

Edmunds Wilkes, Col. E. Sells, Mr. S. F. Mackie and Mr. Robert Wright. The case was dismissed as to all other defendants named in the complaint.

Returned Missionary.—We received a call to-day from Elder James Campbell, who has just returned from a mission to Alabama, having left here for that field some two years ago. He labored in conjunction with Elder George W. Barker, of Mendon, and their field covered several counties of the State. Brother Campbell had some of the experience which is now common, being waited for in by places by parties equipped with ropes, guns, and other articles indicative of the souls of those who had them, but he never received any actual personal violence; in fact, the people generally were quite hospitable and treated him very well. There was often trouble about getting houses in which to hold forth, and sometimes they took the open air for it, being always listened to attentively. He baptized two and assisted in the baptism of five persons. In Marion County, a child almost totally blind was brought to him and Brother Baker for the ministrations of the Gospel, the father saying that if the power of God did not heal it, nothing could; the child recovered at once and permanently. Brother Campbell visited the New Orleans Exposition, and was greatly pleased with what he saw; he returns well satisfied with his experience and glad to be again among friends and kindred.

Strange Appearance.—The San Francisco Chronicle tells of a phenomenon which lately appeared the cause of which is so far unexplained, as follows:

"The several amateur astronomers residing in the shades of the weather-beaten brow of Telegraph hill were considerably surprised, not to say startled, last Tuesday night, at the occurrence of a phenomenon that their inexperienced minds could not analyze. As it is doubtless well known, the top of the whole is ornamented with a pole 100 feet high, from the top of which every night are reflected the powerful rays of four electric lights, which are supposed to assist the unwary hillite during his careful descent of the many declivities of Nanny Goat Gulch and the surrounding country. The electric wires by which the lamps are lighted run up the side of the pole like flag halliards, and on stormy nights they are taken in the arms of a norther and slammed unmercifully against the pole, making a noise which might easily be said to sound like the clap of doom.

About 8 o'clock on Tuesday night the phenomenon was first noticed by a child, who quickly communicated the information to others, until over a hundred were gazing at the electric-light pole on the hill. There, about half-way between the ground and the electric light, and apparently about ten feet from the pole, was a triangular-shaped blaze. The flame was steady, but of changing color, being sometimes a light yellow and again a fiery red. It seemed to be attached to nothing, being too far from the pole to be a wire and too steady to be a kite; but, like a will-o'-the-wisp, there it hovered, filling the gazers with wonder. Sometimes the shape also would change, the triangle becoming a square, then a parallelogram. With a glass the thing could be seen to be gently moving as if with the wind, but its general position remained the same. After blazing for about half an hour the fiery figure suddenly disappeared. The conundrum is, What is it?

DEAD AND DECOMPOSED.

DISCOVERY OF PUTRID REMAINS IN THE GROESBECK BLOCK.

As a printer named Parker was trying to obtain ingress to a certain room in the eastern wing of the Groesbeck Block shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, he was repelled by a horrible smell emanating from the room, and also by the fact that the door was latched inside. Parker broke in a truncheon and made the discovery that there was a dead body in there, then breaking a light in the door, it was unlatched, and he and night watchman Burbidge entered. There, in a dark corner of the room, covered with a blanket, were the putrid remains of a man, who afterwards proved to be Jacob J. Bonding, supposedly a Dane, and recently from New Zealand, but who was so decomposed and black it was thought for some time that he was a negro. The stench was horrible, and it was no light task to those who removed the remains to the sexton's, where they were placed in as good a condition as possible, and an inquest was held.

The inquest on the remains was held at the office of Sexton Joseph E. Taylor commencing at 6 p. m. yesterday. When James W. Burbidge, night-watchman of the Wasatch Block, the principal witness, testified that he recognized the body as that of Jacob J. Bonding, that he was a Danishman about 25 years of age, heavy set, five feet ten in height, of dark complexion with gray hair. That deceased had lived in the Wasatch block about five years. He bought his provisions and ate in the room where his body was found. Has a daughter at Logan, Cache County. Was a millwright by profession and came to this country from New Zealand about five years ago. Witness last saw him alive two weeks ago at midnight, when he told witness

he was going to Idaho where he had been prospecting. Was present when the door was broken open; it was locked on the inside.

