

its representative, or representatives."

**Surgical Operation.**—A. J. Atkinson, of Newton, Cache County, who has been afflicted the last two years with a tumor on the right breast, had it extracted on Monday the 19th ult., by Dr. Ormsby, junior, of Logan.

The tumor was found to be of the "osteosarcomastus" kind, weighing about three pounds and having a circumference of about ten inches.

Owing to the precariousness of the situation of the tumor, it being in such close proximity to the right lung, much care and skill was necessary to its safe extraction, rendered more so, upon making the incision, as it was found that the ribs, underneath the tumor, had been completely destroyed and decomposed, and upon the removal of the tumor, only a thin membrane covered the lung, the movement of which could be plainly seen. The loss of blood incident to the operation placed the patient in a very critical condition, aggravated by the nature and extent of the cavity, owing to the entire removal of the ribs before referred to.

All abnormal substances being removed, the wound was thoroughly cleansed and carefully dressed, with a view to produce *first intention*. The patient was diligently watched and cared for, until Thursday, Jan. 22nd, when the wound was examined and re-dressed, and found to be in an excellent condition, giving every indication of a speedy recovery.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 28

**Municipal Wards.**—In another column will be found an ordinance, by which the City is divided into five municipal wards. All who are interested should read it.

**Alert Hose Ball.**—The ball given by the Alert Hose Company of firemen in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, last night, passed off in a very satisfactory manner, and was well attended.

**Meeting of Superintendents and Teachers.**—The usual monthly meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers will be held in the City Hall, Salt Lake City, on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. A full attendance of the Superintendents and Teachers of the County Sunday Schools is earnestly desired and invited.

**That Lecture.**—Mr. Savage's lecture on the "Mysteries of Light," in the 10th Ward school house, last night, was well attended, the large hall being filled. The lecturer was in one of his happiest moods and delighted the large audience with his well executed experiments, and lucid explanations of the principles he enunciated. He kept the people in good humor by many jocular sayings which tended to make the lecture to go off lively.

**A New Industry.**—Mr. A. P. Rockwood has started a new industry at his fish farm. He has gone into the business of raising minx. He is confident that the furs of the little animals raised in this way, being properly cared for, will be much more glossy and otherwise superior to those of the wild animals, which seems reasonable. The fur trade is not very lively this season, there being comparatively but little demand for them. In fact every branch of industry appears to have suffered by the present dullness of the times.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
Jan. 28th, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir:—In your impression of Jan. 17th, you stated that small-pox had broken out at my house, one block east and half a block south of the 10th Ward schoolhouse. I beg leave to state that such is not the case, as the quarantine physician told me that it was not small-pox, but a humor in the skin.

By publishing this you will much oblige,  
Yours truly,  
WM. BALL.

**Lecture at Ogden.**—The Increased Faculties and Powers of Resurrected Man" was the subject of a lecture delivered last night by Elder Orson Pratt, before the Young Men's Literary Institute, Ogden City. The lecture occupied nearly two hours in delivery, was of a most interesting character, and was listened to with the deepest attention by a very large audience; the only

drawback in connection with it was the incapacity of the hall to contain those who desired to hear it, hundreds of persons being unable to obtain admission. At the close of the lecture a few remarks were made by President F. D. Richards, explaining the object and doings of the Young Men's Literary Institute, and inviting the aid and co-operation of the citizens in furtherance thereof. A vote of thanks was given to the lecturer, and the audience was dismissed by prayer.

**Horticultural Society.**—This Society met last evening, and discussed the codling moth question, several of the members making remarks which were calculated to throw more light on the subject. All were of the opinion that a united effort on the part of the owners of orchards in the infested districts would be necessary in order to destroy or even check the insect.

Mr. John Reading stated that he was corresponding with gentlemen in the east who were qualified to give information which he would lay before the society as soon as received.

The society adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening at the usual place, at seven o'clock.

