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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 26.

Cool.—The storm of yesterday has rendered the air cool and pleasant.

More of It.—The showers were rather heavy last night, with prospects of more to-day.

Peach Drying.—Those who purpose doing business in the peach drying business, should bear the fact in mind that peeled peaches, dried in halves, not quarters, command the highest price.

Cider Again.—This morning Dr. Smith submitted to our taste and inspection a sample of the cider made by him, as alluded to in yesterday's NEWS. It is as good as he represented it to be, being equal, if not superior, to some kinds of wine, and very clear in appearance. Cider makers should note this.

Colonel Saxe in Town.—Colonel Peter Saxe, the noted importer of thoroughbred cattle and sheep, is in town again. He has a drove of the choicest animals on the way, in charge of his son, which he expects to reach here in three weeks. Another excellent chance for those who wish to improve the grade of their stock.

Life in Salt Lake.—It has been often said that the waters of the Great Salt Lake contain no living thing, but this notion is proved to be incorrect, for this morning William C. Lemon, Esq., presented to the Deseret Museum four "Crustaceans," taken from the Lake. They are minute specimens of marine life, being scarcely half an inch long from snout to end of tail; they have prominent black eyes, and are about as frisky as possible. They are white in color, and may be seen at the Museum.

Answer to a Complaint in Court.—In another part of to-day's NEWS may be found the answer of Brigham Young to a complaint of Ann Eliza Young, who sues for divorce and alimony in the Third District Court. The answer having been published in, as we believe, a characteristically dishonest, interpolated, and libellous form, we considered it advisable to publish the document correctly, so that our readers and the public at large might have the opportunity to read it as it is, ungarbled, uninterpolated, and free from malicious misrepresentation.

Our readers will readily perceive that the answer being constructed in technical style for legal purposes only, is necessarily of an essentially different character to that of an informal statement.

A Test Case.—Louis Ardner was before Alderman Pyper to-day, on a charge of selling liquor after the hours prescribed by ordinance. The case being perfectly clear, the defendant was fined in the sum of \$50; notice of an appeal was given and bonds were at once filed.

It is perfectly understood that this case is a test one, in which the

other saloon-keepers are interested, it being designed to carry the matter into the higher courts for the purpose of testing the validity of the liquor ordinance, on the point of unreasonableness, the hour of closing being deemed by the interested parties to be too early.

There is no telling how the courts now in existence in the Territory will rule on the matter, but the expressed wish of the people in the premises cannot be doubted. Not long since a monster petition, signed by thousands of the ladies of Salt Lake City, asking that the sale of intoxicating liquors be prohibited, or, at least, restrained so far as possible, was presented to the City Council. The action of the City Council on the petition was that the prayer be granted so far as the laws would admit.

The Lake Side Excursion.—The Retrenchment Association excursion party had a pleasant time at Lake Side yesterday. They engaged in dancing, bathing and other recreation. Prof. Thomas' band supplying the music. The only casualty that occurred on the grounds resulted from the breaking of a swing rope, which precipitated an adopted daughter of Mrs. Wilkinson upon her face, cutting, bruising and scratching it rather severely. A little boy was also slightly bruised in his back, while the people were crowding into the cars for the return trip.

While waiting for the down train, by the track, a heavy shower came down, rendering matters rather uncomfortable for a while.

We may state that all proprietors of pleasure grounds should not only see that there is plenty of apparatus for recreating purposes, but that everything of the nature of a swing is made of the soundest kind of material, for if it be otherwise serious accidents will be inevitable.

Mesdames East and Davis, the managing committee, exerted themselves commendably to render the members of the party comfortable.

A Big Saving.—We are informed by Dr. Barratt that himself and Mr. J. W. Snell are proprietors of an iron mine, in Tintic District, which they have been operating for something over two months, and which yields a splendid quality of brown hematite iron, just the kind of article for fluxing with. He says that this iron is being supplied to a large number of the smelters who are using it for that purpose; in fact the demand for it has increased so much lately that the freight from the mine to Provo amounts now to an average of about \$120 a day, and the same to Lehi, making \$240 a day. He states that the ore contains also \$9.50 to the ton in silver, and that it is supplied to the smelters at \$12 a ton, making the real cost to the purchaser but \$2.50 a ton. Heretofore large amounts of fluxing ore have been shipped to this Territory from Wyoming, that cost the smelting companies, laid down here, \$17 a ton. Dr. Barratt claims, that taking the matter of freight and other matters into consideration, the mine, which is named the "Excelsior," will retain nearly a million dollars in the Territory yearly, that would otherwise be sent abroad.

From the South.—To-day we met with Elder Richard Bentley, who arrived from St. George last Friday. He brought with him three tons of copper ore from the Grand Gulch mine, situated about fifty miles south-east of St. George. His purpose in bringing it was to have it thoroughly tested with a view to finding a market for it. This mine is considered by men of experience in mining matters to be one of the best in Utah. It is at present developed only to a limited extent, and there appears to be no end to the deposit. The ore, so far as reached, averages from 45 to 50 per cent. copper, and about sixteen ounces of silver to the ton, and it gives indications of running more to silver the deeper it goes. Some offers have been made by outside capitalists to purchase the mine, but the company prefer retaining it, as they believe they have got a splendid thing.

