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THE DESERET NEWS

March 24

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MARCH. 22.

father, the writer of the letter, was jury to his own soul. City.

Judicial.-This morning a large number of members of the Salt to the Governor, asking for the as-Third Judicial District.

Notice.-To the Sunday School Superintendents of Salt Lake City. You are respectfully requested to practise the school children in the chorus of the Temple song, published in this week's issue of the Juvenile Instructor, both to-morrow and next Sunday, so as to prepare them for a general rehearsal on Sunday, April 4th.

GEORGE GODDARD, Asst. Genl. Supt. S. S. Union.

Inquiry Answered.-

A Letter.-There is a letter in the good as possible to your fellows and body at the inquest. There were that way. Before Skeene was kill- caused him to believe that he was NEWS Office for Mr. W. McKellor, no harm. A man who did a wrong no marks of blood on the blankets ed, he told witness that he was connected with the stealing. He who, when last heard from by his to his fellow, did the greatest in- or on the floor, further than where guilty. Witness did not communi- told witness the animals were in

attention.

Dead.-A few days ago it was an-Lake bar signed a petition addressed | nounced in our columns that Elder Louis Adolphe Bertrand had besignment, ad interim, of Associate come insane, induced by distress- George Watson was sworn for the Justice Philip H. Emerson, to the ing intelligence received from his defense. Heard the firing on the family at Paris; to-day it is our sor- night Skeene was killed. Heard rowful duty to announce his demise four shots. Took his rifle and went Court opened at 9 a.m., when

nated in death at mid-day on Sun- see Aaron De Witt there. Did not ever quarrelled with anybody. see any fire on the clothing of de- W. W. Ballard was sworn for the ceased, except on the back. The defence. At the time Skeene was body was from twenty-five to thirty killed he lived in a log house about his acquaintances. feet from the front door. William B. Preston was sworn Aaron De Witt lived with him, for the defense. Remembered and slept in a wagon-box. When cution. Remembered the killing of Skeene being shot. Was one of the the shooting was heard, De Witt Skeene. Lived one block distant jurors at the inquest. Did not see said, "That fellow has got away." the body until then. At the in- De Witt got up and as he stepped Jane Mathews and family reside in the Church, he assisted in translat- quest those who purported to know out of bed put his foot in a bucket up and ran to the spot. Saw the anything about the killing were of water. Did not think there was sworn and testified. There was a any shooting after De Witt got out ball mark in the floor. The ball of the house. The shooting was did not penetrate the floor, but ap done within a very short time. reside. In 1860 he went back to peared to glance and strike the Witness went out himself to the north east part of the room. Dr. shool-house and saw the body of Dille examined the body while the Skeene upon the ground, with his and others soon appeared on the jury looked on. According to wit- head towards the building. Did spot. Witness had got upon the ness's recollection, the balls passed not see any pile of logs or wood in street when he heard the last through the body from back to the vicinity. Did not recollect shot fired. There was no pile of front. A man named Chambers that De Witt went out and came was sworn at the inquest, and tes- back and put on his clothes. Had known Paris newspapers. He left tified that he feigned to be asleep, been acquainted with Mr. Ricks there. Was at the inquest. Did. and when Skeene thought he was fifteen years, and had always asleep, Skeene jumped up and known him as a good and peaceable rushed at Sheriff Ricks and tried to man. get his pistol. Also that a noise D. B. Dille was recalled and crosswas heard at the back of the house. examined by the prosecution. Never years ago in his native language, Mr. Ricks testified at the inquest, saw Skeene till he was arrested. and Chambers said his statement | He told witness that the horses for was correct. Witness was shown the stealing of which he had been the record of the inquest. He arrested were south-west of Cache thought it was the document it and beyond the reach of the counpurported to be, being in the hand- ty officers. At the inquest witness writing of George L. Farrell, the examined the body. Did not think clerk who took an account of the any bullets had perforated Skeene's proceedings at the time. D. B. Dille was the next witness, body. The reason why witness for the defense. Saw Skeene soon examined the bedding in which after his arrest. Skeene told wit- Skeene lay was because he underer commenced by reading notes, but ever received the gospel. Elder ness that he would not wait to be stood it to be the duty of a coroner's tried, but would make his escape; juror at an inquest to be very par-that the sheriff was resolute, but he licular in all the details. W. B. By Telegraph. that the sheriff was resolute, but he ticular in all the details. W. B. would have men to assist him who Preston, another juror, was also would help him out. If he could very particular in his investigations. get one foot the start, he could get Did not know that any of the guard away. He also told witness that he had any blankets at the schoolhad escaped before, in Utah Coun- house. His son guarded one night ty, when he was shot at, but not and witness had been told by him hit, and that if he was even cleared | that he carried a blanket with him. of the charge now preferred against Mr. Baskin here questioned the galleries were crowded long before him an officer would be ready to witness in a rather boisterous and the hour of meeting to-day, and take him to Utah County and he vehement manner, a condition as- when the Senate was called to orderwould rather die than go there. the body. The bullet holes were undisturbed, and was decided in Senate were many members of the-The Ricks Trial.-Proceedings on larger at the back than the front, his answers. showing they went through the Witness described the wounds on privilege. After the reading of they body from back to front. Witness the body of Skeene. There were journal, Boutwell offered a resolu-M. W. Birdno was sworn on the examined the blankets and did not three bullet holes near the left tion, for final adjournment on blank part of the defense. At request of see any bullet holes in them; there shoulder, within a radius of proba- day of March, at blank o'clock, and Sheriff Ricks, witness guarded were no marks of blood on them, bly five inches, one he believed gave notice that he would call it up Skeene on the 2nd of July, 1860. nor on the floor, except where the passed directly through the heart. as soon as the pending resolution On the night the lattter was killed, body lay at the inquest.

