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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 8.

Increasing.—Freight business on the Utah Southern Railroad is increasing, which is an indication that the mines and smelters are also doing a better business.

Very Sick.—We regret to learn that Hon. Jonathan Wright, of Brigham City, is confined to his bed, with a severe attack of illness, with little prospect of recovery.

To be Repeated.—In consequence of the success of the concert in the 10th Ward, last evening, in aid of the Welsh fund, it will be repeated at the 11th Ward School-house next Tuesday night.

Brisk.—A brisk trade is being done in exporting Utah potatoes to California. We understand that Mr. S. W. Sears is in the west, looking after the interests of that branch of trade.

Proposed.—Telephonic communication, by Prof. Bell's invention, has been, as previously stated, established between the residence of Mr. L. E. Holden and his office, and between the office of Mr. A. Gould, in the Deseret Bank Block, and the coal yards at the railroad depot. Now two or three parties interested in mining business have under consideration the opening of communication, by Bell telephones, between this city and Sandy, a distance of a little over twelve miles.

Sixth Ward.—A meeting of the Sixth Ward Mutual Improvement Association was held last evening, for the election of officers, with the following result:

President, Hugh Watson; 1st Counselor, H. Evans; 2d Counselor, A. G. Riser; Secretary, J. H. Anderson; Assistant-Secretary, J. H. Poulton; Treasurer, A. H. West; Librarian, W. N. Anderson. These officers constitute a board of directors for the association.

District Court.—Wednesday, May 8th, morning.

Mary Admire vs. R. T. Burton; continued.

Alfaes Young et al vs. G. Q. Cannon et al; hearing on injunction and time for defendants to plead extended till May 13th, by consent.

Maxwell Kinner vs. Chicago Tunnel and Mining Co., on motion of defendants it is ordered that the action be, and the same is hereby dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

Woodworking.—The Sierra Nevada Lumber Company are about to go into the wood-working business, in this city. Contracts have been let for the erection of the necessary buildings, at their yard, in the vicinity of the railroad depot. The principal building will be frame, and the engine house adobe, with rock foundation. As soon as the structures are up, the necessary planing, tonguing and grooving, and other machinery will be put up in them.

Street Sprinkling.—The fire brigade is getting ready to sprinkle the streets from the fire hydrants. Yesterday Chief Ottinger had a suitable sprinkler made, to spread the stream as it leaves the hose, to prevent too great a force, which

would wash out the streets in places. The brigade agree to sprinkle the streets thoroughly, in dry weather, during the summer, every morning except Sundays, before business hours.

The wetting from the hydrants will be much more thorough than by the old cart-sprinkling method, and, in addition to the effect of laying the dust, will tend to cool the atmosphere, during the heated season.

The firemen will be paid for their work from the fund contributed by the business men living on the streets where the sprinkling is done. The surplus remaining, if there be any, will be used for the purpose of purchasing equipments for the members of the brigade.

Suit for Damages.—In yesterday's District Court minutes it was stated that the suit of Worthen and Ainsworth vs. Elias Hotchkiss et al. had been given to the jury. After giving the case the necessary consideration, a verdict was rendered for the plaintiffs, awarding them damages to the amount of one dollar.

The case grew out of a circumstance that occurred at the Walker House in 1874. A sum of money was stolen there, and, at the instance of Mr. Hotchkiss and others, the plaintiffs were arrested on suspicion of having committed the theft. They were committed to jail, by Justice Pyper, in default of finding the required security for their appearance for preliminary examination. After they had remained in prison four days, the prosecuting attorney, Judge Snow, entered a *nolle prosequi*, on the ground that he was unable to find any evidence against the accused that would warrant their being held to answer, and they were discharged.

The suit that was disposed of yesterday was instituted by the two young men to recover damages for false imprisonment, etc.

City Council.—Meeting of the Council Tuesday evening, May 7, 1878, Mayor Little presiding.

Upon petition, James Stirling was granted the privilege of erecting a platform in front of his place of business, on First East Street, under the usual restrictions.

Upon petition, William Coult, a cripple, was granted a free license for one year, to run a job wagon.

Sarah Brown, who purchased a lot from the city in 1867, petitioned to have her money refunded, as the lot was included in the Camp Douglas Military Reservation; granted, and \$500 was appropriated for that purpose.

Charles Popper was granted the use of a portion of the street and sidewalk, on which to pile building materials for thirty days, during the erection of his new building on First South Street.

Councilor Ball, in behalf of some residents of the Ninth Ward, petitioned to have some repairs made on Fifth South and Second East Streets. Referred to the street supervisor, with instructions to make the repairs, if necessary.

The committee on water works, to whom was referred the petition of Elbridge Tufts, asking the privilege of using the water from the fire hydrants for sprinkling the central business streets, reported adversely on said petitions, as the fire hydrants were by ordinance placed exclusively under the control of the Fire Department. Report adopted.

The committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred the petition of B. G. Raybould, asking that a pool of stagnant water in front of his residence, on West Temple Street, be filled up, recommended that the street supervisor be instructed to fill up the hole in the order of business. Adopted.

The same committee reported on the petition of Samuel Peterson and others, asking that a certain portion of Ninth South Street be opened, and recommended that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the street be opened March 1st, 1879. Adopted.

Alderman Pyper reported proceedings in the Police Court for the month ending April 30, 1878: 72 cases were tried and \$1,073.55 assessed in fines. Alderman's fees, \$180. Report accepted and Alder-

man's fees allowed and appropriated.

The City Marshal presented some additional bills on general expense account: city prison account, &c., for the month of April, amounting to \$211.15, which were allowed.

The chief engineer of Fire Department presented a report of expense bills for April, \$135.50; allowed and appropriated.

Bills of the Salt Lake City Gas Company, for gas to street lamps and public buildings, for April, \$1,148; and Jesse W. Fox, Jr., for surveying and platting, \$102.25, were referred to the committee on claims.

Bill for collecting dog tax for April, \$47. Allowed.

One thousand dollars was appropriated for street improvements to be drawn upon the order of the supervisor of streets, and \$500 on account of artesian well now being dug north of the cemetery.

An ordinance relating to signs and awnings was taken up and passed to its third reading, and ordered to be engrossed.

Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAY 9.

Not Bad.—The concert recently given in the 15th Ward Hall, for the benefit of the Welsh emigration fund, netted the nice sum of nearly \$70.

Large Audience.—There was an overflowing house at the 21st Ward entertainment last evening, quite a number of people being unable to gain admittance. The performances were well rendered throughout.

Next Wednesday evening another entertainment will be given, the proceeds of which will be applied to the purchase of scenery for the use of the 21st Ward Dramatic Association, recently organized.

Not Much Surplus.—A short time since, in a suit which was virtually between several hundred hard-working, industrious farmers of Tooele, and an adventurer named Lawrence A. Brown, Judge Schaeffer decided that one-third of the water running in a canal belonging to the said several hundred people was surplus, and awarded it, by decree, to the said Brown. This surplus was to be used by Brown upon a track of land which he had taken up under the Desert Land Act. Now it turns out that the water supply is considerably deficient of being enough for the use of the older settlers, to say nothing about surplus. It is needless to say that Brown gets no water, notwithstanding the defined surplus of Judge Schaeffer.

District Court.—The case of Mary Admire vs. K. T. Burton was given to the jury, who retired to consider their verdict.

The case of John N. Whitney vs. Alladin G. & S. M. Co., was continued by consent.

Black Bass.—Mr. C. K. Green, son of the famous Seth Green, the pisciculturist, is in this city, accompanied by Mr. J. Mason, who has been associated with Mr. Green for many years in his labor of promoting and extending the culture of edible fish in the United States. These gentlemen are returning from San Francisco, where they have been in charge of a lot of black bass for the Sportsman's club of California. They started with 113 and succeeded in taking safely across the continent 100, about equal numbers of males and females. The bass weighed from half a pound to two pounds each and will be placed in a lake at Oakland.

Black bass is a splendid fish, and we think it could be introduced successfully into Utah in streams like the Jordan, which in some parts has not a violent current.

We wish Messrs. Green and Mason a pleasant journey home.

A Good Cause.—We received a pleasant call yesterday afternoon, from Mrs. G. R. Heulings, a sister of Mrs. Emeline B. Wells, but who resides in the East, and is traveling

in the interests of the temperance movement. Mrs. Heulings has the agency in this region for "The Temperance reform and its Great Reformers." This interesting and valuable book contains 690 pages, nicely bound in cloth. It is divided into nine sections, and embraces the entire history of the temperance cause in this country. It is illustrated with fine portraits of the leading temperance agitators and reformers, male and female, and gives the liquor laws of various States, and biographies of great men and women who have successfully battled against the forces of the demon of drink. It is edited by Rev. W. H. Daniels, A. M. and has an introduction by the celebrated Dr. Theo. Z. Cuyler. The work is calculated to do a great deal of good in the world, and we therefore wish Mrs. Heulings much success in canvassing for its sale. The lady is laboring in a worthy cause.

Ingenuity.—Farmer youths have frequently got into positions requiring tact and ingenuity. This was illustrated yesterday. A son of Brother John E. Pack was bringing four fat steers in from Rhodes Valley. One of the animals gave completely out and was left at a point eighteen miles from here, while the others were brought to town. The young man and a brother of his went back, taking a wagon with them to fetch the sick or tired animal in. They found him where he was left, but still unable to walk, so they determined to take him to town in the wagon. To get him upon the vehicle they dug holes in the ground and let the bottom of the wagon box down level with the ground, and made him walk on to it. To get him to lie down they tied up a couple of his legs. Getting tired of standing on two he dropped to a recumbent posture. They got to the city about midnight last night. In unloading they backed the wagon against a manure pile, took off the hind wheels, drove forward a short distance, and the fat steer, weighing about 1,700 pounds, slid gently out, and is now in excellent condition.

