WIPED OUT AT LAST.

District Attorney Varian Moves to Dismiss Ancient Indictments.

MOSTLY UNDER THE EDMUNDS ACT.

For Polygamy and Unlawful Cohabitation, so Evidence can Be Obtained.

Judge Zane, late yesterday afternoon, on motion of District Attorney Varian, dismissed no fewer than twenty-nine United States cases founded on indictments dating back to the year 1891. They consisted in the main of charges of polygamy and unlawful cohabitation. Mr. Varian's reason for asking that the indictments be quashed was the impossibility to obtain evidence to secure a conviction at this time. Following is a list of the cases above referred to:

Brigham Young, unlawful cohabitation; (six cases) indicted August 25, 1885.

Helaman Pratt, unlawful cohabitation; indicted April 8, 1885.

Samuel Dreamarck and Sarah Carver, fornication; indicted June 14, 1881.

John Howard, adultery; indicted September 15, 1885.

Samuel Brockbank, fornication; indicted February 8, 1886.

Louis Moses, fornication; indicted same date.

Jesse L. Atkinson, timber trespass; indicted February 16, 1885.

Sarah James, fornication; indicted May 25, 1885.

David Brown, unlawful cohabitation; indicted April 23, 1887.

Amen V. Cain, polygamy and unlawful cohabitation; indicted February 12, 1885.

Benjamin Olsen, unlawful cohabitation; indicted May 25, 1885.

Theodore McKean, unlawful cohabitation; indicted August 4, 1884.

Joseph F. Smith, unlawful cohabitation; indicted February 5, 1885.

John Howard, unlawful cohabitation, indicted September 15, 1885.

Henry Tempest, unlawful cohabitation; indicted April 23, 1885.

William Boyce, unlawful cohabitation (three counts); indicted August 13, 1886.

William McLaughlin, unlawful cohabitation; indicted February 5, 1885.

Archibald Gardner, unlawful cohabitation; indicted January 17, 1886. (Seven counts.)

William Aspen, unlawful cohabitation; indicted June 26, 1885.

Edward G. Owen, unlawful cohabitation; indicted April 13, 1885.

Samuel Romel, unlawful cohabitation (four counts); indicted October 29, 1886.

William D. Owen, Jr., unlawful cohabitation (two counts); indicted September 24, 1886.

William J. Smith, unlawful cohabitation (two counts); indicted August 7, 1885.

Jarin Tolman, unlawful cohabitation; indicted February 21, 1885.

Jesse T. Turpin, adultery; indicted April 19, 1889.

George W. Carlson, timber trespass; indicted February 16, 1885.

Isaac Jacobson, bigamy; indicted February 27, 1890.

Thomas E. Taylor, unlawful cohabitation; indicted April 4, 1886. (Three counts.)

George Teasdale, polygamy; indicted February 9, 1885.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

Official Review of the Utah Weather Service for November.

The following review of the Utah weather service, for the month of November has just been received:

Atmospheric pressure.—The monthly mean pressure was slightly above the average, being, at the Salt Lake station, 25.70 inches actual pressure, or 30.19 inches reduced to sea-level.

There was but one decided low-pressure area, which occurred on the 24th; the month was therefore pleasant except on that date, when the pressure fell to 29.30 (sea-level), and a heavy snow-storm was general over the greater part of Utah. The storm was attended by high winds, and followed by a severe cold wave, during which the lowest temperature of the month occurred at nearly all stations. The highest pressure, (30.54 sea-level) occurred on the 13th. The monthly range of pressure, 1.15 in., is the greatest on record for any November except that of 1886.

Temperature—The monthly mean, deduced from 20 stations, was 36.7 degrees. It was probably about the normal for the Territory, being above the normal in the northern part, and below in the southern. Until the 18th the temperature was generally in the normal; then for six days a warm spell lasted; then a cold spell occurred lasting until the 27th.

The warmest spell occurred on different dates in different localities; the coldest spell was uniform, occurring from the 24th to 27th, at nearly all stations. 45.5 was the highest mean temperature reported, occurring at Fillmore, Millard county; 28.7 was the lowest reported, occurring at Grouse Creek, Box Elder county. Reports from St. George and Scofield, which usually give the extremes for each month, have not been received. Fillmore reported the maximum, 76 on the 12th; the minimum occurred at Los, Wayne Co., being 8 degrees below zero on the 24th. Los is situated in a high plateau region, which accounts for a measure for its extreme low temperature.

Precipitation.—The November precipitation in Utah is seldom great, but this year it was below the average. The mean of twenty stations gave 0.93 inches as the average for the Territory. It was derived principally from melted snow. The greatest amount, 0.72, occurred at Salt Lake City; the least amount, 0.00, at Green River and Losen.

The month was pleasant and devoid of storms for the most part until the 24th, when a snowstorm set in, which at some points was quite heavy. At Juab 6 inches fell; at Provo 6 inches; at Salt Lake City nearly 10 inches. At the latter place was where the storm appeared heaviest. At 8:30 a. m. heavy snow began with a strong gale from the west, and continued without intermission until 4 p. m.; 9.7 inches fell on the level; it was [illegible] down. Street [illegible] interfered with, and many [illegible] snow-plows and shovels were they soon to run at 8. During the storm the temperature fell 2[illegible] in three hours. This storm was severe at various other points, as some of the notes will show.

GEORGE N. SALISBURY,
U. S. Weather Bureau, Director Utah Weather Service.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
December 17, 1892.

Note—Some observers who have not forwarded reports of late are earnestly requested to begin with January, 1893, and keep the record, and forward reports promptly. Their reports are of great value and interest and the summary is of value in proportion to the number of stations.

NOTES BY OBSERVERS.

