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Telephone Connection.

This convenience has now been extended to Lehi, American Fork and Pleasant Grove, those points now being in connection with this city. At Lehi and American Fork the instrument is in the co-op. store; at Pleasant Grove it is at Beers' store.

Pardoned.

Governor West signed a pardon yesterday for Joseph Chatterly, a young man who was convicted in the second District Court of grand larceny and sentenced on the 31st of May last to one year in the penitentiary. The petition for executive clemency was signed by the officers and jurors in the court where he was convicted, and by the witnesses for the prosecution.

Not With Utah Capital.

The Salt Lake & Los Angeles Railroad will be built—so it is still asserted—but not with Utah capital. Proceedings that have not been fully made public have resulted in the disorganization of the Salt Lake company that was to have built the road, and the turning of the enterprise over to California capitalists. The amounts subscribed by Salt Lake men are being returned to them.

Third District Court.

Solomon Brisacher vs. Frank H. Dyer et al.; motion for new trial allowed.

The People vs. Howard F. Friend and Norman T. Osborne; indicted for forgery of a quitclaim deed purporting to be from Rev. John Murphy, and embracing a tract of land in Wichita, Kansas; demurrer to the indictment overruled; the defendants were ordered to be present on Oct. 25, and plead to the indictment.

A Stolen Girl.

A band of Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians camped on Clear Creek, above town, have with them a white girl about eight years of age. The girl was questioned when in town recently and said she had been stolen two years ago, but could not remember from where or what her name was. She has brown hair and eyes, rather large mouth, and is dressed in calico gown, apron, shoes and stockings. She is evidently afraid of her dusky guardians. The county officers have the matter in hand and will endeavor to secure her return to her parents.—*Buffalo (Wyo.) Echo.*

A Returned Elder.

Elder Thomas Butler, of Richfield, left Utah on a mission to the United States in April, 1885. He went first to New England, and traveled in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He met with little success in those States and at length found a field in Potter County, Pa., in which he labored much of the time of his mission. During last winter he labored for a time in Ohio. He also labored in Allegheny County, Pa. He was released to return in June, but remained to introduce other Elders into his field. After this he visited relatives in Kentucky and Tennessee, and reached this city on the 16th. He started home to day from here. He enjoyed his mission very much. He held about 200 meet-

ings, baptized two persons, made many friends and removed much prejudice.

Probate Court.

Proceedings in the Salt Lake County Probate Court yesterday:

Order made appointing time and place to hear petition for admission to probate of document purporting to be the last will and testament of John Taylor, deceased.

Order made appointing time to hear petition for admission to probate of a document purporting to be the last will and testament of Charles S. Harmon, deceased.

Order for executors of the last will and testament of F. Little, deceased to give notice to creditors.

Order made appointing time to hear final account of the administrator of estate of Theophilus Williams deceased.

Estate of John McGuire, deceased, petition for confirmation of sale of real estate continued until September 20th.

Estate of J. M. Allen, deceased; order made appointing W. J. McIntyre guardian ad litem for minor heirs and also appointing C. O. Whittemore attorney to represent minor heirs and absent parties interested in said estate.

Religious Test for Citizenship.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. G. Richins, the well-known salesman, applied for his final citizenship papers in the First District Court, in this city. He answered all the preliminary questions satisfactorily. Then inquiry was made as to his belief in the divinity of plural marriage. He declined to answer. He stated that he had learned from a study of American institutions that freedom of conscience prevailed in this land, and that his religious belief was not a matter of question. He was acquainted with the laws forbidding polygamy, and it was his intention in good faith to obey those laws. He knew that his present and proposed actions toward this government were open to question; but he must refuse to state what was his faith on abstract questions. The applicant appeared clearly to understand that he was seeking political enfranchisement, and not a judicial decision regarding the orthodoxy of his personal religious views. There did not seem to be any question in the judge's mind as to the honesty of the applicant in asserting his devotion to the institutions and laws of this country. But as the court insisted that Mr. Richins should submit his religious belief to investigation and criticism, there was a deadlock. Judge Henderson settled the matter by dismissing the application.—*Ogden Herald, Sept. 18.*

Court Doings at Provo.

On Monday afternoon last the September term of the First District Court opened at Provo, Judge Henderson on the bench, and David Evans, Esq., at the bar as Assistant U. S. District Attorney.

The case of the people vs. Hogg; defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of \$200.

A subpoena was issued for three grand jurors.

