

EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, September 28, 1887.

FRAGMENTS.

Farm for sale. See advt.

ISAAC RIDDLE was convicted of unlawful cohabitation yesterday at Beaver.

THE merchants' mass meeting will wrestle with the U. P. delay in modifying freight rates to-night.

THE O'Brien delegation to the mass meeting to-night came down on this morning's 5:30 A. M. train.

A large porcupine was on exhibition on East Temple Street to-day. Messrs. John Held and Robert Anderson discovered the animal in the street near the Garfield Hotel shortly before midnight last night, and chased it down and killed it.

It is reported that an artesian well has been sunk to the depth of 800 feet on the ranch of F. Ryan, Beaver Valley, from which issues a small flow of water impregnated with oil. This is probably the deepest well in the Territory.

M. T. SKIFFS, Esq., business manager of the W. J. Scanlan Company, has made arrangements for that troupe to appear in the Salt Lake Theatre on October 30 and 31. Mr. Scanlan will be remembered as the comedian who introduced his famous song "Peek-a-Boo" here about three years ago.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The members of the Constitutional Convention of Utah are respectfully called to meet in Convention at the City Hall, Salt Lake City, on Friday, October 28, 1887, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the committee appointed to draft memorial to Congress, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

JOHN T. CAINE, President.
Attest: HERBERT M. WELLS, Sec'y.
 Salt Lake City, Sept. 26, 1887.

Y. L. M. I. A. Officers Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the officers of the Y. L. M. I. A. of Salt Lake Stake will be held at the Fourteenth Ward Relief Society Hall at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday next, October 1st. A full attendance is requested.

Sentence To-morrow.

To-morrow is the date set for the sentencing of Andrew Calton, the slayer of Michael Cullen, who was convicted of murder in the first degree on Saturday at Beaver. The condemned man is expected to reach this city on Saturday, to be placed in the penitentiary for the carrying out of the sentence of the court.

Called to Plead.

In the Third District Court this morning, President William R. Smith, of Farmington, Davis County, was called to plead to an indictment charging him with living with more than one wife. He waived the reading of the indictment, and was allowed two days in which to enter a plea.

James Loynd, also of Davis County, was arraigned on a similar charge, and pleaded guilty. He will receive sentence on Wednesday, October 12th, at 10 a. m.

Harris Convicted.

It was nearly seven o'clock last evening when the jury arrived at a conclusion in the case against the non-"Mormon" Thomas F. Harris, indicted for polygamy. The jury agreed on a verdict of guilty, and the defendant was instructed to appear for sentence at 10 a. m.

The counsel for defendant, Mr. Brown, at time of passing judgment be deferred until a motion for a new trial could be settled. The request was granted, and the defendant is out on bonds.

Police Items.

Maggie Cope, a woman who is employed about saloons, was arraigned before Justice Pyper this morning on the charge of drunkenness. She pleaded guilty and a fine of \$5 was imposed.

John Cole, for being drunk and profane, paid \$10.

John Cunningham, for having been drunk, was assessed \$5.

Lu Criswell pleaded not guilty to drunkenness and profanity, and his trial was set for this afternoon.

James Jensen was put under arrest for doing business without a license.

Elbridge Tufts, convicted of keeping a disorderly house, was fined \$15 this afternoon.

The Adultery Trial.

The trial of Alex. Brown, an ex-"Mormon," on the charge of adultery, was held in the Third District Court to-day. The offense is alleged to have been committed with Sarah E. Wagner, on the 8th of May, 1887, and the defendant was arraigned on the indictment and pleaded not guilty on June 16th.

This morning a jury was impaneled to try the case, District Attorney Peters and his assistant, Mr. Clarke, conducting the prosecution, and Elbridge Brown and E. B. Critchlow appearing for the defense.

The witnesses were ordered excluded from the court room, except as wanted for examination.

The case was opened by the calling of Mrs. Cox as the first witness.

Mr. Peters stated that the nature of the testimony was such that it would not be edifying to the public, and at his request the court room was cleared of all spectators.

The Theatre.

"Ranch 10" is a curiosity in its way. It is not more inconsistent and extravagant in most of its details than its two immediate predecessors—the "Lights of London" and "Shadows of a Great City"—but dealing with western subjects wherein the literary scene is as broad as the actual area, imparts to it an additional favor of absurdity in places and all together making it a play eminently fitted for the dime museum but scarcely the exact thing for a standard theatre.

The scene in any play is always a caricature, but in "Ranch 10" it was a charcoal sketch, albeit as full of fun as an egg is of meat.

The characters are all the wildest kind of exaggerations, no such persons on the male side at least, ever having had an existence in Wyoming or elsewhere. It draws, makes people laugh and "coins money" for its proprietors, however, and the goodness or otherwise of anything is not permitted to figure in managerial computations when that last-named quality exists.

Frank Mordant fairly captured the honors of the evening, though Stockwell, Osbourne and Davenport did well. The ladies had but little to do.

To-night "A Tia Soldier," by the Hoyt Company.

COURT AT BEAVER.

Proceedings Before Judge Boreman in the Second District.