Skeene lay, where it fell.

new was elicited.

that he would be killed.

which took place about noon yes- out. Saw two men at the School- Milton B. Hammond was sworn on terday. The unfortunate gentle house. Went over and saw Skeene the part of the defense. Had been man was kept in the City Hall a lying on the ground, with his acquainted with the defendant on the left loin must have been few days after his mental derange clothes on fire at the back. He put since 1850, and especially very inti- fired when he faced the party who ment set in, but his malady in- out the fire, and when he looked up mately for the last eleven years, creasing in intensity, it was found again several other men were during which time he had lived necessary to remove him to the In- around. The defendant surrender- near too and been closely associated sane Asylum, which was done a ed himself to Justice Landers. The with him. His character and rewe k last Saturday. About three defendant was nearest to the body. putation were good during the Believed that if a navy pistol were days ago sanity returned, but with Another man he did not recognize whole time of witness' acquaint- fired at blankets at a distance of returning reason there was great was also there. There was no pile ance with him. He could not call eighteen inches there would be physical prostration, which termi- of wood near the building. Did not to mind any occasion when he had

Local and Other Matters, there was no conflict, truth being the blankets, and no other bullet or five others had talked with wit- been proved that Skeene stole the one and indivisible. The great marks about the room than the two ness, expressing themselves as be- horses he was charged with stealleading principle of true morality already described. One of the ing anxious for Skeene to get away. ing, for want of evidence. Skeene and religion was to do as much same blankets was spread over the A person named Adams talked in made an admission to him that Skeene was placed after carried cate to Mr. Ricks the fact that care of one of his confederates, working on the railway in this The lecturer was listened to back into the school-house. Did Skeene intended to escape, because named Jesse Earl. Had heard throughout, with the most marked not see any logs where the body of Skeene made the statement to him that Skeene had abused a woman as his legal adviser. Some of the in Utah County, and that it had The witness was cross examined parties who he supposed intended caused some of the prejudice by the prosecution, but nothing to aid him to escape visited Skeene against him. He did not recollect at the school-house. Skeene did that the day before the killing not express to witness any fears Skeene sent a young man after Judge Maughan, requesting a speedy trial. Skeene was not anxious to have his case speedily tried.