#### THAT INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE.

At eleven o'clock the committee of eleven, recently appointed by the committee of forty-five, claiming to represent the interests of the minority tax-payers of this City, repaired to the City Hall to have an interview with the Mayor and a number of other City officials regarding the proposed investigation of the municipal revenues and disbursements.

Besides Mayor Wells, Messrs. John R. Winder, assessor and collector; Robert Campbell, recorder; Councillor McKean, Bishop John Sharp, Feramor Little, Esq., and a few others were present during the interview.

The Mayor read a note which he had received from the eleven, asking the interview and intimating its object. He told them that he was prepared to afford them facilities for making the investigation desired there and then.

Messrs. Robertson and Walker stated that they had not come for the purpose of making the investigation then, but merely to form the basis for it. It would necessarily take considerable time and experts would have to be employed to do the work. To make a complete investigation it would be necessary to go through the accounts in detail.

The Mayor wanted to know how far they wished to go back and who the persons were that would be appointed or selected to do the work.

The reply to this was, Mr. Robertson being the principal spokesman, that that could not be fully determined by the committee, but the investigations would probably extend back several years, and that the chairman could subsequently appoint the examining accountants, who would have credentials from him.

The Mayor read the 15th sec. of the City Charter, which reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Recorder to make and keep accurate records of all ordinances made by the City Council and all their proceedings in a corporate capacity, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the electors of the City and all other parties interested. He shall have and keep a plat of all surveys within the City, and record all deeds, transfers, or other instruments of writing that may be presented to him for that purpose, and he is hereby authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds, transfers and other instruments of writing, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him, by city ordinance." He stated that he was willing to go beyond the law in the matter and afford the committee ample opportunities for making as full and complete an investigation as they desired, but he wished it to be understood that he did not do so because he was compelled to do it.

At this point Mr. R. N. Baskin said that so far as he was concerned he did not ask anything by way of favor, but made the demand as a right.

The Mayor said that the matter might just as well be conducted amicably, although he was well aware that the object of at least some of the committee was not the

one which appeared on the surface, but there was an attempt to get at something out of which political capital might be manufactured. There were gentlemen in the committee, however, that he could personally offer no objections to, and with whom he could work, for he purposed being present at the investigation of the accounts, that he might give any explanations that might be necessary. The Mayor then asked if he could not name a sub-committee from the gentlemen present, who surely would be acceptable to those making the request for investigation. This proposition did not seem to take very well, however, as there was an evident disappointment at the Mayor not refusing the request of the committee.

Finally, the chairman of the committee of seven, Mr. J. R. Walker, appointed H. W. Lawrence, R. H. Robertson and Louis Cohn, as a committee to immediately superintend the examination of accounts.

Still there appeared to be a disposition to drive the mayor into a corner, to cause him to refuse demands that were unreasonable. It was asked that the committee be permitted to take transcripts of the City accounts, including even the assessment rolls; and when there was a disposition to refuse so unreasonable a demand, some members of the committee jumped at this and said, "We may as well leave the matter where it is, as nothing but a complete statement will satisfy those whom we represent."

After a little conversation, however, this request of copying the city accounts was receded from.

The Mayor incidentally gave some explanations connected with the gas works, which seemed to take the committee somewhat by surprise, as it enlightened them a little concerning some matters regarding which they evidently had entertained some dubiety.

The committee left with the understanding that the committee of three, Messrs. Lawrence, Robertson and Cohn, would proceed with the proposed investigation.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 29.

**Just a Little.**—It was inclined to be just a little stormy last night. The wind was pretty strong, accompanied by a little rain and a very light fall of snow. Bright and clear this morning.

**Anniversary.**—To-day is the anniversary of the flight of General P. E. Connor and his command with a band of Indians on Bear River, north of Franklin, Cache County. It occurred eleven years ago.

