

riors or murderous Bashi-Bazouks. An army more numerous than all the northern invaders or Turkish defenders is massing its forces. The flakes of snow, noiseless and insignificant in detail, form in the aggregate huge barriers and a foe before which the Russian soldier shivers and the Constantinople campaign halts in baffled helplessness.

It is reported that Columbus, O., has a wonder—a lock of hair, cut from the head of an 18 months old boy, which, two inches long at the time of the cutting, is now over six inches long, with every sign of life. For 14 years it has lain in the family Bible, carefully folded and marked. It retains its original color, though the boy's hair has changed materially. The story of that hair heads out caputally, but we fear it must be numbered among the bald humbugs of the times.

California proposes to test the question whether the people of that state desire Chinese immigration or not, by making it a question on which to vote at the next election. The Legislature has passed a bill to this effect and it has been signed by the Governor. This will not have any direct bearing upon the Chinese question, but it will show the Government and the people of other States what portion of the citizens of California are opposed to Mongolian cheap labor.

M. Paul Massot has been testifying before a committee of the French Government in relation to the extensive adulteration of wine. He says the coloring matter used in this nefarious business is in most instances exceedingly deleterious. The simplest test for this coloring matter is said to be as follows: Drop a little ball of gun cotton into a glass of suspected wine, then wash it, when, if the wine be pure it will become quite white again, otherwise it will retain a red hue.

One of the latest patents issued is for a combined pocket book, cigar case and revolver. It is so arranged that when handing your pocket book to a footpad you can fire your revolver, which is concealed in the interior. But those who indulge in Havanas and Cheroots will never know, when a friend presents a cigar case, whether he is going to give them a "weed" or a bullet, a shot or a smoke. Besides, the robbers will soon learn of the trick and will take care to help themselves to the plunder instead of allowing their victims to hand out their purses.

Colorado is a fine field for scientists. Many magnificent fossils have been discovered in the soil of the new-fledged State. We do not allude to Conant's stone man, which we consider a stone humbug. But important fossiliferous remains have been found there which are of the greatest scientific value. The latest discovery of that character is of a monster reptile, near the Garden of the Gods, at the foot of Pike's Peak. It is 117 feet long, and most of it in a good state of petrification. The petrified bones of several smaller animals have also been unearthed in the same locality.

Another huge devil fish has been caught on the shores of Trinity Bay, about twenty miles from the point where the great cephalopod now on exhibition at New York was captured. It was washed ashore and grounded on a shingly beach. In its struggles to escape it ejected a stream of water which plowed up the ground a distance of thirty feet, making a trench of considerable depth. Its body was eleven feet long, and the large tentacles thirty three feet long, the shorter ones being in length about 13 feet, and enormously thick at the juncture with the body. This is the largest specimen yet reported. No effort was made to preserve the monster.

Prof. Wise, the aeronaut, is sanguine in the belief that a flying machine will soon be perfected by which the navigation of the air will be achieved in any direction and for any distance. He says: "Balloons may be made of boiler iron if built large enough. You know it is the battle of cubes and surfaces. When the surface is doubled the cube is quadrupled, and a balloon of 400 feet diameter of copper boiler plate will lift up a man-of-war ship and sail away with it. With such a balloon stocked with bombs and other destructive munitions of war, think what consternation could be carried into a besieged camp. But the mission of the balloon will be more for scientific explorations."

This is the season for "poetic" effusions on the subject of Christmas and New Year. We are already in receipt of several. We regret being unable to please the authors of these productions by devoting the columns of the NEWS to their publication. But our subscribers require other kinds of literary material, and we cannot afford to offend the many for the encouragement of the few. "Poems" on these subjects are like the "beautiful snow" and the name of Smith; we have heard of them before, and like the other kind of hash served up in certain boarding houses, after frequent reproduction they are apt to be monotonous. Spare us good poets, unless you have something original, and even then if you "draw it mild" more pleasure will be imparted than by "lengthened sweetness long drawn out." A word to the wise &c.