Re-examined by the defense. Believed the shot that took effect fired it. The nearest point to the door of the school-house, where there were marks of blood, was about ten or twelve feet distant. marks of fire on them. Had known defendant for about sixteen years. The defendant was a peaceable citi-

Hooperville, March 21, 1875. Editor Descret News:

In the last number of the NEWS ed by the elders of the Church of I saw an advertisement by Mr. Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Ray, for Wm. Mathews, for- which event took place, we believe, merly of Carrolton, Illinois. Mr. somewhere about 1850, or 1851. Mathews is no more, but Mrs. Soon after becoming a member of Hooperville, where Mr. Ray can ing, into the French language, the obtain any desired information by Book of Mormon. He gathered to addressing to Mrs. Jane Mathews, Utah in 1856, leaving his wife and Ho perville, Weber county, Utah. family in Paris, where they still

following settlements will be visit- he returned to Utah about ten years ed by the home missionaries named ago. on Sunday, March 28th, 1875:

and S. B. Young.

and H. W. Naisbitt.

and D. James.

and G. G. Bywater.

and T. V. Williams.

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The "Iron Bedstead."-A crowded audience attended the lecture delivered last evening by Governor Axtell, many being unable to obsoon threw them aside, and went directly into his subject, which he handled in a lucid and pleasing manner, and apparently to the great gratification of the audience. He showed how the world's progress had been hindered by one portion of mankind endeavoring to coerce the other part to their standard, comparatively applying to them the process of the iron bedstead, by stretching them if they were too short, and chopping away if too long. He alluded to the great teacher of moral philosophy, Socrates, as a martyr to that policy and the beautiful Hypatia, of Alexandria, as another, and finally dwelt upon the greatest example of all, Jesus of Nazareth. The lecturer's interpretations of the teachings of those great exponents of truth were exceedingly happy and most clearly explained. He treated upon the betrayal of the Savior. One of his followers had been bribed to prove recreant to him. Jesus was taken before Pontius Pilate, a governor appointed by the Roman authority, which held the reigns of civil government in Judea, while the Jews wielded ecclesiastical authority over their own people. Pilate was naturally a good man, and said he found no evil in Jesus, but the cunning Jews

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day.

The deceased was one of the first, if not the first, native of France who obeyed the gospel as proclaim-

Missionary Appointments.-The France on a mission, from which

Deceased was an educated and intelligent man, having formerly Bountiful-Elders R. F. Neslen been employed on the staff of well Centerville-Elders L. D. Young his native land when nineteen years of age, and travelled extensive-Farmington-Elders J. Nicholson Iy for many years in the far east, also in South America. He was Kaysville - Elders G. Teasdale the author of a work, printed some Taylorsville-Elders Isaac Groo entitled "Les Mormons," giving an account of the religion and social South Branch (West Jordan)- customs of the Latter-day Saints Elders S. A. Woolley and D. A. gathered in Utah. As a member of the church his integrity was un-Neff's District-Elder John Van impeachable and his faith unwavering, belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and in latter-day revelation and priesthood seeming to form a part of his very existence, rendering him almost an anomaly among Frenchmen, but few of whom have Bertrand was in his 67th year at his death. He was widely known among the people of this city and neighborhood, and was as widely esteemed, because of his unobtrusive and upright character. His funeral services will take place in the 16th Ward School-house, at 12 o'clock to-morrow, on which occasion it is expected that an address will be delivered by Elder John Taylor, with whom he was formerly intimately associated in the ministry in France.

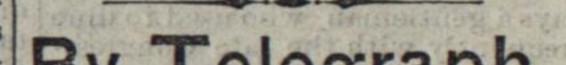
fourteen rods from the school-house.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

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zen and held in general esteem by

Charles O. Card was the next witness sworn on the part of the prosefrom the School-house, was awakened by the firing of shots. He got and Sheriff Ricks and William Chambers stood near, with their revolvers in their hands. Morgan. Evans, James Denning, Mr. Watson, and Joseph and John Thatcher wood or logs in the vicinity. Did not see Aaron De Witt not remember having seen any bullet mark on the floor, thought. there were two bullet marks at the north end of the room. Witness testified as to the evidence given at the inquest by Chambers, being to the effect that Chambers pretended to be asleep, he heard a rap at the window, Skeene jumped to his feet, clutched at Ricks, as if to get the latter's pistol, when the shooting commenced. The witness testified that the character of Mr. Ricks in point of peaceableness and general good conduct could not be excelled by that of any one.



