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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 21.

Fines Imposed.—On various charges, in stealing sundry articles from different parties, Peter Stockfish was brought from the city jail, last evening, taken before Justice Pyper, and fined in various sums, aggregating \$175.

Wide Awake for March contains "O Jessie, Another Cat;" "The Merciful Way;" "Hickory, Dickory, Dock;" "Sight-seeing in London;" "Children's Hospital, Boston;" "Quinebasset Girls;" "The Snow Storm;" "Midget's Baby;" "Baby in the Crib;" "Portrait of P. P. Bliss, the sweet singer;" "Good-for-Nothing Polly;" "In a Bird House;" "The Artist and the Bear;" "Adventures of Miltades Peterkin Paul;" "Mamma's Present;" "Mamma's Instructions;" "Wide Awake Science Club;" "Doll's Fair;" Music—"Jesus Loves Even Me."

The Waterworks.—The waterworks are a splendid improvement, being in fine working order, and extending over a large portion of the city. We understand the cost amounts to in the vicinity of \$172,000. It is a moderate expenditure, considering the extent and character of the works, but such a large application of funds for one valuable improvement speaks well for the management of our municipal affairs by the city fathers, especially in view of the fact that the expenses of the waterworks, for material and construction, are being rapidly paid up, with a fair prospect of their being entirely wiped out at no distant day.

Besides this, other improvements have been going on for a considerable time, all over the city.

"Habeas Corpus."—Dr. Gerren, who was fined \$50 recently on a charge of abduction and prostitution, will be taken before Judge Schaeffer to-morrow afternoon, on a writ of habeas corpus, which has been served upon the sheriff, made returnable at that time. This is the second time a writ of this kind has been issued for the same individual, but the first one didn't work very well, from the fact that it was directed to and served upon Mr. W. Hyde, who did not have the prisoner in custody, and also from the fact that, although the writ was intended to require the taking of the prisoner before the Judge forthwith, it was, by mistake, dated one day ahead, so that Mr. Hyde did not appear till the specified date, and then the Judge wasn't there and Mr. H. didn't have Dr. Gerren with him. We suppose, however, the matter is in shape now.

Got Him.—A man who gave the name of John E. Jones was, as will be remembered, arrested for shooting in a disreputable house, on Plum Street, the bullet passing through the hat of a man named Gaines. He paid the fine and was released. Subsequently, at the request of the authorities of Montana Territory, he was arrested and held by the United States Marshal here. An officer from Montana has arrived, with a requisition from the Governor of that Territory, and has taken him in charge. The fellow is known in Montana as J. F. Pascoe. He had committed an offense against the laws there and had "jumped" his bonds, hence his arrest here. Montana is welcome to him. He is said to be a "hard" man.

Washington's Birthday.—George Washington, the leader of the American Revolution and the first President of the United States, having been born at Westmoreland, State of Virginia, February 22nd, 1732, to-morrow will be the one hundred and forty-fifth anniversary of his birthday. In honor of the event the occasion will be celebrated in this City by a pretty general cessation from labor, it being the intention of the proprietors of stores, banks, and other places of business to close their establishments for the day.

Having due respect for the honored memory of the "Father of his Country," all hands connected with this office will join in the celebration, and consequently the

NEWS will not be issued again until Friday afternoon.

George Washington died at Mount Vernon, December 14th, 1799, being consequently at that time in his sixty-eighth year.

Littell's Living Age.—The numbers of this standard periodical, for the weeks ending Feb. 10th and 17th, have the following noteworthy contents—Arctic Heroes, from Eirek of Scandinavia to Captain Nares, *London Quarterly*; Condition of the Larger Planets, by Richard A. Proctor, *F. R. A. S., Popular Science Review*; The Geographical Aspect of the Eastern Question, by Edward A. Freeman, *Fortnightly Review*; Julian's Letters, *British Quarterly*; Agates and Agate-Working, by F. W. Rudley, *F. G. S., Popular Science Review*; Jon Jonson's Saga, the Genuine Autobiography of a Modern Ice-lander, *Fraser*; Charles Kingsley, *Fortnightly Review*; A Polynesian Grisel, *Examiner*; Scenery in Holland, *Month*; Weariness, a Tale from France, by Rudolph Lindau, *Blackwood*; The Shadow of the Door, *Blackwood*; instalments of George MacDonald's "Marquis of Lossie" and William Black's new serial, and the usual choice poetry, etc.

