

THE DESERET NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

No. 1.

Salt Lake City, Wednesday, February 3, 1875.

Vol. XXIV.

ESTABLISHED 1850.

THE DESERET NEWS, WEEKLY.

One copy, one year, with postage, \$3 65
" six months, " " 1 85
" three " " " 95

THE DESERET NEWS: SEMI-WEEKLY.

One copy, one year, with postage, \$4 25
" six months, " " 2 15
" three " " " 1 10

THE DESERET EVENING NEWS.

One copy, one year, with postage, \$10 50
" six months, " " 5 25
" three " " " 2 65

TERMS IN ADVANCE.

DAVID O. CALDER,

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS in the country can at any time ascertain the date on which their subscription expires by referring to the numbers attached to their name on their paper, namely, 1-6-4 means first day, sixth month, fourth year, or 1st June, 1874, 15-12-4 means 15th December, 1874, &c.

Those names having no numbers close with the end of the volume.

Subscribers understanding this will be able to renew their subscriptions prior to the time of expiration, so that their papers may continue without interruption.

Local and Other Matters

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 27.

Railroad.—We understand that sometime in May the construction of another twenty-five miles of road on the northern end of the Utah Northern narrow gauge line in Idaho, will be commenced.

Closed.—The retail clothing department of Z. C. M. I. closed today, the stock having been removed to a division of the wholesale department, where it will be disposed of at exceedingly low figures, the intention being to close it out.

Home Material and Workmanship.—The Utah Western Railroad Company are about to commence the manufacture of ten flat cars, the material to be Utah iron, manufactured at the iron works, Iron City, Iron County, and Utah lumber grown in the Utah canyons. This is home manufacture "from the ground up."

A Peculiar Freak.—This morning we noticed a gentleman riding on a horse which had a very singular appearance, on account of having had all four of its legs shaved from the hoof clean up to the body. An old "salt" would have been apt to say it was "sneading before the wind with bare poles." This plan is the reverse of the old advice to keep the head cool and the feet and limbs warm, and one would think that horse might catch the rheumatics this winter weather.

Second Ward Institute.—The members of the 2nd Ward Institute met last evening, to elect the officers for the ensuing year, the following being the result—

President, W. L. Ball; 1st Vice President, John Larsen; 2nd Vice President, Frederick Olson; Secretary, Jas Jensen; Ass. Sec. T. Wilson; Treasurer, Geo. Reese Jr.; Directors, Wm. Hart, James T. Wilson, L. Christensen, J. Ivorsen and A. Mickesell. The association has existed one year, and has resulted in much good to the young people of the Ward.

A Sneaking Piece of Business.—Mr. Robert Smith is the claimant of a piece of land north-west of this City, on which he has lived for some time. It appears that another party also claims the same land. Day before yesterday this latter claimant visited a member of Mr. Smith's family and talked considerably about the land in question, intimating that he wished to purchase it from her, but she must not let Mr. Smith know anything about it. He said he was not acting for himself, but for a company, by whom he was employed, and if she would call at the office of a certain wagon depot in this city the parties interested, would be there, and an arrangement about the sum to be paid for the land could be settled upon. There are grounds for the supposition that the little game is connected with a certain land speculation in which a certain employee of the

government who has been said by his friends to be totally unfit for the position he holds, is largely interested.

Firemen's Dress Ball.—The Salt Lake Fire Brigade have under consideration a dress ball, to come off on the anniversary of Washington's birthday, February 22nd, at the Theatre. The initiatory steps have already been taken and it promises to be the ball of the season.

The gentlemen composing the various committees are as follows:

Arrangements—S. H. Hill, C. M. Donelson, J. W. Snell, John Reading, R. W. McAllister, and Frank May.

Invitation—John D. T. McAllister, Henry Dinwoodey, N. H. Felt, Andrew Burt, Joseph E. Taylor and George Crismon.

Reception—D. A. Swan, James White, A. S. Gray, C. M. Donelson, Jr., Olef Hammer, and Joseph McMurrin.

Floor Managers—Joseph E. Taylor, Henry Maiben, B. Y. Hampton, W. J. Hooper, Moroni McAllister, and Wm. Benson.

The management of the affair have made arrangements for a full quadrille band, under the direction of Messrs. Thomas and Olsen.

City Council.—The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held last evening, Mayor Wells presiding.

Petition of H. P. Kimball, asking for the grading of the streets on the north and east sides of block 93, plat A., was received and the prayer granted.

A communication was received from J. K. Morrill, representing that a valuable dog belonging to him had been killed by the person employed by the city to destroy unregistered canines, the registration fee for the animal in question having been paid. The Council was asked, in the communication, to appropriate \$50 as compensation to the owner of the dog. The matter was referred to the committee on claims.

A motion was made to the effect that the committee on water works be authorized to negotiate a loan with a view to the early construction of city waterworks, and take such other steps as may be necessary to the accomplishment of that object. Action on the motion was postponed and the committee on water works were instructed to report on a petition now in their hands relating to the same subject.

