

Local and Other Matters.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 11.

Missionaries South.—We have seen a letter from Elder J. C. Stewart, dated at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, Dec. 28th. He states that himself and fellow missionaries have been greatly prospered and blessed, no accident occurring to any of them, and good feelings prevailing among them.

Here is what he says about Prescott, which the party visited on their way to their present location—

"It is an enterprising and thriving place, containing nearly 2,000 inhabitants, several large mercantile houses, a fine school-house, built of brick, a Methodist church, a drug store, news depot, and quite a number of shops of various kinds, and also a match factory. The buildings are principally lumber and have the appearance of taste, comfort and permanency. While there I visited their public free school, which is ably conducted by Prof. M. H. Sherman."

Those Elders were holding meetings at Phoenix and at Tampe, preaching sometimes in English and sometimes in Spanish, and found, as at Prescott, a very liberal spirit manifested toward them, their meetings being well attended.

The portion of Arizona where the letter was written is blessed with abundance of fine land and plenty of water, and with a climate to winter in, the weather being now warm.

The Choir.—On Friday evening the Tabernacle Choir, under the leadership of Brother George Careless, will commence rehearsals for the season. This band of choristers is one of which the community have good reason to be proud, their singing exercises giving unqualified pleasure to the thousands who listen to them. The musical exercises connected with public worship are an important and delightful part of it, and those who cheerfully respond to the call to use their ability in that direction are deserving of credit. The members of the choir generally are prompt in the discharge of their duties in that connection, and take genuine pleasure in the same, but circumstances occasionally arise which cause the depletion of the ranks of those efficient choristers, as for instance young lady members taking upon them the important cares connected with wedded life, and some of the gentlemen members being called on missions to carry the glad tidings of the gospel to distant nations, or their removing their places of abode to other localities than this city.

These circumstances make it all the more necessary that other possessors of good voices not now connected with the choir should step forward and identify themselves with it, and use the musical gifts they are endowed with for the public good, as well as having them brightened and polished, rendering them still more brilliant ornaments to the possessors, by frequent practice and efficient instructions, which Professor Careless, the leader, is well qualified to impart.

Mutual Improvement.—Brother Charles S. Hall writes from Portage, Malad Valley, under date of Jan. 5—

"Our Valley of the Malad is at present covered with a light mantle of the beautiful, although stock are doing well on the range. We have a very healthy locality, though somewhat isolated, being about two miles from the line of travel through this valley, consequently we are left to our own resources for any amusements that we may have during the long winter season. These amusements have consisted chiefly of dancing, but the authorities here, aiming at the most good, have endeavored to divert the minds of the young into another channel. Accordingly, on the evening of the 28th of December, there was a meeting held for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, which was done, with the following officers elected—

"M. V. Hale president, Henry John first vice president, John S. Morris second vice president, Chas. S. Hall secretary, and William H. Gibbs treasurer.

"Being in its infancy and desirous of doing all the good possible, any information or suggestions

through your columns or any private source that will tend to aid in carrying on what we have begun, in endeavoring to train the young minds in right paths will be thankfully received. The NEWS is ever a welcome guest and will be used in our association.

"The people generally feel well, and I think as a whole are trying to live their religion."

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 12.

Weather.—The weather could scarcely be more delightful, for the season, than it has been to-day. Clear, beautiful and mild. Rather sharp last night. Roads very good.

No Compromise.—We understand the Western Union and Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies have not reached a compromise in relation to the disputed wire between here and Ogden, and that the last named company purpose erecting an independent telegraphic communication between the two cities, as soon as practicable.

Waived Examination.—Nicholas Krause, the fellow who is charged with committing a rape upon the person of a young girl, was taken before Justice Pyper this morning, when he waived an examination, his bonds, to answer to the grand jury, being placed at \$1,000. We understand some friends of his were endeavoring to find the necessary security to obtain his release.

