

ings, and they may be justified on the ground of necessity; but those who reside in a country where the laws are supreme, should feel thankful that they can have confidence that justice will be executed by legally constituted officers instead of revenge by an unthinking, irresponsible mob.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN WASHOE.—A week last Sunday afternoon, a deep gloom was spread over the people of Washoe, Nevada, through the accidental death of a little girl seven years of age, the daughter of Mr. Asa Pearsons. The accident happened under the following distressing circumstances: Mr. Pearsons had gone out hunting, and had left a loaded shot gun standing in one corner of his room. His son, about eleven years of age, supposing the gun was empty, took it up and snapped off three or four caps. Having placed another, he playfully pointed the gun at the head of his sister, and pulling the trigger the contents of the piece were discharged, entering the head of the child, tearing off the whole of the top part of her skull, and scattering her brains on the wall of the room. This is another terrible instance of the folly of playing with fire-arms or of leaving them within the reach of children.

UGHT TO BE THANKFUL.—We noticed, this morning, several of the worthies who recently figured before Alderman Clinton, and who were unable to pay the cost of their interview, adorned with ball and chain, en route to their grading contracts on the public highway. Such individuals ought to be thankful at having the privilege of a few days' innocent recreation for the benefit of their health, at the same time being supplied, at the expense of the public, with a plentiful supply of wholesome food. If they possess any gratitude, they certainly never will forget the benevolence of the municipal authorities of Salt Lake City.

STRAYED AWAY.—A son of Bro. Marchbanks, of the 12th ward, who is afflicted with fits, strayed from home yesterday, and had not returned this morning. The young man is eighteen years of age and about five feet four inches in height. Should any one have taken him in, or found him, they will relieve the minds of anxious friends by letting them know of his whereabouts.

WISE.—Cheyenne is to have a fire engine, one of the Silsby's make, No. 3, which is capable of throwing three hundred gallons a minute. It is named T. C. Durant, that gentleman and the Union Pacific Railroad company having made a donation of \$500 towards its purchase, and will transport the engine to Cheyenne free of charge.

DIED.—In this City, at half past 12, this morning, in the 10th Ward, of typhoid or nervous fever, Benjamin Lang, aged 36 years, 4 months and 23 days.

The funeral will take place to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, from the 10th Ward School House. Friends are invited to attend.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

SPRING LAKE VILLA.—Bro. B. F. Johnson, writing from Spring Lake Villa, Utah Co., on the 11th instant, says that winter is about setting in in that locality. A feeling for reform and progress exists among the people generally; and that Sunday and day schools are receiving a due share of attention.

ALPINE CITY.—Brother J. E. Booth, of Alpine City, writes to inform us that they have a well-attended Sabbath school in that city, and that through the energy of the teachers and the liberal donations of the people, a choice selection of books and rewards have been purchased for the children. We are pleased to hear that the *Juvenile Instructor* is a general favorite there.

NEWS FROM ECHO.—From General B. Young who is just in from Echo, we learn that the track is laid to within twelve miles of Echo Canyon and, if the weather continues as favorable as at present, the prospects are that in ten days it will have reached Echo. The ties are laid half way down the canyon already. Mr. Reed says he shall continue to work as if it were spring, and shall not stop through the winter unless bad weather compels him. Echo City is growing rapidly, stores and other buildings going up as fast as building materials can be obtained. Lumber is fetching a hundred dollars per thousand, and the supply, at that price, falls short of the demand.

POLICE ITEMS.—Wm. Warren, arrested yesterday for assaulting an old man, was fined \$10 this morning. A trifling sum for such a pastime. Mr. "Mike" Rock, for being drunk and disturbing the peace was fined \$10. "Mike" not being prepared to pay the fine, the privilege of becoming a member of the "grading camp" was accorded him.

SOCIAL PARTY.—The social party, which was postponed from last Friday evening, came off, according to appointment, at the 14th Ward School House last evening. There was a very select, and tolerably numerous attendance, among whom we noticed some of the leading men of the community. President D. H. Wells, owing to the absence of Presidents Young and Smith, was the only member of the First Presidency present. The party was an exceedingly pleasant one, everybody seeming to enjoy themselves excellently. Dancing was continued until 2 o'clock a.m. The Committee.—Messrs. A. Miner, J. Woodmansee, H. S. Beatie and L. S. Hills, and the floor-managers—H. S. Beatie and

H. P. Richards, deserve great credit for the manner in which the party was conducted, and express themselves satisfied with the support they received in accomplishing the object for which the party was gotten up.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

RETURNED.—Presidents Young and Smith, and the party who accompanied them on their trip South, returned to the city this afternoon.

