

FRAGMENTS.

INDICATIONS OF A storm are very promising just now.

THE Territorial Central Committee met at 8 o'clock this afternoon, at the City Hall.

PROBATE Judge Woolley, of St. George, and Hon. W. H. Daseberry, of Provo, are in the city.

TO-MORROW morning the Third District Court will proceed to the hearing and trial of chancery cases.

REGULAR prices will prevail at the Field's Band Concert in the Twentieth Ward schoolhouse on Friday evening next.

UP to latest accounts to-day the condition of Hon. Lorin Fair remained unchanged, except that a very slight improvement was made. Hopes are now entertained for his recovery.

WRITE the compliments of the publishers, we are in receipt of "Spalding's Official Baseball Guide" for 1887. It is neatly printed, well illustrated, and is the standard authority on the subject of which it treats.

THE last performance of Baird's Minstrels, at the Theatre on Saturday night, was witnessed by a good sized but not a large audience. The enjoyment of the audience was plainly expressed, and the programme was particularly changed.

PARLEY L. WILLIAMS has been appointed Commissioner of Public Schools, under the Edmunds-Tucker law, by the Territorial Supreme Court. The appointment was announced on Saturday evening, and Mr. Williams proceeded to qualify to-day.

THREE new building not being ready for occupancy yet, Messrs. Goddard & James, barbers, have moved from their old quarters, which are being torn down to-day, into Squires & Sons' barber shop, a few doors northward, where their customers may find them during the present week.

From Arizona.—We had the pleasure, to-day, of meeting President Jesse N. Smith, of Eastern Arizona State. Cattle are suffering in that section from the excessive drought and incidentally farming interests are being injured somewhat from the same cause. The people are peacefully pursuing the even tenor of their way. Brother Smith has come up to attend Conference, and see his many friends in the north.

Salt Lake Stake Academy.—The approaching term of the Salt Lake Stake Academy will open on the 10th of April. Owing to some of the students from the foreign districts refusing to begin the season's work, there are a number of openings. The academy affords excellent opportunities for children and youths to obtain a sound education of a character to satisfy the desires of true Latter-day Saints. Those who wish to take advantage of the facilities the institution affords should make application at once to Brother Willard Done, Instructor, at the Social Hall.

Probate Court.—Proceedings in the Salt Lake County Probate Court on Saturday:

In the matter of the estate of Lavina W. Johnson, deceased, an order was made appointing D. W. James, George E. Bourne and Jesse W. Fox, Jr., appraisers; also an order directing notice to be given to the creditors of said estate.

A petition was filed by Mary D. Atwood, asking to be appointed guardian of Minor G. Atwood, an incompetent person, aged about 64 years, and Thursday, the 14th inst., was appointed the time for hearing said petition.

An order was made confirming the sale of real estate, in the matter of the estate of Emma S. Wright, deceased.

Salt Lake Academy.—The following is the programme of the public examination to be held Friday, April 8, 1887, at 10 a. m., in the Social Hall, at the close of the second term:

Conducting Monitor, Hugh W. Douglass. Secretary, May Hall. Readers, Fred Curtis, Opening Hymn, Choir.

CLASS EXERCISES.—"Ye are dear to me," "The Choir." Address in behalf of the students remaining, Mrs. Taylor.

Chamber of Commerce.—There was a fairly attended meeting composed almost entirely of the "Liberal" citizens of Salt Lake at the Federal court house on Saturday evening, the object being to establish a board of trade, or chamber of commerce, or the essential features of both blended in one organization. Governor West presided and several speeches, appropriate to the occasion and remarkable for their non-partisan character, were made. A committee of fifteen was decided on to arrange details and report at a future meeting.

Police Court.—A verdant-looking youth who gave his name as Edwin Green, was ushered into the Police Court to-day to answer to the charges of drunkenness and profanity. It was stated that the accused, after loading up with bad whiskey on Saturday evening, had made his debut half a block south of the County Court House, and by his antics and yells roused the entire neighborhood. Green stated to the Court that he knew he had been drunk, but as to the disturbance, he knew he was too small a man to create such a big fuss as was alleged. The Court informed him that a fine of \$5 would satisfy the demands of justice so far as the "drunk" was concerned, but the other charge would be investigated and acted upon at a later hour in the day.

A woman who gave her name as Belle Kelly next came in for hearing on the charge of vagrancy. The accusation was indignantly repelled; she was no "vag," because her husband was in Blenheim. The Court ordered the case set for trial this afternoon, when the accused said she was a daughter of George Jagers, now living at Springville. She was convicted at the trial, and was sentenced to 10 days in jail.

A girl named Agnes Stokes was wanted on a similar charge, but she managed to elude the officers.

The hearing in the case of the People vs. Chin Toy, for shooting off his pistol at a boy who threw rocks at him, is to come up this afternoon, and if the charge is substantiated, the Celestial will be held to await the grand jury's action.

A pauper eleven feet long and weighing 500 pounds was killed recently near Big Horn, Montana.