The following names were called as grand jurors: C. R. Foote, Geo. C. Bean, Richard Norman and Henry Karnes, who were excused for various reasons for the term; Richard Brereton, Henry McKennel, Henry Mannery, Edward Bartholomew, Otto Solomon, John T. Leonard, S. F. Mount, Chas. C. Effard, Theodore Cudeback, Wm. G. Sterrett, Wm. H. Taylor, Wm. McBeth, Jas. H. McCarty, Wm. A. Star, Chas. J. Oleson.

Mr. Theo. Cudeback did not take the oath, and W. K. Henry was called, which completed the panel. It is claimed that he was not eligible—only pays poll tax—but he had taxable property, and was finally passed.

Wm. G. Sterrett, when asked by the prosecuting attorney if he had ever been convicted of a felony, did not answer, took the prosecuting attorney aside, and on returning nothing further was said to him. As a matter of fact he was convicted of attempted rape a number of years ago, but was pardoned. He is a "Josephite." His eligibility was a matter to be taken under advisement.

The above is furnished by our Provo correspondent "D."

Sunday School Union.

The following synopsis of a reunion of the Sunday schools of Provo, held Sunday, Sept. 18th, 1887, is furnished us by James Hardy, secretary:

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock a.m., Assistant Superintendent S. S. Jones, presiding. The combined schools sang the opening hymn from the Sunday School Union Music Book, "Joseph Smith's First Prayer." The singing exercises were conducted by Elder John R. Twelves, with Henry E. Gilles as organist.

Prayer was offered by Bishop John E. Booth.

Present on the stand were Superintendent of the Stake, with the Bishops and Superintendents of various wards. The singing and recitations of the various schools were very creditably done, and great praise is due to the officers of the schools in making the reunion such a success. The speakers on the occasion were Superintendent David John, Assistant Superintendent S. S. Jones, Elders K. G. Maeser and James E. Talmage, Bishops Johnson, Booth and Loveless, and the superintendents of the various schools—namely James E. Daniels, C. D. Glazier, Evan Wride and Samuel Liddiard. Each made suitable and encouraging remarks on the progress made in the Sabbath school cause, and urged the great necessity of continuing in this laudable work of instructing the youth in the principles of the Gospel.

Parents were urged to instruct their children at home, by the fireside, by precept and example, in everything that is good, teaching them to pray, and leading their young minds to understand the Gospel of the Son of God and be led to keep the Sabbath day holy. Everything was pleasant, and a large number of pupils and parents were present. Two sessions of the schools were held.

THE PRATT FAMILY REUNION

A Highly Enjoyable and Interesting Occasion.

According to previous announcement there was a large gathering of the families of the late Parley P. and Orson Pratt, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the latter's birthday, at the residence of Sister Marian R. Pratt in the Nineteenth Ward. Among the invited guests were President D. H. Wells, President A. M. Cannon, and Sisters E. R. Snow Smith, Presinda Kimball, Zina D. Young, Susan Snively Young, and many others. The grounds were tastefully arranged and decorated with national flags, etc. On the spacious lawn an awning was spread and seats provided for the entire company. Adjoining the lawn a table 100 feet long was spread, and at 3 p. m. about 150 of the family and guests partook of a sumptuous repast which had been provided. After dinner the company repaired to the lawn and was called to order by Elder Milando Pratt and Elder Parley Pratt opened with prayer.

THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS,

written by Elder Laron Pratt, was then read by Elder Milando Pratt:

Brethren, Sisters and Friends:

I have been called upon to make the opening address on this interesting occasion. I am very much pleased to see before me so large a gathering of relatives and friends, and in the name of the family I bid you a hearty welcome, and hope peace, joy, thankfulness, and kindly feeling will characterize this gathering.

It is very good, very pleasant and profitable to have such family reunions, wherein we can interchange thoughts, greetings and remembrances, and

RENEW OLD ASSOCIATIONS,

and I hope to see many such gatherings, that a feeling of love and affection may disseminate among us, and bring us into still closer relations of kinship.

We meet to-day to celebrate an occasion which should be to us a pleasant memory, and to converse of one whom we all loved and esteemed, who filled the measure of his creation and has gone hence to render an account of his doings here in the flesh, and to continue the good work in a higher sphere.