IN PURSUIT OF THE MURDERER.—After the murder of Swett, on Friday last, near Lehi, an account of which has been published in the NEWS, the murderer made his way towards Cedar Valley, and about dark, reached the place of John Irvin, herder, near the Big Cedar Patch, about a mile and a half south of the road, going from Lehi to Fairfield. Upon arriving there he said he wanted a place to stop at for the winter; and as nothing was known of the murder at Irvin's, he was permitted to remain. He stayed there till near sundown on Tuesday evening last, when he departed taking with him a horse, blanket, big coat, double-barreled shot gun and some ammunition, a spy glass and a loaf of bread, the property of Bro. Irvin, and rode off into the hills east, towards Utah Lake. In about half an hour, Bro. Irvin returned home from Fairfield, and learning of the departure of the stranger, he went in pursuit and tracked him as long as he could see. He then went to Lehi, where he obtained a fresh horse, fire arms, and three men to aid him in the pursuit of the fugitive. They returned that night to the place where Irvin had lost the track, to stay there until daylight yesterday morning, when they would renew the pursuit; and the probability is, that by this time, he is captured.

TRAIN FROM BRYAN.—J. J. Mann arrived last evening with an ox train of 40 wagons, 25 days out with goods for Godbe & Mitchell, Eldredge & Clawson, Kimball & Lawrence, Jennings & Co., Pyper & Co., and Wells, Fargo, & Co.

INQUEST ON SWETT.—Bro. Israel Evans of Lehi, called in this morning. He informed us that an inquest was held on the body of Harlan P. Swett, at Lehi, on Saturday, and a verdict of wilful murder returned against some person, whose name was unknown. Mr. Swett was a native of Canaan N. H., and was much respected by all who knew him.

PROBATE COURT.—The regular December term of the Probate Court commenced on Monday last, and has been in session transacting business each day since then. The Grand Jury, Jacob Weiler, foreman, had presented some eight indictments yesterday morning, among which, was one against John W. Kimball for forgery.

Yesterday, John Ryan, for larceny, was fined \$100 and costs.

This morning, Thos. Parsons, for larceny was fined \$100.

DIED.—At Logan, on the 9th inst., of dropsy, Elizabeth, wife of Bro. Evan Smith. She was born in Llandrilla, Denbighshire, North Wales, Nov. 30, 1801. She was baptised in Raddlan, Flintshire, in the fall of 1851, and emigrated to Utah in 1857. She was well respected by all who knew her. She died in full fellowship, and was a good, faithful Latter-day Saint.—Com.

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LOGAN.—Bro. G. L. Farrell, writing from Logan on the 11th inst., says that they are having splendid weather, and the snow only an inch and a half deep. We regret to hear that the health of the people is not so good as it might be.

WHO IS TO BLAME?—Mr. Potter, who presided at a Spiritualists' meeting, held lately at Omaha, said:

"Let us take Scripture just as it is. If there are Mormon texts Jesus uttered, who is to blame for it? If Jesus was a Mormon who is to blame for that?"

We are not informed of his answering his own questions. We should like to know who is to blame?

CALLED.—We have just had a call from Mr. McNasser, late of the Planter's House, Denver, who has just been on a visit to Montana. Mr. McNasser speaks highly of Montana, and thinks Helena is the finest and most enterprising town he has seen this side of California. The stage line is admirably managed, Mr. McNasser being only five days from Helena to this city, and laid over a part of three nights. Mr. Taylor and his Division Agents deserve great credit for the efficient manner in which the line is managed.

THE FUNERAL OBSEQUIES of Elder B. Lang, yesterday afternoon were quite imposing. The friends of the deceased gathered in numbers from all parts of the city, and marched in procession from his residence, headed by Capt. Parkman's 10th Ward Brass Band. As the body was carried in and out of the school house, the band played a dead march from the opera of Norma, arranged by Prof. Parkman. Bishops Proctor, McRae and McAllister, and Elder H. W. Naisbitt delivered eloquent eulogies upon the departed, testifying to his sterling integrity, and faithfulness in every duty, while his life lasted. Deceased was born July 18, 1832, at Langport, Somersetshire, England; was baptized in London in 1846, and devoted his energies and a great portion of his time in a local mission, to good effect, until 1856, when he emigrated to