The back numbers containing the first instalments of MacDonald's new serial are still sent gratis to new subscribers for 1877. For fifty-two numbers, of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,000 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Gay, Boston, are the publishers.

City Council.—The City Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Petition signed by Junius F. Wells, John Nicholson, Richard W. Young, George F. Gibbs, Mathew W. Pratt and one thousand other members of Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations, asking the Council to suppress and restrain, to the extent of their powers, the traffic in intoxicating liquors; referred to the committee on municipal laws.

Petition of the Salt Lake City Gas Company, asking that all persons be prevented from laying water service pipes or setting posts within six feet of the gas service pipes; referred to committee on municipal laws.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Morris and Evans, asking for the privilege of quarrying limestone on a certain designated ledge north-east of the Warm Springs, recommended the granting of the prayer, during the pleasure of the Council, and that the petitioners be required to pay an annual rental of \$25. Adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of F. J. P. Pascoe, asking the city to deed to him, in fee simple, a certain designated piece of land, north-east of the Warm Springs, recommended that the prayer be not granted, on account of a road passing through the said land and leading to certain quarries which road the committee deemed it expedient should be kept open. The committee also recommended, however, that he be allowed the privilege of quarrying limestone from the land in question, and that he pay therefor a yearly rental of \$5. Adopted.

The committee on municipal laws reported a bill for an ordinance regulating plumbers; bill passed.

Sundry bills against the waterworks, amounting to \$62.83, were allowed.

The sum of \$11,537.33 was appropriated to take up a note of the corporation, held by Dennis, Long & Co., for waterworks material supplied.

Bill of C. H. Bassett, for a concrete crossing from Deseret National Bank to the Kimball and Lawrence corner, \$91.16, allowed and appropriated.

John R. Winder was re-elected for 1877, assessor and collector of taxes and of water rates.

Adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Military Order.—The following

from the Omaha Herald of Feb. 18, are portions of a special military order, issued the day before—

"Upon the recommendation of the Chief Paymaster, the following assignment of Paymasters to pay troops in the Department, for the muster of Feb. 28, 1877, is hereby made, viz:

"For the posts of Camp Douglas, Forts Hall, Cameron, Bridger, Steele and Sanders, Major I. O. Dewey.

"The payment at Fort Hall, will be made not later than March 8th, 1877.

"The commanding officer, Fort Hall, will send the necessary transportation and an adequate escort to meet Major Dewey, at Franklin, Idaho, and commanding officer, Fort Cameron, will send the necessary transportation to meet him at Railroad Terminus, Utah, at such time as he may designate.

"The Quartermaster's department will furnish the necessary transportation when called for.

"Second Lieutenant Robert A. Lovell, Fourteenth Infantry is relieved from duty as a member of the general court-martial, convened by paragraph 2, special orders No. 11, current series, from these headquarters, and will return his station, Camp Douglas, Utah, without delay.

"The telegraphic instructions of this date, requiring Major I. O. Dewey, pay department, to proceed without delay to Sidney barracks, Neb., to pay the Pawnee scouts at that post, to include December 31, 1876, and, returning to his station to pay the troops for the muster of Dec. 31, 1876, at Forts Sanders and Fred. Steele, W. T., are hereby confirmed.

"By order of Brigadier-General Crook.

"A. H. NICKERSON,
Captain Twenty-third Infantry,
A. D. C., acting assistant Adjutant-General."

Correspondence.

Conference—Healing—Hard Times, Etc.