Our father, relative and friend, Orson Pratt, whose seventy-sixth birthday anniversary we are celebrating, lived to the allotted age of man, being a few days over 70 years of age when he died. He was a man of humble mien, possessed of great intelligence and many sterling qualities of heart, the most conspicuous among which was his staunch integrity and valiant, unflinching defense of the principles of the Gospel which he advocated. Fifty years of his life were given to the promulgation of the principles of truth. Earthly honors and ambitions were as nothing to him. The glittering bauble of worldly wealth had no attraction compared to the beauty and glory of human salvation. These things never made him swerve from the path he had chosen. He was a friend to all humanity in the fullest sense, when the spiritual condition of mankind was concerned. His constant thought was how to elevate his fellow beings, and fit them for a more exalted plan of usefulness. His heart was set upon doing the greatest amount of good to the greatest number, and performing a grand and glorious work for the salvation of the sons and daughters of God. From the time he was a youth of nineteen until he was taken from our midst

HE LABORED INCASSANTLY AND HUMILY

for the welfare of mankind. His

mind was wholly devoted to accomplishing the purposes of God, as he understood them, and he went forth without purse or scrip and traveled very extensively on sea and land, spreading the Gospel of life to many nations of the earth, prophesying of the things that were coming to pass and of the destruction that would overtake the wicked and corrupt.

Few men have labored so incessantly and earnestly for the accomplishment of such a grand and glorious purpose as the saving of poor fallen humanity. And as his prophetic voice was raised long and loud in proclaiming the glorious principles of salvation to the nations of the earth while he was here in the flesh, so also will his works and teachings, left on record, speak as with the voice of thunder to those whom he has left behind. Such a work as he has performed will leave an indelible impression upon those who have heard him in life. It needs no special exertion on our part to keep him in remembrance, for although he has filled his earthly mission and laid down an earthly form, his work among the people of God will never die, and may it always be kept green among his family by pleasant gathering like the present.

Again, his great mind was constantly exercised not only in relation to the salvation of the living but also the

SALVATION OF THE DEAD;

those who had died without a knowledge of the Gospel. So earnestly did he wish to secure to them all eternal life in the presence of their heavenly Father, that he spent considerable time in helping to compile a book of records of the Pratt family and its branches containing over 3,000 names. From this record we can now trace our lineage, with its numerous branches some 300 years. During the latter part of his lifetime he selected most of these names and then called upon his family and relations in this Territory to perform certain ordinances in the house of the Lord for these deceased ancestors and friends; thus opening to them their prison doors in the spirit world.

But he was far from doing all he intended. He has left this unfinished work for his sons and his daughters, his relations and connections to continue until it is accomplished. Should we not be proud to labor in this noble work which is already planned out for us? We should wake up to the necessity of bestirring ourselves in the matter, and unite as one in such a glorious purpose. We must remember that life is short and we were not born to waste away our time in idle pleasures. Our heavenly Father gave us mortal existence for a little season to see what use we will make of it, and if we do good we will be worthy of a better life; but if we throw away our opportunities, then our chance of eternal life will be commensurate therewith.

My brothers and sisters, let us be

FAITHFUL, EARNEST AND VALIANT

In the good work; let us be united with love and affection for one another; treat one another with consideration and kindness, being charitable in all things, and follow the illustrious example set before us by our father and friend, that our minds may be filled with the light and intelligence of the spirit of God, and when our earthly career is ended we can look back over our lives with satisfaction and glorify God therefor.

May the Spirit of God rest upon you that your joys and pleasures may be unbounded this day, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

After the reading of the address, a previously arranged programme of exercises was carried out. Remarks were made by President D. H. Wells, President A. M. Cannon, Alma Pratt, Sisters Eliza R. Snow Smith, Zina D. Young and Presinda Kimball and others, all of whom spoke in terms of praise of Apostles Parley P. and Orson Pratt, their associations with them, and of their faithful labors and devotedness to the work of God, and exhorted all present to emulate their example and be faithful to their profession, so they might have the privilege of being re-united with them.

Songs and recitations were given by young members of the families. At sundown the benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph Bull, after which the lawn was beautifully illuminated and the younger members of the various families enjoyed themselves in the dance. Everything passed off harmoniously, and all enjoyed themselves. The gathering of yesterday will long be remembered by all who participated.

There were present representatives of the families of Parley P. Orson, Anson and Wm. D. Pratt. A "Tribute to Orson Pratt," written by Elder George G. Bywater, was read. It was a response to an invitation to be present, which the writer was prevented from accepting. The musical portions of the programme were nearly all rendered by members of the Pratt family, showing that a marked vein of musical talent runs through it.

