

as they rule in a great many instances, it is not probable that they will consent to the introduction of such a system. True, a large number of the women of Massachusetts, where it is impossible for thousands of them to marry under monogamic law, because the females are so largely in excess of the males, petitioned the Legislature to pass a statute permitting men to marry more wives than one. But their action would not be endorsed by the masses of their sex.

If the ladies of the nation were willing, the men, generally, are not fit for the duties, responsibilities, cares, restraints, anxieties and expenses of polygamic life, nor endowed with the patience, forbearance, self-denial, charity, large-heartedness and wisdom necessary for the peaceful and harmonious government of a polygamic household. They are not pure-minded enough to enter into the relations of a true husband to several loving, chaste and honorable wives, but prefer indulgence in secret liaisons and irresponsible departures from monogamic rules.

Plural marriage can only be practised successfully under religious regulations. Where the religious instinct is not paramount it will prove a failure. And as that is fast dying out of the national heart, it is not likely that Bible marriage will become national.

The query has been sprung in consequence of the rumor that Utah might possibly be admitted into the Union as a State. Uninformed persons—of which there are many millions, in regard to "Mormon" affairs—jump to the conclusion that if Utah should become a State, polygamy would receive national recognition. This is a very great mistake. Utah has no system of marriage as a Territory. DESERET would not come into the Union as a polygamic State, for marriage would not be mentioned in its constitution. Here it is a religious contract and ceremony, and the State would interfere with no religion of any kind. The State would not acknowledge polygamy. If it entered into the Union it would join the great sisterhood of States on equal grounds with all. There would be no essential difference with them, except that the Constitution of the new State would be more liberal, especially to minorities, than most of the old ones.

Editors may then rest in peace on this question. If the nation wants polygamy, all right. But if it doesn't, there is nothing in the admission of Utah which would affect the question even in the most infinitesimal way.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 20.

A Charitable Gift.—The Bishops of this city can each obtain a ton of coal, for the use of the poor of their various wards, by applying to Abram Gould, Esq., at his office, a few doors north of the Deseret Bank. The beneficent present is from a well known gentleman of this city, who desires only to be known as a friend to the poor.

Address Wanted.—P. T. Farnsworth, Jr., of Beaver City, wishes to know the post office address of John Meyer, a missionary from Utah, who departed for England, either in the summer of 1881 or 1882.

Anyone possessing the information desired, will confer a favor by sending it to Mr. Farnsworth, at Beaver, or to this office.

Y. M. M. I. A.—As several associations will discontinue their meetings during the holidays, it is thought advisable for the visitors from one association to another, throughout the city, to postpone their visiting until the first week in the new year, commencing on Monday, 6th.

JOSEPH H. FELT,
GEORGE C. LAMBERT,
JOHN W. TAYLOR.

From the "Enquirer"—Joe Hickman, son of "Bill" Hickman, was captured in Cedar Valley, a few days ago, and taken to Lehi, to answer to a charge of cattle stealing. Bonds, \$500.

On Friday last, the large canal owned by the Provo Bench Irrigating Company, broke at a sand point about half a mile from where it comes on to the Bench. The wash is a fearful one. It will take from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to repair it.

Beef Shipment.—The second car of Utah dressed beef, for the California market, goes west to-day, and another car is on hand ready to be filled. The beef is of the finest quality, dressed neatly and packed securely in refrigerating cars for shipment to Oakland.

Messrs. Ames & Company have struck the right market for the enterprise, and Salt Lake is the most eligible point for the establishment of the central agency. Messrs. Vanderlip and Faust who are energetically at work forwarding the new business, inform us that the exportation will average a car daily; each containing over 20,000 lbs. Ames & Company are well known as a wealthy and enterprising firm, and being assisted at this point by competent and reliable men, will no doubt establish a permanent and well-paying business.

