiah" by the society are now drawing to a close, and having attended the last held, we feel no hesitation in saying that, so far as the choruses are concerned, their rendition will be far ahead of any effort of the kind yet made in Salt Lake City; while among the solos some will undoubtedly elicit admiration and be greeted with warm applause.

The members of this musical organization are deserving of praise for their courage in undertaking the study of a composition like the "Messiah," and for their perseverance in mastering many of its difficulties. Their efforts can not do other than give increased impetus to the cultivation of music in this Territory, and we hope that on the evening of Thursday next, they will be greeted by a crowded, admiring and appreciative audience.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAY 28.

The Measles.—Silver City, Nevada, has the measles, a good many of them, fifty children full in the public school.

Easier.—We are pleased to be able to state that President Smith has been considerably easier last night and to-day.

Flagstaff Centre.—Flagstaff Centre is the new name of the junction of the street railroad branches, at the intersection of East Temple and First South Street.

West Jordan.—We are requested to announce that the two days' meetings which were announced for West Jordan on Saturday and Sunday, June 12th and 13th, are postponed until further notice.

Street Railroad.—Three car loads of iron have been received for the eastern end of the 20th Ward branch of the street railroad, and track-laying will be re-commenced on it next week. The cars for that division are expected every day, having been shipped at the same time as the iron.

Careless Shooting.—There was another case of dangerously careless shooting near the mouth of City Creek yesterday morning. Some boys fired three shots, the bullets striking quite close to a person who was getting out a load

of sand. The firing occurred in the near proximity of some houses, where people are in danger of being hit by shots thus carelessly fired. It is the duty of these witnessing such acts to have the parties arrested and punished.

Prostitution.—This morning a woman of the town, an inmate of the Kate Flint establishment, was before Justice Pyper on two separate charges, one for prostitution and the other for selling liquor without license. Both charges being sustained, a fine of one hundred dollars was imposed in each case, the counsel of defendant giving notice of an appeal to the District Court.

Kate Flint herself has been arrested on a charge of keeping a house of ill fame. The case is set for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Attempted Housebreaking.—We are informed that an attempt was made last night by a burglar to enter a lady's room, in the house of Mr. Harrison Sperry, 4th Ward. From what we could learn of the affair, it appears that the lady heard somebody at the window, got up and planted herself close by with a double-barrelled shot-gun. By and by, from some cause, the fellow outside went away, the lady remaining at her post until he was gone. After he was gone she proceeded to let down the hammer of the gun, when it slipped and snapped the cap, but did not discharge the gun, which was still pointed at the window.

Nocturnal Pedestrians.—In these days of garrottings and rumors of garrottings it is peculiar, not to say rather amusing, to observe the movements of nocturnal pedestrians upon the streets of the city. Men, on seeing each other approach in the grim darkness, side, sometimes one toward the fence and the other toward the ditch, turn half around, clutching nervously behind, as much as to say, "Look out, I'm armed," and, anticipating the dread command, "Your loose cash or your life checks!" they pass each other finally and wonder why they had been so foolish.

The streets are more free from pedestrians after dark now than they have been for years previously.

A Garrotter Pounded.—Last night a man whose name we can not recollect for the moment, a Scandinavian, was walking along First South street, on his way home, when a ruffian pounced upon and seized him by the collar, and demanded his money. The man thus attacked had no pistol with him, but, being imbued with the spirit of the times, vigilance, was carrying in his hand a good sized rock, and he answered the demand of the scoundrel by pounding him with it on the side of the head and knocking him down. The cowardly rascal called, "Murder," and, as soon as he could, got up and ran away. The person attacked failed in doing his duty fully, for he should have arrested the fellow and taken him to the City Hall.

A Peaceable People.—It speaks well for the patience, forbearance, and peaceable disposition of the people of this City, that amid the prevailing burglaries and street assaults, the burglars and assaulters do not get badly hurt. We are acquainted with a few citizens who will not hesitate a second to use buckshot doublebarreled if the lawless gentry happen to wake them up. Perhaps some others of the citizens, however, will require a good deal of provocation before they get fiercely waked up even by the burglars *et al.* But these precious gentry should recollect that it is difficult to say who will and who will not shoot when they "get mad" enough. Even "Dolly Spanker," good tempered soul as he was, "got mad" when he was satisfied he was being badly imposed upon.

Sent Him Up.—A man named Charles Doman was taken before Justice Pyper this morning, on a charge of vagrancy, the accused having been lounging about town and sleeping on the streets at night without any means of support.

The court remarked that existing circumstances, when there were so many bad characters prowling around, demanded that such parties should be taken care of by the city, for if they were allowed to go at large the probability was that they would have to resort to stealing to live. The charge of vagrancy be-

ing sustained, and in consideration of the feeling of insecurity existing in the community, the accused was fined \$50, with the alternative of working fifty days.

