

Local and Other Matters

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 31.

Fatal Lye-Poisoning.—A little girl, named Lizzie Greenwell, of West Weber, drank a quantity of lye, about six weeks since, at that place, from the effects of which she died, in this city, on Wednesday. So says the *Junction*.

Child Lost.—This morning Mr. H. Gamble lost his little girl Fannie, about four years old. The little one's hair is cut short and she is dressed in a red plaid dress, blue sack, red hood and overshoes, the latter too large for her. Residence on Second South street, between Fifth and Sixth East streets.

Fatal Shooting Affair.—Last evening we learned of a fatal shooting affair that occurred recently at the little settlement of South Eden, on the east side of Bear Lake, eight miles north of Lake Town. A party named Marion, alias "Cub" Johnson, located on some land at the place indicated several years ago. Last summer a person named Pratt visited the settlement and asserted he had bought the land from Johnson five years ago, paying him the bargained price, excepting \$20. Since last Fall Pratt tried several times to erect a pre-emption cabin upon the land, and finally succeeded in doing so, on some of the broken land, recently. He employed a young man named James C. Swenson, who formerly carried the mail over the mountains between Bear Lake and Franklin, to stop at the shanty. Lately Mrs. Sally Johnson, wife of Marion Johnson, and her two boys visited the cabin and told Swenson he had better leave, when an altercation ensued, and hot words passed between the two. Both Mrs. Johnson and Swenson were armed with guns, and as the former was walking away from the cabin, one of the woman's boys, who had turned to look at Swenson, said, "Look out, mother, he is raising his gun to shoot you," when she wheeled and fired, the shot taking effect on Swenson's leg, immediately above the knee, shattering it fearfully. The wound was not necessarily fatal, but, owing probably to necessary surgical aid not being at hand, gangrene set in, causing the young man's death in four days from the time he was shot.

The foregoing are the particulars as received from a party just in from the scene of the shooting, and we give them as they have come to us, without vouching for their absolute correctness.

Masquerades.—Masquerade balls are of late introduction hereabouts, and their number appears to somewhat increase each succeeding season. We understand there was one in this city last night. It would take too much time and space to enumerate, in detail, reasons that might be advanced to show why such gatherings should be discounted, especially by persons claiming or professing to be Latter-day Saints. Of course people are social beings, and that part of their nature must needs have legitimate exercise, but should never be perverted by recourse to that which is not legitimate.

Masquerade balls purport to be for social recreation, but they do not appear to fulfill that object in a legitimate or sensible way. Only fancy a supposed social gathering of people coming together so disguised as to be generally beyond recognition to each other. What sociability is there in a lot of people assembling with their faces covered? or much, certainly.

In such gatherings individuals whose characters for virtue are questionable may gain admission, inadvertently perhaps, and thus have an opportunity of leading the young, weak and unwary astray, and we should think that right thinking people generally would object to their sons and daughters being subjected to the probabilities of such an undesirable contingency.

There is reason for believing that there are some persons whose ideas are elastic on such matters; while there are probably others who are somewhat opposed to masquerades and the like, but who take part in them for fear of being called and considered "too straight-laced" in their opinions by others. If those inclined to refrain from participating in matters that cannot be considered, by sensible people, elevating in their tendency would take a decided stand by their better judgment they need not be afraid

of losing any respect that is worth having by taking such a course, for the contrary will be the result.

We may conclude by making a few general propositions on the subject.

1. That masquerades do not appear to be consonant with the religion professed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
2. That it is not an exhibition of good sense for a number of intelligent people to come together so disguised as to be beyond ordinary recognition.
3. That masquerades are not social parties in the true sense of the word.
4. That they can be used by the corrupt as a means of carrying out their evil designs.
5. That they are therefore not conducive to purity of morals.
6. That they do not conduce to genuine social enjoyment.
7. That it does not appear that masquerade balls are, in any sense, elevating in their tendency.
8. That they are unqualifiably bad in every sense of the word.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 1.

SANTAQUIN WARD,
Utah County.

To all whom it may concern:

On the 20th inst the following persons were cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for lying and unchristian conduct—William Smith, Eliza Smith, Eliza Jane Smith, John Smith.

