

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 12.

Departed.—It will be observed, by obituary notice, in another column, that Sister Laura Snyder Richards, wife of Elder Franklin D. Richards, departed this life yesterday. The relatives of the deceased lady have our sympathy in their bereavement.

Grand Jury.—The "standing committee" of the grand jury, Messrs. A. McGowan, G. F. Culmer, Boatman and Sewell have been pursuing a course of investigation since the adjournment of the main body. On Sunday they returned from a visit to Logan, Brigham City and Ogden, where they have been examining jails, county records, dockets of justices of the peace, etc.

Yesterday and to-day they visited the Insane Asylum, Penitentiary and City Prison.

A Well Dressed Community.—We are informed that, some time since, a member of the Dramatic Association of Brigham City was assigned the role of a ragamuffin. Diligent search was made in the settlement for suitable outer habiliments to constitute the necessary "make up" for the character, without success. It occurred to one of the members of the company that a friend from an adjacent county, then visiting at his house, had just the kind of suit that was wanted, and it was borrowed accordingly.

It is a well-dressed community that hasn't a patched coat and unmentionables in it. It is one of the salutary effects of co-operation in business affairs.

Museum.—There has been received at the Museum from H. B. Clawson, Esq., a skin of a variety of Ermine. It is remarkable for the beautiful markings of the tail and the great length of that appendage. It is a specimen of the *Putorius Longicauda Baird*. But the band-like markings of the tail are of more than usual brightness. As a fur bearing animal the weasel family have long been known to furriers.

A specimen of sandstone, from our settlements in Arizona, has also been received from Hon. John W. Young. This rock may have many uses. It is suitable for sharpening scythes and tools. It is composed of very fine siliceous particles closed by oxide of iron.

New Tabernacle.—Brother H. Grow has a number of carpenters at work making the bents for the roof of the New Tabernacle. They are being constructed upon the ground, ready to be raised on the building as soon as the walls are up. They are very strong, so formed, each of five thicknesses of two inch plank, as to render the roof self-supporting. The bents are boxed, and bound with iron bolts and rods. The six extending from north to south will support the tower, which will rise from near the centre of the roof.

The window frames of the lower story are all in and those of the upper are made and ready to be placed in position, when the walls are sufficiently advanced.

We understand there is nearly enough rock on hand now to compete the mason work.

The North.—Elder James H. Hart, of Bloomington, counselor to President Budge, of the Bear Lake Stake, writes on March 6th.

He states that the winter has been more than usually mild, with a fair prospect for an early spring. Bishop Jonathan Pugmire, who resides at St. Charles, having been appointed by Bishop Edward Hunter to act as agent for the latter, in tithing matters, in the Bear Lake Stake, he was unanimously sustained in that position, by vote, at the late quarterly Conference.

"Our co-operative interests are flourishing. Movements are being made to extend and advance our commercial interests, for which purpose a board of trade is being organized. An association has been formed, with a board of trustees, and other officers, to supervise our agricultural and manufacturing interests, from which much good is anticipated."

Vater.—While the residents of the lower wards are living in uncomfortable anticipation of too much water in the approaching season, those of the upper ones look doubtfully forward to a state of things exactly opposite. Both sections look pleadingly to those to whose hands have been entrusted

the administration of public affairs, for aid. They both need it.

The dwellers on the dry bench are poorly off, especially in summer, for good, pure water, for irrigation and culinary purposes. An abundance of water is a positive necessity to insure the health of the population. As to how those people are to obtain it is a question which makes a loud demand upon the public.

The argument used by some that when the lots on the "north bench" were sold, the purchasers were given to understand that they could have no water, will not do now. The people are there, their situation is known, and how they came to get into that condition is of but little moment. They require relief, and if aid can be had it should be given them.

Numbers of theories have been advanced as to the best method of supplying the want, but as with preventive and cure, an ounce of practical application of a good principle is worth more than a pound of theory.