We presume there is not a sensible citizen in the community but will sustain the reasoning and action of Justice Pyper in the premises.

Post Mortem and Coroner's Inquest.—In consequence of certain rumors concerning the suddenness of the demise of the late Charles M. Treseder, and the discoloration of the body, the remains were exhumed and a *post mortem* examination was made, at the cemetery, last evening, by Drs. F. B. Benedict, Anderson, Fowler and Young, and this morning an inquest was held by George J. Taylor and a jury, at the office of Dr. Fowler. These whole proceedings showed clearly that deceased had been treated for his malady in the manner most approved by the medical faculty generally, but that the disease was necessarily fatal, and that not the slightest blame could attach to the attendant physician.

A verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts, being to the effect that deceased came to his death by peritonitis, superinduced by enteritis, and that the treatment adopted was the best that could be applied, so far as known, under the circumstances.

Secure Your Tickets.—Arrangements have been completed with the Utah Southern Railroad for the conveying of excursionists from this city to American Fork, next Tuesday, on the occasion of the Sunday School children's Grand Jubilee in honor of the anniversary of President B. Young's birthday. The train will leave this City at 8 o'clock in the morning and, returning, will leave American Fork at 5 in the evening, reaching home shortly before 7.

The demand for railroad conveyance in Utah County on that day is nearly double what was anticipated, and the gathering will probably be therefore very large. Owning to that large demand there, it is likely that some of the excursionists from here will have to ride in flat cars, which will be fitted up for the purpose. Those particularly desiring to ride in covered cars should apply at once and secure their seats.

Tickets can be obtained from George Goddard, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School Union, and the price of them is, for adults, 75 cents, and for children 50 cents. It is expected that a large number of children, accompanied by their superintendents, teachers and parents, will go from this City.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 29.

"Woman's Exponent" Office.—The office of the *Woman's Exponent* is on South Temple Street, opposite the Eagle Gate.

William Beasley.—William Beasley, late of South Meadow Lane, Preston, Lancashire, England, there is a letter for you at the office of Bishop Edward Hunter.

President Smith's Health.—We regret to have to state that there appears to be no perceptible change for the better in the condition of President George A. Smith.

Battered Him.—The gentleman who battered the garrotter on the head, on First South Street, night before last, was Mr. Sunbeck, carpenter, resident of the 20th Ward.

Street Railroad.—The Street Railroad company have run a line of rails and curve from the First South Street track into the old Wells Fargo workshop premises, on Second East Street, where will be the stables for the Warm Spring Branch of the line. President Young's blacksmith shop will be on the same premises.

Appropriate Hereabout.—The *Cleveland Herald* has the following—

"I want to catch burglars," says the New York chief of police to his men, "but you must remember that it's best to shoot 'em first and catch 'em afterward." That would be a good order for chiefs everywhere to promulgate."

Fine and Imprisonment.—This afternoon Kate Flint was tried before Justice Pyper, on a charge of keeping a house of ill fame. It was a clear case against the accused and the Court imposed a fine of \$100, and imprisonment in the City

jail for thirty days. The counsel of the accused gave notice of an appeal, and the prisoner was taken in charge by an officer, pending the filing of the necessary bond.

The Tootle Case.—In the Third District Court, this morning, the matter of the application of Mr. Bates, selectman of Tootle County, for a writ of mandamus to reinstate him in office, from which he claims to have been illegally ousted, was decided. The writ was denied, on account of an informality in the application, he merely having averred without having made the proper proof of the facts. The application will be renewed.

Attempt at Burglary.—Attempts at burglary are becoming so exceedingly common as to become almost a matter of course as a part of each day's gossip. The house of Mr. Reiban, a German, residing in the 8th Ward, is the last point of attack heard from. Some person or persons with burglarious intent, made an endeavor to gain ingress by the windows, about half past two o'clock this morning, but failed to effect their purpose. Subsequently they returned and renewed their efforts, but without success.

Monroe Mail Matter.—This is the way in which a correspondent writes from Monroe, about the carrying of the mails to that place, which we hope will soon be remedied—

"The tardiness of the mail matter to this place has become a great nuisance. A great portion of the mail matter due here on Saturday is left at Gunnison until the next mail, which arrives here on Tuesday afternoon, making the Wednesday's issue of the NEWS almost a week old by the time it arrives here. We can make as good time with our freight teams, without the assistance of the Utah Southern R. R., which spans almost half the distance. To Gunnison, we understand, there is a daily mail conveyed by coach. To this a tri-weekly is conveyed on a poor pony, and to accommodate this poor pony part of our mail matter is often left at Gunnison until a convenient season. We hope to see the proper authority remedy this matter."