Mary Ann Greensides, assistant janitor, saw him a week ago yesterday at 3 o'clock p. m. He was going into his room which, as usual, he locked from the inside. He was looking ill at that time. This was about 3 p. m.

Henry Greensides, janitor of the building was also present when the body was found. Had seen him alive about a week before on the street, when he seemed all right. A young man named Parker, of the Democrat office, broke open the door. Witness stated that there were two cups beside the body when discovered, and that one contained a brownish liquid.

The jurors here consulted and asked an adjournment until this cup could be got, and also to get other evidence that they deemed necessary. Adjourned till 2 p. m., March 11.

Pursuant to adjournment the inquest was continued to-day, when Mr. J. C. Parker was placed on the witness stand, who testified that the room in question had been engaged by the Democrat Company, and he applied for the key, which could not be found. That he went with others to the door and tried to push it open, when a very bad odor was emitted from the room. Further investigation through an opening above the door showed a dead body lying on the floor in the last stages of decomposition. He then forced the door, but fell back on account of the stench. The door was locked from the inside.

After some further evidence the jury brought in a verdict of death from natural causes, placing the probable date of death about the 2d inst.

The body is in such an advanced state of decomposition as to demand immediate burial. The few apparently unimportant papers and effects of the deceased will be held until the daughter can be consulted as to their disposition.

THE WRONG MAN PICKED UP.

HE IS "DROPPED LIKE A HOT POTATO."

About seven o'clock this morning Deputies Canuon and Franks called at the house of George Tall, in the Sixteenth Ward, and notified that gentleman to appear before Commissioner McKay at 10 o'clock, to answer to the charge of unlawful cohabitation. The complaint in the case, which was sworn to by Deputy Franks, set forth that George Stahl had violated the Edmunds law by having, from April 1, 1884, to March 1, 1887, cohabited with more than one wife, namely, Mrs. George Stahl and Jane Doe Stahl, "whose other and true name is to your complainant as yet unknown."

Mr. Tall appeared at the time named, and with him were the witnesses who had been subpoenaed, Mrs. George Tall, Misses Sarah Ann and Elizabeth Tall, and Miss Catherine George. At the examination only one witness was required by the Commissioner to testify. This was the wife of the defendant, Mrs. George Tall, whose emphatic assertion that the defendant was blessed with but one wife, and didn't expect to marry another, convinced the Judge that the deputies had "barked up the wrong tree," for, as he expressed it, that it was a case of mistaken identity. At the conclusion of the brief exercises, the Commissioner announced that there was not probable cause to believe the defendant guilty of the charge which had been made against him, and he was therefore discharged. Mr. Tall accepted the situation, and he and the witness departed.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 12.

Wishes To Hear.—Mrs. Elizabeth Rowlands, of 14 Rankin Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, England, wishes to hear from her brother, Edward Magee, who emigrated to Utah about fourteen years ago.

Pleaded.—To-day Hyrum H. Evans, James C. Watson and Edwin Rushton, who were arraigned on Thursday in the Third District Court, charged with living with their wives, pleaded not guilty to the indictments against them.

Cyrus Rawson Discharged.—At the examination of Cyrus Rawson, of Kaysville, Weber County, on Thursday, on the charge of unlawful cohabitation, after hearing all the evidence the prosecution could produce, the defendant was discharged, there being no testimony to indicate that the accusation was founded in fact.

Peter Olsen Promises.—Yesterday afternoon Peter Olsen appeared in the Third District Court and pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawful cohabitation. When asked, through an interpreter, what he proposed to do in the future, he said he intended to obey the law as construed by the courts, and Judge Zane ordered that sentence be suspended while the defendant kept his word.

