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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—The defendant in the case of the People vs. George Q. Cannon appeared in the Third District Court this morning, and plead "Not Guilty" to the indictment of the grand jury.

**FROM ENGLAND.**—A letter from Elder George Reynolds, Liverpool, Sep. 26, informs us that he was rapidly improving in health, though he was not in a hurry to re-appear in public. During his sickness he was attended by Sister Bagley, of Manchester, who was very kind to him. He was feeling well in spirit and anxious to resume his duties in the *Star* office.

**HOW HE VIEWS IT.**—A letter lately received by Prof. Barfoot from Prof. M. Woolson, of Boston, Mass., contains the following paragraph:

"I assure you I sympathize most cordially with Mr. Young in the recent proceedings entered against him in the courts, for although not agreeing with the Mormons in their views on polygamy, I still believe they are sincere believers in that peculiar institution, and ought to be respected and let alone."

**CHANGE OF COMMAND.**—That excellent gentleman and soldier, General de Trobriand, has received orders to change his headquarters from Camp Douglas to Fort Steel, Wyoming Territory. The General will take with him the highest respect of all classes of citizens here, for his manly, unpartizan and consistent course during his stay among them.

General Morrow, a gentleman well and favorably known for his honorable course here in the past, will resume the command of the Camp Douglas post.

**STRAIGHTEN THEM UP.**—A large number of beautiful shade trees were more or less prostrated during the late gale, and which if not straightened up and otherwise attended to will be entirely destroyed. Many of the citizens, since the night of the gale, have been trimming and placing in a perpendicular position numbers of trees which had received permanent injury from exposure, and were nearly uprooted, before the roots were sure to the atmosphere. The rows of fine shade trees along the principal streets are an attractive feature of our city, and we advise those of our citizens who have not already done so, to have their prostrate trees placed in an upright position and otherwise attended to, that the rows along the sidewalks may remain, as far as possible, unbroken.

**UNDER ORDERS.**—A dispatch to the Omaha Herald, from Salt Lake, dated Oct. 9th, says—

The court is understood to be acting under orders from President Grant, is Republican in politics, and hastening the settlement of the Mormon question in view of the coming Presidential election.

This seems to be the understanding with many people, but we do not wish to be in a hurry to accept it. If President Grant were to make his promised visit to the Pacific, he might pay Salt Lake City a passing visit, make a speech upon Utah affairs, and enlighten the public upon his position in the matter.

**A GOOD MAN GONE.**—In another part of the paper will be found an obituary notice of Brother John R. Macduff, who died this morning at the advanced age of seventy years. The illness which terminated his life, was only of a few days' duration. He was well known to the citizens as a member of the firm of Macduff & Sons, lime burners. He had been a member of the Church for twenty-five years, during which time he had been a diligent laborer in the cause of truth. At one time he presided over the Bolsover and Stavely, (Derbyshire) branches of the church. A few days before his decease he said he had no fears of death, with the exception of a feeling of regret at leaving his wife and children, he felt perfectly willing to go. He knew that the gospel was true, he had tried to be faithful to its principles and had done his work.

Of him we firmly believe it can be truly said, "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors."

**IN DEBT.**—In the *Spirit of Missions* for September appears a letter from Bishop Tuttle, from Salt Lake City, of which the following is an extract—

I hear naught from England. The burden of debt, grievous to be borne, is upon my shoulders. I am not sorry that we have here a beautiful church. It is eminently the fit place, I think, to spend money

for a church of beauty and completeness. But I am deeply sorry that we owe for it. I am humiliated that, with seventeen thousand dollars in hand, and proposing to build within our means, we have not succeeded in keeping our cost much below \$40,000. And the day we enter we shall be in debt \$15,000, if not more. The truth must be told; it is perhaps wholesome to be ashamed, and facts must be stated. I am getting shut down to believe that there is no way of escape for me out of my distress, but in humble earnestness to press, during my visit to General Convention this Fall, a continuance of their help upon the kind Christian givers at the East. May I do so? Only, I dare and desire to avouch that money has not been wasted, or misapplied, or lost by negligence, or frittered in experiments, or stolen by cunning, in any degree whatever beyond what besets all building of large structures. Our church, of honest strength and complete beauty, has cost its worth, and is worth its cost to-day. May it please God to point the way of relief of our burdens, and help on such relief, or send us grace to bear them further patiently and cheerfully, for the Savior's sake.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**MORE MILITARY.**—Over one hundred recruits for the 13th regiment, now at the Camp Douglas post, arrived by last evening's train, from New York.

**STUDEBAKER BRO'S. MANUFACTURING COMPANY.**—We were shown some very fine buggies this morning, in the establishment of McKimmon, which were manufactured by the Studebaker Bro's. Manufacturing Company of South Bend, Indiana. They are beautifully finished, the workmanship is excellent and they have the appearance of being built for service in a climate as trying as Utah's. Among these is one style of buggies which has been brought to this country by Mr. Clement Studebaker, who is now here, and to which our attention was drawn this morning that is excellently adapted for family purposes. It can be used as a double seated uggy, and the change can be effected in a few minutes and with very little trouble. The forward seat is comfortable and roomy, and by a very ingenious arrangement its supports can be folded up, so as to admit of the hind seat—to which the top is attached—being slid forward and fastened, by means of a lever, in the centre of the bed. When thus arranged, no person would suspect, unless he examined it closely, that it was anything but a fashionable and very elegant single-seated buggy—the forward seat is so nicely concealed by the sliding forward of the hind seat. Should it be necessary, the forward seat can also be arranged so that children may be seated in front with their backs to the dashboard. Altogether it is a very convenient and elegant equipage, and is likely, we think, to become very popular. Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution is Agent for the sale of these buggies. They are not kept in stock, but are manufactured to order.