Y. M. M. I. A.—Times of meeting in the different wards of this city:

		P. M.
First Ward,	Monday,	7.30
Second Ward,	Wednesday,	7.00
Third Ward,	"	6.30
Fourth Ward,	Thursday,	7.30
Fifth Ward,	Tuesday,	7.00
Sixth Ward,	"	7.00
Seventh Ward,	"	7.00
Eighth Ward,	"	7.00
Ninth Ward,	"	7.00
Tenth Ward,	Saturday,	7.30
Eleventh Ward,	Tuesday,	7.00
Twelfth "	"	7.00
Thirteenth "	"	"
Fourteenth "	Wednesday,	7.00
Fifteenth "	Tuesday,	7.00
Sixteenth "	"	7.30
Seventeenth "	"	7.30
Eighteenth "	Wednesday,	7.00
Nineteenth "	Tuesday,	7.00
Twentieth "	Thursday,	7.30
Twenty-First "	Wednesday,	7.30

Social Gathering.—A pleasant social gathering was held last evening in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, as a farewell testimonial to Elder George H. Taylor, previous to his departure on his mission to Europe. There were present, President John Taylor, Elders Wilford Woodruff and Joseph F. Smith, of the Twelve and a portion of the families, Prest. A. M. Cannon of this Stake, Prest. F. M. Lyman, of Tooele, Bishop Thomas Taylor, the teachers of the Ward and of the Sunday School, the ladies of the Relief Society, the members of the ward choir, and a few select friends. After singing and prayer, the entertainment commenced. About nine o'clock a bounteous supper was partaken of, and with divers social amusements, which the choir and others varied with choice vocal selections, the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

Brother George H. Taylor holds the offices of superintendent of the 14th Ward Sabbath school and counselor to the Bishop, in both of which he has faithfully discharged his duties as a servant of God. The members of his Ward and many others will miss his efficient labors in their midst, but feel to sustain him with their faith and prayers in the discharge of the new duties which he has been called upon to fulfil.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 21.

Expected Home.—Hon. George Q. Cannon, Utah's Delegate to Congress, is expected home next Tuesday evening, to spend the holidays.

For St. George.—Any person going to St. George with a team will do us a favor by calling at this office, and may also hear of something to his own advantage.

At Queenstown.—We learn by telegram from New York, that Elders Orson Pratt and B. S. Young, on board the steamship Wyoming, arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, last night.

Home Mission.—In consequence of Christmas occurring on the last Wednesday of this month, the Home Missionary meeting on that night will be postponed until Monday evening, the 30th inst., at six o'clock, in the Council House.

Notice.—The presiding officers in the Salt Lake Stake of Zion are requested to notify me of any changes in the Presidency of the Quorums of the Priesthood, so that I may, at as early a date as possible, prepare the list for presentation to our Quarterly Conference.

WM. W. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Stake.

From the "Junction."—Joseph Bush, the man convicted at Ogden

of stealing a horse belonging to Hon. L. J. Herrick, will probably be brought to Salt Lake for safe keeping.

The Union Pacific pay car reached Ogden last evening. The company's employees are jubilant, and why not?

County School Superintendent, L. F. Monch, expects to leave Ogden for the north in a few days, for the purpose of visiting and holding school examinations in the various settlements.

Women's Conference.—The joint annual conference of the Stake Relief Societies and Y. L. M. I. A. convened at the Council House, yesterday, at 10 a.m. Mrs. M. I. Horne presiding. There were present, as visitors, Apostle Joseph F. Smith and President Angus M. Cannon, who, after the reading of the various reports, both addressed the meeting.

In the afternoon, the presidents of the Stake branches occupied the time in verbally representing their societies.

This morning the conference resumed its session in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Mary A. Freeze, as superintendent of the Y. L. M. I. A., presiding.

Reports were read from the Young Ladies' Societies, and the remainder of the forenoon was occupied by President Angus M. Cannon.

The conference is in session as we go to press, and will adjourn this afternoon for the quarterly meeting, three months from date.

