

LOCAL NEWS.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 26.

STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will commence at 10 o'clock a.m. on Friday, February 1st, 1884, in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, and will be held during that day and Saturday and Sunday, February 2nd and 3rd, 1884.

Special rates for the accommodation of the people of this Stake have been arranged for on the Utah Central and D. & R. G. Railways, to remain in force during the continuation of the Conference.

ANGUS M. CANNON,
President of the Stake.

An Expression of Esteem.—Today a number of the employees in the retail department of Z. C. M. I. tendered to Brother Henry W. Naisbitt a very handsome present, in the form of a beautiful bouquet of Chinese artificial flowers enclosed in a glass cover. The gift was an expression of good will and esteem of the donors for the gentleman to whom it was given, the occasion being his birth-day. Many happy returns.

The Abducted Child.—The Ogden Pilot says that Mr. E. Tufts, the father of the child recently kidnapped from this city was in Ogden on Wednesday, tracing the child, but the trail proved to be a cold one. He discovered that the little one had been taken there, from Salt Lake, by a woman, now resident in that city, and that later it had been placed on board the Union Pacific train. At Evanston, Wyoming, the child's grandfather met and took charge of it, the destination being Ohio. The father swears he will make some one suffer for the abduction, and it is evident he is laboring hard to make his word good.

Three Mishaps.—Three slight accidents occurred at the Deseret Paper Mill yesterday, while a new boiler was being hauled up to the building. The wagon was in a place where some lifting was necessary and a number of men were putting a shoulder to the wheel, literally and figuratively. John Arrowsmith and some others were prying on a pole used as a lever when the end nearest the fulcrum slipped from under the wheel, and down came the other extremity on his head, inflicting a scalp wound over one eye.

Mr. T. E. Taylor, of this office, happening to pass that way, lent a hand to the obstinate wheel, and accidentally getting his arm through the spokes, in contact with the bolster upon which rested the ten-ton boiler, the wheel sped around and his left hand was severely bruised, but no bones broken. A little before this another man on the other side of the wagon got hurt in just such a way, though his injury was the slightest of the three.

Trial for Assault.—The case of the People vs. James McKnight, which is being heard to-day before Commissioner E. P. Sutherland, is one of assault with a deadly weapon upon Mrs. Mary M. Bevis.

It is alleged that Mrs. Bevis had employed Mr. McKnight as her Attorney in different matters, and that the defendant brought suit, some time since for Attorney's fees, which Mrs. Bevis proved before a Court of Justice to be an exorbitant claim. Through some mysterious means the defendant had the property on Third South street belonging to the complainant sold to satisfy the claim and now wishes to eject Mrs. Bevis from her home. She refusing to leave, he tried to forcibly eject her, by threatening to kill her, and by striking her over the arms and legs with a heavy cane.

Several witnesses are yet to be examined, consequently we are unable to give a full report, but from the evidence already adduced it is very probable the defendant will be bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury. Mrs. Bevis to-day made an additional charge against the defendant, one of threatening to kill.

Thief Pursued—Property Recovered.—Sheriff J. W. Turner, of Utah County, came up from Provo yesterday, on the look-out for a young man who stole a black horse, four pairs of blankets and a gun of Mr. John R. Milner, of that city. The larceny occurred on Thursday, the stolen property being taken from Mr. Milner's farm. The sheriff had telegraphed south to his brother officers in the different counties, and last night he received the following dispatch:

JUAB, Jan. 25, 1884.

John W. Turner, care of Phillips, City Marshal, Salt Lake City:

The man who stole a black horse and gun this side of Provo has just passed here. I tried to arrest him; twelve shots were fired, but I did not get him. Come to-night. Answer.

ELMER TAYLOR.

Afterwards came the following:

JUAB, Jan. 25.

Elmer Taylor and party have just returned, bringing with them the horse, saddle and one rifle. Will start again at daylight.

The thief who, it seems, is as yet untaken, hails from Missouri, and had been working for the man he robbed.

