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—TERMS IN ADVANCE.—

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 30.

**Cocoons Wanted.**—Professor Barfoot is buying up various kinds of wild cocoons, such as are found on willows and currant bushes, to send east to naturalists. The cocoons will be of no service, however, unless they are entire and sound.

**Orchestral Department.**—A movement is on foot to organize the orchestral department of Zion's Musical Society. The constitution of the society provides for the cultivation of its members in instrumental as well as vocal music, and the design is to begin this work by inviting amateurs who are studying various kinds of instruments, to join the society and take advantage of the opportunity afforded them for practice and instruction. The new organization will take place as soon as possible after the coming performance of the "Sorcerer," and in the meantime, amateurs on the flute, violin and other instruments, are requested to send in their names to Mr. David O. Calder, providing they are desirous of joining the society.

**The Conference "Contributor."**—The April number of the Contributor is out two days ahead of time, and if not ahead of its usual excellence, is at least fully up to the standard. The contents are as follows:

Montezuma, Moses Thatcher; How Plants Grow, Quebec; Lesser Lights of the Book of Mormon, R; in the Mountains, Edward H. Anderson; External strength of Mormonism, R. W. Young; God and our Right, L. M. Hewlings; Editorial, Temperance and Reform; The Way to be Great, O. F. Whitney; Bits of Travel: VII. Zurich and Basle, De Vallibus; Home: IV. Walks, T; Happy Moments, Amethyst; Young Ladies' Associations, L. W. E.; My Friends and I, J. L. Townsend; Association Intelligence; Notice.

It is the Conference number, and will be read with pleasure by all.

**Returned Missionary.**—We had a call yesterday from Elder Moroni Pickett, of Tooele City, who returned this morning from a mission to the Southern States, which he was appointed to fill in the early part of last June. Since then he has traveled in Alabama and Mississippi, principally in the former State. Over 2,100 miles of his traveling was on foot, preaching in public and private. He found a great deal of opposition, as usual, but was quite successful in his labors to dispel error and enlighten the people on the principles of the Gospel. He held 64 meetings and baptized three persons. The country was flooded with hostile publications, sent broadcast by the enemies of God and the Saints, to set the minds of the people against the Truth. On his way home, Elder Pickett joined Elder John Morgan and a company of Saints, at Nashville, Tenn., on their way to Colorado. A portion of this company had been detained by sickness and high water in the rivers along the route, but Elder Morgan intended, after landing his charge at their destination to return on the 13th prox., for those who were left. Brother Pickett returns in rather delicate health, and will leave in the morning for Tooele.

**"Leader" Locals.**—The Logan Leader of the 26th inst., has the following:

Three new engines lately arrived for the Utah and Northern Railway, and three more are soon expected; this addition is to provide for the anticipated increase in traffic, the extension of track, etc.

An old lady, residing in the Fourth Ward of Logan, named Gansmand, aged 86 years, is peculiarly blest. She is just "cutting" a new set of teeth, three having already made their appearance in her mouth, while several others are plainly visible just beneath the surface of her gums.

Mr. George E. Stevens, general master car builder of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, has lately been in Logan and organized a branch of the business for this division of the road, with Mr. Shoemaker as Division Master Car Builder, and Mr. Frost as his assistant. The shops for the car works are soon to be put up in Logan.

A report, well authenticated, comes to us to the effect that during the last cold spell a man and his wife, named Crane, attempted to cross the mountains in the vicinity of Cariboo, on snow shoes, and that the woman was frozen to death. Crane was found by the mail carrier. Afterward a party went out to find the body of Mrs. Crane, but it had been buried in the snow and cannot now be discovered.

The U. & N. R'y having overcome the trouble with the snow, now has the water from the melted snow to combat with. About 60 miles of the road from Battle Creek north, has been damaged to such an extent that it has been necessary to keep trains and hands at work night and day to repair the wash-outs.

On Wednesday a freight train from the north in passing through a cut had a flat car knocked from the track by a landslide.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 31.

**Office Removed.**—The United States Surveyor General's office is removed to Snow's building, on north side of 2d South Street, between Main and 1st East Street.

**A Meteoric Display.**—A meteor crossed the heavens, from East toward the North-west, last night about 9 o'clock. It was seen but for a few seconds and exploded in the zenith, scattering sparks in all directions. It was a beautiful sight and attracted the attention of a great many.

**"Woman's Exponent."**—The April 1st number of the ladies' paper makes its smiling appearance one day ahead of time, and is now on hand for its readers. Its principal articles which are all we have time to mention at present, are: "Nature and Art," "On the Wing," "Half a Century," "Faith," and two short poems, "To Annie," and "A Welcome." Procure a number and read all its interesting contents.

**Arm Fractured.**—Last Sunday the wife of Mr. A. J. Stout of this city, while taking an Easter ride through Ogden Canyon, was violently thrown out of a wagon and received several severe injuries. Her right arm was badly fractured, and she sustained serious internal injuries. But little hopes were entertained of her recovery at the time, but being placed under the able treatment of Dr. Condon, she recovered considerably, and we are glad to state that the lady is much better to-day. —Junction, 30th.

