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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 31.

How It Is.—May is getting to be the April of Utah.

Arrived.—Hon. M. Schaffer, the new Chief Justice of Utah, has arrived.

Which?—Is it Spring, or Summer, or Winter just now? That's the question.

Wants to Hear.—Mrs. J. E. Arell, Liberty, Tioga County, Penn., is desirous of hearing from her brother, who is a resident of Utah.

Seriously Ill.—By letter from Brother E. E. Johnson, of St. George, we learn that his father, Brother Joseph E. Johnson, of that place, is very ill.

Annoying.—Yesterday was a tantalizing sort of a day. It did not rain enough to wet the surface of the ground all over, but it did storm sufficiently to spoil it for a holiday or pleasure day.

The Outlook.—When people woke up this morning and saw the snow on the ground and on the trees, and more falling fast, it is to be feared that long-lingering Winter was not very heartily blessed.

Personal.—We were called upon to-day by T. B. Fitch, Esq., and E. B. Judson, Esq., of Syracuse, N. Y.; and Daniel Trowbridge, Esq., members of the New Hampshire party that arrived with Mr. Scofield. The party expect to leave to-morrow.

The Decorative Proceedings.—Quite a large number of citizens went to Camp Douglas yesterday, to witness the proceedings connected with decorating the graves of soldiers of the war of the rebellion, the programme of which was published in the NEWS several days beforehand.

Remarkable Weather.—Here it is the last day of May, and yet it looked like genuine winter this morning, which brought a fall of snow of from three to four inches. The surrounding mountains are now clothed in winter habiliments from summit to base.

Man Drowned.—On Monday morning, the body of John Baker, a blacksmith, resident of American Fork, was found dead in Bingham Creek, opposite the Winnamuck smelter. Deceased had been insane for some time previous, and had evidently drowned himself, that being the conclusion arrived at by the coroner's jury who held the inquest. He leaves a wife and several children at American Fork.

Flowery.—This morning, by courtesy of Mr. Thomas Fenton, nurseryman, our office was embellished with a choice bouquet, composed of such excellent varieties of roses as the Triumph, English Cabbage, the Glory of France, &c., besides such other flowers as the Red Trumpet, Honeysuckle, Madam La Moine geranium, making up an accumulation of richness and beauty most delightful to the eye, while the odor emitted is grateful to the sensitive olfactory.

Sandwich Islands.—Elder Alma L. Smith, having been released from his labors in the Sandwich Islands mission, will leave Honolulu for home in June.

We extract the following from a letter from him—

"All is health, peace and prosperity on the plantation at Laie, and throughout the mission. Our work of planting and cultivating cane and other business of the place moves along smoothly and favorably. The Elders are energetic in their labors among the people, and good is being done."

Come Forward.—An excellent chance is presented for the kindly disposed among the well-to-do to step forward with a little of the wherewith to enable the committee to make the approaching "Old Folks Excursion" to provide a complete success. A very large proportion of the old people who will participate will be unable to pay, and voluntary donations from those who desire to make the aged happy are therefore in order. The excursion of a similar character a couple of years ago, was one of the most interesting affairs that ever took place in Utah.

Pleasure Hunting.—Both the excursion to Lake Point and that to Lake Side yesterday were numerously patronized, about three hundred and fifty going on the former, notwithstanding the unfavorable nature of the weather. The Lake Point party did not go on the Lake till about five o'clock in the evening. The Lake itself was on the rampage nearly the whole of the former part of the day.

The various pleasure gardens and grounds in and near the city were visited by much larger numbers of people than might have been supposed.

Not So.—From Brother C. C. A. Christensen, of Ephraim, Sanpete, we learn that his picture of "Mormon Emigrants Crossing the Plains" did not go to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, as published in the NEWS, his reason for not forwarding it being the lack of a few dollars in cash, and on finding he could not raise the necessary wherewith, he left his art specimen on the easel and betook him again to "grubbing sagebrush, digging water ditches," and the like.