A telephone entertainment was given at Omaha last Thursday evening. A wire was stretched from Gen. Crook's residence so as to connect with the Omaha Barracks, three miles distant. One of Bell's telephones, belonging to Supt. Dickey, of the Union Pacific telegraph line, was used for the occasion. The performance lasted three hours. Solos on the clarinet, violin and cornet, concerted pieces by the band and songs by Sunday-school children, with piano accompaniment, at the Barracks, were heard in the Omaha parlor distinctly. The sound of the bugle was most clearly transmitted, next in distinctness to the human voice, and the least audible were the tones of the piano. Gen. Crook and Major Burt Crowed at each other over the wire, or rather carried on a conversation in the Crow language, and the latter declaimed "Shamus O'Brien" for the benefit of the former and his guests. We hope the telephone will proceed on its journey westward, and that its tones will soon be heard in the "City of the Saints."

Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 2.

Call and Get It.—There is a message at the Western Union Telegraph Office for Mrs. Maggie Jones.

Frozen.—Water is frozen solid in pipes in many of the houses, stores and other buildings.

City Council.—The Council met last evening and adjourned, without doing any business, till next Tuesday, at 6 30 p. m.

New Year's Day.—Probably the holiday season has not passed over in this city so quietly for the last ten years. During a portion of yesterday the streets had almost a Sunday appearance. The police had occasion only to make an arrest in one case of intoxication.

Coldest Yet.—Last night was decidedly the coldest of the season. From the facility with which liquids were solidified the mercury must have been considerably below zero. The new year opens up rather sharply, so far as weather is concerned.

Favorable.—T. Griffin, of Collingwood, Ontario County, Canada, writes to a friend in this City that there is quite a number of people in that part favorably disposed to the gospel and apparently ready for baptism. He thinks that if an efficient elder were to visit Canada he could do a good work.

Night School.—William M. Egan, son of Major Egan, a young gentleman who is attending the normal department of the University, purposes opening a night school for young men and boys, in the 19th Ward School-house, on Monday evening. He has been solicited to do so by several young men desirous of attending his class.

Sugar House Ward.—On Sunday, Dec. 30th, a Deacon's Quorum was organized in Sugar House Ward, by David O. Calder and Joseph E. Taylor of the Presidency of the Stake, with the following brethren as the Presidency thereof:

James McGhie, Jr., President; William Eldredge and Moroni Hodgson Counselors.

Exponent.—The Woman's Exponent, first number for the New Year,

is out on time, and is full of excellent reading matter for the ladies. The gentlemen would not be hurt a particle by perusing its columns. It is a good paper, growing in interest and ability. May the new year bring it increased success and usefulness.

District Court.—Wednesday, Jan. 2d.

James E. Mathews vs. Claud Hamilton et al.; time for filing exceptions and statement on motion for a new trial extended 50 days.

Wells, Fargo & Co. vs. E. Davis et al.; motion for a new trial overruled; defendant excepts.

Orville D. Ford vs. L. E. Holden; arguments on motion for a receiver in progress.

Subscription Loan.—Mr. J. H. Clemetshaw has opened a subscription loan for the purpose of re-establishing his trunk, valise and harness factory. He states that it is his intention, as soon as practicable to refund the means to subscribers. Subscriptions will be received at the Deseret National Bank, DESERET NEWS Office, Herald Office and Provo Commission Store, Constitution Buildings.

Notice.—The Central Committee of the Y. M. M. I. Associations will meet in the Council House, Friday evening, January 4th at 7 o'clock.

It is expected that Hon. George Q. Cannon will address the meeting.

An invitation is extended to all the young men of the city.

JUNIOUS F. WELLS,

President.

B. F. CUMMINGS, JR.,

Secretary.

The "Juvenile Instructor."—We are requested to announce that the first issue of the new year (volume 13) of this valuable magazine will unavoidably be delayed for about ten days. A supply of paper ordered from the east, which should have arrived the early part of last month, has, owing to the breaking down of the paper mill, not yet come to hand. Care will be taken in the future to avoid any such delay by keeping a larger supply of paper on hand.

Excommunicated.

FARMINGTON, U. T.,

Jan. 1, 1878.

This certifies that, Lars P. Anderson, Christina Anderson, Alfred Wharton, Margaret Wharton, and Thomas Hunt have been cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for Apostasy.

JOHN W. HESS, Bishop,

ARTHUR STAYNER,

JACOB MILLER,

Counselors.

A Good Time.—The people of the 21st Ward had a gala time yesterday. They took to the meeting house viands of every description, the best the market afforded, in quantities that almost made the tables groan under the load. About 400 partook of the repast. After dinner there was singing, reciting and other amusements and a good, genial spirit prevailed.