BEAVER, Utah, Sept. 28. (Special to the DESPATCH EVENING NEWS.)—The case of Charles Wilkinson, of Leeds, charged with unlawful cohabitation, came on for trial this morning. The jury was finally obtained at 11 o'clock. One of the prominent features of the empaneling was the peremptory challenging by Mr. Denny, for defense, and the consequent exclusion from the jury of certain prominent members of the Josephite church in this city, who had previously become familiar figures in almost every trial in this court under the Edmunds law.

Mary E. Anderson, the alleged second wife of Wilkinson, was sworn by the court, and testified that the defendant ceased living with her in any way maintaining witness some seven or eight years ago; that she did not now consider herself to be his wife. Mr. Zane tried in vain to shake the evidence of the witness.

Subsequent to the testimony of the daughter of defendant and substantially confirmed the evidence of the preceding witnesses.

Deputies McGarry and Armstrong testified to arresting the defendant at the residence of the alleged second wife, Wilkinson being there along with the first wife, engaged in assisting Mrs. Anderson in harvesting her crop of fruit.

The case was given to the jury at 12 o'clock and at 12:45 they returned into court with a verdict of acquittal.

The case of Thomas Taylor, charged with crime against nature, was called, but owing to the absence in Nevada of an important witness for the people, Mr. Zane asked for a continuance. Mr. Denny objected, urging the hardship upon the defendant of a further continuance.

The court adjourns to-morrow for the term, Judge Boreman being expected to assist in holding court in the First District at Provo on Monday next.

Calton gets sentence to-morrow.

CITY COUNCIL.

Business Transacted by the City Fathers Last Evening.

The City Council met in regular session at 7 o'clock last evening, Mayor Armstrong presiding.

Edwin Rushton and thirty-nine others asked that Seventh South Street be immediately extended west from block 14 north, west to Eighth West Street.

Referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

J. L. Kimball, W. A. Nelden, J. Barnett, H. F. Duke, H. Nelden and other residents on the east side of Main Street below Third South Street called attention to the condition of the ditch on that street.

Refuse had been thrown into it, and the stench was almost unbearable. The petitioners asked that the ditch be cleaned.

Referred to the marshal.

J. Whinnings stated that he wished to utilize the animal refuse now being thrown on the city dumping ground for the manufacture of useful articles.

He also petitioned for the lease of one acre of the city ground at the place designated.

Referred to the committee on public grounds.

P. Puseley stated that he had paid the city twice for some property, and he asked that the last payment of \$80.00 be refunded to him.

Referred to the City Attorney.

William Spicer and forty-one other residents and property holders on Seventh West Street, between Second and Seventh North, and on Fourth North Street between Sixth and Eighth West streets, and on the west side of Sixth West Street between Fourth and seventh North streets, asked that those streets be opened and made passable.

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Licenses were granted to two retail liquor dealers and one manufacturer of malt liquors.

The committee on police, to whom was referred the reports of the Marshal and of the Police Judge, reported that the reports were correct.

Adopted.

The committee on license to whom was referred the petitions of J. B. Furster and a Mr. Williams, asking for the refund of \$200.00, reported in favor of granting the petitions.

Adopted.

The Council adjourned and met as a BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

The report of the Assessor in relation to the petitions of Mrs. Speece and Mrs. Eldridge, which was presented at the last meeting, was adopted.

Mr. Glass, representing Studebaker Bros., stated that in December last the value of their stock was over \$10,000, but the average value was about \$200. The assessment was continued at \$25,000.

The assessment of Wells, Fargo & Co. and McCormick & Co. were allowed to stand.

G. W. Reed petitioned for a reduction of the assessment on his property near the University, from \$2,500 to \$2,000.

A large number of petitions for remission of taxes in small amounts were disposed of, and the Board adjourned for two weeks.

A BRIDGE WANTED.

Several Narrow Escapes from Drowning in Morgan County.

The following is furnished by a correspondent who uses the signature of "1850":

For the past twelve months the people of Peterson in Morgan County and travelers compelled to cross the Weber River at this point, have had to ford the river, or to travel a distance of nine miles to Morgan, in order to cross. During the high water season the river can not be forded, and all people living on the south side of the canon are compelled to resort to the Morgan bridge for a crossing, necessitating a tour of from four to eighteen miles travel.

Persons wishing to communicate with the outside world for a make shift during the high water of last spring, caused a temporary wire rope to be suspended across the river for the passing of mail and passengers. A box was attached to the rope, by which a person could pull himself across. While attempting to cross in the box three men were precipitated into the river and

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About a month since, two young ladies, in attempting to walk the log, became dizzy, and found their equilibrium in the river water was lost.

They were running at the rate of miles per hour. On Saturday the 24th of September, at about 7 o'clock, they attempted to cross the trap, fell into the stream and narrowly escaped after being carried down the stream nearly one hundred yards.

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EBENEZER WOODFORD.

Promises to Obey the Edmunds Law in the Future.

