

DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

WEDNESDAY, - Dec. 1, 1875.

We would commend to the courtesies of the Presiding Ministry and Bishops and all our friends in the Southern Settlements as far as Beaver, our General Travelling Agent, Elder Wm. Bramall; and to similar officials in Cache County—Elder Thomas Jones, who is our Travelling Agent in that part of the Territory.

POISONED STOCKINGS.

THE "striped stocking" girls are coming to grief. A Chicago girl, after wearing a pair three days, complained of pain in her feet, on the soles of which she found a greenish discoloration, and a slight inflammation, and the stockings were discarded, but were placed in the family wash, and the next thing her father found a greenish stain on his breast from his undershirt, and the flesh became inflamed and itchy, with slight pustules forming. The stockings were interviewed by a chemist, who believed them to have been dyed with aniline dyes, in which arsenic is largely used. He said he believed no less than 8,000 people in Chicago were being slowly poisoned to death by criminal adulterations. Another chemist said that lead poison was found largely in some kinds of canned fruits. Numerous other instances of children and ladies being poisoned by wearing "striped stockings" have been reported, some of the cases severe ones, which should cause the girls to be careful what they put on.

One of the chemists referred to said—

"Arsenic is used in the aniline colors for the purpose of oxydation. It is an outrage to use arsenic, for chloride of potash, sulphate of copper, bichromate of potash, peroxide of lead, and numerous other articles well known in chemistry might be employed for the purpose. But the manufacturers and dyers use arsenic because it is cheaper than the other drugs mentioned, and more convenient in many respects.

"In my estimation, the brighter aniline colors are the more dangerous; all, however, are more or less so, as at present manufactured. Aniline dyes might be made safe by using the substitutes already mentioned. There is no virulent poison in any of them."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—An exchange remarks that Secretary Bristow is acquiring the reputation of being the great ring smasher. If so, he is just the man to look after some affairs hereabout, for there is a ring existing in this part of the globe that ought to be smashed, and that effectually. It needs that operation.

—Bank robbers have lately adopted the plan of capturing the cashier in the night, marching him to the bank under the persuasion of the muzzle of a revolver, and inviting him to open the safe for them. To prevent these raids, a chronometer lock is now made, which is set to a certain time, and until that set time no key in the world will open the safe.

—The Omaha Herald talks of the "federal ring that infests" this territory, and thinks that in the reversal by Chief Justice White of Boreman's alimony decision, in the Herald's words, "the conspiracy to rob Brigham Young of large sums of money," has "at last reached a final collapse." Not if the ring can help it. They hate to forego the prospect of a money grab.

—The papers in the east are beginning to stir up their readers to works of charity towards the

poor and needy the ensuing winter. There will be a great deal of want and destitution in most of the large cities on the Atlantic slope this winter. The poor will need assistance.

—Henry Shields, a wealthy flour merchant, died recently in New York, and there are two widows and their families claiming the property of the deceased husband and father. O those New York men! They marry more women than one, while theoretically opposed to polygamy.

—There is a prospect for more reflux emigration the ensuing winter. A great many people in the Atlantic States and others further west are or will be out of employ, and naturally some of them will turn their faces towards Europe again. In Canada many workmen have been thrown out of employment for the Winter, and numbers of new settlers are already returning to England.

—They are awfully severe on adultery in Ohio. At Dayton John C. Stokes was found guilty of that crime and sentenced to five hours imprisonment in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$50 and costs. At that rate a moderately wealthy man could afford to commit adultery once a week at least, and snap his fingers at the law.

—A few years back Utah ladies used to drink tea, they used to drink green tea, green tea alone, and very green they were to do it. Now, if they drink tea it is usually "natural leaf," or "mixed." This is probably an improvement, so far as it goes, for, according to the best London doctors, the coloring matter put on green tea in and out of China is extremely injurious to health.

