

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY DEC. 23.

**Fair Proceeds.**—The proceeds of the Ladies' Fair have been handed over to the Deseret Hospital Committee. The sum is \$1,022, being the combined donation of the Hospital Ways and Means Committee and the Unity Club. Good.

**The University Building.**—We were shown this morning by Architect John Burton, a photograph of his fine drawing of the new University building, as it will appear when completed, a copy of which he has furnished the Chancellor and each of the Board of Regents.

The new building will all be covered in by Monday evening. School is now being taught in the north end of the structure. The winter semester is held there, with a class of 80 students, independently of the classes in the old building, which are being conducted as usual.

The mason work on the structure is by Elise Morris, the carpentering by Taylor, Romney & Co., the plastering by John Burt, the tin work by David James. The work is extra heavy, and the construction strong and solid all through the building.

**Lorenzo M. Richards.**—The funeral services over the remains of Brother L. M. Richards, whose death at 1 a.m. yesterday in Ogden, was chronicled in this paper last evening, will be held at the Second Ward Meeting House, in that city, to-morrow at 1 o'clock p.m. From a feeling obituary in the *Pilot* of to-day, we excerpt the following:

We do not merely reiterate hackneyed words of sympathy when we say that in his demise earth has lost one of God's own noblemen. Mr. Richards was less than 27 years old; yet his life had been a busy one. He had been engaged in various successful enterprises here, and for several years had held the office of County Clerk; but it is in his business career that he was best known. To say that he was honored for his integrity and admired for his ability by all his associates, is to tell the simple truth.

During the weary months while pain was plying its manifold tortures upon his frame, he never murmured, and while the sombre curtain of death hung near for so long a time ready to enfold him in its loneliness, he always faced the dim hereafter with noble steadfastness. At last, when tired nature relaxed her vigil, he calmly yielded, and his life was wafted away like the vanishing echoes of a bell-chime. It is sad to see a young man give up an existence which seems to humanity unfinished; it is a public calamity when a being dies whose early perfection gave promise of a grand future among his fellow creatures. The man who has just gone possessed the admirable qualities of maturity, while he was yet filled with the ardor and grace of youth. He was generous and brave. It is said that all men have their enemies, but hatred or dislike against this man would have been cruelly causeless. For all who know him say, in his whole life he injured no one.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 24.

**The Ladies' Fair.**—The Unity Club fair, held in the Social Hall December 13th, 14th and 15th, 1883, for the benefit of the Deseret Hospital was a grand success and the Club feel deeply indebted for the liberal donations made by the city and county wards, Relief Societies, the merchants and numerous private individuals, also the newspapers and all those who assisted at the fair. And they take this opportunity of expressing their thanks and wishing those benevolent and charitable people one and all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**It Always Crops Out.**—The true character of the anti-"Mormon" crusaders crops out on every occasion. At their rally on Saturday evening, the proceedings terminated with "three cheers for Murray," revised mathematical system. This is to count 1,357 votes when given for a non-"Mormon" candidate as greater than 13,568 votes given to a "Mormon" candidate. Congress and the country condemned this revised system invented by the Governor as political robbery, but it is viciously endorsed by the crusaders who are hungry for office and its opportunities.

**Galaxy of Song.**—Among the

recent arrivals of holiday presents at D. O. Calder's new music warehouses, First South Street, is the "Galaxy of Song," a collection of the latest popular songs, just issued from the press, with piano and organ accompaniments, 330 pages, full music size. It contains 64 full-page portraits of favorite and popular vocalists, conductors and composers, with complete biographical sketches of the most popular song writers, vocalists and musicians. The cover is a genuine work of art, being printed in 12 different colors, and altogether the "Galaxy of Song" is one of the most handsome books of the class that we have seen. It will make a splendid present, and costs but \$1.25.

**Bee Stealing.**—Last Monday or Tuesday night, some party or parties stole from the apiary of Mr. Ben. Judson, Tenth Ward, a swarm of bees in the hive. On Thursday Messrs. Judson, Henry Twyler and the latter's brother, went in search of the bees and the thief. Foot prints were seen on the ground.

