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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

**PRESIDENT YOUNG.**—The following was received per Deseret Telegraph Line: PAROWAN, Dec. 6th.

President Young held meeting here last night. He started for Cedar City at 9:40 a.m. to-day. Snowing fast.

**F. M. R. PARTY.**—A party was held last night in the 11th Ward School House, for the benefit of the Ward Female Relief Society; and the affair was so sprightly, enjoyable and harmonious, that it reflected the utmost credit on its conductors and managers.—Mesdames Bean, Hoggan, Leaker and Cushing. The entertainment consisted of dancing, singing, &c.

**THEATRE.**—The bill advertised for tomorrow nights' entertainment at the Theatre, is very attractive. The "Road of Life," is one of the most pleasing and at the same time, sensational dramas imaginable; and as for the farce,—"The Artful Dodger," it is next to impossible to compress more fun into a smaller space.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—A lady named Mrs. Dalton, who lived in the Ninth Ward, died suddenly about midnight on Sunday last. Coroner Beattie, yesterday held an inquest on her remains and a post mortem examination was held by Doctors Anderson, Taggart and Fowler, who decided that death was produced by the formation of fibrinous clots in the cavity of the heart. Major Hempstead conducted the examination of witnesses during the inquest and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the decision of the medical attendants.

**ACQUITTED.**—The *Helena Herald*, of the 29th ult., says:

"Private Wm. Barry, who, it will be remembered, shot and killed Capt. Speer, a young English Lord, while en route with a hunting party to this Territory in 1868, per steamer *Ocatavia*, recently had his trial at Sioux City, Iowa, and was acquitted. Barry was charged with murder, but on his trial the fact was shown that he shot Speer, mistaking him in the darkness of the night for an Indian. The soldier is at last released from his long imprisonment and stands fully acquitted of the crime with which he was charged."

**AN UNKNOWN DISEASE** has appeared in Oregon, from which many deaths have oc-

curred, entire families sometimes being stricken at the same time. The physicians, for want of a better name, have termed the disease small pox; but, says an exchange, after making microscopic examinations of the pustules obtained from the worst cases, they have failed to detect the first small-pox globule. They declare, however, that it is the small-pox, but that is all they can say with regard to the matter. It is still spreading, and baffles all medical skill.

**DIVORCED.**—The Reese River Reveille says that Mrs., wife of Sam. Brannan of San Francisco has obtained a divorce from her husband. She secures an equal division of the common property, which is valued at over a million dollars, and is encumbered with debts amounting to over four hundred thousand dollars.

**PREMATURE DECAY OF APPLES.**—The following is from a Maine exchange:

"In Piscataquis county, Me., there is a general complaint that apples are all rotting. Greenings and russets, which usually keep all winter, are going into rapid dissolution. This we suppose to be owing to the early ripening of the fruit."

We have heard from several parties in this city, that such is the case with the winter apples raised here the past season. This early decay of the fruit has been, it is thought, caused by the stripping of the foliage from the trees by the grasshoppers, thus causing one side of the fruit to ripen prematurely by being exposed to the sun. It has been observed that the fruit commences to decay at the part which was exposed in this way when on the trees. This effect on the apples raised in Maine must, however, have been produced by another cause as we have not heard of there having been any grasshoppers in that State. The early ripening there was probably caused by the unusual heat and dryness of the season.

**VIGILANTES AT WORK IN COLORADO.**—The *Colorado Tribune*, of the 2nd instant, says that on the Tuesday previous, three men, named respectively, Tom. Madison, Frank Cleveland and Jack Mason, were captured in Douglas County, by a vigilance committee. When captured they were skinning a stolen calf and each had in his possession a stolen horse. During their trial, which lasted twenty-four hours, they separately and privately confessed that they were after a band of from forty to sixty horses, owned by two men named Jones and Williams. Before the conclusion of the investigation the Sheriff of the county made his appearance, and endeavored to take the prisoners under his charge, but the court demurred, and they hung their prisoners on Wednesday.

