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Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 27.

Changeable.—Both sunshine and snowstorm to day. More than a foot of snow has fallen since the storms commenced, and the snow has fallen slightly every day, more or less.

Stealing.—To-day a Chinaman, with a peculiar name, was arrested on a charge of stealing some blankets, a pair of pants, a valise and other articles.

Rockville.—J. E. Terry writes from Rockville, Dec. 14—

"The health of the people of Rockville is improving. The weather is exceedingly pleasant and peace and quietness reign."

Committed.—The preliminary examination of David Phillips, for the killing of William J. Jones, was concluded on Saturday evening, resulting in Justice Pyper committing him, without bonds, to await the action of the grand jury.

Scottish Music.—Yesterday Mr. W. C. Dunbar, of the *Herald*, made a number of calls upon his Scotch friends, and regaled them with a few lively airs on the national instrument, the bagpipes, for "auld acquaintance sake."

"Without Bonds."—The commissioner without bonds, A. K. Smith, appointed by Judge Schaefer, to sequester and sell the property of a respected citizen, having gone to other parts, A. B. Emery has been appointed commissioner without bonds, by the Judge, in his stead.

Arrested.—To-day James Robbins, of the Great Western Hotel, and William A. Pitts, of the Overland house, were arrested, each on a charge of keeping a house resorted to for purposes of prostitution. The cases are set for ten o'clock tomorrow.

Encouraging.—On Sunday the children of the 13th Ward Sunday School were the recipients of suitable presents, consisting of dolls, books, pictures, cards, &c. The school, which was only organized last Spring, is increasing in interest, as a means of doing good, under the superintendency of Elders B. H. Schettler, R. V. Decker and a corps of teachers who take an interest in the work.

Presentation.—On Friday the pupils of the 13th Ward school, on the occasion of its closing for the present year, presented to their teacher, Mr. J. H. Ward, a handsomely bound edition of Moore's Poetical Works, and other gifts, as a token of their esteem for him. On Christmas morning the pupils assembled and were each presented, by Santa Claus in costume, with a packet of articles calculated to tickle the palates of all properly constituted juveniles.

Wandered from Home.—Mrs. Turnbull, of the 11th Ward, aged about seventy years, left her home last Wednesday and, when last seen, was coming toward the city, from Red Butte Cañon, on Friday last. The old lady has had, of late, spells of temporary aberration of mind, and it is feared she has wandered off to some out of the way locality and perished.

Any person knowing of her whereabouts will confer a favor by communicating with Bishop A. McRae, 11th Ward.

Presentation.—At a party in the 20th Ward School House, last evening, the members of that Ward tendered Brothers John Daynes, Joseph J. Daynes and Wm. Lambourne each a testimonial expressive of their public service, the first as leader of the choir, the second as organist, and the third as commissariat for the poor, all of which positions being creditably filled. The testimonials express, of themselves, the reasons for the presentations, and are enclosed in neat frames.

One of Them.—Among other Christmas family gatherings, which undoubtedly were numerous throughout the city, yesterday, was one at the residence of Mr. and

Mrs. Wm. Paul, architect and builder of the 20th Ward, who generously entertained some thirty or forty of their children, grandchildren, and other relatives, the host himself, though between seventy and eighty years of age, hitching up his tears in the small hours this morning and carrying his guests home through the snow.

Sad Accident.—D. Osborn, J. P., writes from Montpelier, Bear Lake County, Idaho, Dec. 21, 1876.

"A sad occurrence has just happened, which has thrown our town into a melancholy state. On the evening of the 19th inst., Hans Christensen, of this town, was found dead in his stable. A coroner's jury was immediately summoned, and an inquest was held upon the body, before Justice Osborn, who, after examining all the testimony in regard to the affair, rendered their verdict to the effect that deceased's name was Hans Christensen, was born Nov. 29, 1819, in Jytland, Denmark, and came to his death by being accidentally kicked and stamped on in the stall by his own horse. Deceased has no family nor relatives in this country.