Bill of D. H. Wells, for lumber furnished city bath house and cemetery, \$305.12, was allowed. Adjourned till next Tuesday evening.

A Deplorable Spectacle.—This morning a man who is an old and tolerably well known resident of this Territory, was brought into the police court, before Justice Typer, charged with indulging in his great besetting sin the bane of his life—drunkenness. In years past he was mentally and physically bright and active, and now he is a pitiable spectacle to behold; abject, wretched and broken down, a burden to himself and no benefit to anybody else. In talking to the Justice he said, "Judge, know that I am gone, and will never be any good any more. I have lost every particle of control over myself. There is no chance for me at all."

This was a humiliating confession, and the wreck had been produced by the alluring infatuation of indulgence in strong drink, which is soul and body destroying in its influence. Such pictures of the results of drunkenness naturally lead a person to ask why so many of the human family will be so blindly weak as to persist in preferring not to learn at all, or to learn by the things they suffer, in preference to learning by observation of the experience of others.

Young men, shun the allurements of the intoxicating cup.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 28.

Those Mules.—A dispatch from deputy sheriff Samuel D. Sirrine, from Laramie, states that that officer had succeeded in gaining pos-

session of the mules stolen from Mr. R. J. Golding.

Lecture.—Mr. Savage had a large and attentive audience last evening at the 19th Ward Literary Institute, to hear what he had to say about "Things Not Generally Known."

Glutted.—The hay market is glutted just now. Any numbers of loads of the article, but not many purchasers, probably not for the lack of the people who need it, but more on account of the lack of the wherewithal to buy it with.

A Relic.—To-day we saw a relic of the past, lately received from Erie, Pa., by Mr. James H. Vannatta, of this city. It was an oak walking stick, made from the plank of the flagship of Commodore Perry, of the war of 1812.

The Utah Southern.—The Utah Southern Railroad will commence running trains to and from Payson on and after Monday, February 1st.

Should the weather continue as favorable as it is at present, it is expected that the road will be completed to its southern terminus by the 20th of February.

Accident.—Night before last Sister Armet, wife of Brother John Armet, of the 20th Ward, had the misfortune to break her arm, between the wrist and elbow joint. The accident occurred while the lady was attempting to drive a cow into the barn. It being nearly dark at the time, she stumbled over some brush and fell.

Who is She?—There is an aged Swedish woman going around town soliciting alms, who refuses to give any further account of herself than that her name is Anna, and that she formerly lived in some part of Sanpete. It is probable that she may have left her home without the knowledge of her relatives, presuming she has any, by whom she should be looked after and cared for.

The Iron Works.—To-day we met Mr. W. B. Pace, who has lately been on a visit to the Iron Works at Iron City, Iron County, and from whom we learn that everything is progressing favorably in connection with this enterprise. Iron is being turned out steadily, and orders for castings are frequently being received and filled. A new blast furnace is in process of construction and is expected to commence running in March.

Information Wanted.—Graham Douglass, of Fort Ephraim, Sanpete, left his home, at that place, over six months ago, to search for employment in this City. His wife and children, at Ephraim, have not heard anything from him since shortly after being informed by him of his arrival here, and are very much concerned about him and anxious to gain some tidings of his whereabouts. Any person that can communicate anything concerning him to those desiring the information will perform a good action in doing so.

A "Bummer."—A fellow, giving the name of William Brandson, was picked off the streets last night by the police and placed in the lock-up. He had on his person an unsigned certificate, stating that, in traveling from the east, he had been robbed of his railway ticket for San Francisco and his money, and had been put off the train and had his feet frozen from exposure. On the strength of this piece of paper he has been soliciting, and subsisting on charitable contributions, upon which it is supposable he also got drunk.

That Sneak Business.—The person alluded to in last evening's NEWS, as the would be claimant of Mr. Smith's land, made another brief call yesterday morning, in order to ascertain why the lady had not visited a certain wagon office, at a certain time, according to request, when he was very briefly informed that she was not in the habit of either buying or selling property, or anything else, without the knowledge or counsel of Mr. Smith. Why can not this matter be settled in the legal way, on the facts of the case, and this sneaking underhand business be dropped?

It is not congenial to Utah wives to visit wagon offices, unknown to their husbands, to do business with other men.

19th Ward U. O. Soap Factory.—Specimens of soap, comprising castile, Thomas's Patent, and pale sapon, made at the above establishment were exhibited at the NEWS office yesterday afternoon, which, judging by appearances, are fully equal to any imported soaps now in this market. The managers of the factory will shortly have, ready for market, a supply of toilet, shaving and fuller's scouring soaps, also of miners' adamantine candles, all of which they warrant to be fully equal if not superior to anything in the same line in the Salt Lake market of foreign make. Having started the enterprise, they are determined to make it a success, and to ensure this they have secured the necessary apparatus and skill, and offer to the public various brands of soap, the quality of which cannot be surpassed and at the very lowest market prices. All they ask is a trial of their several brands, being satisfied that that is all that is necessary to ensure complete success to their enterprise.