After going some fifty or a hundred rods east of Brother John Kirkman's house, the hive was found in a deep gully. The hive was a two-story one, made of two-inch lumber. The thieves got the honey from the upper story, but in consequence of the pattern (which is one used by Mr. Judson) they could not get the honey or the bees out of the bottom story. The hive, after its return, weighed over two hundred pounds, so the thieves had to earn the little they got. However, a repetition of their act will be decidedly unhealthy for them in Mr. Judson's neighborhood. This is the first case of this kind of stealing yet reported.

**Stabbed Himself Thrice.**—Lewis Cunningham, a young man over 20 years of age, a resident of the Second Ward, attempted suicide on Saturday night by stabbing himself three times with a butcher-knife, while he seized from the table while the family were getting ready for supper. It occurred about nine o'clock. The father was sitting reading the paper. Lewis entered the house and without a word of warning or explanation made the assault upon his life. A physician was summoned, and did what he could for the wounded boy, but when last consulted by our informant, at 9:30 o'clock this morning, he was doubtful of the patient's recovery.

No cause was assigned by the latter for his rash act, but it is supposed to have been an affair in which a young girl was concerned in some way. The boy's parents are Scotch, but have been in this city about thirty years. He himself was born and raised here, and has lived in Provo Valley and Ogden.

**Grateful Acknowledgement.**—The officers of the Deseret Hospital Association respectfully and gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the gift received for the benefit of the institution from the Ladies Bazar, recently held in the Social Hall, in this city. The donation consisted of cash \$1,022, and various other articles such as fruits, fresh and dried, honey, meats, etc., books, pictures, bed-linen, blankets and sundries.

Great credit is due the ladies both of the Unity Club and the Hospital Ways and Means Committee, for their energy and perseverance in getting up the Bazar and making it such a perfect success. Too much can scarcely be said in their praise. They are not only benevolent and kind, but untiring in their efforts. With their own hands these ladies made many very beautiful things and contributed them freely to the Bazar. They also gave much valuable time and displayed great taste and ingenuity in all the arrangements.

E. B. WELLS,  
Secretary.

Deseret Hospital Association,  
December 24th, 1883.

**Obsequies.**—The funeral services over the remains of Brother Lorenzo M. Richards, took place, according to notice, at 1 p.m. yesterday, in the Second Ward Meeting house, Ogden, Bishop Robert McQuarrie conducting the meeting. The house was filled to overflowing, and many were unable to gain admittance, showing the general esteem in which the deceased had been held while living. The principal speakers were Presidents Joseph F. Smith and George Q. Cannon, who were followed by Bishop McQuarrie in a few remarks relative to the life and character of the departed one.

Apostle F. D. Richards, father of the deceased, then spoke briefly and feelingly, recounting incidents in the life of his son, and some of the spiritual manifestations he had received. Among other things he related that on Thursday last, the day before he died, Lorenzo turned to him and said: "Father, the key is turned. It will not be months, it will not be weeks," then putting his mouth nearer to his father's ear, so as to be unheard by others in the room, he added, "It will not be days." In less than 24 hours afterwards he was dead. There was scarcely a dry eye in the house while Brother Richards was speaking, and he himself was so deeply affected as to be almost unable to articulate. About 40 persons from this city attended the services, which were very impressive.

**A Hair Breadth Escape.**—As Brother B. B. Bitner was about to cross the U. C. Railway track at the Franklin Smelter, south of the city last Wednesday, seated on the empty hay-rack of his wagon, he discovered a freight train in the cut, a few yards from the crossing, rapidly advancing from the south. His horses becoming frightened, plunged across the track with fearful force, but not in time for the wagon to escape the cowcatcher, which struck it immediately under the seat and dashed the driver with great violence as "high as the locomotive," to the east side of the track against the embankment, which he struck with his head and right shoulder, rendering him for a while unconscious.

He was soon picked up and taken to a neighboring house where kind friends cared for him tenderly until he so far recovered as to be conveyed to his home about two miles distant, by Brother W. G. Young, who was an anxious eye-witness to the accident. An examination disclosed the gratifying fact that no bones were dislocated or broken, but that the body was badly bruised in several places was soon made apparent by discoloration and swelling of the parts injured. Brother Bitner was terribly shaken up, and his nervous system sustained a very trying shock.