Suit for Damages.—Suit for \$5,000 has been instituted in the First District Court, at Provo, by R. S. Hines against the Territorial Enquirer, for damages alleged to have been sustained from that paper's published articles in relation to Hines' Drug-store,

the scene of a disgraceful melee several weeks ago, particulars of which appeared in this paper at the time.

The Enquirer, it is claimed has at different times referred to said "drug-store" as a "billiard hall," a "gambing den," and a "den of thieves," and claims now to be able to prove all it has said. The complaint alleges among other things that the Enquirer made use of the following language in relation to the establishment of said Hines:

"No respectable family in the event of sickness will call in the physician, or accept the drugs that come from a den of thieves" (meaning plaintiff's place of business).

"The thieving gang (meaning plaintiff and his employees) cleaned out an Ashley Fork man (meaning Sterling Colton) to the tune of \$500 only a short time since. Now they clean out another man (meaning Samuel Moore) of his watch, chain and money and almost murder him besides."

The defendant in the case is Mr. John C. Graham, editor and publisher of the Enquirer.

Bilk, Beat and Bummer.—A correspondent at Bear River City, Box Elder County, writing on the 21st inst., narrates how a fellow speaking six languages and passing himself off as a stockbroker, "came it over" a resident of that place recently. In company with two others, who also pretended to be peddlers of brokers' stock, he passed through the town a few weeks ago, hailing then from Corinne, and put up with Lars Jensen. Next morning, after settling with their host, they left and went on their way.

In about two weeks, back came one of the trio and put up at the same house. He stated that himself and comrades had been buying up hides and furs and sold them in Logan, and that one of the two had taken all the money and struck out for Butte, Montana, hotly pursued by the other, leaving himself in the lurch.

He was given accommodations over night and next morning asked to remain another 24 hours to rest himself, a privilege likewise granted. After the expiration of that time he staid yet another day, in the evening of which there was an entertainment to be given in the school-house. The members of the household manifesting their desire to attend, the stranger signified his intention to do likewise.

After reaching the school-house, Mr. Jensen, not noticing his guest among those assembled, became uneasy and suspicious, and returned home where he found all quiet about the house. But quietude is not always indicative of security, and so he found it, in this case. For his educated trampship crawled through a window while the family were absent, and pulling off his old, worn out boots, pulled on a pair of \$9 new ones, stole a watch and several other small articles and decamped.

He was a man of medium size, light complexion, coarse stiff hair, and a heavy rough beard. He had worn simply a moustache and goatee, but was letting it grow all round. His right eye was defective, and he wore a pair of blue goggles, fastening on the nose with a spring. He had a way of looking over the left glass when surveying a person. He claimed to be a Swiss, and was evidently well educated. His talk was very broken. He wore a suit of half worn beaver clothes, with a bluish coat collar, and carried a new suit in a seamless sack. Our informant is James L. Jensen.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH BY A WAGON IN A ROCK QUARRY.

This morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock, Coroner George J. Taylor was summoned to hold an inquest on the body of Arthur Odd, a young man who was accidentally killed at G. R. Jones' quarry, about a mile north of the Warm Springs, at about 8 o'clock this morning. It seems that the young man, who is a native of Croyden, England, but latterly a resident of the 19th Ward, this city, was hauling rock from the quarry for his employer, and after his wagon was loaded, had started down a middling steep road, leading from the quarry to the cars.

The brake broke and the wagon, which had on 3½ tons of rock, became unmanageable and running out to the left of the road, struck a huge rock with such force as to break the bolster and separate the horses. The jolt threw the driver, Mr. Odd, forward from his seat, and the wagon continuing on its course, he was jammed up between it and the face of another large rock a little distance away. To all appearances he was instantly killed, as he never moved nor spoke afterwards.

The quarrymen rushed to his assistance, and in about five minutes extricated him from his position. The horses had to be hitched to the wagon and it pulled back before the body could be got out. The sad event was purely accidental and nobody was to blame. The road is described as being good and safe under ordinary circumstances.

The coroner's jury, Messrs. Thomas Slight, James J. Wyatt and Frederick Harvey, decided in accordance with the above statement. The deceased has a father and stepmother in this city, and was in the 24th year of his age.

UTAH mules are being exported to California.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 28.