In the evening the younger folks enjoyed themselves in the dance until 11 o'clock.

The large quantity of viands left from the picnic was distributed among the needy to-day.

A Burlesque.—Yesterday three young fellows of the 20th Ward caused considerable merriment by getting up a burlesque on the New Year's calling business. They had an old sled with a dry goods box for a vehicle, drawn by an old horse and mule, rigged out in sorry looking harness. They were costumed in Mulligan guard fashion, and had masks and wigs on. Their visiting cards were about six by nine inches. They went about town making calls, and some of the "young bloods" out on the same errand, in earnest, appeared to be the only ones who didn't relish the joke.

Medal Match.—The eighth medal match of the Amateur Rifle Club came off yesterday, at 10 a. m. When the firing commenced, the target was partially obscured by a light mist, making fine shooting extremely difficult. Notwithstanding this, a very fair score was made. A. Brim again carries the medal. The following is the score as shot at 200 yards to rule:

A. Brim,	4 5 5 3 4 5 4 5 5—44
Jos. Woodmansee,	4 5 4 4 5 3 4 4 4—40
R. Hawkins,	4 4 4 3 4 5 4 4 3—39
W. Hill,	4 4 4 4 3 4 4 4 4—38
E. Egli,	4 4 4 5 4 4 2 4 3—38
C. Hawkins,	4 4 2 3 3 4 5 4 4—33

Ditches.—The city watermaster suggests, with a good show of reason, that when the people of the 17th and 19th Ward Bench, or any other part of the city, discover an absence of water in their ditch, it would be a good plan for them to ascertain the cause of the stoppage. When ditches are out of repair the law makes it a duty of the proprietors, the people, to put them in good condition. Some people erroneously suppose that to be the duty of the city watermaster, but it is not so.

Juvenile Criminality.—A young girl named Barrett was arrested yesterday for stealing clothing, furs and other articles from the Clift House. On being placed in jail she kept up a succession of loud screams, which could be heard a long distance off. On telling where some of the stolen goods were secreted she was released for the time being.

She is the same girl who told a story some time ago about being carried forcibly in a wagon several miles south of the city and violated by the person who took her. The general character of the girl causes a good deal of doubt to exist regarding that matter.

Sexton's Report.—Sexton's report for December. Males 22, females, 17. Of these, adults, 14; children 25. Causes of death as reported: Diphtheria 11; lung disease, 5; scarlet fever, 3; typhoid fever, 3; heart disease, 2; still-born, 2; old age, 2; dropsy, 2; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1; cancer 1; bronchitis, 1; puerperal fever, 1; convulsions (infantile), 1; nervous exhaustion, 1; effects of lye poisoning, 1; bilious fever, 1; inflammation of bowels, 1; total interments 39.

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,

Sexton.

Total interments during the year, 503. Deducting those brought from country places, 97; transients, 14; would leave the total resident mortality 392.

J. E. TAYLOR.

New Year's Wedding.—A large number of the personal friends of Mr. Richard B. Margetts, the well-known brewer of this city, met at that gentleman's residence in the 19th Ward last evening, to celebrate the new year and witness the union of a young and loving couple in the sacred bonds of matrimony. At 6 p. m. Miss Sarah Jane Margetts, familiarly called "Cettie" by her intimate acquaintances, was married to Mr. Herbert Pembroke, the ceremony being performed by Judge Alex. Pyper.

Congratulations followed, and a merry party which was prolonged till early morning. A number of valuable and elegant presents were made to the bride, and all united in showering her with good wishes upon the newly wedded pair. We join in every sentiment breathing hopes of their life-long felicity, and trust that their happiness may increase with their years and experience.

Priests and Teachers.—David O. Calder and Joseph E. Taylor, of the Presidency of the Stake, met with the Priests and Teachers of this city on Monday evening, Dec. 31st, 1877, when the following brethren were unanimously sustained in the positions named:

Bishop Andrew Burt, President of the Priests' Quorum in Salt Lake City.

Herbert J. Foulger and Wm. L. N. Allen, Counselors.

James Yates, President of the Teachers' Quorum, composed of the Teachers in the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth Wards; George Tall, Jr., First Counselor.