—In a "comparatively tranquil election" in Peru the voters go to the polling booths armed, and the party which succeeds in capturing the booths prevents the other party from voting. Before 9 o'clock a.m., Oct. 17, in the great Plaza of Lima, the adherents of two rival candidates opened fire on each other's party, 20,000 shots were fired, and 14 persons killed. That is one way of exercising the suffrage. Things are done differently hereabouts, where the liberal ring fellows try to steal the ballot box, that they may fix the figures to suit themselves. They do something like this also up in Montana. This is a great country. There's no doubt about it.

—The predictions of partisan trouble and bloodshed in the Cherokee Indian nation are declared to be gross exaggerations, due to Indian Agent Major George W. Ingalls, who is said to be universally unpopular in the five civilized Indian nations. A correspondent of the N. Y. Sun says, "No more quiet or orderly session of the National Council has convened for thirty years past. There is no trouble and no indication of trouble, and none will occur, in my opinion, unless produced for the purpose of raising the annual howl before Congress of lawlessness here, and the consequent necessity for the establishment of a Territorial Government of the United States over the country." Thus it appears there is a rascally ring at work down there among the poor Indians.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE.—Professor Richard A. Proctor, writing to the New York Tribune lately, says—

"The mysteries of the universe grow more impressive to me, more awful, the more I study them. They have never seemed so wonderful or so solemn to science-workers as since science established the doctrines of evolution and conservation of energy. The little light we have gained has but rendered visible the infinite darkness enshrouding and overshadowing us. A few links of the mighty chains which bind the universe together have been traced, and others may one day be perceived, but we know that the chains are endless. We stand in the presence of many infinities, before which the soul trembles, perplexed and dismayed by infinity of mystery."

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 23.

There is a message at the W. U. Telegraph Office for A. G. Paddock.

A Letter.—There is a letter at the Historian's office for Mrs. Harriet Payne.

Pub. Docs.—We are under obligations to Hon. G. Q. Cannon for the receipt of a number of valuable public documents.

Home-Made Brooms.—Bro. Geo. M. Webster, who resides at West Jordan, about ten miles south and three west of this city, brings two excellent brooms, manufactured by himself by hand. He is an old broom-maker, and will probably make over a hundred dozen brooms this winter. He expects to make double that quantity next winter. No need to import brooms, when an equally good or superior article is made at home.

More Damage.—Besides the amount of damage mentioned in yesterday's NEWS as having been done by the burning of Davis, Howe & Co.'s machine shop, we learn that about a thousand dollars worth of tools, belonging to the proprietors and workmen, were destroyed.

In explaining the cause of the fire we stated that Mr. Faircloughing getting coal oil to use for getting up steam. We were inadvertently misinformed on that point. He was about to use it to clean what is called the "governor," on the top of the boiler.

Big Cabbages.—Subscriber writes from Richfield, Sevier Co., Nov. 16, as follows—

"I see, in your issue of Nov. 10, an article headed, 'Big Cabbage and Big Carrots,' grown on Bro. Picknell's lot at Butcherville; the cabbage is said to have weighed eleven pounds.

"In pitting my cabbage for the winter, I had the curiosity to weigh two heads—one weighed thirty-three and the other thirty-three and three-fourth pounds. Who beats that?"

Irregular Mails.—J. Hansen, a subscriber to the Weekly News, writes from Bear River City, Box Elder County, Nov. 19th, that himself and others did not get their papers all last Summer the untidy were a week old, and for the last five or six weeks only about every alternate paper has reached them at all, and the last one, received on the 17th, was two weeks old.

The papers are mailed regularly from this office, and the cause of complaint lies in the transmission of the mails from this City to the point named, and the special mail agent will confer a favor by having the matter righted.

Suggestions For Legislation.—According to adjournment the members of the committees appointed at a previous meeting to prepare suggestions for improved and new legislation, for the consideration of the Legislature, met last evening, at the City Hall.

