

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 22.

**A Letter.**—There is a letter in the NEWS Office for Mr. W. McKellor, who, when last heard from by his father, the writer of the letter, was working on the railway in this City.

**Judicial.**—This morning a large number of members of the Salt Lake bar signed a petition addressed to the Governor, asking for the assignment, *ad interim*, of Associate Justice Philip H. Emerson, to the 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.

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Asst. Genl. Supt. S. S. Union.

## Inquiry Answered.—

Hooperville, March 21, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

In the last number of the NEWS I saw an advertisement by Mr. John Ray, for Wm. Mathews, formerly of Carrolton, Illinois. Mr. Mathews is no more, but Mrs. Jane Mathews and family reside in Hooperville, where Mr. Ray can obtain any desired information by addressing to Mrs. Jane Mathews, Hooperville, Weber county, Utah.

**Missionary Appointments.**—The following settlements will be visited by the home missionaries named on Sunday, March 28th, 1875:

Bountiful—Elders R. F. Neslen and S. B. Young.

Centerville—Elders L. D. Young and H. W. Naisbitt.

Farmington—Elders J. Nicholson and D. James.

Kaysville—Elders G. Teasdale and G. G. Bywater.

Taylorsville—Elders Isaac Groo and T. V. Williams.

South Branch (West Jordan)—Elders S. A. Woolley and D. A. Swan.

Neff's District—Elder John Van Cott.

**The "Iron Bedstead."**—A crowded audience attended the lecture delivered last evening by Governor Axtell, many being unable to obtain even standing room. The lecturer commenced by reading notes, but soon 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 worked upon his political interests and said, "This man hath said he is king of the Jews," or, in other words, "If you do not give us this man to put to death, we will telegraph to the administration at Rome that you are not in sympathy with it, and will have you removed."

The lecturer next elaborated upon the manner in which the iron bedstead principle had been applied by the votaries of an adulterated or spurious religion, called the Christian religion, how they had sought to impede the march of science, giving many striking examples. He then showed that between the unalloyed teachings of Socrates, Hypatia and Jesus, and science,

there was no conflict, truth being one and indivisible. The great leading principle of true morality and religion was to do as much good as possible to your fellows and no harm. A man who did a wrong to his fellow, did the greatest injury to his own soul.

The lecturer was listened to throughout, with the most marked attention.

**Dead.**—A few days ago it was announced in our columns that Elder Louis Adolphe Bertrand had become insane, induced by distressing intelligence received from his family at Paris; to-day it is our sorrowful duty to announce his demise which took place about noon yesterday. The unfortunate gentleman was kept in the City Hall a few days after his mental derangement set in, but his malady increasing in intensity, it was found necessary to remove him to the Insane Asylum, which was done a week last Saturday. About three days ago sanity returned, but with returning reason there was great physical prostration, which terminated in death at mid-day on Sunday.

The deceased was one of the first, if not the first, native of France who obeyed the gospel as proclaimed by the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which event took place, we believe, somewhere about 1850, or 1851. Soon after becoming a member of the Church, he assisted in translating, into the French language, the *Book of Mormon*. He gathered to Utah in 1856, leaving his wife and family in Paris, where they still reside. In 1860 he went back to France on a mission, from which he returned to Utah about ten years ago.

Deceased was an educated and intelligent man, having formerly been employed on the staff of well known Paris newspapers. He left his native land when nineteen years of age, and travelled extensively for many years in the far east, also in South America. He was the author of a work, printed some years ago in his native language, entitled "Les Mormons," giving an account of the religion and social customs of the Latter-day Saints gathered in Utah. As a member of the church his integrity was unimpeachable 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 ever received the gospel. Elder 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.

**The Ricks Trial.**—Proceedings on Saturday afternoon—

M. W. Birdno was sworn on the part of the defense. At request of Sheriff Ricks, witness guarded