Saturday afternoon-

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Witness made an examination of the trial, but Mr. Dille remained in them, while on the floor of the

A fourth made a scar on the left was disposed of.



sumed by him several times during there was not even standing room House and others entitled to that

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heard the shooting. He got up and Chambers testified at the inquest loin. Skeene was about five feet At ten minutes past twelve ran to the door, which was open. that he pretended to be asleep, but ten or eleven inches in height, o'clock Johnson, of Tennessee, took The shooting he heard was all done that he watched Skeene, and when powerfully built and about twenty the floor and began his speech. inside of a minute. Saw a man the latter thought he was asleep he years of age. Did not recollect He first referred to the trouble in running from the direction of the jumped up and made a clutch at ever having talked with Mr. Ricks the Tennessee legislature in '66 and school-house. Witness called sev- Ricks, as if to take his pistol, when about Skeene, either before or after the action of the federal governeral times to him, asking what was the firing commenced. Mr. Ricks the killing took place. Believed ment at that time, and the inthe matter, but the man gave no made a statement at the inquest, the witness Chambers was the struction to General Thomas in answer and kept on running. Wit- which was corroborated by Cham- same party by that name who was command of the federal forces, sworn and testified at the inquest. there to strictly abstain from any ness dressed, went down to the bers. school-house and saw the body of A young man named Pearson There were not any intimations at interference. In quoting the dis-Skeene lying on the ground. testified at the inquest and said he the inquest that Skeene had been patch conveying such instructions, First man witness saw was Sheriff saw two men running away from shot in his blankets. There was a to General Thomas he said the des-Ricks. There were from five to the School-house. Witness was bullet mark in the floor about a patch was signed by the secretary worked upon his political interests eight men around there. George one of the jurors at the inquest. quarter of an inch deep and proba- of war, and was written in the and said, "This man hath said he Watson and C. O. Card were there. On hearing the firing, witness bly an inch and a half long. Wit- presence of the President. He deis king of the Jews," or, in other Did not see Aaron De Witt there. went to the School-house and saw ness examined it with his knife, clared it was not his intention, words, "If you do not give us this man to put to death, we will tele- into the house. He remained at the twenty feet from the door. Saw from the floor and struck the wall, al matter, but to speak of public graph to the administration at School-house till daylight. Did Mr. Ricks there. Thought he saw near the north-west corner of the acts. He then referred to the re-Rome that you are not in sympanot recognize Chambers as having Aaron De Witt and Charles Rol- room. One of the witnesses at the moval of General Sheridan from thy with it, and will have you rebeen there. Witness testified at land. Did not see any pile of logs inquest testified that Skeene seiz- the command of the 5th milimoved." the inquest, which was held before or wood near the School-house. |ed the defendant in the house. | tary district in '67, and said it The lecturer next elaborated upon E. Rammell, Justice of the Peace. Cross-examined by the prosecu-the manner in which the iron bed- He gave the names of the jurors at tion. Skeene told witness that if previous to the homicide with a which came up from the peostead principle had been applied by the inquest. A bullet had struck he could get a foot the start and view to allaying prejudice against ple of that section-"Why was the votaries of an auulterated or the floor of the schol-house, near get to a clump of willows at Logan Skeene that existed among the peo- it that this man Sheridan had spurious religion, called the Chris- the middle of the room, which had River, which was close to the ple. There was blood on the ground been selected and sent back to tian religion, how they had sought apparently glanced, as there was a town, there would be assistance where the body lay and traces of it those people who before condemned to impede the march of science, bullet mark on the sash of the north there with two horses, and he for about twelve feet from the body. him and prayed for his removal." giving many striking examples. window. The bullet mark on the would get away. Witness believed Did not see Judge Maughan on the He (Johnson) knew the determina-He then showed that between the window was not in a line with the that one of the confederates of morning of the day before the homi tion of the people of the south; unalloyed teachings of Socrates, door. Examined the bedding, but Skeene alluded to by him was a cide, nor until after the occurrence. their great object was to be restored Hypatia and Jesus, and science, found no marks or bullet holes on young man named Merrill. Four Thought that it could not have to the Union. He would tell some