On motion C. K. Gilchrist wurt D. O. Calder were transferred from the committee on Marriage and Divorce to the committee on Revenue, and Messrs. F. Auerbach and Geo. W. Thatcher were appointed to fill the vacancies thus made in the committee first named.

Members of a number of committees reported that they were at work and would be able to report definitely before long.

Meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

Insane.—Some time since the NEWS alluded to the facts that Dr. Tibbits had become demented, and was wandering about from place to place, making Sandy his headquarters. The other day he was brought up from that place and turned over to the care of Sheriff S. W. Taylor, who placed him in the county jail for safe keeping. It appears that he has been a spiritualist, and when interrogated by any person now he frequently turns his head as if in the act of listening, he asserting that he must listen and hear what the spirits whisper to him before he answers a question. His condition is lamentable, being a man of good natural ability when in sound mind.

The sheriff will not remove him to the asylum unless convinced that the case is a hopeless one.

Pleasure Gardens.—Union Square is being prepared by the city as a public pleasure garden. William R. Adkins, a practical gardener, has

been engaged since last spring leveling up the ground and laying it off ornamentally, with numerous grass plots, and circular, serpentine and straight walks. The square comprises ten acres of good land, well adapted for the purpose for which it is intended to be used by the corporation. Besides the ordinary walks around the grass plots, there will be an excellent carriage drive. There are quite a number of trees now on the ground, which will provide considerable shade, and it is intended to plant out others, as well as a suitable amount of shrubbery and flowers.

About one-seventh part of the ground has been leveled and laid out in the form intended, and Mr. Adkins continues at work, and is doing the job well and tastefully.

It will necessarily be some time before the gardens will be in a condition to be used for what they are intended, but when completed they will constitute a prominent feature among the attractions of the city.

A Valuable Acquisition.—A very valuable acquisition has just been made in the matter of building material in this city. A recent arrival from England lately made some experiments in burning the ordinary adobe, at the yards in the southwest part of town, and the consequence is that by the product thus attained the ordinary brick is comparatively thrown into the shade. They are cheaper than brick, being adobe size, and consequently about three times as large as brick are hard, having a good ring to them, and are of good color, generally of a yellowish cream.

The first produced of the article are being used for the walls of the upper story of the new building now being erected by Mr. George Romney, immediately south of the White House, and the builders laying them up pronounce them excellent.

District Court.—Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.

The U. S. vs. William Driver. Defendant withdraws the plea of guilty and is admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000, and the cause continued for the term.

The People, &c., vs. John Lee; larceny. Jury—Warren F. Reynolds, Edward L. Butterfield, Allen J. Riley, Lucien Livingston, P. H. Lannan, Charles Read, John A. Jost, Eli Ransohoff, S. J. Lees, James Earley, B. F. Dewey, and Thomas R. Jones. Sworn in chief. Defendant enters plea of not guilty. Wm. H. Folsom and James Garrett for plaintiff and Edward B. McKean and A. K. Smith for defendant. Argument by counsel and jury charged.

The jury returned the following verdict—

"We the jurors in the case of the People of the United States in the Territory of Utah vs. John Lee find a verdict of not guilty as charged in the indictment."

"Lucien Livingston, Foreman. "Nov. 23rd, 1875."

Ordered by the Court that a fine of \$20 be imposed upon A. H. Owens, Thomas E. Clotey and Geo. F. Prescott, for non-attendance, having been heretofore drawn as petit jurors.

The People, &c., vs. Charles Sherman; larceny; on application, cause continued.

The People, &c., vs. Nephi Vaughn. The defendant having been arraigned for sentence, "the judgment of the Court is that you be imprisoned, at hard labor, in the Penitentiary of Utah Territory for the term of two years, and that you pay a fine of one dollar."

Recess till 2 o'clock.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 24.

On Account of Thanksgiving.—This morning the District Court adjourned till Friday morning at 10 o'clock, on account of to-morrow being Thanksgiving Day.