Information Wanted.—The *Mil-lennial Star* of January 7th, has the following:

If Jane Nield, wife, or children of Joseph Nield, late of Albert Mount, Oldham, Lancashire, will send their address to Thomas Standing, 31 Queen's Road, Manchester, or to Robt. Nuttall, 114 Greengate St., Oldham, Lancashire, England, a favor will thereby be conferred.

Juvenile Instructor.—No. 2, Volume 19 of the *Instructor* has the following interesting table of contents:

A scene in Central Africa, (illustrated); Prize Dialogue, "What is Charity," by Homespu; Travels in India, by Wm. Fotheringham; history of the Church; Harmony of Genesis and Geology, by J. H. Ward; Night Scenes in a great City, by Kennon; Topics of the Times, by the Editor; Editorial Thoughts; A Fierce Vengeance, by Newaygo; Lord Nelson; Interesting incidents; Co-operation, by J. C.; A Bern Fair, by A. W. C.; The Clock-Work of the Brain; When shall we Meet Thee, words and music by E. S. Parry.

McKnight Bound Over.—The case of the people vs. James McKnight for assault, was concluded this morning before Commissioner Sutherland.

The defendant was bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury, in the sum of \$1,000. The Commissioner could not, in our opinion, in view of the conclusive character of the evidence for the prosecution, do otherwise than hold the accused.

The charge of assault with intent to kill, which has been instituted against McKnight will be heard before Commissioner Sutherland, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

Missionary Work.—By letter addressed to Brother George Crane, we learn that Elder Sidney Teeples, of Holden, Millard County, is diligently pursuing his calling as a missionary in Texas, making friends and exciting some inquiry as to the doctrines taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brother Teeples feels that at least he has plenty of room, being the only Elder at present in the "lone star State." Notwithstanding the Boston *Post's* advice (in speaking of an imaginary "fifteen Elders" called to labor in Texas) to "send no men that cannot be permanently spared," Brother Teeples feels quite safe, relying for guidance and protection upon the Lord.

Caledonian Society.—A well attended meeting was held on Saturday evening for the purpose of discussing the subject of organizing a Caledonian Club. It was agreed that a society of that character might result in much good, as literary, musical, terpsichorean and athletic exercises conduce to improve the mind, impart healthful recreation and encourage friendly intercourse.

A committee was appointed to draft rules and a meeting will be held to perfect the organization. It is not intended to make the society exclusively Scotch in character or membership, respectable people from any country may become members and feelings of exclusiveness as to nationality will be deprecated.

Lithotomy.—A delicate and successful operation was performed yesterday afternoon by D. J. M. Benedict, assisted by Dr. Pike, and in presence of other physicians, upon the person of William A. Hilton, aged 17, son of Allan Hilton, of the Twentieth Ward. It was the removal of a stone from the bladder. For several years he had been troubled with it, until it became such a source of annoyance as to necessitate the operation.

The patient was put under the influence of ether during the ordeal. The stone was a lime formation weighing about one ounce, almost round and over an inch in diameter. Portions of it crumbled off under the pressure of the instruments. The patient is feeling very cheerful and will no doubt get along all right.

BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY BURNED.

A HEAVY LOSS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY.

The bad news was flashed over the wires this morning that the Brigham Young Academy, at Provo, one of the leading educational institutions of the Territory, was burned down last night. The loss was estimated at \$15,000, and full particulars were promised shortly. Not long afterwards the following special was received:

PROVO, January 28, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

Last night about half past 10 o'clock, a fire broke out in the B. Y. Academy. As soon as possible men were sent through every street calling "Fire." The meeting house bell was rung, and immediately men from all parts of town were at work tearing down the adjoining buildings, and pouring water over the flaming ruins. Two rows of men were formed from the burning building to the mill-race, about a block away, one row handling the empty buckets, the other those filled with water; most of the furniture was saved by the students and by-standers removing it after the alarm had been circulated.

There being no wind the fire did not spread, but the flames of the burning Academy were seen from Provo bench,

a distance of from five to ten miles. It is supposed to have been done purposefully by an enemy, as there had been no fire in the parts where flames were first seen since Friday last.