This afternoon Ebenezer Woodford, of the Twelfth Ward, appeared in the Third District Court for sentence on his plea of guilty of unlawful cohabitation. When asked what he had to say before sentence was passed he handed the following statement to the Judge:

Please the Court—For the first time in my life I am now called into a court of justice to answer a violation of the laws of the land, namely, unlawful cohabitation, and before receiving sentence I desire to submit the following statement to your consideration: For seven years past I have lived with but one wife, she being my second (at least up to the time of my arrest). The reason for this has been the impossibility of agreement between myself and my first wife, owing to the incompatibility of our tempers and differences in religious belief and practice.

During the seven years past I have maintained her in circumstances superior to that of my own. Recently, however, she has seen fit to get a divorce from me, which was granted by your honor.

For the future I expect to live in lawful wedlock with my second wife, whom I was married to last year, and with her alone, my intention being to obey all the laws of my country.

The Court read the document carefully, and then inquired—Do I understand you to say that you will in future obey the laws of the United States against polygamy and unlawful cohabitation?

Woodford—Yes, sir.

Court—Regardless of any revelation or command to the contrary?

Woodford—Yes, sir.

Court—What are your means of paying for her?

Mr. Woodford stated that his means were limited.

Court—I understand you make the assurance in good faith, and mean to abide by it?

Woodford—Yes, sir.

Court—Well, you will be fined in the sum of \$150 and the costs of the prosecution, and stand committed until the due and costs are paid.

The Bicycle Terror.

Yesterday a gentleman was run into by a mounted bicyclist and hurt considerably; this was on a Main Street sidewalk, where the people coming and going were numerous.

In a similar locality, John Acomb, a conductor on a Utah Central Railway, was walking along carrying his child in his arms, when one of these mechanical centaurs swooped down on him like a wolf on the fold.

The big wheel struck the infant on the head so violently that it was doubtful for a time whether it could recover.

This is a pretty state of things, truly. As there is no ordinance by means of which the bicycle nuisance can be confined to proper channels of travel, it looks as if the citizen would have to protect himself.

We don't see bicycles competing with the railroads in the matter of a daily disaster.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

News Notes Gathered from Various Sources.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas, Sept. 25.—At Douglas last night J. T. Looney, one of the merchants of the town, started from his store to his home after supper, when he was attacked by a man with a knife.

Some passers by saw the crime and rushed to the place, to their horror they found Mr. Looney's headless trunk lying about three feet away.

No one knows the assassin, but the police are looking for a man who has suddenly disappeared from town.

Mr. Looney was highly respected and his death has created the greatest excitement ever known here.

St. Johns, Arizona, Sept. 24.—Nathan Barth, accused of stealing 3,000 head of sheep, and also with intent to bribe one of the jury who were trying his brother, Sol Barth, at the trial before Judge Wright to-day.

Sol Barth was found guilty of forgery and raising county warrants and was sentenced to ten years in Yuma.

Nathan Barth pleaded guilty to embezzlement and was fined \$500.

He settled the grand larceny cases by the payment of \$9,000.

The compromise was allowed by the court on the promise of Barth that he would leave the Territory by January 1st.

McKinney, Texas, Sept. 25.—Bud Scrivenor, Coal Dealer, and James Turner quarreled over a game of cards and a bottle of whiskey.

A stabbings affray resulted, during which Scrivenor and Albert Turner were killed and James Turner seriously cut in the arm.

Later in the evening B. T. Eakle was cut by James Martin and is dead.

James Griffin was shot in an altercation with Lewis Martin.

It is thought he may recover.

Albert Turner and George Martin both escaped.

Lewis Martin and Jim Turner are under arrest.

Officers to-night re-arrested George A. Martin and Albert Turner.

Turner figures in the Blue Ridge tragedy, are under surveillance.

Martin is badly cut and not able to move.

Turner in making his escape last night from Wilson, the justice, was shot in the thigh in a critical condition.

Jim Turner is much worse. It is thought that his arm will have to be amputated.

Hawthorne, (Nev.), Sept. 21.—J. N. Woodhouse, of Esmeralda County, who is supposed to have been murdered and robbed by highwaymen on or about the 18th of January, 1887, was not only a successful mining man, but an honored ex-soldier, who had faithfully served his country through the late war.

He was the owner of two valuable mining properties situated in Esmeralda County.

Having a complicated business transaction to attend to at Bishop Creek, he drew \$300 or \$350 in coin which he had on deposit at Hawthorne, and left on the 8th of January for Bishop Creek.

He never reached his contemplated destination, and thus far can only be traced to Teal's marsh.

Certain persons possessing notorious bad characters have been "doing" Hawthorne for a day or two previous to Mr. Woodhouse's disappearance.

It is presumable that they acquired full knowledge of Mr. Woodhouse's whereabouts.

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Wallenberg and returned soon after. He appeared to be excited and left the town immediately, returning here a few days later.

He is a man who drinks some, but seemed to be very quiet.

A young man passing through the intersection of Twenty-third Street and the viaduct, found a man's body suspended from the bridge on the top of the viaduct.

He was a box car, and made a hurried examination of the man's position and discovered that he was dead.

The body was swinging with a slow, even motion to and fro by a rope, which was fastened at the upper end of the viaduct between two cars coupled to the man's body and his neck was twisted to one side.

The man was quite dead and there remained nothing to do but cut him down and notify the police.

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