At the present time the good people of Draper, Sandy, some of the Cottonwoods and other settlements are engaged in making a canal to convey the waters of Jordan, from near the Point of the Mountain around upon the bench lands ranging around the south half of the east side of the valley. Would it not be a good plan for Salt Lake City to enquire into the feasibility of taking an interest in that canal, by helping to construct it, obtaining in return for such aid the right to use the Cottonwood Creeks for a large portion of this City. We do not know whether this suggestion could be operated upon or no, but every chance for a solution of the question of water for the bench residents of the City should receive consideration.

When the remedy does come, and we believe it will, it should be such as will cover the whole ground. The water supply should be sufficiently extensive to cover the entire north-eastern portion of the city. Anything short of that would be but a partial solution of the question. It would still be practically unsettled.

There is an abundance of water in this locality for every purpose, and therefore the only question involved is its distribution to all necessary points. That brings in the consequent question of expenditure of means. If the latter were on hand the settlement of the matter would be a foregone conclusion.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 13.

Successful Concert.—The concert given by the Union Glee Club, to Mr. William H. Foster, at the 7th Ward Assembly Rooms, last night, was an artistic and financial success.

Large Audience.—A crowded audience listened with pleasure to the lecture by Mr. O. H. Riggs, at the 6th Ward School-house, last evening. He who wants to pay a flying visit, in his mind's eye, to the two great cities, should hear the lecturer's graphic description of "London and Paris."

Dangerous Dog.—The other day a setter dog belonging to Mr. W. D. Wilson, bit a son of Mr. Henry Dinwoodey in the arm, the teeth of the ferocious beast going clear to the bone. The animal was killed this afternoon, the aforementioned being at least the second instance of his showing his biting propensities.

Good.—The lecture of Mr. T. B. Louis, at the 20th Ward school-house last night, was well attended. The object of the lecturer was to direct the attention of the young to the necessity of writing, by a course of faithful actions, a creditable record on the "Scroll of Time." He cited a number of illustrious examples worthy of their emulation.

Excommunication.

This is to certify that Ole Hansen and his wife Anna Hansen were cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for apostasy on the 3d inst.

WILLIAM S. SEELY, Bishop.
T. LARSEN, Clerk.
South Ward, Mount Pleasant,
March 9, 1878.

Beautiful.—This morning we were shown, by Mr. O. F. Due, nurseryman, two very beautiful camellias, one white and the other of that peculiar tint known as "cerise." The white flower is one of the most perfect and lovely of

the species we have ever seen. They were raised in Mr. Due's green house where he has them and the plants for sale.

Business.—Merchants and business men of the city generally should "take time by the forelock." Conference time will be here in a little while, when the town is likely to be thronged with country people. Visitors from a distance generally make it a point to attend to purchases at such seasons. Isn't it about time that they should be informed, through the News, where they can buy to good advantage? It is about time to come out with the regular Conference advertisements, gentlemen.

Suicide.—A Franklin correspondent of the Ogden Junction furnishes the particulars of the suicide of John M. Blakely, an employe of W. D. Hendricks, at work on the Utah Northern Railroad. Early on the morning of the 7th inst. Blakely plunged into the creek, through a hole in the ice, and drowned himself. He was found a short distance below where he went in, dead. He left a note directing the payment of his debts with his money. Domestic troubles were evidently the cause of the rash act. He had been separated from his wife some months.

"Turkey."—D. P. Felt, secretary of the 19th Ward Improvement Association, handed in the following:

"Last evening Mr. Jas. Watson delivered a lecture under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement Association of the 19th Ward, subject, "Turkey." He gave a description of its geographical features, its inhabitants, their manners and customs, etc., to a large audience. The lecture was very instructive and interesting. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Watson."

Juvenile Instructor.—Before us is No. 5 of the current volume. Its contents, like those of its predecessors, present an attractive collection of reading matter. It has, The Parson Bird, illustrated, Travels in India, the Lamanites, illustrated, Joseph Smith, the Prophet, Two Wishes, Gospel Principles, Editorial Thoughts, the Deluge, illustrated, Perseverance, Curiosities in Human Food, our Rocks and Minerals, Incidents of a Mission, Elephants at Sea, Alphabet of Good Counsel, Sunday Lessons, Oh, How He Loves, with music, Table Rules for Little Folks.