Convicts Arraigned.—This afternoon George W. Davis, James Blowers, Ernest Williamson and John Watrin, who are now serving terms for various offenses in the penitentiary, were arraigned in the Third District Court on a charge of stealing government property. The offense was committed on August 23d, 1886, when the four defendants overpowered a guard

at the penitentiary in an attempt to escape from custody, and took from him a breech-loading shotgun valued at \$20 and a six-shooter worth \$18. The defendants stated that they were unable to procure an attorney, and the court appointed H. R. Watrous counsel for the defense.

Court Notes.—Proceedings in the Third District Court to-day: Eliza Dnrnell vs. Joseph Sowden; suit on promissory note given by A. Case; on trial before a jury.

B. S. Fiersheim et al. vs. A. Fisher Brewing Company; court gives judgment for defendant.

United States vs. H. H. Evans, Jas. C. Watson and Edwin Rushton; plea of not guilty.

Mary A. Morton vs. Thomas F. H. Morton; order for decree and findings.

The United States vs. George W. Davis, James Blowers, Ernest Williamson and John Watrin; stealing government property; arraigned and given time to plead; H. R. Watrous appointed as attorney for defendants.

Raiding Bountiful.—The strong inclination of the attaches of the U. S. Marshal's office to visit the thriving settlement of Bountiful, Davis County, was again exhibited last night. Between 9 and 10 o'clock Marshal Dyer and half a dozen deputies disturbed the quiet of the inhabitants in that neighborhood by making a raid on several houses, among the number being Anson Call's and Mr. Thompson's, all of which places they searched for persons whom they alleged were wanted for interviews before Commissioner McKay, on complaints made against them, charging violations of the Edmunds law. The ransacking was a fruitless one, however, as no arrests were made.

Fire at Mill Creek.—Yesterday afternoon Orson Calder, of Mill Creek Salt Lake County, was working on his farm, and set fire to some dry grass that he wished destroyed. The place where he started the fire was about fifteen rods to the south of his sheds, but a south wind was blowing, and the flames rapidly shot out and enveloped the sheds. In a few minutes, the strawstack, a set of harness, twine binder, etc., were destroyed, making a total loss of about \$300.

The barn, stackyards and corrals of Col. J. R. Winder, a little further to the north, narrowly escaped destruction, and would have been a serious loss.

Barney Hughes at Large.—A short time ago Barney Hughes was sentenced to three months in the county jail for obtaining money under false pretences, this light sentence being due to representations to Judge Zane of Hughes' previous good character. He has been allowed considerable freedom at the jail, being considered as a trusty, but yesterday afternoon he took advantage of this leniency, and made his escape. The jailer had locked his cell and gone out, leaving the keys in charge of a watchman. The latter, contrary to orders, unlocked the door and permitted Hughes to come outside, when he succeeded in getting away. Up to this afternoon he had not been recaptured, and he is probably hidden up in the city by some of his friends. Sheriff Burt is, however, likely to get him into custody before long.

Arrested for Embezzlement.—A few days ago an item appeared in the News to the effect that some of the friends of J. M. Edwards, formerly express agent at Ogden and later at Denver, were anxious regarding his whereabouts, it being understood that he had mysteriously disappeared from Denver. Last night, however, he suddenly came again into public view, and on his arrival in Ogden on the Union Pacific train he was arrested by Sheriff Belpas on the charge of embezzlement. The offense is alleged to have been committed at Ogden, where the agent found a defalcation in Edwards' accounts of about \$8,000, and was the cause of the arrest. The accused was released on giving bail in the sum of \$5,000 for his appearance.

Mr. Edwards claims that when a full investigation is made of his accounts they will be found to be correct. It is said that one of the company's books has been misplaced, and that when it is recovered the whole crookedness will be straightened out, and the accused exonerated. Further developments may be expected soon.