"Ogden Junction and Scandinavian Star, please copy."

Election Returns.—The following are the full returns of the late election for Delegate to Congress from Utah—

	CANNON.	BASKIN.
Beaver	488	270
Box Elder	1,145	263
Cache	2,146	26
Davis	942	30
Iron	605	13
Juab	537	118
Kane	725	1
Millard	613	20
Morgan	251	7
Plute	5	32
Rich	224	...
Salt Lake	4,499	1,737
Sanpete	1,921	40
Sevier	633	1
Summit	485	291
Tooele	488	692
Utah	3,336	55
Wasatch	298	...
Weber	1,356	200
Washington	837	16
	21,534	3,842
	3,842	...
	17,692	...

Cannon's majority 17,692

Compliments.—The following came by Deseret telegraph—

ST. GEORGE, Dec. 24, 1876.

"My Family and Friends at Salt Lake and elsewhere:

"The compliments of the season; wishing you all a 'merry Christmas' and 'happy New Year.' May you live to accomplish the work given you to do of our Heavenly Father, and I pray you may do it faithfully, that you may be prepared to dwell eternally in the heavens. May God grant it. Amen. "BRIGHAM YOUNG."

All true Latter-day Saints will respond to the foregoing with a heartfelt desire, together with a return of reasonable compliments, that their venerable leader may continue to live to accomplish fully the mighty mission on earth assigned him by the great Father of all.

Christmas.—So far as we know, Christmas passed off in this city with tolerable tranquillity. One feature observable upon the streets cannot but occasion regret, however, with the right thinking portion of the community—the numerous evidences of indulgence, by many of the youth, in strong drink. Perhaps at no former holiday season have those exhibitions of intemperance been more abundant than in this. That this is a comparatively temperate community, when considered in connection with others, is no excuse in mitigation of the offense against the principles inculcated in the latter-day work of the Lord. If the true spirit and genius of that work were in force such a thing as a dram shop would not exist in the community at all, and it would suit us well if it were possible to inaugurate such a condition now. As it is, Government officials,

courts, etc., stand in the way of ridding this community entirely of these destructive adjuncts of modern civilization, and the only course left is to do the best that can be done under existing circumstances, until a thorough and complete change shall come, for come it will. It is a sad commentary that there are people who cannot enjoy themselves in an intelligent and rational manner on the reputed anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of the world, but must bring themselves beneath the level of the lower animal creation by imbibing alcoholic poison to that degree that robs them of their intellects and superinduces temporary insanity, for every person under the influence of strong drink is more or less insane.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 28.

Moderated.—The temperature has been markedly milder since the snow fell and the fog lifted.

Blocked.—The American Fork railroad is snow blocked, and all traffic on it consequently suspended.

How.—This is how it is—sometimes it has snowed and sometimes it hasn't to-day, and the prospects are good for a continuance of the same.

More of It.—The quantity of snow made to disappear by the thaw of yesterday has been replaced with another six inch layer, which fell during last night.

Appointment.—Mr. B. H. Thomas, lately connected with the Secretary's office, has been appointed, by Marshal Nelson, chief deputy in the latter's office, in place of Mr. A. K. Smith.

Gaining Strength.—It will be gratifying news to the many friends of Professor Joseph L. Barfoot, that the health of that venerable and respected old gentleman, which has been quite feeble for some time past, is slowly improving.

England and the States.—On Friday morning next, Elders Daniel S. Macfarlane, of Cedar City, and William Ashworth, of Beaver, purpose leaving for Great Britain, and Elders P. T. Farnsworth, sen., and J. H. Skinner, both of Beaver, leave at the same time for the Eastern States, all four on missions.

Paying Their Respects.—Last evening the teachers of the Fourteenth Ward Sunday School, of which Elder H. P. Richards has been assistant superintendent for the last ten years, called upon that gentleman, at his residence, to pay their respects to him and bid him farewell, previous to his departure for the Sandwich Islands.