America. He spent some five years in the States, and emigrated to Utah in 1861. In August, 1865, he took an active part in organizing a Sunday School in the Tenth Ward, of which he was appointed Superintendent, and remained so until his death. He also labored indefatigably as librarian, clerk of the Council, as a teacher, as clerk of a quorum of Seventies, member of the Tenth Ward Brass Band; and many temporary positions that made him respected and beloved by all. His exertions in behalf of the rising generation were indefatigable and untiring, and his solicitude on their behalf was a leading trait in his character, and the effect of his labors, as already seen among the children in his ward, will be long remembered, and undeniably demonstrates that "his works do follow him." Bro Lang has seen much trouble in his short career. During the last few years death has deprived him of five of his children. He leaves a wife and two children, one of whom through a severe nervous shock caused by fright through being dragged seven or eight blocks by a horse last July, is partially imbecile.

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FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

PROBATE COURT.—Yesterday Thomas Parsons was convicted of larceny and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs, and to confinement in the Penitentiary for six months.

CAUGHT HIM.—Just before going to press we received intelligence of the capture of the murderer of Swett. He was captured yesterday by O. P. Rockwell and Henry Heath. A telegram to that effect has been received in this city from them at Rush Valley Station. No particulars are given.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

NOT YET HEARD FROM.—The young man, George Marchbanks, afflicted with fits, and partially imbecile, who strayed from his father's house in the 12th Ward, on Monday last, has not yet been discovered. The last known of him, is that he went into a house in the 11th Ward on Monday evening, which he left after having sat awhile and warmed himself. His parents are filled with the deepest anxiety on his account, fearing that, having lost his way, he may have sat down and been frozen to death, or have come to some other untimely death. He is eighteen years of age and about five feet four inches high. If any person in the city or country have seen or heard anything of him, or have him in safekeeping and will take him to the City Hall, or send tidings of him there or to this office, they will do a very great kindness to his sorrowing parents.

A NEFARIOUS TRANSACTION.—A Mr. Sampson, of Bear River City, recently entrusted a person named T. F. West with a span of mules and wagon to bring him from Bear River to Echo City. Upon arriving in the neighborhood of Echo city, on Friday, 11th West sold the mules and wagon for \$175 and pocketed the proceeds. The circumstance leaked out, and Mr. S. B. Reed telegraphed an account of it to the police here on the evening of Sunday last. On Thursday morning Mr. Sampson arrived in this city and getting some intimation of the swindler's whereabouts, he, accompanied by one of the police, started in pursuit, and overtook him about three miles south of Bountiful city, and arrested him and brought him to this city to be dealt with.

This morning West was discovered in his cell in the city prison, apparently in a dying condition, with an empty three ounce vial by his side, which it is supposed had contained morphine. Medical assistance was promptly obtained and all that science could do to neutralize the poison was done but his recovery is doubtful.

BIG SNOW STORM.—Yesterday afternoon, the storm, which had been threatening for some hours, broke forth, and for several hours the snow descended in a style that could not very well be beaten, continuing until it was about six or eight inches deep. The atmosphere then cleared, and the stars shone out with their usual brilliancy. This is the only storm we have had thus far worthy of note this season.

ACADEMY OF ARTS.—Messrs. Savage and Ottinger announce that the Third Annual distribution of the Deseret Academy of Arts will take place on the 22d inst. There are 150 shares at five dollars each. The prizes, sixty-two in number, consist of steel engravings, oil paintings and chromos, and include many of the choicest gems and works of art.

TENTH WARD LECTURES.—Elder Joseph L. Barfoot will lecture in the 10th Ward School House, on Tuesday evening next at 7 o'clock. Subject—"Waste Substances Useful."

POLICE.—James Wogg was fined \$10 for assault.

John Whiting, for drunkenness, fined \$10.

ARRIVED.—Elders Willford Woodruff and Joseph F. Smith returned at noon to-day from their visit to the northern settlements. They left this city a week ago, and have held public meetings between this point and Brigham City, which, in every instance, with the exception of that of yesterday, when the storm prevented, were crowded.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—In the morning Elder Lorin Farr addressed the congregation. In the afternoon the time was occupied by Presidents D. H. Wells and Joseph Young.