The loss is estimated at about \$15,000. A meeting has been appointed at ten o'clock this morning to decide upon what course to pursue.

The following has also been received:

Notwithstanding the burning of the Brigham Young Academy building last night this institution will open regularly to-morrow morning, on its third term of the eighth academic year.

A. O. SMOOT.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

AN INTERESTING AND INTELLIGENT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

THE "TIMES" SHOWS GOOD SENSE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

The solicitude manifested for Utah and her people, by the secular and religious press of this city, is something truly marvellous. During the current week there must have appeared over a score of double-header editorials, besides items and paragraphs innumerable, all touching Mormonism in some shape or other. The Chicago *Times* devotes three articles to the absorbing topic. The first on Senator Cullom, is not very flattering to the gentleman's sagacity as a statesman, nor to his honesty as a citizen. It plainly tells him, that in his maiden speech he is already seeking the bubble reputation, and posing as a moralist with all the evil graces of sickly sentimentality. It dwells on the utter ludicrousness of his speech in general, and notes the absurdity of calling on appointees of the National Government, when Murray and the judicial corps are already so appointed. The "ecclesiastical despotism" complained of, it cannot discern unless it be that of Gov. Muiray and his following. The second article is devoted to Governor Murray and his message. The latter it characterizes as a plain confession of the Governor's incapacity, inertness and imbecility. And from the tone of the article the inference is that the best thing to do would be to retire Mr. Murray. The third article is devoted to some Solon from Michigan, who has formulated a code of topics that are deemed worthy the attention of national state-craft. In this code polygamy in Utah is classed as No. 6. To this section the *Times* devotes more space and elaborate argument than to both the other buncombe statesmen. The *Times* ridicules the statement that the Mormons are disloyal to the American Republic; that it is sheer nonsense to state that 200,000 polygamists exist among the Mormons; that the theory that Mormonism means slavery is the result of a diseased imagination. It then proceeds to analyze polygamy as it is in Utah and as it is in Michigan. It says: "Among the Mormons in Utah polygamy is practised under a real or pretended revelation from the Supreme Ruler of the universe. Among the non-Mormons it is practised more or less secretly without any regards to the edicts of the Supreme Ruler." It winds up this article by plainly stating that all this cry about Mormonism is nothing but "arrant demagogism" and "sentimental folly."

GLOSSING GOVERNOR MURRAY.

The *Inter-Ocean* has a heavy article on Governor Murray's message. It is an attempt to gloss over the imbecility of that official, rather than a serious indictment of Mormonism. From a careful perusal of the article in question, the impartial observer would be inclined to think that the course being pursued is criminal, and that this article is a poor essay to "consecrate a crime."

THE CORRET VIEW.

The Chicago *Herald*, is independent in politics, and since it came under the present management, a credit to respectable journalism. The morbid and sensational it entirely ignores, and handles all public questions in a common-sense and honest manner. It has an article headed "Justice to Utah," wherein is a good deal of truth and candor. In reply to Cullom's charges, that the Mormons are preaching open disloyalty to the United States; that they are importing paupers from Europe; that they are rearing their children in total disregard of all sexual decency and steeping them in treasonable influences, the *Herald* says that the Cullom school of politicians are defeating their own ends, by magnifying polygamy with a general allegation of evils that do not exist; that there is no evidence of treason, unless dislike of a few blackmailing politicians of the Republican party can be construed into national disloyalty; that the pauper importation clause is so utterly ridiculous and so glaringly untruthful, that a reply is not needed. The article states fully that there is not the slightest particle of foundation for the charge of disloyalty; that with the exception of polygamy, "which is defended by the elder Mormons on the score of religious belief, they act in all things with proper respect for the Government and in obedience to its laws;" that even this polygamy is grossly exaggerated and maliciously caricatured; that if left to the people themselves they would ultimately regulate that ques-

