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TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 23.

**That Thief Æolus.**—The Logan leader says:

"On Monday of last week, a highly respectable old gentleman of Wellsville went down to his meadow to haul some hay that had been cut some days before. A glance over the meadow filled him with dismay, and he immediately started back home. On his way back he met a neighbor to whom he said that on the Saturday previous he had a quantity of hay in his field ready to be hauled, but that some thief had stolen it. Not only had the thief stolen the hay, but he had raked it up so clean that not a spear was left on the ground: and all this on the Sabbath day.

It proved however, that no thief but the wind, on the night of the previous Saturday, had cleaned the meadow of hay.

A number of Wellsville farmers have met with serious losses in the same way; great quantities of hay that had been cut and was lying in the field, having been blown to the four winds by the hurricane of Saturday night, the 12th inst. Quantities of hay are lodged in the brush along the banks of the Muddy, and in the streams.

**Beaver Bits**—We had a pleasant call this morning from Josiah Rogers Esq., Assessor and Collector of Beaver County, who arrived yesterday from the south, on his way to Cache Valley on a visit to friends and relatives. He reports matters as very prosperous in Beaver and vicinity, and the health of the people as unusually good. A special school tax has just been levied of 1½ percent, for the enlargement of and an addition to the Beaver City Institute, the high school which will commence its new term early in September, with Mr. Reinhardt Maeser, of Provo, as principal. It will be a graded school, and will obviate the sending of so many pupils from Southern Utah to the University and the B. Y. Academy.

The meeting house contemplated at Frisco will commence building shortly. The site has been located and specifications made for the structure. Subscriptions have been generous. Even the most rabid of the Gentiles of Frisco, have donated not less than \$5 each, and some of them have put down their names for \$75. Of the latter is the would-be delegate Allen G. Campbell, Esq. The new Court House at Beaver, constructed after the plans of the late architect Obed Taylor, Esq., is one of the handsomest buildings in the Territory. It will cost \$15,000 and will be finished and opened in September. It is 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, and measures 60 feet from the ground to the mansard roof, which is surmounted by a four-faced clock-tower, the latter feature furnished by Beaver City.

**Narrow Escape.**—The Beaver Journal of the 20th inst., recounts a painful accident which occurred in that vicinity a week ago to-day, by which a fine horse was killed and the rider, a boy 16 years old, named Charles Oakden, had a narrow escape from a similar fate. It appears that he was on the road from Huntington's saw mill to town, driving a team with an empty wagon, and accompanied by a young man of about the same age, named Walter Tanner, who was engaged in hauling a load of lumber from the mill. When part way down the canyon, young Oakden happened to see a horse by the wayside that he fancied belonged to him. Stopping his team, he requested his companion,

Walter, to assist in capturing the stray animal, and forthwith unhitching the team attached to the empty wagon, they mounted horseback and started in pursuit. They had rode around ineffectually for some time, when all at once Walter discovered that his companion was missing; and making search, found him at the bottom of a slight declivity sitting on the ground with his back against the body of his horse, which appeared to have its neck broken; when questioned as to how he came there, the boy made incoherent replies and seemed to be semi-unconscious. He was taken home and Dr. Christian being summoned made an examination, the result of which was the declaration that the spinal column and brain had received a violent jar which he thought would pass off in a day or two. The boy, however, though on his feet, appears to be still badly dazed, and has apparently lost his memory entirely.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY AUG. 24.

**Gone South.**—Presidents John Taylor, George Q. Cannon and Wilford Woodruff, and Elders George Reynolds and George F. Gibbs, left by the 2 o'clock train for Lehi, where they will hold meeting to-day, on the arrival of the train, and will then proceed to Alpine for a similar purpose. On Saturday and Sunday, they will attend the Utah Stake Conference at Provo, where they will probably be joined by President Joseph F. Smith.

The party will be absent about 10 days, during which time they expect to visit all or the greater portion of the settlements in Utah County.

**Missionaries in Minnesota.**—From a letter written by Elder James Godfrey, at Linden, Minnesota, on the 10th inst., to Counselor D. H. Wells, we learn that the writer is progressing favorably in the missionary field. He and associates have baptized a few persons since their arrival there, and are finding good opportunities to preach the gospel to a people who had never seen a "Mormon" Elder previous to the advent of these brethren in their midst. Elder Mads Anderson, of Mount Pleasant, is with Elder Godfrey and at the time of writing they were on the eve of starting on a preaching tour through the southern part of the State. Elder Godfrey's address is Monticello, Wright County, Minn., care of G. N. Biggs.

**A Prize Essay.**—Among the premiums offered for exhibitions of excellence at the coming Territorial Fair, is one of \$50 for the best essay on Utah. George A. Meears, Esq., is the profferer of the prize. Following is his note to the officers of the Board:

Board of Directors D. A. & M. Society:

Gentlemen—I offer, as a special prize, the sum of fifty dollars, to be awarded under the supervision of the appropriate committee at the coming Territorial Fair, for the best essay on "Utah: her attractions and resources as inviting the attention of tourists and those seeking permanent homes;" said essay not to exceed 5,080 words.