Tracheotomy.—This operation was successfully performed upon the child of Mr. Debenham, of the 10th Ward, last night. The attendant physician did not see the patient till he was in the last stages of membranous or, as sometimes called, diphtheric croup. At nine o'clock the child ceased to breathe, being literally strangled. Tracheotomy was hurriedly performed, and, after the silver tube was inserted into the windpipe, artificial respiration was resorted to for about fifteen minutes, at the end of which time the poor little fellow opened his eyes and resumed regular breathing.

The attendant physician could give no assurance that the constitution of the patient had not been too far reduced by disease to admit of much hope for ultimate permanent recovery, but the fact remains that sixteen hours after the operation the child appeared comparatively bright and comfortable, and able to take nourishment.

City Council.—The Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Communication of Henry Patton, representing that he was the owner of lots one and three, in block eight of Salt Lake City survey, which were covered by the military reservation, and asking the city to redeem the certificates which he held therefor and apply the amount on his taxes. Granted.

The Mayor presented a statement, with accompanying vouchers, of expenditures from the contingent fund in his hands, as follows: For the month of December, 1877, \$20 50; January, 1878, \$74 50; February, \$60. Total for the three months \$155, leaving a balance of the appropriation unexpended at the end of February of \$273 28. Report received and expenditure approved.

The auditor presented his report for the quarter ending February 28th, 1878, as follows: Balance on hand December 1st, 1877, \$9,779 82; receipts during the quarter, \$37,-

308.69; total, \$47,088.61. Disbursements for the quarter \$37,709.86. Balance on hand February 28th, 1878, \$9,378.75. Referred to the committee on finance.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Brimley and others, residents of the 5th Ward, represented that they had visited and examined the canal and found that it was under the control of the county officers, who had promised the necessary relief. Report accepted.

The committee on waterworks reported that they had had under consideration the petition of Mary Minkler, had visited her and found that she had just cause for complaint, that the Gas Company was the source for her to look to for reparation. Report received.

The committee on streets and alleys reported on the petition of Walker Bros for the repair of East Temple Street, between Second and Fifth South, and recommended that the prayer be granted. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The committee on public grounds reported favorably on the proposition of James Townsend to lease the Warm Spring bath house, and recommended that he be granted a lease of it for one year, from April 1st at \$150 per month.

The committee on police reported that they had examined Alderman Pypers report, found it correct and recommended that the requisite appropriation be made. Report received, recommendation adopted and amount appropriated.

A bill of Chief Engineer Ottinger of the fire department, for three patent nozzles, amounting to \$92 45 was presented and amount allowed and appropriated.

Alderman Raleigh, from the committee on municipal laws, to whom had been referred the communication of the assessor and collector, reported that they had drafted an ordinance, and moved that it be placed upon its passage. The report was received and, on motion, the ordinance (C. C. F. 2), "to provide for the assessing and collecting of city taxes," was taken up and read the first time; passed its first reading and was read the second time by sections; passed its second and third readings and passed. The ordinance conforms, as far as applicable, to the territorial revenue law.

The Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 14.

Telephonic.—Z. C. M. I. intends opening telephonic communication between the counting office and packing room of its establishment.

The First Mail.—The first eastern mail since the commencement of the snow blockade on the U. P. R. R., was being distributed this afternoon.

Letters.—There are letters at the Historian Office for James Leach, Howard O. Spencer, Samuel G. Ladd, William Eddington, and John H. Rumell.

From the Junction City.—Richard Ballantyne, Esq., publisher of the Ogden Junction, is in the city on business. He states that all is well as usual in that northerly direction.

Fixing Up.—Mr. Dinwoodey is having the upholstery department of his establishment fitted up with an additional array of racks to receive his large spring and summer supply of paper hangings, which has arrived.