**Supposed Murder.**—At about 15 minutes to 3 o'clock this morning, the body of a dying man was found in the water set immediately north of the Tithing Office weigh-house, by Niels Jensen and R. C. Fryer, watchmen, who were attracted to the spot, from inside the wall, by a sound of heavy breathing coming from that direction. The man was lying with his head against the side of the house, his face turned to the right, his feet extending north along the bottom of the water set, with the body partly supported by the arms, which were lying along the sides of the ditch. He was lifted up by night watchman Fryer, but was unable to speak, and it was then ascertained that he was bleeding from a wound in the head, immediately above the right ear. His head sliding down sideways, left a streak of blood on the side of the house and there was also blood on either side of the ditch where his arms had rested. He was in height somewhat above the medium size, strongly built, of rather dark complexion, light colored eyes, and was

dressed in a suit of dark clothes. He had on a blue overshirt, a blue handkerchief was about his neck, and a thick cloth cap was found near by. Mr. Fryer helped him inside the weigh-house and went for Dr. Richards and the police. The officers and doctor arrived about the same time and the man was taken inside the Tithing Office, where the wound was probed and found to be a dangerous one. Dr. Richards gave the opinion that the wounded man had not long to live. He was afterward taken to the City Hall, where he died about half past eight o'clock, without having spoken a word as to his name, his home, occupation, or the causes which led to his death. On his body, however, was found a diary for 1880, quite new, with a leaf or two torn out and on which had been some writing. On the first page was written, in a clear, legible hand, "George Wilson Drake, Beattie, Marshal County, Kansas;" and just below was inscribed, in the same handwriting, "Overland House," which indicated him as a new arrival from Kansas, stopping at the Overland House in this city. His hair was slightly sprinkled with gray, apparently more the result of a hard life than of advanced age, as his general appearance would not denote him to be more than 30 or 35 years of age. His upper lip was badly swollen, either from a blow or a fall, and in his mouth was a set of false teeth, with several of the front ones missing. The cause of his death is shrouded in mystery, though it is not improbable that the unfortunate man was the victim of assassination. At the Eagle Gate, this morning, were found traces of blood on the ground, and from that point they went around the circular picket enclosure near by, on which drops of blood were also discernable. From there the traces were in existence at intervals down the sidewalk to the spot where the body was found. Our reporter, calling at the Overland House, this morning, learned that the man registered there as G. Drake, last Saturday night, and said he came from Topeka. He was a quiet, inoffensive person, and had money to pay for whatever he got. His satchel, which was opened after his death, merely contained a shirt or two, some socks, etc., but he is said to have had with him a buckskin purse half filled with coin, from which he paid his hotel bill. He left the Overland House about 7 o'clock last night, alone, and was last seen in company with two men, drinking at McTierney's saloon.

At the post mortem examination, held this morning at the City Hall, the wound was probed and a small cartridge ball extracted therefrom, which corresponded in size and weight with other cartridges found in a box on the person of the deceased. From this it appears the man was shot, but whether by himself or some one else, is not yet determined. There was no pistol found, and the hair above the wound was not singed, as would likely have been the case had he killed himself. The buckskin purse spoken of as being in his possession when at the Overland House was not on his person when he was discovered.

The coroner's inquest over the remains was held this afternoon, but was not concluded when we went to press. Since the finding of the body, a pistol was brought to the City Hall, having been found in the Seventeenth Ward this morning, one block north of Clayton's corner. Three of its barrels contained cartridge shells, and one a whole cartridge of the same size, but of a different style to those found in the pocket of the deceased.

LATER.—It has been discovered that the pistol belongs to a boy named Beattie, who dropped it from his pocket while riding in a goat wagon.

The inquest has been postponed until 4 p.m. Thursday.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 1.

**Railroad News.**—The freight business on the Utah railroads displays unprecedented activity. Extra trains are running every day. Passenger traffic is quite brisk for the time of year.

Railroad iron is received nearly

every day and is being forwarded along the line south.

Bishop Sharp, who is in Chicken Creek Canyon at the scene of the recent washout thinks the damage will be so far repaired that travel can be resumed to-morrow. About three miles of track was washed out by an overflow of the Chicken Creek lake, which never was known to contain so much water.

The prospect for a round house in the depot block, which has been rather obscure of late, is clearing up a little. Castings are in progress for the proposed structure.

**Mortuary Report.**—Following is the Sexton's report for March:

Accidental.....	2
Consumption (phthisis pulmonalis).....	1
Cancer.....	1
Convulsions (infantile).....	1
Croup.....	2
Diphtheria.....	8
Dropsy.....	1
Gastritis.....	2
Heart Disease.....	6
Inflammation Brain.....	1
Lung Disease (acute).....	1
Marasmus.....	1
Old Age.....	3
Strangulated Hernia.....	1
Still-born.....	1
Paralysis.....	2
Violence.....	1
Not Reported.....	1

Total.....	36
SEX OF DECEASED.	
Males.....	21
Females.....	15
AGES.	
Under 1 year.....	6
One to 5 years.....	5
Five to 10 ".....	3
Ten to 20 ".....	1
Over 20 ".....	21
NATIVITIES.	
Utah, 16; United States, 9; England, 7; Sweden, 2; Switzerland, 2.	
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, Sexton.	

**Coal Indications in Wasatch County.**—Mr. G. M. Makin called in to-day, and gave us some particulars concerning the labors and expectations of himself and others in prospecting for coal in Wasatch County. He and two others have for about two years examined thoroughly a claim about four miles east of Heber City, but that has been lately abandoned for another claim in what is called Cedar Cañon. A company of twenty-seven men, among whom are President Hatch, and other leading citizens, has been formed to prosecute the search in that locality. A 125 foot tunnel has been made, at the termination of which Mr. Makin has discovered indications which he considers equally good with those at Coalville, where he formerly worked, and discovered three coal veins where no such thing was expected. The lack of means is the only thing which has so far prevented a thorough prosecution of the mining. Hr. Makin has hopes, however, of disposing of valuable claims in Park City, and the means which he will receive from those sales he will devote to the employment of three shifts of hands. The gentleman has very sanguine hopes of his discovery and of its success, as a benefit to the people and as a financial venture. We sincerely hope his expectations may be realized, as the benefit to be derived cannot be denied. Mr. Makin is a practical miner and seems to understand his business, and there appears to be no reason why he should fail.

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