D. S. ANDREW, Clerk.

GEORGE HALLIDAY, Bishop.
March 28th, 1876.

Child Lost.—A little girl, two and a half years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Hall, of the 15th Ward, wandered from home this morning, and has not been seen since. Information concerning her will be gladly received by the parents.

More Silk.—To-day we were shown a quantity of sewing silk, raised, reeled and manufactured by Mrs. Dunyon. It appears to be a very excellent article, soft, beautiful and glossy, and is sold at the same price as the imported article.

The Codling Moth.—We are informed by a person who is posted that the grubs which produce the codling moth, so destructive to fruit, are now making their appearance much more numerous than last season.

No "Small Potatoes."—We have been shown, from the Tithing Office, a quantity of potatoes, of the Peerless kind, raised by Bishop Thorne, of the 7th Ward, south of this City, in what is called the "Big Field." "Huge!" is the exclamation that naturally occurs to a person as he looks at them. We weighed a couple and they turned the scale at only six and a half pounds.

Social.—The closing social entertainment in the Nineteenth Ward last evening was a success. The hall was crowded, the programme strictly carried out, and all present were delighted with the performance, every piece being rendered in a creditable manner. Manager Gus M. Clark gave notice that on next Friday week, a spelling match would take place in the Institute, open to all, for which two useful prizes would be awarded to the two successful adult competitors, and the like to the juvenile victors.

That Shooting Affair.—We have seen a dispatch in relation to the shooting, on March 22nd, of James C. Swenson, by Mrs. Sally Johnson, at Eden, Bear Lake Valley, resulting in the death of the former, on March 26th, as related in the NEWS. It states that Mrs. Johnson and one of her sons were committed to await the action of the grand jury, by the Lake Town magistrate, on the 29th, and both are now on their way to this city.

The dispatch further says—"Our long winter continues, snow being still from two to four feet deep in the valley. Hay is scarce, but the strong winds have blown the snow from the hills in many places, thus preserving much stock that would otherwise perish."

Arrested.—From D. S. Andrew, of Santaquin, we learn that John D. Holladay, deputy sheriff of Utah County, has been successful in finding the persons who supplied Phelps, the escaped convict, with the pistol, knife, ammunition and other things to aid him in resisting capture.

Two of the guilty parties are

lodged in Provo jail, pending the action of the grand jury. One is B. Smith, brother to J. Smith, who was recaptured with Williamson, and the other is John Thomas Matthews, cousin to the Smiths.

Much credit is due Deputy Holladay, for the tact and energy he has evinced in this matter, through all its stages.

Mortuary.—Sexton's report for March—Males 21; females 24; of these adults 19; children 26; causes of death as reported: cancer bowels 1; inflammation of lungs 5; dropsy 3; scarlet fever 12; child-bed 1; water on the brain 1; typhoid fever 1; inflammation of bowels 2; paralysis 1; heart disease 2; liver complaint 1; alcoholism 1; killed by snowslide 1; apoplexy 1; cerebrospinal meningitis 1; still-born 1; cholera morbus 1; convulsions 3; brain fever 1; congestion of brain 2; croup 1; rheumatic fever 1; lung fever 1; total number of interments 45.

J. E. TAYLOR, Sexton.

The Grand Opening.—The great centre of attraction in the city to-day has been the Z. C. M. I. new store, which opened for business this morning, the splendid building having been thronged with visitors and purchasers during the entire day. To say that the place looks splendid does no more than do it justice, as it compares in many points probably with any store on the continent.

Suppose we take the visitor on a tour of observation through it. As we enter at the front we will walk down the left or north side, being first attracted with the fine display of dry goods, the many colored fabrics giving a fine effect in contrast with white walls and woodwork, for all the painting is in white, making the surroundings look pure and clean, setting off the different classes of wares to good advantage. Passing along we pass the place where notions are displayed and come to where heads of all shapes and sizes, of the male persuasion, can be fitted with suitable hats and caps, and still further east where boots and shoes can be had, and further still the material of which to manufacture them in the shape of leather and findings. As we here reach the receiving room we turn back and, extending along the middle part of the floor, we are attracted by the handsome general office, where the superintendent and bookkeepers attend to business, in full view, the sides of the enclosure being embellished with large plate glass squares; then we reach gent's clothing and outfitting, and finally fancy goods, the counters of the latter division not having yet been surmounted by the handsome glass show cases designed for them.