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND FIELDS.**—Yesterday we alluded to a call by J. H. Riley, Esq., who makes a passing visit to our city, being on a short trip to California, whence he expects to return to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Riley has recently returned from a visit to the diamond fields of South Africa, which he considers exceedingly promising, and concerning which he is rather surprised that so little interest in England or the United States exists. He left New York for the diamond fields, Jan. 7, via England, making the journey in eighty-six days, twenty-eight of which were by stage. The journey can now be made in from thirty-seven to forty days from New York, by Garrison's line from that city to Rio being the best way. The fields are about seven hundred and fifty miles from Cape Town, six hundred from Port Elizabeth, and five hundred and fifty from Natal. The best way overland is from Cape Town, whence there are a good road and good stages, time seven days. Mr. Riley left Cape Town July 8, when snow was falling at the fields. The climate is healthy and invigorating, being much like that of California. It is an old but thinly settled country, inhabited by Dutch boers and Caffres; is a fine grain country, and (Caffre) labor is cheap—three shillings a day, or two shillings and rations. 105 is the maximum temperature. Heavy thunder-storms are occasional. Board \$5 per week. The district where the diamonds are found is about 500 by 300 miles, so far as known, lapping over into the Transvaal Republic. There are about 20,000 people in the region, of

whom about forty are Americans, half of them old Californians. Everywhere fine gold is found, but not in quantities to pay, like the diamond diggings. It is also a fine grain country.

Mr. Riley has specimens of the strata from both the dry and the wet diggings. He has also some interesting specimens of diamonds, beautiful onyx, moss agates, emeralds, etc. Besides these the region produces garnets, rubies, sapphires, opals, cornelians, and others not named. The soil is calcareous and ferruginous, of table land formation, much like Wyoming Territory, where also he is confident diamonds will be found. The diggings run from the surface to forty feet deep. Diamonds have been found there as large as 80 carats, worth \$700,000. While there he saw no white people seeking work—all seemed to make the digging pay, some averaging \$20 a day.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—This morning the case of The People vs. Thomas Copley was called up. The defendant was charged with assault with intent to commit bodily injury. He, by advice of his counsel, plead guilty, and was fined \$100, to stand committed until the fine was paid.

The Hawkins case was the next on the docket, and the task of forming a jury for its trial was commenced. Only five of the regular panel being present the court ordered the deputy marshal to summon thirty talesman. A number of these were soon in attendance and twelve men answered to their names and were sworn on their *voir dire*. The counsel for defendant objected to proceeding further in the formation of the jury until the regular panel had been exhausted. The court give an order for the absent jurors to be summoned, and took a recess until 2 o'clock, to have the order executed.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

**DON'T SHOOT IT.**—A parrot belonging to Mr. Charles Ringwood, of the Twentieth Ward, made its escape some time ago, and since then has been flying about in various parts of the city. The bird is much valued by the owner and he desires that no one should shoot or otherwise injure it. Any person capturing and delivering it to Mr. Ringwood will be rewarded.

**RETURNING HOME.**—Bishop Henry Lunt, who is suffering from protracted inflammation of the eyes, and who has been staying in the city several weeks for the purpose of obtaining professional assistance, is about to return to his home, at Cedar City, Iron Co. He is very much improved, and he entertains strong hopes of ultimately recovering his sight and a healthy condition of his eyes. He desires to express his gratitude to his friends in the city for their kindness to him during his stay here.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—This morning a lengthy discussion took place as to the mode of peremptorily challenging jurors, in which the position assumed by the prosecution, namely, that the Territorial statute which awards an equal number of challenges to prosecution and defence, should be applicable in the Hawkins case, was sustained by the Court.

The jury were finally completed about half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon, and were sworn to try the case. The assistant prosecuting counsel then read the indictment to the jury, and said the witnesses upon which the prosecution mainly relied to establish their case were the wife and daughter of the defendant.

Mrs. Harriett Hawkins was then called to the stand, and was about to be sworn, when Hon. Thos. Fitch, one of defendant's counsel, said before proceeding further he wished to examine the lady on her *voir dire*. Being duly sworn for that purpose, the following questions were asked and answers given

What relation, Madam, if any, do you occupy towards Thomas Hawkins, the defendant in this case?

I am his wife.

His lawful wife?

Yes, Sir.

Then, addressing the court, Mr. Fitch said:

"If your honor please, I shall object to any evidence being given by this witness, and as the authority which I design to cite in support of this proposition, expresses the reasons sustaining it so much clearer than I possibly can, I will proceed at once to read it."

The learned counsel then commenced his argument, quoting from Greenleaf on Evidence. He was continuing when we went to press.

**WEATHER ITEM.**—The highest point reached by the thermometer to-day was 52.