BROOMFIELD, Isabella Co.,
Mich., Feb. 3, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

We are thankful to God the Eternal Father for his mercies to us in sending us the light of the everlasting gospel when we were wandering as sheep having no shepherd. We were bitterly prejudiced against the Saints of the Most High (for you know not how many are the reports against the people of Utah) until Elder Wm. M. Palmer came with the testimony of Jesus and unfolded the Scriptures to our understanding.

Elder Palmer held conference at Sylvester, Mecosta Co., January 27 and 28. The weather was beautiful. The Saints from Westville, Milbrook, Broomfield and Sylvester were present. There were few unbelievers present on Saturday, but Saturday night and Sunday forenoon and afternoon there was a good turnout. The Spirit of God was with us, and Elder Palmer explained the organization of the church, comparing it with the church as Jesus organized it, showing the order of the house of God from the beginning of creation, expounding the prophecies and gospel as given by Jesus and the apostles, also explaining the revelations of John in so plain and simple a manner that a child might understand, showing the necessity of new revelation.

It the afternoon of Sunday we partook of the Lord's Supper. The authorities of the church were presented, as found in the DESERET NEWS, and unanimously sustained. In the evening we held prayer and testimony meeting, the Saints all testifying to the truth of the gospel, that the signs do follow them, that the sick have many times been healed among us. Sister Peris M. Wetmore testified that she had a large swelling of long standing on her neck, which defied the skill of doctors, but it was anointed and administered to and it entirely vanished. Others testified that they had been healed of fevers and diverse diseases.

We intend emigrating to Utah as soon as we can. The Saints all feel well and full of the spirit. Times are very hard here. May God ever bless the cause of Zion.

From your brother in the gospel,
ALMIRON BLOOD, Clerk.

The Jews and Palestine.

SALT LAKE CITY,
February 17th, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

The press, both of Europe and America, is considerably exercised at this time as regards the return of the Jews to the land of Palestine, as if the time had already come, spoken of in Isaiah, 40 chapter, 1 and 2 verses, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received at the Lord's hand double for all her sins." It is well understood that the land of Palestine was given to Father Abraham and his posterity after him for an everlasting inheritance, and that they possessed the land and prospered until after the rejection of their Saviour, when they said, "Crucify him! Crucify him! Let his blood be upon us and our children after us." The Saviour in his mercy exclaimed, "Oh, Jerusalem, that killest the Prophets, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but you would not. Henceforth your land is left desolate unto you."

The Prophet Nahum, 2nd chapter, 1st verse, says, "He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face. For the Lord hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel; for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches." Since that time they have wandered in strange lands without homes and lands and despoiled.

The signs of the times very much indicate that the time has come to speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and for the fulfillment of the many prophecies concerning her. S.

Progress—Schools—Winter—Health Grain, etc.

SPRING CITY, Feb. 16, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

I feel thankful to say that my health, at present, is remarkably good for me; yet I find it difficult to walk the distance of one city block.

Our meetings in Sanpete are generally well attended, and people seem anxious to be fed with the words of life, more especially since the spinal column of the hydra-headed monster, whisky, is broken. Where confusion, hatred and intoxication reigned, boot and shoe shops are established; and one can now walk the streets in the sunshine of sobriety, of good order, and consequently of good will. But our victory is not yet complete, nor will it be until shame, or moral suasion, or law, shall force some to abandon that traffic who seem to love it more than they love God. But we are not without hope of final success.

In this place we have three schools and a Sunday school. Our young men and some of our older ones deliver lectures on various subjects during our long winter evenings. This place is amongst the smaller places in the county, and larger settlements enjoy educational facilities in proportion to their size.

Our winter, thus far, has been very mild—little snow, and consequently the ground is dry and freezes hard through the night. We have had but one day and night's fog; some sickness amongst our children, but few deaths. Grain is low in price, and is becoming scarce, because it takes so much of it to buy a few other necessities.

When I get hold of the DESERET NEWS, it seems like taking an old familiar friend by the hand—one that is tried, proven and found faithful and reliable, and worthy to be known and read of all men.

Your fellow laborer in the Gospel,
ORSON HYDE.