We will next take a turn down the south side and are first attracted with the tastefully arranged grocery goods; then the equally handsome and attractive display of hardware, and further on an artistically assorted and arranged display of Queensware, &c., winding off on that side with a general assortment of farming implements and other goods in that line.

Ascending the grand staircase, which has an imposing appearance, situated near the east end, we reach the wholesale departments for groceries, hardware, carpets, dry goods, notions, etc., with the marking rooms in the rear, and on the upper or third floor is an apparently endless variety of goods of different classes, placed there for storage.

Among other noticeable features on the first floor are the steam heat radiators, some of which were imported and some were made by Messrs. Mitchell & James. The radiators of themselves are not so very attractive, but their surroundings are, for they are each encased in a cast iron screen, beautifully bronzed, of open elaborate and tasteful design, surmounted by a top consisting of a large slab of white veined marble.

Not the least satisfactory part of the matter is that the day of opening, April 1st, 1876, the Centennial year, has been one of brisk business for the Institution, which opens in its new premises under what may be considered very flattering aspects.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 3.

Iron Ore.—Parties in from Willard state that there is fifteen hundred tons of iron ore on the dump at the mines, near that place, ready for the Ogden Iron Works. Fire up the blast furnace!—Ogden Junction, April 1.

Woman's Exponent for April 1 contains "Conference Greeting," "Woman," "R. S. Reports," "A True Friend," "Old Maid in the Corner," "Domestic Economy," "Ignorance and Extravagance," "Visit to Bear Lake," "Our Religion," "Woman's Ambition," "Pelfy Despotism," etc.

Summoned to Washington.—On Saturday afternoon Judge James B. McKean, Secretary Black, Col. O. J. Hollister, Mr. Thomas J. Alma and several other gentlemen in this city, received a summons, by telegraph, from the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Congressional House of Representatives, to appear at Washington forthwith, for the purpose of appearing before the House committee on foreign affairs, to testify in the Emma mine investigation matter, in which the official integrity of Minister Schenck is involved.

Arrived from Bear Lake.—Yesterday Mrs. Johnson, who lately shot and killed James C. Swenson, at Eden, Bear Lake Valley, and her son, reached this City, in custody of Sheriff Henderson, and were taken to the County Jail. They were committed to await the action of the grand jury, by Justice of the Peace W. P. Nebeker, before whom the preliminary examination was had. We understand they would be taken before the District Court this afternoon, when an effort would be made to have them admitted to bail.

The Ogden Publishing Company.—According to the Ogden Junction the old Ogden Publishing Company dissolved partnership by mutual consent March 31st. The officers of the late company were—Walter Thompson, President; Israel Canfield, Vice-President; Joshua Williams, Joseph Stanford, Barnard White, Directors; C. W. Penrose, Secretary and Treasurer.

A new company, under the name of the Ogden Publishing Company, has been incorporated under the laws of the Territory, and the following officers have been elected by ballot for the ensuing year—Lester J. Herrick, President; Joseph Hall, Vice-President; Joseph Stanford, Barnard White, Israel Canfield, Directors; Walter Thomson, Sec. and Treas.

The new company publishes the Junction, with Charles W. Penrose as editor, and Walter Thomson as business manager.

Missionary Work.—A private letter from Elder George Teasdale, dated at Toms Creek, N. C., March 21st, states that he and Elder Winder still keep busily employed, filling appointments, &c. They have baptized one person and baptized eight, and have preached the gospel to a great many people. On the first Sunday in March they had an appointment to preach in a School-house, which building, however, proved too small for the congregation, so they had to take to the open air. They had preached in the open air on another occasion previously, but not from the same cause, but because they were forced to, by some pious individuals locking them out of the School-house, where they were announced to hold meeting.

The winter had been exceedingly mild till a few days from the date of writing, when a very severe spell of stormy, cold weather set in, which was likely to kill the fruit.