**Died.**—We regret exceedingly to announce the death of Bishop David H. Holliday, of Santaquin, Utah County, which sad event took place this morning, as will be seen by the following telegram:

"PAYSON, 29.  
A. M. Musser—David H. Holliday died at four o'clock this morning.  
OPERATOR."

**Twelfth Ward.**—To-morrow at 1 o'clock a party will be given to the children of the 12th Ward Sunday School. In the evening the bigger folks will have a social time of a similar kind. The net receipts of the latter affair will be applied to defraying the expenses of the children's party, and for the general benefit of the Sunday School.

**Information Wanted.**—Wallace Briggs, of Shelbyville, Allegan Co., Michigan, wishes to know if his father, Myron Briggs, "a doctor," was in this vicinity in 1865, and also to hear of his present whereabouts. Mr. Longfellow, if hereabout now, would be likely to know something about Mr. M. Briggs.

**Another Literary Institute.**—Among the other organizations for the attainment of knowledge, is the Tenth Ward Young Men's Literary Institute, organized a few weeks since, with Adam Speils president, Wm. Poll and J. C. Jones vice-presidents, James T. Strong secretary and James Woods librarian. They will hold their meetings weekly, at present, and, of course, will derive the benefit accruing from such associations, when properly conducted.

**Returned Missionary.**—Elder Joseph Harker, of Taylorsville, who left here last October, on a mission to England, arrived in this city last night, having been compelled to return on account of failing health. Since his departure he says

he has traveled about twelve thousand miles. He labored in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire a short time, was well received everywhere he went, and believes he could have done a good work if his health had permitted him to stay. He left Liverpool on the return trip on the 8th inst. He was very kindly treated while in Liverpool by President Herrick, also by Mr. Ramsden, agent of the Guion line in that city, and also by the captain and officers of the steamer on which he crossed the ocean. He is still rather feeble, but his health is on the improve.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 30.

**Postponed Again.**—Owing to the continued indisposition of Justice Clinton the case of W. P. Appleby and J. Cowan, charged with attacking M. T. Patrick with deadly weapons, was again postponed, this time till Monday at 2 o'clock.

**Weather.**—Beautiful, clear moonlight last night with ominously distinct ring around the lunar orb; dull and cloudy this morning. Another snow-fall commenced slightly at eleven o'clock to-day.

**Another.**—Another member of the chain gang, which has been at work for some time reducing the grade of the street near Mr. H. W. Naisbitt's residence, made his escape on Wednesday, and has not been re-arrested.

**St. George.**—By private telegram from Presidents Brigham Young and George A. Smith we learn that yesterday they visited the Washington dam, on the Rio Virgen River, for the purpose of ascertaining the prospect for taking the water into St. George.

One corner of the Temple wall is within two feet of the first story course.

**The Ways of Escape.**—The course of human events has very considerably and obligingly provided two peculiar ways of escape from the wrath to come in consequence of the offended dignity of the law, one way for civilians, the other for the military. If a civil offender wishes to escape the meshes of the law, let him think of Mr. Habeas Corpus and Judge McKean; if a military offender, he can telegraph.

**Wanted to Use the Telegraph.**—Last night a soldier, who was intoxicated, fell down the Theatre stairs, from the second to the first circle. Another private soldier, who was sober, took him to the City Hall and told Captain Burt that Captain McGinnis had sent him over with the inebriate with a request that the latter might be kept in jail over night.

The befuddled soldier felt indignant at it being remarked that he was drunk. He staggered around and said he was quite sober, and says he, "I demand the—hic—use—hic—of the telegraph," at the same time groping around the wall, as if trying to find the keys of the battery. He was kept over night by the police and set at liberty this morning.