**FAVORABLE CRITICISM.**—The *Denver (Col.) Tribune* has the following about Mr. James M. Hardie, late of the Dramatic Company of this city:

"He is a Scotchman by birth, of the age of 24, and only connected with the stage for about four years. A few weeks ago he came to Denver a stranger, without either prestige or reputation as an actor, but by hard study and well directed practice, he has made such good use of his time that he is now regarded very generally, as one of the best performers at the theatre. Hardie, both in person and address, is uncommonly good looking; his parts are carefully studied; his voice is strong, clear, musical and finely modulated, and his gestures, although wanting in variety, are graceful and appropriate. If he does not always hit his part, he seldom overdoes it, which is a common fault with most young actors."

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—A girl, aged fifteen years, daughter of John Young, who lives on the bench in the east part of the Tenth Ward, lost her life yesterday under the following circumstances: She had gone into a gulley behind her father's house and while there a large rock became loosened and fell upon her, crushing her head so badly that death ensued shortly after.

**INDIANS POSSESS THE FINER FEELINGS.**—The *White Pine News* relates the following, in illustration of the theory that the Aborigines of this western country are not altogether the degraded savages some folks represent them, but that they really do possess some of the finer feelings of human nature:

"Only a few weeks ago, down near Palisade, we witnessed a touching incident which we can never forget. An Indian, standing full six feet in his moccasins, was accompanied by his wife, a squaw about five feet in height. They were evidently laying in provisions for Thanksgiving Day. The noble red man carried nothing, but the squaw was packed with a sack of flour, two rabbits, a small lot of beans, and a bundle of sundries, together with her husband's rifle, which lay across the top of the pack. Tenderly the noble brave watched the tottering steps of her he loved, as she toddled

along and led their darling little boy—the pride of the wigwam. But the most affecting part is to be told. The woman was heavily loaded, and had to pause occasionally and put off her pack and rest; and on these occasions her husband kindly assisted in unloading her, and as kindly repacked her after she had rested. Most of these he Indians let the squaw do her own loading and unloading; hence our astonishment at witnessing the affection of our hero."

**ICE.**—Our Helena neighbors are having it cold; a skating rink has been in full blast there for some time.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**THEATRE.**—To-night the fine drama of "The Road of Life," followed by the farce, "The Artful Dodger," constitute the entertainment at the Theatre to-night, a capital one for sensation, sentiment and fun.

**ENTERPRISING.**—We have received No. 4, Vol. 1 of *Our Salesman*, a small monthly sheet published by Messrs Linforth, Kellogg & Co., of San Francisco. It is a neat well gotten up sheet and contains, in addition to an elaborate catalogue of their goods, interesting articles on the hardware business of San Francisco, etc.

**AN INDIAN BATTLE.**—The following is from a late number of the *Helena, Ma. Gazette*:

"We have advices from the north of a desperate battle, that occurred a short time since, between contending Indian tribes, in the vicinity of the British line. A war party of allied Gros Ventres and Assinaboines made an incursion into the Blackfoot country, and attacking the Bloods and Piegiens, defeated them, killing nine. There were about twenty white men encamped in the neighborhood and they joined with the Bloods and Piegiens the next day, attacked the Gros Ventres and Assinaboines, and it is said, killed every one of them, except one, whom they permitted to get off to tell the tale of disaster. The number of Assinaboines and Gros Ventres killed was about one hundred."

**APPRECIATIVE.**—Speaking of the observance of the late "Thanksgiving Day" among the Cherokee nation, the *New York Herald* says they made it a "day of fasting and prayer—for protection against the swindling operations of the agents of the United States government. It was not, therefore, a day of thanksgiving and praise like that our more civilized people enjoyed."

**QUICK TIME.**—John Mattinson, Esq., of the Salt Lake Theatre, informs us that on Monday morning last he received a package of newspapers, from Leeds, Yorkshire, England, dated Nov. 21st., coming the entire distance, nearly 10,000 miles, in thirteen days. This is worthy the age we live in!

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 3d, '70.

**Editor News.**—Taking a stroll down North Temple St., close to the aqueduct, the question is forcibly impressed on one's mind, "Is this aqueduct the common sewerage?" or, "Was it built for the benefit of the community at large? If so, why is the debris allowed to accumulate here and there all the way down." Persons living on that street are accustomed to obtain their water from this stream during summer and winter, but in the Autumn when there is very little water in it the carcasses of cats, dogs, etc., and other kinds of dirt are thrown into it. Cannot the City Fathers take measures to have this evil corrected so that the citizens in that neighborhood can have clean, pure water free from this foul taint. Many would be pleased, if some action was taken in this matter, as well as benefitted.