Water.—To obtain a complete water supply for his premises, at the corner of First South and Second East Street, Mr. Feramorz Little has had a well dug on South Temple Street, nearly opposite the residence of Mr. Le Grand Young. In the summer season this well will have a water supply of about fifteen feet in depth, and this is being tapped by digging and tunneling a considerable distance and laying iron pipes, giving, in the whole distance, a fall of not less than thirty-five feet. This large fall is a great advantage, in that it will enable Mr. Little to convey the water to the highest rooms of his large new house, the erection of which has already commenced, besides supplying fountains, which are always an enchanting auxiliary to a fine residence. Should he desire to have such as are capable of throwing up powerful jets, the well will provide, it is believed, a permanent and copious supply of water. The work of excavating for and the laying of the pipes is now going on, Mr. William Calton, of the First Ward, being the contractor.

Disgraceful Melee.—From a gentleman from Alpine, Utah County, we have gleaned some particulars of a most disgraceful row, which occurred at that place in the latter part of last week. Six or seven young fellows went there from Lehi and American Fork, for the purpose of driving stock. They appeared bent on raising a disturbance, each being armed with a six-shooter, although they were only under the influence of liquor to a limited extent. One of them struck a man named Sylvester Macdonald, and some of the latter's brothers interfered to rescue him, when a regular melee ensued.

Wm. Brown, a policeman, interfered for the purpose of restoring order, when he was struck violently over the head and face with some kind of a heavy implement. Mr. Albert Marsh, chief of police, a very quiet, peaceable young man, arrived on the spot and sought to quell the disturbance and he also was severely beaten and abused by the young fellows. One of his eyes is so severely injured that it has been completely closed up ever since, and his nose was severely battered. Since the affair a large splinter of wood has been extracted

from his face and he still suffers great pain.

One of the rowdies drew and cocked a pistol, but before he could use it David Macdonald seized his arms and held him until he was disarmed. All the parties are now under arrest excepting one Mulliner, for whom the officers are on the look out. Another young fellow named Greenwood took a conspicuous part in the affair.

An examination of those under arrest will be held next Thursday, before Justice R. T. Booth.

It is probable that the most guilty parties will be bound over or committed to await the action of the grand jury of the First District.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 1.

Another Fight.—There was another disgraceful fight at Wagener's brewery last Sunday.

Tabernacle Services.—Elder Orson Pratt preached in the New Tabernacle on Sunday afternoon.

Enlarged.—The retail store of Z. C. M. I. has been enlarged, as business in that department keeps increasing.

Health of President Smith.—The health of President George A. Smith, we regret to have to say, is much the same as it was.

Cold and Stormy.—The atmosphere last night was freezingly cold, and June introduced itself this morning by a light fall of hail and snow.

Paid Her Fine.—Kate Flint paid the fine part of her sentence and we understand the imprisonment part was remitted, so the case will not go to the District Court on appeal.

Distinguished Visitor.—Yesterday Hon. J. W. Killinger, Member of Congress from Pennsylvania, was in this City. He left for the East this morning.

Stopped for Repairs.—The City Hall clock has been stopped for repairs, and it will probably be a week or more before it will be in going order again.

Office Removed.—As the building now standing on the Hooper corner will soon be taken down to give place to the proposed Deseret National Bank building, the Salt Lake Herald has removed to premises adjoining the post office.

Decoration Ceremonies.—The ceremony of decorating the graves of the deceased soldiers of the rebellion was observed at Camp Douglas on Sunday. The procession from this city was very large, many citizens of different classes joining in it.

Child Drowned.—We learn that Evan John, son of Phebe Jones and R. J. Davis, aged one year and nine months, was accidentally drowned in Devil Creek, Malad Valley, May 11, he having apparently wandered from the house to the creek.

Mountain Alligator.—A fine specimen of the mountain alligator has been presented to the Deseret Museum by Mr. Joseph E. Johnson of St. George. The little fellow is about nineteen inches long, is orange and black in color, and in form strongly resembles the ordinary alligator.

Two Days' Meetings at Mill Creek.—We are requested to announce that Two Days' Meetings will be held at Mill Creek Ward on Saturday and Sunday, June 5th and 6th, and that the home Missionaries of Salt Lake County and Saints from adjoining Wards and settlements are cordially invited to attend.

Accident.—The Ogden Junction, of Saturday, says that on that day as Mr. Richard Richards, an employee on the U. P. R. R., was coupling cars his left hand was caught between the buffers, the first and second fingers being so badly crushed that they had to be amputated. Drs. Waugaman and Condon performed the operation.

At Lindsey's.—Yesterday many hundreds of people spent the day, or a portion of it, at Lindsey's gardens. Things were lively up there, the grounds being fairly alive with people. The younger pleasure-seekers enjoyed themselves on the swings, whirligigs, giant strides, &c., while the more sedate and aged rambled through the gardens or quietly slipped their ice cream, and other summer luxuries. The pole climbing for prizes afforded great amusement to the youngsters.