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**Railroad Dangers.**—It is reported that yesterday evening when the 21st Ward excursionists came in, the train was twice moved back and forth among other cars while the people were getting off, thereby occasioning inconvenience, anxiety and fear of accidents. Fortunately no one was injured, but railway employees cannot be too careful of the lives entrusted to their care. During the past year 1,180 persons were killed and 6,692 were injured on the railways of Great Britain alone. Of those killed, 546 and of the injured, 2,080 were employees. A large proportion of the injuries occurred in coupling and uncoupling cars. It is true that many companies provide for the families of those killed and injured on their roads, and although this is laudable on their part, the question is, could not the same amount of means be more profitably

ly expended in the construction of some species of coupling for cars that would obviate the present danger to life and limb.

**More Sensible.**—The Presbyterian Conference held in Ogden on Monday, adjourned without passing any anti-"Mormon" resolutions. In this the ministers showed rare good sense over their Methodist confreres. Following is an excerpt from on Ogden Herald editorial on the subject:

"Yesterday in conversation with the Rev. T. F. Day, the minister of the denomination stationed at American Fork, we enquired whether any special anti-"Mormon" resolutions had been passed. Besides replying in the negative, he stated that although opposed to what is called "Mormonism" the Presbyterians did not feel called upon to indulge in bitter denunciation, but to work in a Christian spirit for the correction of what was, from a Presbyterian standpoint, erroneous."

We are happy to chronicle that the Presbytery entertain this sensible and charitable view of the situation. "Mormonism is not to be 'resolved' out of existence, any more than it is to be stamped out, or put out in any other manner. It has come here to stay. Let Methodists and all other sectarian professors make a note of it and wear it in their hats. In the meantime it courts honest investigation and honors sincere and respectable opposition; while simultaneously it despises and abhors sanctimonious hypocrites and mendacious resolutions.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY AUG. 25.

**Midnight Prowler.**—Between the hours of midnight and 1 a. m., a man in stocking feet entered the house of a widowed lady in the 16th Ward by the name of Mrs. Tuckfield. She had arisen about 12 o'clock to get a little child a drink of water, and had returned to bed and lowered the lamp, but had not been asleep many minutes before she was aroused by hearing the cries of her daughter, a married lady who was stopping in the house. She ran to her room to see what was the matter and found the frightened woman alone in the darkness. It appears that the prowler had entered the house by a window, removed a sewing machine which was standing in front of it, rolled up the window-blind and moved the lamp to another place and extinguished it. He then entered the bedroom. The young lady had awakened previously on hearing the door-knob turn, but thinking it was her mother moving about, was not alarmed until she felt a hand moving over her. She then called to her mother that there was a man in the room, whereupon he put his hand over her mouth, but becoming frightened at approaching footsteps decamped. Robbery does not seem to have been his object, as nothing else was disturbed.

**Mobbing "Mormon" Missionaries.**—The Enquirer of Wednesday publishes extracts from two letters written by Elder George T. Bean, now on a mission in Alabama, to his uncle Amos W. Haws of Provo, wherein are contained some interesting particulars concerning the treatment of our Elders in that State. The first letter was written on the 3rd inst. at Springville, St. Claire County, and speaks of a number of meetings, held, four souls baptized and the breaking up of the Elders' meeting by three sectarian priests, who had followed them with the avowed purpose of exposing their doctrines. The priests were challenged to a fair discussion, but refused to accept, and waited until the Elders commenced their services, when they interrupted them and began applying the most foul and abusive epithets to Joseph Smith, Brigham Young and all the Mormon Elders in general. Believing they would be mobbed if they remained, the brethren left. Elders Morgan, Houston, and Bean attended the Georgia Conference, and after returning went to Mt. Lookout, to fill an appointment. A drunken mob of about 150 men and several women met them, seized

upon and threatened them with knives and pistols, and commanded them to leave the place and never return on peril of their lives. The Elders were surrounded three times, but finally were permitted to depart. They went to Springville next day, where they expected to organize a branch of the Church the following Sunday, but the mobocrats had sworn they should not be permitted to do so.

The second letter dates from Hoke's Bluff, Etowah County, on the 10th inst., and supplements the events above related. Pursuant to intention, the brethren went to St. Claire County to hold their Sunday meeting, and on the previous Wednesday evening were notified by a mob of fourteen men, that if they attempted to carry out their intention, they would place their lives in jeopardy. They were ordered to leave the place forthwith. Elder Bean continues:

"We paid no attention, however, to these orders, and on Sunday, while holding meeting under some shade trees in front of a house, we were broken in upon by 40 or 50 men. We saw they purposed murder, so we retreated into the house, each of us picking up a shot gun, which we had previously procured in case of such an emergency, and told them we were going to sell out as dearly as possible. One fellow started into the house, but I promptly cocked my gun and ordered him to go, and he did. The mob went off, as they said, to obtain a warrant for my arrest, but they did not return.

It was certainly an exciting event. The mob swore they would kill us, but we told them they should not if we could help it. The women screamed and fainted, as also did some of the men. We had quite a number of friends, but only a few were brave enough to help keep the mob off. When going away, the mob swore they would stretch my neck sure, if they had to watch the roads for a whole month to catch me, and the next morning we found they were doing what they said they would do. Elder Morgan advised us to leave as quietly as possible, and he went to Montgomery to see the Governor in regard to these outrages, while Brother Houston and I took the northern train to Gadsden, from which place we walked to Hoke's Bluff."

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