Judge Snyder Dead.—The numerous friends of George G. Snyder, throughout this inter-mountain country, will be shocked to learn of his death, which occurred at Park City, Summit County, this morning. Mr. Snyder has been a serious sufferer from illness during a considerable time past; but his wonderful nerve and his fine physical powers were expected to bring him back to health. The deceased was a veteran in the ranks of western pioneers. He came into this region about 40 years ago, and his business enterprises carried him in early days to various parts of the Pacific Coast. He was one of the earliest settlers in that delightful nook known as Parley's Park, having established a ranch there many years before the discovery of mineral wealth; and at the time of his death he was one of the chief land-owners of that region. He had been a law-maker and judicial officer. During some years he was probate judge of Summit County and he was at one time a member of the stake presidency there. He was hospitable, generous and a shrewd business man. He leaves

many relatives. Mrs. Jane S. Jiehards, of Oxden, is his youngest sister. Mr. Snyder was 68 years old. His funeral will occur on Sunday, at Park City.—Ogden Herald, March 11.

The Inquest.—A short time since the News had an account of a man named Bartlett having accidentally shot himself at Fairfield, Utah County. The verdict rendered at the coroner's inquest has just reached us and is as follows:

TERRITORY OF UTAH, Fairfield Precinct, Utah County.

An inquisition holden about five miles south of Fairfield, Utah County, on the eighth day of March, A. D. 1887, before Andrew Park, Justice of the Peace in said precinct, in said county, upon the body of one David Bartlett, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths do say, that the above-named David Bartlett, came to his death by an accidental shot from a gun in his own hands on or about the third day of March, A. D. 1887.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid

DAVID L. THOMAS, WILLIAM BEARDSHALL, THOMAS WALTERS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this eighth day of March, A. D. 1887.

ANDREW PARK, Justice of the Peace.

HYRUM WHITE KILLED.

A SHOT IN THE ARM RESULTS IN DEATH.

A lamentable accident occurred on February 27, at Taylor, Apache County, Arizona, by which Hyrum White, formerly of Harrisville, Weber County, was brought to an untimely end. He was returning from his farm in a wagon, and was carrying his gun under his arm. In moving the weapon, he struck it against the wagon box, when it was discharged, the load entering his right arm and shattering it badly. A surgeon was sent for to Holbrook, and the arm was amputated, but the unfortunate man gradually sank under the shock, and died four days after the accident.

Brother White was a son-in-law of Brother George B. Wallace, of Salt Lake County, and half-brother to Levi W. Hancock. He bore an excellent reputation. Several of his relatives reside in this city. He leaves a wife and four small children. The information of the accident came by letter to Bro. G. B. Wallace.

LOCAL GAS WELLS.

SOME INTERESTING DETAILS CONCERNING THEM.

We had a call this morning from Mr. E. Garu, of Lake Shore, Davis County the original utilizer of the natural gas in this Territory. As already mentioned in the News he has been using gas obtained from a drive well for cooking and lighting purposes in his house for some months now. In addition to this he has three wells at his salt works on the line of the D. & R. G. W., all of which furnish a strong flow of gas as well as water and which he is about to utilize in boiling salt. The outbreak of gas on the D. & R. G. W. roadbed, of which mention has been made, was due to one of his wells having been shut off by screwing a cap down on the top of the pipe. When unable to find an outlet by the regular channel it permeated the soil and came to the surface some distance away. His reason for stopping the outflow at the well was that it was sunk to such a great depth that an unusual quantity of water came up with the gas and he hoped by doing so to have the lower part of the well filled up with sand. He has succeeded in checking the outflow of gas on the roadbed by sinking another well near by, which taps the gas veins that before supplied the stopped-off well and without extending to the objectionable undercurrent of water.

The manner in which wells are sunk by Mr. Garu differs somewhat from the method adopted in other parts of the Territory, but is no less effectual. He drives down one length of one-and-a-quarter-inch pipe and inserts a wash-out pipe into it, which is connected at the upper end by a hose to a force pump, and down which he forces a stream of water by operating the pump. The wash-out pipe can thus be sunk to any depth desired and the well furnished without any more than the one length of larger pipe being used, instead of having it extend all the way down to the bottom of the well. The gas seems to come from various depths and apparently from layers of decomposed vegetation. The outflow is very strong and the supply apparently inexhaustible. It burns with a steady blaze, which differs slightly in color from that of the artificial gas.

ANOTHER ONE.

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT AT RANDOLPH, UTAH.