STATE OF THE WEATHER.—Salt Lake City, fine, but cold; Logan, fine and clear, nights cold; Wellsville, clear and pleasant; Kaysville, very cold and cloudy; American Fork, mild and pleasant, a little cloudy; Springville, cloudy and tolerably cold; Provo, pleasant, snow about all gone; Spanish Fork, warm and clear; Payson, very cold and cloudy, snow six inches deep; Mount Pleasant, cloudy and cold; Gunnison, rather mild, somewhat cloudy, a little snow; Fillmore, cloudy and hazy, sun out at intervals; Cove Creek, cloudy and cold, three inches of snow; Beaver, cloudy and cold, looks like snow; Parowan, cold and cloudy, appearance of snow soon; Cedar city, warm, but very cloudy, a little snow; Toker, cloudy and cold, no snow; St. George, cloudy and cold, looks like snow soon; thermometer 35.

DIED.—T. H. West, the prisoner in the City Hall who indulged in a heavy draught of Morphine on Saturday, died from the effects of the poison. A coroner's jury, on Saturday afternoon, was empaneled and brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts. A *post mortem* was made; and the body was interred yesterday.

IN SAFE KEEPING.—The murderer of H. P. Swett, in the custody of O. P. Rockwell and officer Heath, arrived in this city on Saturday evening, and was placed under lock and key. He seems utterly indifferent about his position. He says he has tried to make money by stealing and killing, and having failed, he would as soon die as live. He was examined to-day by Judge Drake of the Second Judicial district, who committed him again to the County jail, where he now awaits his formal trial.

XMAS.—Crowded streets, loaded teams, stores filled, and animated countenances, all indicate the approaching holidays. Of course everybody intends to have a good time at Christmas, yet Local will wager a hron button—that's the extent of his gambling—that the graders and men working in Tunnelville will have as hearty and lively a time as any of our city folks. Special arrangements are being made for the occasion; and a correspondent has agreed to furnish us with a report of the proceedings.

WANTS A COLONY OF MORMONS.—The Denver News copies an item from the St. George Times, in which it is stated that a man, who lives at St. George, realized \$6,000 the past season from three acres of ground, in raisins, grapes, wine, peaches, apricots, prunes, nectarines, almonds, figs, apples, pears, etc. The News says:

"Almost we wish that a colony of Mormons lived in some fence corner of Colorado for the sake of their example."

Yes, but how long would a colony of "Mormons" be permitted to live quietly at present in some fence corner of Colorado? We have a corner of our own here in Utah, to which we are unquestionably entitled by priority of settlement, in which we intend to stay and set good examples to Colorado and the rest of our neighbors. When we have filled this country, we may establish a colony in Colorado, then we shall hope the News will appreciate our virtues, and hold up our conduct as an example for Coloradans to follow.

NOT TRUE.—The report that Uncle "Jimmy" Townsend has gone to Dixie is not true—he has only started, as evinced by his row of new buildings. The next addition he makes to his hotel will probably land him in Utah County, and a few more take him to the rim of the basin. "Uncle" anticipates the demands of the future, and proposes having everything in readiness when the "good time coming" comes along.

FINED.—Thomas Quinlan so far forgot the difference between *meum* and *tuum* that he appropriated a pair of boots and a hat this morning, without due regard for the owner's rights. Alderman Clinton fined him in \$25, and failing to produce the amount in greenbacks, he took a grading contract on the streets for twenty-five days, agreeing to give the City his valuable services for that time.

THE OVERLAND MONTHLY.—We have received the December number of this really excellent magazine, from the publishers, Messrs. Roman & Co. of San Francisco, and think that it is fully equal, if not superior, to any of its predecessors. Its articles are well written, and are more than ordinarily entertaining. The Overland Monthly, in its very short career, has given promise of taking a prominent position among the standard serials of the country, and already rivals the oldest and most celebrated journals of the East.

Died:

In this city, Dec. 19th, 1868, of scarlet fever, Mary Ann, daughter of Albert and Maria Hoff, aged 3 years, 4 months and 29 days.

The funeral took place from the residence of her parents, 8th Ward, this afternoon.

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In Bountiful, Davis county, Dec. 18th, 1868, of dropsy on the chest, Catherine, wife of Reuben Perkins. Deceased was born in Waddington, Wiltshire, England, on the 1st of June, 1811. She emigrated from London in 1860. Her loss will be severely felt by her family and numerous friends.

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In the 15th Ward, Salt Lake City, Dec. 19th, 1868, Jane, relict of the late Andrew Woods, aged 81 years and 9 months.

In Springville, Dec. 11th, 1868, Franklin, son of William and Elizabeth Bromley, of typhoid fever, aged 6 years, 7 months and 22 days.

When Autumn is married to Winter, the Wedding cake is almost frosted.

In England there are societies to assist discharged convicts to emigrate to the United States.