Good Time for Work.—Now is a good time to give poor men work in digging and planting, picking rocks out of sidewalks, fluming ditches, hauling gravel for sidewalks or garden-walks, fencing, and a variety of other useful things.

Seventies.—The regular general meeting of the Seventies was held at the Council House, last evening. President John Taylor addressed the assemblage, giving much profitable instruction in relation to the duties of the Seventy Elders. He also spoke upon the folly and wickedness of some who had names as Latter-day Saints, but who were sowing the seeds of discord and disunion in the community. President Joseph Young also spoke briefly. Elder C. J. Thomas was set apart a member of the Council of the Forty-first Quorum of Seventies and Elders Andrew Smith and Robert Patrick of the Twenty-fourth. The meeting adjourned for four weeks.

Re-Organization.—On Tuesday evening the Mutual Improvement Association of the First Ward of Ogden, was re-organized, with the following officers:

G. R. Hill, President; C. J. Flowers, Secretary; F. T. Myers, Corresponding Secretary; John Volker, Librarian. The Counselors will be selected by the President hereafter.

The South.—A letter from Elder W. Woodruff, dated St. George, March 4, to an acquaintance in this city, has the following:

"I expect to start for Kanab on Wednesday, with Brothers Eyring and Farnsworth, and may be gone some 10 days. I shall attend the conference in St. George on the 16th and 17th, and then soon return to Salt Lake. The work is increasing in the Temple, until we have very full houses. We have had a great deal of rain of late in "Dixie," more than we have had for two years. This will be a blessing to this country. This is a general time of health with us. We are having a quiet election of city officers."

Sound Common Sense.—The following extracts from the charge of Judge Ross to the grand jury of Montgomery County, Pa., were published in the Farmers' Almanac for 1878. His remarks are full of sound sense, and are not only applicable to the existing state of things throughout the country generally, but may be specially considered with profit by the Latter-day Saints:

"Gentlemen of the Grand Jury: I shall take the liberty of saying a few words on a subject which may not seem to come properly under my notice at this time. But it is so general a topic of conversation, and has been so frequently handled in the newspapers and in pamphlets, that I think it will not be amiss to introduce it into this place. The subject to which I allude is, the "Hard Times." I think that, in order to cure the evil, we must all act individually. Let the work of reformation begin at home, and I confidently believe we shall soon get rid of the hard times that are so much complained of. To be calling out for legislative aid, while we ourselves are idle, is acting like the man in the fable, who, when his wagon wheel was fast in the ditch, cried to Hercules to help him instead of putting his own shoulder to the wheel. We must help ourselves, gentlemen, and I that will not answer, why then we may call for Hercules to assist us.

We are too fond of show in our families; and in this way our expenses far exceed our incomes. Our daughters must be dressed off in their silks and crapes, instead of their linsey woolsey. Our young folks are too proud to be seen in a coarse dress, and their extravagance is bringing ruin upon our families. When you can induce your sons to prefer young women for their real worth, rather than for their show; when you can get them to choose a wife who can make a good loaf of bread, and good pound of butter, in preference to a girl who does nothing but dance about in her silks and laces, then gentlemen, you may expect to see a change for the better. We must go back to the good old simplicity of former times, if we expect to see more prosperous days. The time was, even since my memory, when a simple note was good for any amount of money, but now, bonds and mortgages are thought almost no security; and that is owing to the want of confidence.

"And what has caused this want of confidence? Why, it is occasioned by the extravagant manner of living: by your families going in debt beyond your ability to pay. Examine this matter, gentlemen, and you will find this to be the real cause. Teach your sons to be too proud to ride a hackney which their father cannot pay for. Let them be above being seen sporting in a gig or a carriage which their father is in debt for. Teach them this sort of independent pride, and I venture to say that you will soon perceive a reformation. But until the change commences in this way in our families, until we begin the work ourselves, it is in vain to expect better times.

"Now, gentlemen, if you think as I do on this subject, there is a way of showing that you do think so, and but one way; when you return to your homes, have independence enough to put these principles into practice, and I am sure you will not be disappointed."