Changed.—Recently the officers and a number of the stockholders of the Utah Southern Railroad held a meeting at which they struck out their sixth article of association. As it formerly stood, the Company were required, under their charter, to build a branch line to the mouth of each of the Cottonwood cañons, and to build to Payson, within six years from the date of organization of the Company.

The new article six abolishes the obligation to build the two Cottonwood branch lines, and changes the southern terminus to York, in place of Payson.

Remedy for Diphtheria.—*Editor Deseret News:*

Seeing from your valuable paper that the above malady is again raging in our Territory, I beg to repeat a simple, yet almost unfailing cure, if taken in time, which I sent to and which was published in the NEWS several years ago.

Gargle the throat with table salt and water four or five or more times a day—the oftener the better—putting as much salt as will dissolve; or pulverize the salt and convey it to the glands of the throat dry. If the patient can eat the salt the result will be the same. A flannel cloth wet in the solution applied to the throat externally will be found useful in severe cases, but they are not apt to become aggravated if the first remedy be applied on the first appearance of the disease.

Yours truly, D. TYLER.

Dropped Dead.—At half past ten o'clock this morning the people living in a large tenement house on the corner of South Temple and Second East Streets were alarmed by hearing a dull thud, as if a heavy body had fallen upon the floor of one of the rooms, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Winn and family, and immediately afterwards a commotion and crying among the children. On entering the room the neighbors found Mrs. Winn lying upon her face upon the floor, with hands folded across her breast, quite dead, seemingly having expired in a moment.

Her husband was absent at the time, and on making his appearance, shortly afterwards, he, strangely enough, persisted in stating that she was not dead.

The deceased was about thirty-five years of age, and, besides leaving four children, has several other relatives in this city.

Word was conveyed to the coroner, who purposed holding an inquest this afternoon.

When Mrs. Winn fell to the floor and expired, she was in the act of washing her little boy.

Peculiar Doings.—Sheriff Theodore McKean and some of his deputies were arrested, this morning, by the United States Marshal, under rather singular circumstances. Some time since, by virtue of an attachment, issued by and from the Third District Court, the sheriff took charge of the Flagstaff mine, to prevent the shipping of ore from

it, pending litigation, in which the company is involved.

Now comes another process, in the shape of a warrant, issued by the same court, to arrest the Sheriff and his deputies in charge of the mine in question, on a charge of having, according to the representations of a Mr. Billings, exceeded the duties authorized by the attachment.

If it be true, what we have heard, that, during the absence of the sheriff and his men, under arrest, the work of shipping the disputed ore was being pushed with great vigor, then there is a look of considerable sharpness about those proceedings.

Twentieth Ward Institute.—The annual election of officers of this Association took place last evening, with the following result—

- President, C. W. Stayner.
- First Vice-President, W. C. Dunbar.
- Second Vice-President, T. B. Lewis.
- Secretary, H. J. Foulger.
- Assistant Secretary, F. A. Mitchell.
- Treasurer, C. Sansom.
- Librarian, Fred. May.
- Assistant Librarian, William Salmon.
- Directors, C. R. Savage, H. Puzey, J. Y. Moffat, John Daynes, Wm. Sanders.

We learn that the Institute is in excellent condition, and accomplishing a good work among the youth, of both sexes, in that part of the City. The exercises are of a varied character, embracing religion, science, history, music, and the blending of innocent entertainment with instruction is constantly kept in view, rendering the meetings attractive to all classes of intellect.

Conflicting.—The unreliable character of American newspaper telegraphic reports is of frequent exemplification—almost daily. It will be remembered that the descriptions of General Sittling Bull's personal appearance were so singularly conflicting as to be extremely ludicrous, he being a tall and slender, short and stout, educated and ignorant, half-breed and full blooded Indian. These descriptions are nearly equalled by the munchausen like stories of the May-Bennett scandal. The first named of these two notorious characters has, according to the dispatches, been slightly and severely wounded in the left breast; supposed not to be wounded at all; mortally wounded in the thigh; wounded in the arm, cutting an artery, superinducing mortification and necessitating amputation. The second named has been wounded in the bowels, and not hit at all. If those reports do not soon cease, the physiology of the unfortunate Doctor will be represented as being absolutely honey-combed with bullets, and if the amputation business proceeds there will be nothing remaining of him but an infinitesimal fragment.