The Bishopric being the presidency of the Priests' Quorum, Bishop Burt and Counselors simply required the appointment to act as the Presidency of the Priests' Quorum, for the city, being already the Presidency of the Priests in the Ward over which they preside. They only preside over the Priests (other than in their own Ward) in a quorum capacity, each Bishop presiding over the Priests, as he does over the members in his Ward of every other quorum, when not acting in a quorum capacity.

The Teachers' Quorum not being fully represented, a partial organization only was effected.

Scandinavian Mission.—Elder A. W. Carlson writes from Copenhagen to the *Millennial Star*, under date Nov. 23—

"The missionaries arrived here yesterday, and felt rather tired after a rough passage across the German

Ocean, but this morning they have partly recovered, and feel a good deal better. They have been appointed to labor as follows—O. A. T. Forsell, John Ekman and John Larsson, in Stockholm Conference; John A. Quist, J. E. Lindberg and I. F. Olson, in Gøbenhavn Conference; Wm. Peter en in Copenhagen Conference; R. Nielsen in Aalborg Conference; Wm. Christensen and Jens Christensen in Aarhus Conference; and A. Hendricksen will visit his relatives in Jutland for the time being. Three of the brethren will leave for Stockholm to-morrow, and the remainder will take steamers for their respective places on Friday or Saturday next. They were all at meeting last night, and we had a good time in hearing from them all. I think they are a first-rate lot of missionaries, and will no doubt do a great deal of good. Brother Liljenquist intends to spend the winter in Jutland with his family, where some of Sister L's relatives are living."

North American Review.—The January-February number of the *North American Review* contains the following articles:—"Charles Sumner," Senator Hoar; "A Crumb for the Modern Symposium," Prof. John Fiske; "The Art of Dramatic Composition," Dion Boucicault; "General Amnesty," J. Randolph Tucker; "The English Aristocracy," W. E. H. Lecky; "Reminiscences of the Civil War," General Richard Taylor; "The Origin of the Italian Language," W. W. Story; "Ephesus, Cyprus and Mycenae," Bayard Taylor; "Capture of Kara and Fall of Plevna," General G. B. McLellan; "Currency, Quacks and the Silver Bill," Manton Marble; and notices of Woolsey's "Political Science," Proctor's "Myths and Marvels of Astronomy," Geikie's "Life and Words of Christ," Sullivan's "New Ireland," B. W. W. "Modern Philosophy, from Descartes to Schopenhauer and Hartmann," Avery's "California Pictures in Prose and Verse," Linderman's "Money and Legal Tender in the United States," Victor Hugo's "Histoire d'un Crime," Cook's "House Beautiful," Trowbridge's "Book of Gold and other Poems," Klunzinger's "Upper Egypt," and Habbington's "Budge and Toddie." For sale by booksellers and newdealers generally.

A New Paper.—The first number of the Salt Lake *Independent* was issued this morning. It contains a good deal for a small sheet, and gives evidence of considerable ability. The material is evidently the same that was used on the *Corinne Record* and the former editor of that paper is managing editor of the *Independent*. The intention of the projectors of the new candidate for public favor is, as announced, "to help build up a pull altogether party in this Territory." We suppose they mean to induce a fusion of the various opposing elements here, so as to make them all pull together. The object is worthy, but we must be pardoned if we doubt its accomplishment. We shall be pleased to see a gentlemanly, respectable paper devoted to the interests of the Territory, with views in opposition to our own. And if the *Independent* preserves a tone which will entitle it to recognition and reply, it will be always welcome, and will receive support from a large number of persons who, while delighting in opposition, despise scurrility and the low blackguardism which disgraces some aspirants to journalistic fame. We hope the *Independent* will maintain its dignity and uphold its good intentions, if not we cannot in truthfulness wish it that success which its promoters desire and anticipate.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in the 19th Ward, January 1st, 1878, by Judge A. Pyper, Mr. HERBERT PEM-BROKE and Miss SARAH JANE (CETTIE) MARGETTS, daughter of Mr. Richard B. Margetts, all of this city.

DIED.

At London, December 2nd, of Consumption, LUCY, wife of Frederick Downard, and daughter of J. J. Keep, of Cache Valley, Utah, aged 34 years. She leaves a husband and three small children to mourn her loss.—*Millennial Star*.

In this City, January 2d, 1878, of scarlet fever, EZRA THOMPSON, son of Robert and Lois Widdison, aged 1 year and months.