CHINESE DECORATION DAY.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONGOLIANS IN THIS CITY.

The pretty custom of paying respect to the memory of dead friends by decorating their graves may be said to have become national in this country now that one day in the year has been specially set apart for this purpose, upon which it is supposed all business is suspended. It may not, however, be generally known that the Chinese are ahead of us in this custom; they are in some others which have been supposed to belong specially to Christendom. True, the manner in which they decorate the graves differs somewhat from ours, but the sentiment which prompts the custom is doubtless the same. The first Sunday in April is the day of the year devoted by the Celestials to the deceased, and it was on this day celebrated yesterday in this city by a number of them repairing to the cemetery in a job wagon with all the paraphernalia necessary to do it in style. The graves of about seventeen Mongolians, who probably died without the necessary means to transport their remains to the flowerly kingdom, whence they came, are to be found in a particular locality in the cemetery, and around these the delegation assembled, where they were soon joined by a large gathering of spectators, principally children, curious to see the performance.

A good-sized roast hog spread out upon a board was placed upon a ground, with chickens cooked whole (barring the feathers) and hard boiled eggs, together with sweetened, bowls, chop sticks and diminutive cups, filled with some kind of liquor displayed around it.

Joss sticks and candles were stuck in the ground at the head of each grave and a large quantity of fancy Chinese wrapping paper was piled in a heap and set fire to. While these were burning and one Chinaman was engaged in stirring the fire with a stick and scattering the ashes over the graves and the spectators, another was busy with paint brush in hand renewing the hieroglyphs on the headboards of the graves which had become nearly all burned up and the fire almost died out the Celestials assembled around the edifice, while the chief of the group bowed in reverential style over them three successive times, touched each article with his hand, scattered rice and poured out liquor at the head of each grave.

He made his oblation three times again, when the ceremony seemed to be over, and the edibles were hastily gathered up and bundled into the express wagon again, into which the Chinamen then scrambled and were driven back into town, leaving their spectators to marvel at the significance of their queer performance.

Obsequies.—The large attendance at the funeral of Brother John A. Halvorsen yesterday testified of the respect in which he was held. The new meeting house of the Fourth Ward, in which the service was held, was crowded, while almost as many persons stood outside, unable to gain an entrance. A large proportion of the audience was composed of Scandinavians, among whom the deceased has for some years been associated in presiding over their Sabbath services, the meeting yesterday being dispensed with in consequence of the funeral.

The fellow workmen of the deceased from the Utah Central shops were there in force, many of them acting as pall bearers. The service was pronounced by Bishop Thoren. Brother Halvorsen has for some months past been actively engaged in teaching a number of theological classes in the ward, the members of which will greatly miss him now that he is with them no more.

Floral tributes for decorating his coffin were supplied by these classes and other friends, and the bereaved family have abundant reason to feel that they have the sympathy and Brother Halvorsen's memory has the respect of all with whom he was associated. The family request that their thanks be tendered to all whose kindness was manifested on the occasion of the funeral, and especially to the fellow workmen of the deceased.

Arrested for Shooting.—To-day a Chinaman who gave his name as Chin Toy, was arrested on a charge of shooting at a 15-year old boy. The occurrence took place on Friday, in the Big Horn. It seems that Chin Toy has been peculiarly unfortunate in being made a target for bad boys who have frequently stoned him. On Friday he was passing through the Eighth Ward, when the boy who is the complaining witness in the present instance, and who was working in a lot on the opposite side of the street began throwing stones at him. Some of the missiles passed uncomfortably close to the head of the "heathen Chinsee," and on looking around and discovering who the culprit was he drew a revolver and fired. This was an unexpected denouement to the boy's lark, and he was so badly frightened that he was unable to tell clearly what had happened. He had seen the revolver in the Chinaman's hand and heard the report, but whether the bullet came near him, or whether there was any bullet at all, he didn't know. After he had sufficiently recovered he made complaint against Chin Toy, whom he now considers a dangerous character.

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A MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCE.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A STRANGER.

On Friday evening a man came down on the train from Ogden considerably intoxicated. He put up at the Continental, registering himself as W. A. Douglas of Leadville. He had been more or less under the influence of liquor right along. Yesterday at 3 p. m. he took a bath at one of the thermal springs near this city and at about 8 p. m. Mr. Sprague, the hack driver, again called for him and took him to the Hot Springs bath house. Although it is stated that the gentleman in charge of the bathhouse handed him \$20 just as he was leaving the hotel, no funds were found on his person. At half-past eleven last night a telephone message was received from the Hot Springs stating that he had been drowned while bathing. By instruction from Coroner Taylor the body was brought down last night about one o'clock and now lies on the premises of undertaker Jos. W. Taylor, on West Temple Street, where an inquest will be held at 4 p. m. to-day.