Verily those contradictory reports remind one of the conflicting, totally unreliable, and unworthy scandals which are the chief staple in trade of a couple of disreputable sheets published in this city, one of which is ostensibly religious.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 13.

Confirmed.—Moses M. Bane was yesterday confirmed receiver of the land office at Salt Lake.

Now.—If you want to do any hauling, now is the time, while the frost is in the ground.

Lick Estate.—The Lick estate controversy is announced as settled by the trustees paying the heirs \$583,000.

Arrived.—Barbour Lewis, Esq., the new register of the land office of this city, arrived last evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lewis.

Still In Jail.—Nicholas Krause, committed to jail yesterday, in default of finding \$1,000 bonds, is still in jail, the security not being forthcoming.

Jail Burned.—The Beaver Enterprise says the Beaver county jail was set on fire between two and three o'clock on Sunday morning, January 7th, by two escaping convicts, named Stredder and Sweat, supposed assisted from the outside, an attempt having been made the night previous to force the bars in one window. Loss \$500.

Whither Has Justice Fled?—"Windsor," writing to the Omaha Bee from this city, Jan. 3, says—

"The suit of Young vs. Young has again been postponed for a short time. When the defendant's attorneys urged its immediate consideration, the judge remarked, in substance, that the defendant being in contempt could urge no rights which the court was bound to respect. More sequestrations are now in order."

Appointments.—Bishop John Rowberry and Elder George Atkin are appointed Traveling Elders in the Birmingham Conference, and Elder George Barber is appointed Traveling Elder in the Norwich Conference. Elders William Stokes and Thomas Barratt are appointed Traveling Elders in the Nottingham Conference. Elder B. H. Tolman is appointed Traveling Elder in the Sheffield Conference, Elder S. L. Richards in the Manchester Conference, and Elder C. D. Evans in the Leeds Conference.—*Millennial Star*, Dec. 18.

Making it Solid.—The Utah Southern Railroad Company are making a large fill on their line, between Cottonwood Station and the Germania Works. They are filling up with dirt under the long bridge at that point, so that it will, instead of a wide span, be a solid grade. This work is being done without removing the bridge timbers, so that the job progresses without any impediment to the traffic. A rock culvert will be constructed for the creek to pass through. The company intend to have no Ashtabula scenes on their line, if the greatest care, good management and a most substantial road will prevent.

Weather Report, Jan. 13th, 1877, 1 p.m.—

St. George—Four inches snow, still snowing.

Tokerville—Just beginning to snow, very cold.

Cedar City—Snowing, now one inch deep.

Logan—Clear and very cold.

Paris, Idaho—Fine, no snow.

Kaysville—Fine, but cold.

Ogden—Clear and pleasant.

Sandy—Clear, sun-shining.

Richfield—Fine, no snow, and quite warm.

Ephraim—Very fine, but little cloudy, freezing very hard at night.

Pine Valley—Snowing very hard, snow four inches deep.

Parowan—Cloudy and cold, slight fall of snow this morning.

That Quarantine Case.—We learn by letter, dated at Kamas, Summit Co., from Joseph Mitchell, who, with his family, was placed under quarantine in this city, last week, that he did not arrive here till twenty-seven days after the death of his child from small-pox and eleven days after quarantine had been raised from his house by the officers. He states further that after being liberated by the officers, having done all they required of him, he considered he was at liberty to go where he pleased. He states that although these facts were represented to the quarantine officers here, still he was placed under restraint, and he deems his statement due, in justice to the officers of Summit Co., as well as to himself and those who were with him when he visited Salt Lake City.