We relate the foregoing as illustrating the tact frequently displayed by some of our boys, when cornered by circumstances.

Spring Lake Pleasure Grounds.—Yesterday afternoon we visited Spring Lake Pleasure Grounds otherwise and more familiarly known as Calder's Farm. The grounds are beautifully situated, about four miles south of the city. As a delightful retreat in which to spend a few pleasant hours in recreation, they have no superior, that we are aware of, in Utah.

The facilities for pleasure seekers are more ample than in any similar place we know of, having the advantage of a fine sheet of fresh water, of ample dimensions for the exhilarating pastime of boating. The boats are substantially and neatly built, and afford plenty of room for a large party. There are three race boats, three larger ones with a capacity of 20 passengers each, and a number of flat-boats, in which the boys delight to float around.

The lake is dotted with picturesque little islands, where small parties can land and enjoy the novelty of being surrounded by water and protected from the sun's rays by the grateful shades cast by the foliage of outspreading trees. On one of these little patches of *terra firma* has been erected a neat little summer-house, conveniently seated and with a suitable centre table for picnics.

Immediately adjacent to the lake is a spring of clear, sparkling water, refreshingly cool in the hottest season.

The apparatus, such as swings, &c., are of the most improved and safest kinds, and the large new hall affords ample room for dancers. In the dancing room Mr. George Calder, the manager of the grounds, is preparing an institution that never fails to delight the youngsters. He is obtaining a number of mechanical figures, which are shown, in theatrical style, through an aperture in the side of a small compartment. These figures are manipulated by wires and springs, and dance, sing, make speeches and

do all sorts of funny things to excite the hilarity of the boys and girls.

To prevent the accumulation of miasmatic vapors the Lake is emptied, by means of a strongly built gate at the outlet, every few weeks. The manager is courteous and attentive to visitors, and altogether the grounds are an agreeable and desirable spot, within the distance of a pleasant drive from the city.

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WATER RIGHTS AT MILL CREEK.

A meeting was held, pursuant to notice, at the Mill Creek Ward House, May 10th, 1878, to take into consideration some measures necessary for securing the water rights of the early settlers on the Big Cottonwood. Mr. Wm. Taylor was chosen chairman, and Isaac Brockbank as secretary for the meeting.

After speeches by many of those present, the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting: Hosea Stout, Wm. Howard, David Brinton, Sr., Reuben Miller and Joseph S. Rawlins, who retired, and on returning reported the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, We are a farming community, residing on the north and south side of the Big Cottonwood Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, and being the first settlers on the land, we made water ditches, and conveyed the water from the said creek to irrigate the said land, as early as the year 1848, and have had continuous use of the said water to the present.

AND WHEREAS, The said Big Cottonwood Creek, in the early part of the season, affords water enough to irrigate a larger amount of land than we occupy, and at such times of plenty we do not object to the new settlers using the surplus water on their new made farms, and while our policy is to extend the privileges and blessings of water for irrigation, to all settlers who are honestly striving to make homes for themselves and their families, as far as it can be done in justice, and not hurling on, or destroy individual rights, property and homes previously acquired.

AND WHEREAS, For the last 10 or 12 years, after the early crops have matured, the stream has materially decreased, so that we have not had sufficient water to irrigate our corn, potatoes, grass, orchards, &c., and in many instances we have suffered loss.

AND WHEREAS, New settlers are constantly taking up the bench lands nearer the mountains, and above us on the said stream of water, and are making ditches and expecting to use the water of said stream to irrigate their land, and in doing this they deprive us of our rights, acquired by us as the first settlers, and further guaranteed by our land patents from the United States government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By this mass meeting, that we do hereby pledge ourselves to use all the mild and persuasive means in our power, to guard and defend our water rights, so that our toil and labor for nearly 30 years may not be lost, and our dear-bought homes become a barren waste; and that we will, if it must needs be, seek redress through the courts of the Territory.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a committee of seven persons, viz.: John Tanner, E. H. Williams, Henry Green, O. P. Lemon, J. F. Snedaker, W. H. Hill and O. D. Henriksen, who have been duly appointed water masters by the County Court, over the several ditches conveying water on both sides of said Big Cottonwood Creek, shall have power to regulate and control all the water of said stream, and apportion to each land holder entitled thereto, his share of water during the irrigating season; and the said committee are hereby fully authorized and empowered to take all steps necessary to vindicate our claims as herein stated, and that we will pay our proportion of expenses connected therewith.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the DESERET WEEKLY NEWS and Semi-Weekly Herald.

On motion, the resolutions of the committee were received and unanimously approved.

WM. TAYLOR, Chairman.
I. BROCKBANK, Secretary.