A correspondent from Randolph, in Rich County, informs us that on March 9th, six boys between 12 and 18 years of age, went up Big Creek to fish. They went as far as O. Jacobsen's ranch,

three miles distant, with a team and sled. Three of the boys—Henry Jacobsen, Geo. A. Peart and Alex. Livingston—went to the house, which is empty. This was about 11 a. m. A fourth boy, Richard Franklin Pearce, went to put his horse in the stable, he having gone on horse-back. It seems by the evidence given at the inquest that there was an old double-barreled shot gun kept in the house, which had been loaded some time last year; one load had been shot out, the other O. Jacobsen, Jr., had snapped fifty caps on in trying to shoot it off, but without avail. The Livingston boy picked up the gun and asked Henry Jacobsen if it was loaded; he replied; he thought not; the boys then concluded to snap caps in turns, so young Livingston put on the first caps and went to the door to snap them off, but before he was ready or had the gun to his shoulder it went off, he could not tell how. He did not think his finger was on the trigger. Just at the same time, Frank Pearce returned from the stable and came around the corner of the house, and received the contents of the gun, which was loaded with coarse shot, entering the right side and partly passing through the arm before entering the body. The little fellow raised his hand to his side and cried "Oh! oh!" then fell and expired immediately, being shot through the heart. The boys now fully realized what had happened and were almost wild with grief. They hitched their team to the sleigh and started for Randolph with the corpse, arriving at the residence of Lafayette D. Pearce, father of the dead boy, at 1 p. m. An inquest was held and the following verdict returned:

TERRITORY OF UTAH, Randolph Precinct, Rich County. ss.

An inquisition holden at the residence of Lafayette D. Pearce, in Randolph Precinct, Rich County, on the 9th day of March, A. D., 1887, before the Justice of the Peace in Randolph Precinct, in said county, upon the body of Richard Franklin Pearce, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Richard Franklin Pearce came to his death by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Alexander Livingston, a boy about 14 years old and that the shooting was purely accidental.

AUGUSTUS E. PEARCE, WALTER NORRIS, HYRUM J. NORRIS, Jurors.

JAMES BROWN, J. P. The boy was born April 24th, 1873, in Randolph, and would have been twelve years old the 24th of next month. He was a bright and intelligent lad. It was awful to witness the grief of the father when he arrived at home to see his boy dead. Brother Pearce is a widower, left with two sons, the oldest living away from home, he and Frank keeping house.

The funeral was held in the meeting house on March 10th, Bishop McKinnon presiding. The house was filled and a large cortege followed the remains to their last resting place.

NOT A BLOOD RELATION.

The following, which is entirely correct, is self-explanatory:

Mr. Editor:

Are you not mistaken in your statement, in your issue of the 10th inst., that Henry Ward Beecher was a third cousin of the Prophet Joseph Smith?

The late President George A. Smith and Amasa Lyman were second cousins through the Lyman family; Brother George A.'s mother was a Lyman, and her father and Amasa Lyman's grandfather were brothers. Henry Ward Beecher's father was Lyman Beecher; the latter's mother was a Lyman. Thus, as you state, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman and Henry Ward Beecher were related through the Lyman blood.

But the Prophet Joseph Smith had none of the Lyman blood in his veins; at least if he had, it is not known. He and George A. Smith were first cousins, because their fathers were brothers, and that was as near as the Prophet came to being related to the Lymans or to Henry Ward Beecher.

GENEALOGIST.

THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT.

THE JUDICIAL METHODIST MAD.

Special to DESERET NEWS.]

BEAVER, Utah, March 14, 1887. The District Court met the 7th inst., Judge Boreman presiding. The Court occupied one week impaneling the grand jury. Sixty-nine names were drawn from the jury box to obtain fifteen jurors. Allen G. Campbell is foreman.

The charge was partly written and partly oral. When the Judge came to polygamy and cohabitation he got angry as usual. He said the system must be rooted out. The people could do it themselves, but he called on the jury to Americanize the Territory. The people should be independent and not be governed temporarily and spiritually by the Priesthood. The Government, he said, was very lenient toward the Mormons. It was the only Territory where appeals lie to the Supreme Court of the United States. MOONSHEE.