Mutual Improvement.—Under the sanction and advice of the authorities of the Church a missionary system has been organized, in connection with the Central Committee of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations, to visit the several societies throughout the Territory. A number of appointments, of members of the societies, have been made to the various Mutual Improvement Associations in this city and adjacent settlements, and are being filled.

The missionaries are mostly young men, and besides their labors being of benefit to the societies visited by them, they are also conducive to their own advancement, giving them opportunities of becoming proficient in public speaking, and making it necessary to store their minds with useful knowledge, in order to acquit themselves with credit to the cause they are engaged in.

In this labor Elder Junius F. Wells, President of the Central Committee, has recently been on a

visit to some of the settlements of Davis County, and lately taken part in organizing an association at Kaysville.

These missionary labors among the young are for the purpose of increasing and maintaining an interest among them regarding religious, moral and intellectual culture. We look upon it as a good work, promising most excellent results.

Schools—Orderville—Under Bonds—Coal—Parties—Public Lands—Fire.—Our Kanab correspondent, W. D. Johnson, jr., writes under date of Jan. 3rd—

"On the 15th ult., in company with Brother C. H. Oliphant, I visited the settlements in Long Valley, in the interest of the schools of this county. At Glendale they have an excellent school-house; at Orderville a good school, but as yet no permanent school-house. At Mount Carmel the school district was in good condition, while at Orderville we beheld one of the most novel and interesting sights I ever saw. This little town contains about 300 inhabitants and the houses are all built within a 30 rods square. It forcibly reminds one of a hive of bees. They work in perfect harmony and they have a power "to do" that cannot be found in any other place among the saints. They are working out a problem that all the community are watching with much interest, and so far, they have made a success of it. Their carpenter shop, blacksmithing, shoe-making, school tannery, and many other industries are carried on energetically and systematically, and their future prospects are bright indeed. The feelings and good will we found with this faithful little band of saints are something very pleasant to think of.

"While at Mount Carmel we learned that Young Blazzard had been put under \$350 bonds to appear at the next term of the District Court.

"Through the kindness of Bro. Englestadt, I was shown into a coal mine half a mile west of Mount Carmel, which has been worked by some of the citizens, and yields a good article of bituminous coal. I obtained fossils in this valley which are full of interest.

"Our new school-house being so far completed that we could assemble in it, a committee of six ladies gave us four parties during the holidays, which passed off quite pleasantly. As yet we have had no winter weather, it being more like a mild sunny spring.

"The mines down at Leeds are of no particular benefit to us, as they are filling the country with "tramps" and other auxiliaries belonging to mining camps that are not agreeable.

"The U. S. surveyors are among us, laying out public lands, ready for market.

"A very unfortunate calamity befel one of our townsmen last evening—Brother Elijah Porter's house and all it contained were entirely consumed by fire. The loss is estimated at about \$1,500. The house was built entirely of timber, and burned down very quickly. Bro. Porter is away from home, carrying the mail. His wife left a fire in the fireplace while she stepped into the sister-in-law's for a short time. Just after dark her brother-in-law saw light shining in at the door, and on going out to ascertain the cause he saw the house of Brother Porter enveloped in flames. The wind was blowing furiously at the time and human aid was of no avail. It is supposed the flames started from the fireplace and burned the inside before it was discovered.

"Brother Porter is a young man with a wife and child, and much sympathy is felt for them. A movement is being made for their relief."

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 15.

Falling.—Snowing lightly most of yesterday and to-day.

Appointment.—Elder John E. Bitten is appointed Traveling Elder in the Norwich Conference.—*Millennial Star*, Dec. 25.

Work Commenced.—The labor of administering the holy ordinance of the gospel in the St. George Temple was commenced last week.

Threatening to Kill.—This afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Bredemeyer were arrested, at the instance of a man, named Morgan, on a charge