An Important Decision.—This morning the decree of the Court in the important mining suit pending between the Richmond and Teresa mining companies was given. Judge Emerson informed the attorneys on Saturday that the decision would be announced this morning, and intimated it would be in favor of the defendants, who are Messrs. Walker Brothers, J. F. Woodman, J. M. Richardson et al. It will be remembered that the case was tried before a jury a few weeks since, the verdict being in favor of the plaintiffs, Messrs. Taylor and Cutler, S. Smith and A. W. White, the firm of the two gentlemen first named being the most heavily interested. This being an equity case, the Court is not therefore bound by the verdict of the jury, and in this suit its findings are not consonant with the verdict. This morning the Court, which had held the matter under advisement for several weeks, did not read its decree in open Court, and informed the attorneys for the plaintiff that they might defer making motions until they had perused the findings.

Application was made for a new trial, and the Judge said he would take the application into considera-

tion. As further evidence in the case is offered, the ends of justice might be furthered by a new trial.

Tragedy at American Fork.—A Man Shoots a Woman and Kills Himself—The following special to the NEWS was received over the Deseret Telegraph wires to-day—

AMERICAN FORK, April 3, 1876.
Editor Deseret News:

A fatal shooting affair transpired here yesterday, resulting in the death of George Snell and Mrs. Pollock. The particulars, so far as can be ascertained, are about as follows—

Mrs. Pollock, a married woman, with a family of three young children, has lived here about two years, her husband, a miner, being now at work in Bingham. Snell was also a miner, having no home in particular, working at different camps in the Territory, the last place hailed from being Tintic. Since Mrs. Pollock's residence here he has maintained an intimacy with her, and came here on yesterday's train. Mrs. Pollock was staying at the residence of Mrs. Weston, to which place Snell went and inquired for her. On seeing Mrs. Pollock he requested her to go back to her own house with him, which at first she declined doing and expressed herself to Mrs. Weston as being afraid of Snell, but finally agreed to go, and left Mrs. Weston's in his company. It appears that shortly after leaving Mrs. Weston's house, some words passed between Snell and Mrs. Pollock, when she turned with the intention of returning, whereupon Snell drew a five-shooter revolver and shot her three times, once in the arm and twice in the back, causing her to fall. He then turned and shot himself through the heart.

Parties who heard the reports of the shots hastened to the spot, and found Snell dying and Mrs. Pollock mortally wounded. Snell died in about ten minutes after being shot. The woman lived till ten o'clock last night, the shooting having occurred about noon.

Snell was a Canadian, about 33 years old, and Mrs. Pollock was from Kansas City, and about 34 years old. Mrs. Pollock stated before dying that Snell endeavored to induce her to obtain a divorce from her husband and marry him, which she refused to do, and also refused to go with him to her own house, which angered him, resulting as above stated.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, March 27—

Mr. George West, in handling a heavy box at the U. P. depot this morning, met with quite a serious accident, by the falling of the box upon his foot, crushing it severely.

We have in our possession a letter to Mr. Barker, of Willard, from Mr. W. Tait, the builder of the blast furnace of the Ogden Iron Works, which contains some items of interest to our citizens. He states that Josiah Parkes, who is at Milwaukee, has applied to the commissioner in bankruptcy for an order permitting the private sale of the Iron Works in this city, by the assignees—Dr. Parkes and his brother George. The plea set up, on oath, is that the brick work is nearly all decayed, and the machinery so spoiled that it will be soon no better than old iron. He states also that Howard, the secretary, has sworn to the same statement. Mr. Tait requests Mr. Barker to obtain the services of Mr. W. N. Fife to examine the works and make a true report of their condition. This request has been complied with, and Mr. Fife informs us that all the damages upon the works, which principally consist of a sinking of the brick-work in the south-east gable of the foundry room, can be thoroughly and completely repaired for \$125, while the machinery is unimpaired. We certainly confess to some surprise at Mr. Howard's backing up the false statements of Parkes, who, with his relatives, want to keep control of the works in spite of the incapacity and failure which have been exhibited in their management. Mr. Tait says Mr. Brown's plan is to issue bonds to all the creditors, bearing interest at 18 per cent, per annum, secured by first mortgage, and the further bonding of the works, so as to obtain sufficient means to start the blast furnace. He thinks the works will pay from the word "go."