The Academy Concert.—The Brigham Young Academy concert in Provo, last night, was one of the best entertainments of the kind that city has ever seen. Not only were the various exercises rendered with commendable excellence, as an amateur performance, but a very large audience, including a number of our own citizens were in attendance, a good spirit prevailed, and nothing occurred to mar the harmony of the occasion. The entertainment was opened by prayer, by J. M. Tanner, President of the Polycephal Society, under the immediate supervision of which the concert was given, and a variety programme followed, in which songs, choruses, readings, recitations, addresses, tableaux, dramatic sketches, etc., were all blended with propriety and good taste, and were promptly met by the hearty applause and other evidences of appreciation, of which they were in every way worthy. The musical portion of the bill was under the direction of Miss Susie Young. The object of the concert was to exhibit the character and partial results of the Academy as an educational power, and all who were present could not but admit that the performance honored the institution in whose name it was given.

Arizona Items.—From a letter dated the 29th ult., from Elder E. W. East, Woodruff, Arizona, to Brother James M. Barlow, of this city, we glean a few items of news concerning the condition of affairs in our neighboring Territory. The writer was temporarily stopping at Woodruff, with his family, but as yet had not determined on any place for permanent settlement, though busily engaged in exploring and searching for a desirable location. In company with others he had gone up the Colorado about 47 miles, to the foot of the White Mountains, nearly opposite the head of the river, and found some fine sections of country, with good soil, fine grasses, and plenty of the best water, the Little Colorado at that point being entirely free from salt, soda, sulphur, iron or any other mineral. The climate was about like that of Salt Lake, its being cold was the only objection Brother East had to it.

Round Valley was also a fine tract of land fast being cultivated, and very convenient to Camp Apache, a military post.

Another small valley on the Concho was a very desirable place, but was already partly inhabited by Mexicans, or "Greasers," whose proximity was not considered so agreeable. This was the warmest valley the writer had seen except Forest Dale, which was entirely occupied by Latter-day Saints. Fine Irish potatoes, squashes, turnips, beets, etc., etc., had been raised in abundance, by the brethren in several places, and Brother East had sent to Prescott for some sweet potato seed, with a view to planting it also. He feels confident that Arizona will rapidly settle, and advises all who intend go-

ing there to go at once, and not put it off until all the best land is taken. Brother East and family are in good health, and at the date of his letter, he was on the eve of an exploring trip to the San Francisco mountains, after which he intended to settle down.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 23.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Our next Quarterly Conference of this Stake will be held in the Theatre, of this City, on the 4th and 5th of January, 1879, commencing on Saturday, the 4th, at 10 a. m. The building will be made comfortable, and has been obtained with a view of accommodating as many of the brethren and sisters as possible.

ANGUS M. CANNON,
DAVID O. CALDER,
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,
Presidency of the Stake.

Pleasant Call.—We were right glad, this morning, to shake the hand of Mr. Frank J. Cannon, our sometime co-laborer on the NEWS, but since the advent of the Ogden Junction as a morning issue, one of the editors of that paper. Fatted calf we had none, but such as we had we gave. A hearty welcome.

Fine Weather.—The beautiful weather we are now having brings many people out upon the streets. Some of the stores, especially those where Christmas toys and candies are for sale, are so crowded with customers there are not clerks enough to wait on them. Dwyer's books, Davis' candies, Savage's pictures and Rowe's boots and shoes are going like dew before the morning sun.

Reorganization.—The South Cottonwood Y. M. M. I. A. was reorganized last Tuesday evening. About 50 young men were present and many new members were enrolled. The annual election of officers was held, with the following result: James Godfrey, president; James C. Peterson and Edwin Brown, counsellors; Wm. Bradford, secretary; Edwin L. Davis, corresponding secretary; Hans J. Rasmussen, treasurer; W. V. Morris, librarian.

Fatal Mishap.—This morning, about nine a.m., at Bingham, William Gibbons was killed while descending a shaft of the Bingham Bedrock Tunnel Company. He was going down on a rope, when the loop in which he had his foot parted, and he was precipitated into the bottom of the shaft, a distance of sixty-five feet. When taken out, life was almost extinct. He expired in an hour after the accident.

From the "Junction."—Messrs. Nickum and Smith are the publishers of a new paper called the Ogden Times. (We wonder if they are the "good times" the Junction boasts about.)

Mr. E. G. Maclay, senior partner in the Diamond R. Freight Company, a highly respected young gentleman, who has been staying in Ogden for a month past, attending to his business, while conversing with his friends on Saturday Morning, was suddenly stricken down with paralysis. At last accounts he was lying in his room in a speechless and critical condition.