tion to the satisfaction of their non-Mormon fellow citizens, and to that of the general government. With regard to the proposed executive in Utah it says: "It is possible Congress may have the power to so treat the people of that Territory, but would it be in accord with the spirit of our institutions. Local self-government is a right held very dear in this country, and nothing but the most urgent necessity, or a condition of affairs which threatens the peace of the country, should be held to justify its invasion. It is a most important innovation, and one that should be well grounded on law and necessity." This is an article that approaches a vital question on very thoughtful grounds. The *Herald* has no party pot to boil, it has no love for Mormonism as a sect, but it has vast consideration for the well-being and integrity of the republic. The patrons of this paper are among the most orderly, conservative and well-to-do citizens of the community; it is also essentially a family paper, being generally considered the most choice for the perusal of the females and the youth of a household; therefore an expression of opinion by it, on the Mormon question is well worthy the perusal of any serious right-thinking citizen who wants to be informed.

A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION.

In a recent issue of the *News* I noticed a communication from a correspondent urging the wisdom of corresponding Mormon literature. This is a very sensible suggestion, and now is the time to act on it, for the people are ripe to read anything about Utah. After I read my *News*, I wrap a couple of copies in one wrapper and drop them to some public man, sometimes to a friend, and again to a newspaper office. Last week I sent a copy to Dunedin in New Zealand, and another to Exeter in England. Whenever I send them to friends I get papers in return with the request to forward more. Residents of Utah could establish a system of interchange, whereby people in the East, here would gladly exchange. It can be done very simply by saying in a personal letter in his paper: "John Jones, of Salt Lake, wishes to exchange the *Deseret News* with some person who subscribes to an Eastern paper." It is not alone the educating effect of this, but it would cultivate fraternal feelings between the people of Utah and their fellow-citizens in other parts of the States. So far the ultra-anti-Mormon element has had a monopoly of the diffusion of intelligence concerning Utah. It is time now to hear the other side.

JOURNALISTIC HYPERBOLE.

The Chicago *Tribune* has an article entitled "Mormon Sovereignty," which is so dreadfully extravagant that it amounts almost to the ridiculous. It is rather an attack on Senator Brown, than an arraignment of Mormonism, or an indorsement of Senator Cullom. It is a tissue of antiquated epithets such as "Confederate theory," "Squatter sovereignty," "slavery," "disloyalty to National Government," and a number of old time adjectives that had better be left in the darkness of oblivion. As usual the virulence and intemperance of the writer, render the article as an expression of opinion utterly worthless. The drunkenness of alcohol is supposed to reveal the real nature of an individual for truth or falsity, or his personal feelings towards others, but as far as his expressed opinions are concerned on other matters, they are looked upon as mere maudlin emanations of a misty mind. Thus it is with the drunken bigot, his writings merely show the animus of the man, while only exciting disgust or commiseration in the minds of serious observers. "The Mormons are making great accessions in the South." This is one of the cogent reasons why Mormonism should be suppressed according to Mr. Medill's paper. In another place he states that the danger arises from the pauper emigrants of Europe. We had thought all along that polygamy was the crying evil, but it appears now that it is only a secondary consideration. It is from the transplanting of the Southern citizen in the far west that the future welfare of the Union is to be imperilled. What nonsense to be sure. It is no wonder Sir Lepel Griffin characterized American citizenship as a cloak for unreason, ignorance and intolerance; and that even Joe Cork himself says there are not more than five reputable newspapers in the United States. Like begets like, and the criticisms are just as extravagant and senseless as the papers and individuals that provoke them.

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO WOMAN.

The bard, perhaps, smarting under the wrongs of irresponsible authority, or, maybe, an eyewitness to the petty impositions and heartless exactions of some minion of power, was made to say that: "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," but had the same bard lived in this age and clime, he might add with much truth, though with rather an indelicacy of thought that "man's inhumanity to woman would make the stomach turn." The brutal murder of Amelia Olson within the limits of this city is about as savage a piece of criminality as can be conceived. Chicago as usual must keep ahead of the age in all phases of society or scientific development. New Hampshire, New Jersey and Michigan must now pale their insignificant heads. Miss Olson, a young, industrious girl, of good character, of unquestioned decency, and of honest parentage, on her way home from work, was outraged, strangled to death and left on the bleak prairie with the cold froz-