This is another evidence of the bungling manner in which the Exhibition art catalogue was got up, for we found Brother Christensen's name and picture title printed therein, on the strength of which the statement was published in the NEWS. The item was probably placed in the catalogue on the strength of the artist named having made application for and being granted space.

A Well Known Citizen Gone.—It will be seen by an obituary notice in to-day's NEWS, that Brother Archibald Livingstone, the well known, energetic lumberman, departed this life last night, in the prime of manhood. Any person, from the appearance of Brother Livingstone a few days ago, could, to use an ordinary phrase, have taken "a lease upon his life," but his unexpected demise is but another evidence of the uncertainty of things earthly.

When first taken ill with the complaint that carried him off he was in Castle Valley, and, feeling that the malady was serious, he actually, impelled by his strong attachment for home and its associations, travelled the distance on horseback, an undertaking that, under the circumstances, could have been accomplished by but few men, he being, however, a man of most powerful physique. Deceased is brother to Brother Charles Livingstone, member of the Salt Lake police force, and James C. Livingstone, who has charge of the workmen at the Temple quarry.

Social Party.—There was a very agreeable social gathering last evening at the residence of Horace S. Eldridge, Esq., in his new brick house. The guests consisted chiefly of the members of the Quorum of the Twelve residing in the city and Presiding Bishop Hunter, and wives, who were cordially and handsomely entertained.

The house, very recently finished, contains about twenty-five rooms, and is built in a substantial and superior manner throughout, with a view to health, convenience, and comfort. Gas and City Creek water from the mains are in nearly every room. Ventilation has been well considered and thoughtfully provided for. The ceilings are lofty, and over most of the doors in the various rooms are hinged transom lights, and there is over the whole house an air of lightness and cheerfulness. It is hoped that the genial host and hostess will live long to enjoy their pleasant residence.

Mathematical Discovery.—Prof. Orson Pratt, Senior, on Tuesday, the 30th of May, 1876, made a highly important discovery in the department of mathematics.

In the history of mathematical science it is well known that, for ages, a general solution of the cubic equation, when all the roots are real and unequal, has been sought for in vain. Centuries ago, Cardan succeeded in giving a general solution, when two of the roots are imaginary; but his formula was wholly useless and irreducible, when the equation contained three real and unequal roots.

Prof. Pratt's general solution gives the three real and unequal roots in terms of the general coefficients, with the same rigor and distinctness as those attending the solution of the quadratic. In the great army of the most profound mathematicians who have embellished modern science, some eminent algebraists have pretended to demonstrate the impossibility of such solution; but Prof. Pratt's success has forever proved the incorrectness of such pretended negative demonstrations.

This general solution will have a very important and useful bearing upon the future advancement of algebraical analysis.

Weather Report.—Here is the weather report, received over the Deseret Telegraph wires to-day—

May 31st.
St. George—Pleasant, thermometer 77.

Toquerville—A little windy, but clear; rather cool, very heavy wind all night.

Hebron—Warm and pleasant to-day; very cold and windy yesterday.

Fillmore—Cloudy and cool, with a little rain last night.

Cedar City—Cold north wind; slight sprinkling of snow this morning.

American Fork—Cloudy.
Payson—Cloudy; looks like rain again.

Fountain Green—Cloudy and cold.

Spring City—Cloudy; looks like storm; quite cold.

Ephraim—Cold and cloudy; snowed a little yesterday p. m.

Manti—It has been storming; quite cold.

Monroe—Pleasant. It has been storming and cold all yesterday and last night.

Franklin—Very cold, and has been raining all day.

Logan—It rained some last night; still cloudy and windy, but trying to clear up.

Wood's Cross—Sun shining; pleasant.

City Creek Booming.—City Creek has been roaring the past few days. Being very high it broke through into the tail race of the D. P. Kimball mill, but the break has been repaired and a number of hands are at work cleaning out the race.

On the opposite side of the stream the street was flooded in places clear up to the wall, and the bank and portions of the road washed away. Supervisor Hyde with a number of hands made the necessary repairs and the stream in that particular locality is now under control. It took a good deal of labor to save the two bridges near the mill already named.