Dr. Jos. S. Richards who examined the body this morning reports indications of death from apoplexy. Coroner Taylor immediately sent a telegram to the brother of the deceased in New York and another was dispatched to parties in Leadville, notifying them of his sudden death and requesting instructions as to the disposition of his remains.

J. Bush Indicted.—To-day Joseph Bush, an ex-guard at the Penitentiary, was arraigned in the Third District Court on two indictments found against him by the grand jury. One charges him with assault with a deadly weapon. In the other he is charged jointly with Charles Bracker of assault to commit murder, made in September last upon one John Lundquist.

A Nagrow Escape.—On Thursday Aaron Bybee, of South Weber, started across the Weber River in his wagon. He was accompanied by his wife and brother-in-law. While in the river and at the deepest point the animals commenced to rear and plunge and Mr. Bybee got out to quiet them. Unfortunately he was struck by one of the horses and was momentarily rendered senseless. He came to, however, soon enough to save himself from death by drowning. The horses were drowned and it was only by great exertion that Mrs. Bybee was saved by her brother from a similar fate. The particulars of the accident are given above. It was a narrow escape, however. The loss of his team will be a hardship on Mr. Bybee.

Since the above was written it has been learned that Mr. and Mrs. Bybee were on their way to Utah to visit a sick sister. All the family were thrown into the river, and had Wm. Bowman, Mrs. Bybee's brother, not been expert swimmer, the probability is that Mr. and Mrs. Bybee would have been drowned. Mr. Bowman swam out with his sister and then helped his brother-in-law.—Ogden Herald, April 2.

Stephens' Class Exhibition.—At the Assembly Hall on Saturday night several hundred persons were present and witnessed over four hundred children taking part in song with the most perfect precision. The voices blended beautifully, the alto telling out wonderfully for such young voices. It is doubtful if the same number of as well trained children's voices singing in parts can be heard in any city in the United States, and strangers, who chance to hear them go into ecstasies over it. The reading and time-keeping exercises by the classes were gone through in a distinct, unhesitating way that demonstrated beyond a doubt their ability to read from the notes in perfect time and tune. The teacher offered to let them read from a blackboard in all keys (flat or sharp) that may be used. The class could come and see the tests were genuine. All interested were invited to visit the class room any Wednesday or Thursday afternoon and witness the regular exercises.

The alto class, having learned twenty pieces for Sabbath School use, will be discontinued as it is thought that with proper care on the part of the various choir leaders it will be an easy matter to have these learn the alto to any other piece that may be used. The reading class will continue its studies for another term, then take vacation for the summer. Brother Arthur Sperry presided with ability at the Saturday evening, and the whole affair was very enjoyable.

Items from Cache County.—From the Logan Journal of Saturday, April 2nd:

Wellsville now has a daily mail. On Thursday a little eight-year old son of Jefferson Wilcox, of Millville, while riding a colt, met with a fatal breaking his right arm. Dr. Snow was called to attend to the child, and the patient is getting along very well.

A paper is being circulated in Logan by the Knights of Labor for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of Ephraim Deuell, who recently met with a serious accident on the U. N. R. R. The young man is in distressing circumstances.

On March 26th, Lars Christen Peterson, of Hyde Park, was arrested on the charge of unlawful cohabitation and on being brought before Commissioner Goodwin pleaded guilty. He was out of \$1,000 bonds of \$1,000, on Thurston and Henry E. House, before the court.

Last Wednesday afternoon the deputies arrested Frederick Jensen, of Logan, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, plea defendant guilty, and was bound over in the sum of \$1,000. Daniel Court and Thomas D. Robert were the bondsmen.

Last Friday evening the deputies arrested from Paradise, bringing with them John T. Robert and Vera Allen, charged with using threatening and abusive language to a constable, a "rout" and is a misdemeanor. Warrants were issued for some parties, and yesterday the deputies went to Paradise and arrested Wm. Orgill, Jr. He was released on \$100 bail pending the examination.

On Thursday afternoon two young men of Hyrum, Peter Sorenson and Emosha Christensen, while working in a ditch, for some unknown reason, took to the heels of a man, of which was dug up by them. Serious effects upon the bodies of the young men soon followed the eating. They experienced great distress, and manifested symptoms of poisoning. Dr. Leslie Snow, of the city, was sent for and he started immediately to Hyrum, reaching that settlement between eleven and twelve o'clock at night. Being convinced that the young men had been poisoned he treated them accordingly, remaining with them for several hours, until balance for the bodies was needed. At last accounts they were improving. The plant, the root of which they had tasted, is commonly known as wild parsnip, and is very poisonous.

The Case Grand Land and Improvement Company is the name of a \$25,000,000 organization just incorporated in Wyoming. It proposes to purchase, sell, improve, reclaim or irrigate wherever it may deem necessary. The headquarters are to be at Sundance, with branch offices in New York and at Casa, in Arizona. The capital is divided into 250,000 shares of \$100 each. It is said that Bob Ingersoll and Edward S. Stokes are members of the company.

Elizabeth Livingston vs. Thomas Miller; default and judgment.

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