From Provo.—To-day we met with R. J. Sleater, one of the editors and proprietors of the Provo Times, who has come to Salt Lake to spend a few days.

Called.—Yesterday we received a friendly call from J. H. Mountain, Esq., general western and travelling agent of the Chicago and North Western Railway.

Missionaries.—John C. Duncan, David Bullock, John Parry, Jr., and Samuel Leach, of Cedar City, Iron Co., started yesterday on a mission to the Northern States and Canada.

Personal.—Our old friend, L. E. Harrington, Bishop of American Fork, called on us yesterday, looking hearty and cheerful. He reports everything lovely, considering, in his bishopric.

Bishop Peterson Ill.—We learn of the severe illness of Bishop Canute Peterson, of Ephraim, Sanpete, a gentleman generally respected in the community. He has been laboring under an attack of typhoid fever, but we are pleased to learn that he is slowly recovering his strength.

The Ware Troupe.—The appearance of the Ware and Lenton opera bouffe and burlesque troupe and the Lenton family gymnastic troupe is postponed from Friday and Saturday next, till Dec. 3 and 4, when it is expected that the above talented artists will appear in the theatre.

Museum.—Additions are constantly being made to the fine collection of specimens and curiosities at the Deseret Museum. To make the assortment more complete it is probable that Mr. W. D. Johnson, Prof. Barfoot's assistant, will visit some of the settlements soon, in search of fresh articles of interest.

Dangerously Ill.—We regret to learn that Elder David H. Cannon of St. George, is dangerously ill. A dispatch received last night, by his brother, Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon, stated that he was suffering from a relapse, after a severe attack of typhoid fever. This intelligence will be an unwelcome news to the gentleman's numerous friends.

Business Suspended.—To-morrow being Thanksgiving day there will be a general suspension of business. The banks, stores and principal business places will be closed.

The butcher shops and markets will be open till nine in the morning, after which hour they will close also.

For Washington.—We understand that Hon. George Q. Cannon, Delegate from Utah, purposes leaving to-morrow morning for Washington, to resume his congressional labors in the interest of his constituents. We feel perfectly safe in stating that he carries with him the implicit confidence of the very great majority of his constituents, with whom we join in good wishes for his success and prosperity.

District Court.—Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, afternoon.

The People, &c., vs. John Pickering, larceny; continued for the term; bail fixed at \$1,500.

Wednesday morning, Nov. 24th. The fine of \$20, imposed upon Geo. F. Prescott, was remitted, by order of Court.

The People, &c., vs. Shafer & Kelly; murder. *Nolle prosequi* entered in this case in the indictment filed Oct. 15th, 1874.

The People, &c., vs. McCausland and Dougherty; larceny. *Nolle prosequi* entered in the indictment filed March 24th, 1875; defendants discharged.

The People, &c., vs. John G. Wiggins; murder. It appearing that material witnesses are necessary for the defense; cause continued for the term.

In the matter of the application of William H. Dame vs. Geo. R. Maxwell; application of Dame to be admitted to bail; disallowed.

J. G. Hemingway introduces H. W. O. Margery, who was admitted to practise as an attorney.

The People, &c., vs. Charles Dax; murder; by consent the defendant to be examined before the U. S. Commissioner.

Adjourned till 10 a. m., Nov. 26, 1875.

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

Petition of David Love, for the privilege of using part of the abodie yard, in the south-west part of the city, during the winter, for a skating rink; referred to committee on public grounds.

Petition of P. L. Baker, asking that the unexpired term of his license be transferred to Thompson & Lyberg; granted.

Petition of Edwin Tuft, asking that the transference of the unexpired term of his feed and stable license be transferred to Beeman & Latimer; granted.

Petition of C. H. Hempstead and a large number of others, residents of the 17th and 19th Ward bench, asking that the portion of the sidewalk on Centre Street, between First North Street and the brow of