"Enquirer" Items.—The post office in Provo came very near being destroyed by fire, last Thursday morning. Mrs. Cunningham, the postmaster, discovered the lath and plaster wall, through which the stove-pipe passed into the flue, to be in flames. Herself and daughter promptly applied a few buckets of water to the blaze, which had penetrated to the outside shed, and the building was fortunately saved from destruction.

A good school teacher is wanted for the First Ward, Provo City.

At a meeting of the Utah County Co-operative Stock Association, last Friday afternoon, a dividend of 16 per cent. was declared on the capital stock of last year. A new election was held of officers to serve the ensuing year.

A Reprehensible Practice.—A habit with some people living on North Temple Street, is to empty ashes, refuse and debris, from around their houses, into the water and on the sides of the culvert on that street. The stream is now so high that it carries all this refuse along with it, and makes the water

unfit for household purposes. This is the only source from which people living in the vicinity can obtain their supply of water, and their complaints have been long and loud against the nuisance, which seems to increase rather than diminish. We respectfully call the attention of the proper authorities to this matter, as it is evident that foul water is very detrimental to the health of those who use it. Many cases of diphtheria exist on that very street.

Returned Missionary.—To-day, we received a call from Elder David Williams, of the 15th Ward, who for nearly eleven months has been on a mission to the Southern States, laboring during his absence, in the counties of Polk and Harrison, Georgia, in company with Elder Andrew S. Johnson. The latter expects to return home about the first of March, with Elder John Morgan, the efficient president of the southern mission. Five persons were baptized under the hands of Brothers Williams and Johnson, and many more believed. The people of the south were very kind and hospitable, as a rule, and more liberal in their religious views than in many other sections of the country.

Brother Williams returns in good health, which has never failed him during his mission.

A Family Gathering.—From a correspondent, we learn that on the 18th inst., the family relations of Simeon Dunn, of Brigham City, Box Elder County, held a grand social reunion at his residence. Early in the afternoon, a bounteous feast was partaken of, and the remainder of the day, up to 6.30 p.m., devoted to social games, readings, conversation, anecdotes, etc., in the latter of which the aged and respected veteran took an active part, by relating the principal events of his experience since joining the Church. His life having been quite an eventful one, closely associated with many of the early scenes of the Church, in Nauvoo and elsewhere, the narrative was of much interest to all assembled. The occasion was a very happy one in general.

From Arizona.—We had a visit this morning from Brother Jas. T. Woods, formerly of the 14th Ward, of this city, but now, of Brigham City, Arizona. He is one of the pioneers of the mission, and has been a resident there three years, himself and son being the only two remaining in Brigham City, of those who went from Salt Lake in the spring of 1876. He is well pleased with his new home, and describes the changes manifest on the whole face of nature, since the emigration of the Saints to the southern country, as something marvellous. The withered wastes are now covered with fresh grasses, the brackish muddy waters are clear and pleasant, the soil has been made more productive, and the elements are tempered and softened in many ways for the convenience and comfort of the settlers.

The people of Brigham are united and prosperous, and a general good feeling prevails. Brother Woods has come north to recuperate, having by hard work injured himself so as to necessitate medical treatment.

Providential Escape.—On Saturday about 11 a.m., a little six year old son of Mr. Ernest Young, of the Fourteenth Ward, had a narrow escape from a terrible death. He was riding on one of the loaded gravel teams, coming from the bank in the 18th Ward, and when descending the grade just before Kimball's mill, the gravel beneath him shifting, he was caught upon one of the hind wheels and carried forward to the ground, where the wheel passed over him. At first it was thought he must have been cut in two, there being about 4,000 lbs. of the load, but on the arrival of Dr. Benedict, it was ascertained that no bones had been broken, though it was feared the little fellow must have been seriously injured internally. He was taken home and cared for, even the Doctor not daring to hold out any encouragement for his recovery. This morning our reporter on visiting the house was astonished to find the injured boy one of the first to greet him at the door, apparently perfectly at ease, and able to tell his own story. That he escaped as he did is a matter of much surprise and congratulation.