Leeds Items.

"Thistle" sends us from Leeds an account of a surprise party, which, as it relates to an affair of only local interest, is not reproduced.

Quite a number of people in Leeds are sick with malarial fever, but, as October usually brings convalescence to this class of sufferers, it is hoped that all will soon recover.

A few days ago Jos. T. Wilkinson's son Joseph had his foot crushed in the cog wheels of a molasses mill, while he and his brother were playing with the machine. One toe had to be amputated. The lad is progressing favorably.

Will There Be Two Roads?

Rumors are afloat that the Union Pacific is not going to sit idly by and see the Salt Lake & Los Angeles Railway take the trade to the Pacific Coast. The new road must of necessity traverse nearly the same route as that proposed for the U. P. from Dry Valley, Nevada, to the City of the Angels. The Union Pacific is now fully 250 miles on the way, by having the Utah Central, and as that route has some little advantage in being the shorter of the two, some lively railway competition may be anticipated for next summer. The roads as at present proposed will run through separate districts for about 600 miles, but that will be in close proximity and almost parallel.

Grand Jury Cases Set.

Following is the grand jury of the First District Court at Provo, as completed:

Richard Brereton, J. H. McCarty, Wm. H. Taylor, Wm. McBeth, Edwin Bartholomew, S. F. Mount, John T. Leonard, Wm. A. Star, Chas. Koffard, Chas. J. Oleson, Henry Mannery, W. K. Henry, Edward Fox, Christian Clawson and John W. McRehouse.

Following is a setting of cases:

U. S. vs. Wm. Yates, Sept. 22;
U. S. vs. Isaac Bullock, Sept. 22;
U. S. vs. Orlando Herrin, Sept. 22;
U. S. vs. Wm. Wadler, Sept. 22;
U. S. vs. Victor Sandgren, Sept. 22;
U. S. vs. Geo. W. Gee, Sept. 23;
U. S. vs. Lars Jacobson, Sept. 23;
People vs. Cleon Jackson, Sept. 26.

The New Railway.

The Salt Lake and Los Angeles Railway is assuming definite shape in the new order. Thus far the following have been subscribed:

Caleb W. West	1,000
C. C. Goodwin	1,000
P. H. Lamm	1,000
J. R. Walker	1,000
W. S. McCornick	1,000
Herbert R. Boughton, San Francisco	40,000
James Stokes, New York	40,000
H. D. Shell	1,000
James Jack	1,000
David McKenzie	1,000
W. H. Remington	1,000
M. H. White, Los Angeles	1,000
J. G. Sutherland	1,000
O. P. Arnold	1,000
Wooley, Lund & Judd, St. George	1,000
Nephi W. Clayton	1,000
C. P. Mason	1,000
H. B. Clawson	1,000
Thomas G. Webber	1,000
Byron Groo	1,000
M. H. Walker	1,000
John T. Caine	1,000
John L. N. Hunt, New York	10,000
Francis A. Riddle, Chicago	40,000
Isaac Trumbo, San Francisco	10,000

Total..... \$190,000

Bad Mail Service.

A subscriber writes from Peterson, Morgan County, to the effect that he receives his News with provoking irregularity, and David Milne, of Manti, sends the following complaint dated the 18th inst:

Evidently there is some carelessness or indifference in the transmission of the Evening News to this place. The News we ought to have received on the 9th did not arrive until the 10th, when we received two papers. The paper we ought to have got on the 12th we did not receive until the 13th, then we got both copies. On this date the daily Herald was also detained. Again on the 15th we received no paper, arriving last night, the 17th, and that so many should be imposed upon and suffer for the carelessness of someone.

It is perhaps superfluous to observe that the mailing of a daily paper is not usually done on alternate days, two issues at a time. The papers for subscribers in Manti, as well as elsewhere, are deposited in the post-office here regularly on the day of publication.

A GOOD DISINFECTANT.—Take two pounds of alum and five pounds of common salt, and dissolve in four gallons of water. Saturate old cloth, or stockings, and hang up anywhere a disinfectant is needed. Or, it can be sprinkled around frequently. A jar of it in a room, if frequently stirred, will take out all disease, as if a sick room. The advantage is no small whatever. If people only knew it, this is the very thing they pay fifty cents a quart for at the drug stores. Try it.