Fort De Chesne—A violent windstorm, which blew over the thermometer shelter, occurred on the 24th.
CAPT. SAMUEL S. ROBINSON,
U. S. A. Observer.

Deseret—There was a heavy windstorm from the southwest on the morning of the 24th, about 8 a. m. It blew E. Allen's house down, and took the roof off the house of Thomas Davis; nobody was killed; the damage was probably about $800.

Grouse Creek—The last five days of the month the wind has blown heavily from a point two degrees east of south.

Caineva—Very high S. wind on 23rd; drifting snow; difficult to measure, but about two inches on the average.

Cisco—Very high wind on the 24th, with a trace of rain and snow.

Levan—Hail on the 15th and 24th. The month has been cool and blowy with but few warm days, and but little moisture. The snowstorm of the 24th was very welcome; more is needed.

Snowville—Wind blew quite brisk on the night of the 30th.

Provo—This year's crops all out of the ground. Fall grain is doing well.

A Sharp Query From Millard.

OASIS, Millard Co., Dec. 23, 1892.

Editor Deseret News:

On the morning of December 17th two men left Swan Lake, 18 miles below here, for Salt Lake on foot. They passed through here about 5 p. m., following the railroad track, and reached Riverside, a small station further north, about 8 o'clock p. m. By this time both were badly frozen, and one of them, it is since learned, will be likely to lose both his feet. The section men at Riverside took them in, dressed their frozen members and kindly cared for them during the night. The conductor of the train having refused to carry them, a man on horseback was sent back to Oasis next morning with a letter to the constable, who immediately sent a wagon for them, brought them to this place and had them taken to a hotel. He then telegraphed, upon advice of the selectmen, to the county prosecuting attorney at Fillmore, stating that the poor fellows could not travel, and were in need of medical aid, and asking what should be done with them. The answer was to the effect that "we cannot do anything with such cases, get rid of them the best way you can!"

Now, Mr. Editor, does the law compel the counties to take care of such unfortunates? If so, it ought to be enforced. If not, ought not such a law to be enacted at once in the interest of civilization and common humanity? As to the advice to "get rid of them the best way you can," we are in a quandary as to which of the two ways would be the better: to turn them out in the snow and let them die like dogs, or to cast them into a pit and secure their death and burial at once. The latter plan would certainly be most effective as a means of getting rid of them.

I need scarcely say the advice has not been acted upon. OASIS.

PROVO LETTER.

The Davis Case.—Other Court Items.—Social and Business Notes.

Special Correspondence of the News.

PROVO, Dec. 21.—The prosecution in the W. E. Davis case completed their case yesterday afternoon. A map of the scene of the tragedy was placed upon the blackboard, and Mr. S. H. Thurman made a long opening statement for the defense. It would be shown by the defense, he said, that three men were killed by Davis in self-defense. These three men, it would be proved, had entered into a diabolical plot to murder Davis. Numerous witnesses would testify to hearing threats made by Hallock to this effect. On the Tuesday morning prior to the shooting, a hive of bees, a bridle and a lariat had been stolen from Davis' place. They had been traced to the Brock cabin. For the purpose of having a peaceable settlement of this affair, Davis went to the Brock cabin, taking with him Brock. After Brock left the cabin for the pasture, Davis went down to have a talk with the two men. He found Duzel outside making a fire. But instead of talk to Davis in a peaceable manner, he cursed Davis and struck at him with a club. Then was enacted the tripic tradegy, as told by the witness, Frank R. Grash.

The first witness for the defense was Charles H. Hallock. He testified that he had heard Duzel say he would shoot Davis the first time he caught him out; also, that Brock had said, "Wait till I catch him up at my ranch and I'll knock him on the head with a club." The introduction of this testimony was strongly objected to by Mr. Zane, and it was only admitted after a long argument by counsel.

The following other court business was transacted during the day:

E. A. Day was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and to pay costs of prosecution on the charge of adultery.

Julius Nielsen, a native of Denmark and a resident of Sevier county, was admitted to citizenship.

Anna Hansen vs. Lewis F. Hallock et al; decree for $2300, with interest, taxes and attorney's fee.

NOTES.

Andrews Brothers commenced work yesterday on the iron bridge which is to cross Provo river northwest of this city.

The A. O. U. W. lodge of this city have elected the following officers: J. Evans, master workman; T. Martin, master foreman; G. B. Hopkins, overseer; G. A. Kerr, recorder; William H. Probert, financier; A. McCurdain, receiver; H. E. Hawkings trustee.

The B. Y. A. Normal freshman class have again been surprising Professor G. H. Brimhall. He was presented with a fine writing desk.

E. L. Jones, the county collector, has commenced selling property for taxes. The first property to be sold was two lots in the Tolton ward belonging to the Clarkson estate. The amount realized was $13.45, the amount of the tax; and the purchaser was L. John Nuttall. It is probable the property will soon be redeemed.

Elder Hrig Smoot returned home on Monday evening from his Friendly Islands mission. He is a little thinner than when he left home three and a half years since, but he has enjoyed good health. The change, however, from a tropical climate to our winter has given him a severe cold. He reports that the voyage from Honolulu to San Francisco was very rough.

The following couples have obtained licenses that they may marry: Peter Crystal of American Fork and Nancy Nelson of Pleasant Grove; Nathan F. Newell of Salt Lake and Ida M. Davis of Provo Bench.

The rifle team of Provo and American Fork have made the following score: Provo, 211; American Fork, 215. The boys shoot again on Thursday.

The Provo Theaglian club, assisted by Mr. John C. Graham, have concluded to accept the invitation of Mr. Savage of Salt Lake to play "The Outcasts" for the pleasure of the old folks, the widows and the orphans some time in January.

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