Respectfully,

A CITIZEN.

**HORSE THIEVES IN WEBER VALLEY.**—Hanson, Esq., of Milton, Weber Valley, writes under date of December 4th, that horse thieves are plying their disreputable calling in that neighborhood. He says that he turned out two horses, and after hunting ten days he failed to find them; and then learned that on the 22nd day of November they and twenty-five head owned by other parties had been driven out of the valley by two men, since which time nothing had been heard of them. The animals belonging to Mr. Hanson were both bays, one a horse with two white spots in face, and five years old; the other a mare, eight years old, with white spots in face. They were small but chunky.

If the information of Mr. Hanson be correct, and the animals have actually been stolen, this will put the people on the alert. Horse stealing is a rather risky business in this Territory, as well as any other; the criminals might not run near as great a chance of being lynched; but if it is once

known that they are operating within the confines of Utah Territory, their capture is almost sure. As for receiving the award of the law, that is another matter in these days of judicial jobbery and venality. If they had the reputation of being "Mormons" they would be very likely to do so; but if not, we fancy they would be in no great danger!

**"OPINIONS CONCERNING THE BIBLE LAW OF MARRIAGE."**—Is the title of a book, written by "One of the People," and published by Claxton, Remsen and Happpolinger, of Philadelphia. The design of the work, as stated by its author, is to defend monogamy, to prove that the Bible teaches the unlawfulness of polygamy; and, to examine into the oft-repeated assertions of the "Mormons," that the Old Testament sanctions polygamy. The *Alta California*, in a brief notice of this new candidate for popular favor says:

"The argument is that no divine command or license for polygamy is anywhere to be found in the Bible, and that the patriarchs who held concubines, or more than one wife, openly transgressed the laws of marriage, and that they were punished therefore, as the record shows. The argument is well sustained, and the framework of the book is quite symmetrical. The style, however, is simply execrable and, at times, degenerates into utter drivel. It is a pity that so grave and solemn a subject should be handled in such a manner as to bring ridicule upon the essay and the essayist."

**OFFICIAL COURTESY.**—We are under obligations to the Hon. Horace Capron, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture for a copy of the annual report of that department for 1869.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—Yesterday morning, as John C. Vance, son-in-law of Bishop S. W. Woolley, was on his way to the Canyon he met with a very serious accident. It appears that he had thoughtlessly let the hammer of his revolver rest upon the cap and whilst sitting on a sack of grain in his wagon, his weapon got turned muzzle upwards and fell out of the scabbard, struck the wheel and discharged, the bullet entering above the left hip and locating near the heart, inflicting a very dangerous if not mortal wound. Dr. Anderson was called in to attend the unfortunate young man; he thought that as the ball was lodged so near a vital part of the body, it would be best not to extract it at present.

**SMALL POX AT BURCH CREEK.**—There have been ten cases of small-pox in the Stevens' family at Burch Creek. The infection was conveyed by one of the patients in the late attack in Ogden, who incautiously exposed himself during convalescence. One death has resulted, as recorded in our columns, but the rest of the afflicted are rapidly recovering. We hope this unfortunate affair will be a warning to all afflicted with epidemic diseases not to expose themselves so as to spread contagion. In many diseases the time of convalescence is the time of the greatest danger to others, as the malady is then leaving the system, and often finds new opportunities for its powers of destruction.—Ogden Junction Dec. 7th.

**EXCHANGE AND READING ROOM.**—By letter from Bentham Fabian, Esq., Secretary of the Institution, we learn that the "Salt Lake Exchange and Reading Room" will be opened on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, when the members and their friends are invited to attend.

**CORONER'S INQUEST.**—This morning an inquest was held, at the City Hall, by Coroner H. S. Beattie, on the remains of J. C. Smith, who was killed on the night of Monday last, by a snow slide in Cottonwood Canyon. He was caught in the slide a short distance from the Richmond lode, where he was employed as a miner, and was carried several hundred feet down a gulch and completely buried. His fellow workmen turned out and, after considerable labor, succeeded in getting him out. Deceased was from Illinois and had been in Utah for the last two years. He had the reputation of being a sober and industrious man.

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