From the northeast corner of the railroad depot block to the end of the culvert matters look rather watery to-day.

Near the bridge at the depot corner the water was flooding over upon the streets on each side, and a force of railroad hand, and others under Supervisor Hyde, were endeavoring to clear the channel of the creek, so as to render the space sufficient to admit of the whole stream passing under the bridge, in the event of the banks being heightened. Hands were also stationed at various other points clearing the bed of the creek.

Men and teams were also at work at the mouth of the culvert, clearing channels for the water through the immense deposit of gravel thereabout.

The New York Sun records the recovery from a dangerous illness of consumption, of a girl of nine years, of Jersey City, by William Winslow Bennett, a neighbor, by laying on of hands every night for three months, under the direction of "the spirits." The father of the girl is Mr. Charles H. Benson, one of the editors of the Jersey City Evening Journal. It is said that Mr. Bennett has made other equally astonishing cures, one being that of ex-Congressman Lawrence, of Ohio, who had pneumonia.

FURTHER PARTICULARS ABOUT THE COLORADO RIVER DISASTER.

The following dispatch, sent to President B. Young, at St. George, has been transmitted over the wires to us—

KANAB, May 29th.

President Young, St. George:

President Wells and party arrived at the river at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, all well. We found a large boat, in good repair, which only needed oars. We soon had her in trim and made two trips with the horses, and then loaded up with Brother Hatch's wagon, the baggage wagon, and Brother Wells' carriage, with their loads. All seemed safe, as the boat load was not so heavy as the horses. While towing up the stream, at twenty minutes to seven p. m., and rounding a point of rock near the place of starting across, the boat dipped and commenced to fill. She soon sank and carried off all on board, viz., President Wells, Bishops Roundy and Hatch and myself, Brothers Jacob Hamlin, Warren Johnson, W. J. Carter and E. W. Wiltbanks. All made the shore alone, excepting Carter, Hatch and Johnson, who were picked up by the new boat, and Bro. Roundy was drowned. We could not find his body. The carriage and baggage wagon, with all their contents including the entire outfit of the escort and most of the provisions of the company, were lost. Bro. Hatch's wagon and most of the load were saved and lodged on an island below. All was done that could be done. No blame could be attached anywhere.

"On Thursday, having lost some of the living of the boat, we could not use it, so we took B. Young, Jr.'s carriage apart and carried it over in the new boat; also Bishop McArthur's, Hatch's, and Esagon's wagons and loads, which was accomplished very satisfactorily. On Friday, having got the wagons put together and loaded up, Pres. Wells and Elders Snow and B. Young Jr., Bishops McArthur and Hatch and Brothers Esagon and Hamlin, L. D. Young, B. S. Young and Hamner Wells, started at 11 a. m., feeling well in health. The escort returned with me. Brother W. Perkins will hand you letters. I have Brother Roundy's horses and clothes and shall send them to his home. Will you dispatch to his family. This was truly a miraculous preservation. President Wells swam about three rods.

L. J. NUTTALL."

DARING STAGE ROBBERY IN M'LLARD COUNTY.

The following special to the NEWS was received to-day—

FILLMORE, May 31st.

The coach coming from the north was robbed by two masked men, between 10 and 11 o'clock last night, about three miles north of Sevier River. Only one lady passenger and the driver were on the stage. One of the robbers held a gun at the head of the driver, while the other went through Wells, Fargo's treasure box and the register sack, etc. They cut three mail sacks to pieces and smashed the treasure box and also took some express packages. The driver's name is Daniel Whitbeck. G. Huntsman, Gilmer & Salisbury's agent, goes to the place where the robbery was committed, to find out all he can concerning the matter. He takes Whitbeck with him.

GRASSHOPPERS Will not be here this year, for THE WOOD'S MACHINES

Are getting away with everything. See the large stock of Improved Machines and extras for sale at Bain Wagon Depot.

HOWARD SLEBEE.

Salt Lake City, June 1, 1876.
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