His wagon was dashed to pieces and thrown to the west of the track. The concussion separated the wagon from the horses so that no injury resulted to them, but they plunged forward and a few rods away collided with a buggy in which were a gentleman and lady who, fortunately, escaped unharmed.

The place where this accident occurred is said to be a perfect man and team trap. Approaching the crossing from the west, trains are hidden from view by intervening buildings and a high embankment, while the constant noise made by the smelter engine, machinery, etc., makes it impossible to hear a train approaching. It is said that from 50 to 100 vehicles cross this dangerous place daily and yet no flagman is posted there in the interests of public safety. Had Bro. Bitner not been literally pulled over the front of the hay rack, by holding on to the lines of the frightened horses at the moment of contact, no doubt he would have gone with the wagon and in all probability, judging from the wrecked condition of the wagon and rack, would not now be alive to tell the story of his hair-breadth escape, and protest against the likelihood of such things recurring, unless timely measures are adopted to prevent.

Bro. Bitner writes that he is still suffering greatly (though he rested well last night) and has brought up some clotted blood. Many friends have visited him. We hope he will soon recover.

## GOVERNOR MURRAY'S SERIES OF "IFS."

THE article bearing the name of Governor Murray which appears in the *North American Review* for January next is substantially a recapitulation of the untruthful statements which form the chief part of his report to the Secretary of the Interior. That report has appeared in full in this paper. We therefore do not reproduce the article. A paragraph or two will be sufficient to show the nature of the whole communication. Governor Murray starts with this assertion:

"That the country has resolved to get at the bottom facts in Utah affairs, and to reform the social and

political status of that Territory is a fact patent to every observer of the currents of popular opinion and popular sentiment."

This is just exactly what the country—if by that term is meant either its leading minds or the masses of the people—has never done and has not yet resolved to do. The "bottom facts" concerning Utah have not been reached or attempted to be reached. There is more ignorance about Utah affairs in the United States than in regard to any other subject of public interest. Travelers who come here are amazed at the situation, so different to that which they have been led to suppose, and the articles that appear in the papers, and the discourses that are preached in the pulpits, exhibit a most astonishing lack of knowledge of the people and condition of this Territory. Is it not a fact that the ideas entertained in regard to the "Mormons" are derived from the statements of their most uncompromising enemies? Is it not also true that the popular notion of the meaning of "Mormonism" is summed up in the word polygamy.

If the country wanted to get at the bottom facts inquiries would be instituted among those who are familiar with the system called "Mormonism," and its authorized exponents, printed and personal would be consulted. But the general method is to give credence to every foolish story, particularly if it is salacious or startling, and ignore all that is brought forward in refutation. It is rare that a newspaper or a magazine will print anything written to correct the public mind and show the falsehood of rumors that become current. The press, parrot-like, repeats the falsehoods started by unprincipled persons in this city and the pulpit echoes the refrain. Often they are without the slightest foundation in fact, frequently they contain a slender filament of truth scarcely perceptible in a whole bolt of fiction.

If the country or if Congress would really try to get at "the bottom facts concerning Utah," it would be found that the country had been grossly deceived by designing persons, helped by others less dishonest but feebler witted. Also that the statements and insinuations of Eli H. Murray are a compound of absolute untruth and cunning yet transparent sophistry, told with a deliberate intention to defame Utah and hoodwink the government and the country. Take the annexed paragraph, which contains the marrow of all he has said in his official report and, in the article from which we make the extract:

"If it be true that crime prevails and criminals control in Utah; that from the very beginning 'the legislation of Utah has been inimical to and subversive of the Federal authority within the Territory,' that an unlawful government has existed there for thirty years; that taxes are levied upon the minority to build schools upon Church property into which the children of that minority do not and should not enter; and that laws of Congress are nullified; if it be true, that by territorial statute the whole system of immigration has been given over to the Church; that thousands of 'assisted' immigrants have been and are now gathered from abroad; that escheats and confiscations for this immigration fund have been provided for by the territorial legislatures; that fanaticism imposes upon ignorance, and that avarice feeds upon industry under authority of this legislation; that laws have been enacted 'respecting an establishment of religion' in violation of the Federal Constitution; if it be true, that Congress and civilization have denounced the 'plural wife' system as bigamy; that the appeals of virtue, and the hopes of helpless children born and yet to be born are unheeded, and the unholy system defiantly upheld, defended and practiced in Utah; that a territorial law establishes a new process of naturalization by conferring the right of suffrage upon alien women, when they become wives, without the qualification of time as required by national law; that this system has spread into other Territories the property of the United States, and is occupying the public lands; if these propositions be true, and if these evils exist by the act of legislatures created by authority of Congress, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States, then the time is fully come when so vicious a system should be destroyed and such agency of government abolished."

"If it be true." Yes, IF. But it is not true. A very little investigation into the bottom facts would show this beyond a doubt. There is not an assumption in the whole collection of "ifs" but is either a positive falsehood, or a misstatement of something partly true in such a manner as render it in effect a deception. We admit one exception to the rule. It is the reference to the denunciation of the plural wife system as "bigamy." The statement that it has been so denounced is correct, the principle attempted to be established is a fallacy. Plural marriage and bigamy are essentially different, as President Taylor has clearly shown in his article in the *Review*.

The "unlawful government" existing in Utah for thirty years, is that set up and sustained by the United States. Utah has no other. There is nothing in existence to substantiate the Governor's absurd assertion, and if it were true it would be a reflection upon Congress and the Administration, not upon Utah. There is not a schoolhouse in the Territory built by the taxes of "the minority." Taxes for building schoolhouses are assessed by vote of the taxpayers and are levied upon all the taxable property in the district, and are not used to "build schools upon Church property." The Governor's statement is wilfully and entirely false, as is the assertion that a territorial law establishes "a new process of naturalization." No such law is on the statute book, and if it existed it would be a nullity, for Congress alone can prescribe rules for the naturalization of aliens. It is a law of Congress which provides that a wife of a citizen of the United States becomes a citizen by her marriage. Governor Murray must think his readers as ignorant as he is reckless and untruthful. Any schoolboy ought to know better than to write such transparent trash. And what about the "hopes of helpless children yet to be born?" How cruel of anybody to let unborn hopes of unborn babes go "unheeded." The rest of the Governor's collection of evil imputations we fully exposed a week ago in reviewing his report to the Secretary of the Interior.

And what about his vicious declaration that the time has come when the system of government in Utah "should be destroyed." Why, it is predicated upon those ifs, and they are founded on falsehood and therefore the whole fabric amounts to nothing. Yet these malicious misrepresentations and equivocal hypotheses, with the abominable suggestion at the close, will no doubt be copied as startling facts and the essence of wisdom, by men who, if they would take the trouble to look for the "bottom facts," would be able to see the fallacy of the suppositions and the villainy of the advice.

When will the thinking men and women of this nation investigate the so-called "Utah problem" as they would examine into any other important question? When will the orators and writers who have the ear of the public, cease to aid the schemes of political conspirators plotting for place and pelf, by repeating the fallacies which the tricksters invent? In their zeal to put down what they suppose to be a social error, they become the tools of such creatures as Murray and the clique he represents, who care no more for polygamy than they do for piety, but are bent upon destroying the liberties of the whole people of Utah that they may gain power and plunder. And while the press and the pulpit are sounding the tocsin for a crusade against "Mormon" marriage, these Utah plotters are laughing at the noise and scoffing at those who make it, and are watching for the golden opportunity to ride upon the ruins of a misjudged community into positions which they could never reach by merit, nor wish for except as chances for robbery and oppression.

"If" the government and the country would get at the "bottom facts;" "if" the baseless charges made by rabid fanatics and scheming office-seekers were fairly investigated; "if" the personal character of the accused people of Utah were justly compared with that of their traducers; "if" the sentiments and acts of the "Mormons" in regard to the Constitution and laws of the land were given due credit; if the qualities and capabilities for self-government which they have exhibited in the face of a deep-seated and powerful hostility were duly recognized; "if" the principles which enter into the structure of our national system were applied to Utah; "if" bigotry and sectarianism were thrust out of congressional legisla-