**Iron City.**—A. J. Stewart, Esq., General Business Agent of the Great Western Iron Works, Iron City, just in from that place, called this morning. He says there is a great deal of snow in that part of the country, and that it is an uncommonly cold winter. The snow is so deep that it has necessitated a temporary suspension of work at Iron City, but as soon as the weather will permit the manufacture of iron will commence in earnest, and that all the capital necessary for that purpose will be raised in the Territory. Mr. E. D. Wassel, Superintendent of Construction, is still at Pittsburg, and is working on the drawings for rolling mill machinery. Mr. Stewart will proceed East shortly to contract for machinery. The company have very nearly completed a track and tunnel leading to an almost inexhaustible supply of hard coal, which can be used, without coking, for the blast furnace and foundry.

**That Letter.**—Among other matters that have been stirred up for political effect to induce special legislation are numerous baseless charges against the police officers of this city, and it appears from an order, purporting to be issued by General Morrow, that, strange to say, even that gentleman has been misled by the maligners of the city officers.

In an elaborate communication, published in yesterday's News,

Captain Andrew Burt, chief of police, meets those allegations squarely in the face, challenges a fair and minute investigation, and agrees to offer every facility in having the truth or falsity of his assertions demonstrated. This offer leaves no alternative to parties making the charges but to resort to an investigation, keep their mouths closed on the subject, or render themselves liable to the charge of being ungentlemanly and malignant scandal-mongers. An assertion that a man has been guilty of any crime or outrage does not render him so. If there be any just suspicions of crime being committed, let the charges be preferred, at a proper time and place and in a proper manner, and let *bona fide* evidence show whether or not the suspicions are well grounded.

Fair and impartial investigation, however, is not what certain intriguers want. They are turning every stone that they think will give any outside effect in inducing Congress to pass legislation inimical to the interests of the great majority, and that would give a bitter, grasping set of political hacks the power to rob, plunder and wrong the better as well as the larger portion of the citizens.

To return to the question on hand, everybody who has got any good sense knows that the position of a policeman in a western city is a dangerous and unthankful office, and everybody knows also that an officer has to deport himself according to the known character of the offender. It is well understood that there are desperadoes hereabout who, before they would submit to arrest, would, if they were allowed the chance, pull out the knife or derringer and use either with deadly effect. Do some people think that an officer is under obligations to approach a character of this kind and in gentle and persuasive tones ask him to walk with him to the City Hall? It is probable that if the late Mr. Bowen, late Chief of Police of Provo, instead of approaching Harrison Carter (while the latter was swearing that no man would or could arrest him) and intimating that he was an officer and would do it, had treated that criminal as the exigencies of the case would have justified, that respected gentleman and officer would probably have been alive to-day. As it was, however, he was shot through the head by the ruffian, who set at defiance the officers of the law. It is very probable, if Mr. Bowen had sprang upon Carter suddenly, felled him with a club and disarmed him, that a hue-and-cry would have been raised about another instance of the barbarity of "Mormon" policemen, yet everybody can see now that the officer would have been perfectly justified in so acting, and would thereby have probably saved his own life.

Men are frequently arrested with their hands in their pockets upon cocked pistols, and it is well known that when a policeman would pass certain parties on the street, click would go the hammer of the pistol in the coat pockets of those parties.

We would say that nobody is under any obligations to believe either side of the question, but, seeing that the police appear to have been accused of unwarrantably abusing soldiers from the post, and as it appears as if the officers incline towards a belief in those accusations, thus basing an opinion on the assertions from one side only, instead of hearing both sides, it seems to us that it would be only fair and just that Captain Burt's proposition for an investigation be accepted. That one side of a question is a slim foundation on which to base a judgment or even an opinion, everybody knows, and there is no justice in either forming or holding such a conclusion, so incorrectly arrived at, especially when the opportunity of ascertaining the truth is within reach.

The evident purport and intent of much of the clap-trip, in the shape of allegations regarding the abuse of the soldiers by the police is to set the military and the municipal officers at loggerheads with each other, in the hopes, by this means, to bring about a collision—a most damnable design on the part of certain parties in this city.

A Newburyport (Mass.) mother, with her ten children, weigh together one ton. Even the baby weighs 150 pounds, and is probably brought up to the "maternal font" by means of an elevator.