A Bad Case.—Nearly the whole of the time has been taken up in Justice Pyper's Court to-day with the trial of James Robbins, charged with keeping a house resorted to for purposes of prostitution. Considerable of the evidence was of such a character as to be totally unfit for publication.

Fatal Casualty.—About nine o'clock on Christmas morning, T. P. Jackson, a miner, about twenty-six years of age, shot himself through the head, killing himself instantly, at the Dixon House, Bingham. It is a disputed point as to whether the act was accidental or intentional. He had been in poor health for some time previous.

Good Meat.—Mr. Jennings justly takes great pride in his splendid show of fat beef, grass-fed beef, good to line the inner man with this wintry weather. Dear to the heart of natives of the "tight little isle" is a joint of "roast beef," supplemented by the famous "plum pudding," which by the by has never a plum in it. These creature comforts are not despised in this longitude and latitude, as the butchers' and grocers' shows indicate.

For the Sandwich Islands.—This afternoon Elder Henry P. Richards, who was called, at the last General Conference, to go on a mission to the Sandwich Islands, left for the field of his ministerial labors. He expects to take passage for Honolulu on the S. S. *City of New York*, which sails from San Francisco on

the morning of January 1st, 1877. He journeys to the Sandwich Islands alone. He carries with him the good wishes of the community, by whom he is much respected, so far as his personal acquaintance extends. We hope the change of climate will benefit his health, which has been delicate for a considerable time.

The Beaver Case.—Messrs. Hoge & Jonassen have received instructions from Mr. Colton, lately convicted of lascivious cohabitation, under the territorial statute, in the First District Court, to argue the case, on appeal, before the Supreme Court of the Territory. Mr. Colton appeared in the First District Court and was tried without counsel, being, we presume, confident that the territorial statute had no bearing whatever upon his case, he being a polygamist. After conviction he moved for a new trial, which was denied by Judge Boreman, whose ideas of law appear to be about as clear as mud.

A New Trial.—Messrs. Hempstead and Gamble, and Hoge and Jonassen have received intelligence from Washington to the effect that the Supreme Court of the United States has passed upon the case of "Jack" Wiggins, convicted of murder in the first degree. The decision reverses the ruling of the Supreme Court of the Territory, and remands the case to the Third District Court, on points of error, for a new trial. The points upon which the case was taken up were exceptions to rulings of Judge Emerson excluding certain evidence, and to some points in the Court's charge to the jury.

In New York State.—Letters, dated the 16th and 17th inst., from Elder John Druce, state that himself and Elder John G. Midgley, who are laboring in the New York Missionary District, have, since their arrival in that State, last month, been diligently engaged in the work of the ministry, answering numerous inquiries in regard to the gospel, preaching, &c. Besides laboring among those not now of the faith, they have visited and enlivened some who had once been active members of the Church, but had become indifferent and cold.

Elder Druce was in receipt of advices from Elders O. L. Robinson and A. S. Rose, who were laboring at Hornersville, in the same State, with good success. They were kept busy answering questions nightly till midnight, had preached in the school-house of that place, and the prospect was good for additions to the Church.

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

Petition of S. A. Woolley asking an appropriation of \$41.65, in addition to the amount already appropriated, of the taxes, for repairing the crossings of the 9th ward; granted.

Petition of Dr. Munro, asking that the monthly rental of the Warm Springs Bath House be reduced to \$100; referred to the committee on public works.

Petition of Thomas Hepworth, asking that the rent of his stall, in the City Meat Market, be reduced to \$125 per annum; referred to the marshal, with instructions to make temporary arrangements regarding the lease.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the quarterly report of the supervisor of streets, reported that they had examined it, found it correct, and recommended that the sum due the supervisor, \$841.93, be appropriated; adopted.

Ajourned till next Tuesday evening, at half past six.

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