A Good Picture.—We have seen a life sized portrait of the late respected Elder Thomas Williams. It is an oil painting, and was taken from a photograph of the subject. In our view and in the opinion of many persons who have seen it, it is an excellent portrait, bearing a very strong resemblance to the original.

Although the picture was finished several days ago, and hung for some time in Mr. Savage's gallery, we have not alluded to it in the NEWS till now, the reason being that we desired that a good many people should see it, and form a judgment upon the merits of the picture, previous to being made aware that it was the production of one of our home artists. Some people have a most deplorable weakness for placing a marked appreciation on foreign productions, pictures included, and a corresponding depreciation of any thing that is produced at home. The saying that "a prophet hath honor save in his own country" does not appear to apply exclusively to the inspired predictors of future events, but also to matters of production of nearly every kind in the particular localities where they are produced. In judging of pictures or anything else, a person should be certain that his conclusions are based on correct hypotheses, and that his opinion is the result exclusively of the real estimate he has formed of the merits or demerits of the article under consideration.

Why prejudice should run at all in the channel indicated, it is hard to say, but that it frequently does is in many instances a self-evident fact. It would be better, providing prejudice were allowable, under any circumstances, that it should lean the other way, for then it would tend to the cultivation and encouragement of art and manufacture in every locality where such an inclination were fostered; and this applied universally would tend more to progress in that direction in the world generally.

The portrait was painted by Mr. Geo. M. Ottinger, of this City.

Correspondence.

Fatal Accident—A Reeling Red Man.

OGDEN CITY, Utah,
January 27, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

A fearful and fatal accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the railroad depot in this city. Charles Larson was greaser in the employ of the Union Pacific company at this place. At the time above mentioned he had been greasing the wheels of the cars of a freight train bound for the east. Having got through with this work, it is supposed that he stood on the track watching another train in motion, when an engine belonging to the Central Pacific Railroad company came along to couple to some of the

cars, and Larson, not hearing it approach, was knocked down by and dragged for a distance under the engine, without being seen by the engineer or fireman. The first person who saw him after the accident was Mr. James Moyes, who saw a heap of something lying on the track, which he thought resembled a man. He pointed out the object to Mr. R. Hayes, and together they went to it, when Mr. Moyes was horrified to discover that it was the body of his brother-in-law, which was cut and bruised in a fearful manner. Larson spoke but once after he was discovered. He died in a few minutes afterwards. It appears that his body must have been doubled up under the engine and dragged some distance both ways and that his body was completely crushed. Between the places where the oil can stood and where the body was found, there were a number of pools of blood, and some of deceased's hair attached to some of the spike heads. His right leg was cut off between the knee and the ankle. The flesh was entirely stripped off it, and the foot was torn to pieces. He also had a large, deep, ghastly cut in the head and was likewise bruised in other places; altogether he presented a shocking sight.

Coroner Williams and a jury held an inquest over the body, and a searching investigation was made as to the cause of Larson's death, but nothing was elicited that would legally convict any in charge of engine or signals, of neglecting to give the proper signals of their approach, as the engineer and others swore positively that the bell was ringing all the time they were on the move on this occasion. The jury therefore had to give their verdict in accordance with the statements made on the investigation, which was to the effect that deceased came to his death by being knocked down and run over by an engine while he was proceeding to couple some cars.

There is something very mysterious about Mr. Larson's death. It is very strange that if the engine whistled, or the bell was rung, he did not hear it, and move out of the way and save himself from such a fearful, cruel and untimely death. And had the engineer, fireman or yard-master seen deceased in such danger, they would surely have strained every nerve and used their utmost exertions to have prevented the catastrophe.

Charles Larson was about 30 years of age, and by birth a Swede. When he left his native land he emigrated to Oregon. About five years ago he came to this place where he settled and remained up to the time of his death. He was a man of irreproachable character and much respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral took place this afternoon, when his remains were followed to their last resting place by a large procession. Twenty-two carriages conveyed the family and many others of his numerous friends, and forty members of the elders' quorum, to which deceased belonged, preceded the hearse to the cemetery.

A subscription list has been in circulation and a considerable sum subscribed for the benefit of his family. What the U. P. and C. P. R. R. Co's will do in the matter of course I cannot say.

Last night a "Noble Red Man" was seen reeling about on the platform of the depot, under the influence of intoxicating spirits. After performing various evolutions, he tipped over, and fell to the ground, near the junction hotel. The police officers procured a truck, picked up the Indian and conveyed him to the City Hall, where he has been taken care of through the past night and to-day. Had he not been discovered and cared for, it is probable we should have had to record another fatal accident at the R. R. depot at this place.

Weather pleasant over head. Muddy underfoot.

SEMPER.

There is no law against butting one's head against a stone wall, but as a rule the remuneration is small.