It is the intention of the company, as soon as it shall become practicable, to endeavor to have smelting works erected in the vicinity, so that the ore may be reduced there and thus save freighting and other expenses, which at present operate against the movements of the company.

The fruit crop in the south never was better; no destructive worms in that part of the Territory.

Fruit Stealing.—There is a large amount of fruit stealing going on just now, and some of it is of a most barefaced and unconscionable character. Parties have been observed indulging in this dishonest practice in orchards in the southwest portion of the 20th Ward. Their names are noted and witnesses are ready, and although the robbed parties do not wish to prosecute if they can avoid doing so, if the stealing goes on there will be no alternative left. The stealing alluded to is not generally done by small children; let a hint be sufficient.

Some people seem to be imbued with the fallacious idea that robbing orchards is not stealing, just as if there was any discrimination with regard to the kind of property taken to render an offense that of stealing, or the person purloining a thief. It is just as much a theft for a person to steal another's grapes, as it is to rob him of his clothing or money, and the person is as much entitled to punishment who enters another person's house and takes property therefrom as he who enters his orchard and steals from that. The orchard as well as the house, is a part of the premises of the owner. The only apparent difference between the act of a person who steals from an orchard, and that of another person who surreptitiously enters a fruit or other store on East Temple street, for instance, and steals therefrom, is that the one kind of stealing is, perhaps a little more dangerous than the other, because of the greater liability to discovery.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 27.

Potato Crop.—In the vicinity of Bountiful the potato crop is somewhat light. In most other portions of the Territory it is excellent.

Information Wanted.—Mrs. Susan Cox, of Swineshead, near Spalding, Lincolnshire, England, is anxious to hear from her son Levi A. Cox, supposed to live in Hooper City, Weber County, Utah.

Devastated Fields.—All along the line of the Union Pacific Railroad, from a point a short distance west of Omaha, to North Platte, the corn fields have been devastated by grasshoppers, and have the appearance, the stalks being cleanly stripped, of big patches of broom sticks. Most of the smaller grain, however, has been saved from these pestiferous devourers.

An Addition.—An addition is about to be made to the premises of the Fire Brigade, in the shape of a workshop, eighty by fourteen feet, to run parallel with and on the east side of the engine house. A leading object in putting up this new building is that there may be a suitable place in which to dry the hose, for when not properly dried after being used, the hose will invariably rot and become useless in a brief time.

Flat.—A gentleman of this City, who has just returned from a visit to Chicago, says that parties who think we are having dull times here would think matters were not quite so bad after a visit to the "Queen City of the West." He says thousands of unemployed men are walking about the streets, and the only branch of trade that appears to be doing anything worth mentioning in comparison with past years is the liquor business.

From Provo Valley.—To-day we had the pleasure of meeting Bishop Abram Hatch, of Wasatch County, from whom we learn that the very heavy rains that have fallen there during the season have caused the wheat to become somewhat shrunk, but the hay, barley, oat and potato crops are simply as

fine as could be desired. The Indians are all peaceable. The Parley's Park mines afford a good market for the home products raised by the people, and it is a general time of prosperity in the Bishop's diocese.

Information Wanted.—William Tait, late of Hawick, Scotland, is anxious to hear something concerning a brother of his, named Robert, who, twenty years ago, belonged to the 71st British regiment, then stationed in Canada. He had the reputation of being an excellent musician, and is believed by his inquiring brother to be somewhere in Utah, he having been informed to that effect, and that he was alive and well last year.

The present address of Mr. William Tait is, care of Dr. Grierson, Melrose, Roxburghshire, Scotland.

Supposed Robbery.—A gentleman named Frank Hirth is supposed to have a pocket-book containing \$250 currency and a quantity of valuable papers stolen from him last night.

According to his best recollection he placed the pocket book on a bureau near where he was sitting, in his house, and went to sleep, and when he awoke the money was gone.

It is barely possible, however, that he may have dropped the pocket book, and if so, the finder will understand from the above who the rightful owner is and return it to him.

Simple Cure for Boils.—Dr. Simon, a physician of Lorraine, gives a new cure for boils, namely, by treating them with camphorated alcohol. As soon as the culmination point of a boil makes its appearance he puts a little of the liquid in a saucer, and dipping the ends of his little finger in it, rubs the inflamed surface, especially the central part, repeating the operation eight or ten times for about half a minute. He then allowed the surface to dry, placing over it a slight coating of camphorated olive oil. He says that four such applications will, in almost all cases, cause boils to dry up and disappear, the operation to be performed morning, noon and evening. The announcement of so simple a cure for such a painful malady will bear repetition.—*Washington Star.*

Nearly a Fire.—The other evening the house of Mr. Alfred Isom, upholsterer, of the 20th Ward, came near being destroyed by fire. A large lamp, which had just been filled with kerosene, fell from a sewing machine, at which he was working, broke in pieces and scattered the burning oil over the room. He endeavored to smother out the flames with a blanket, but it became saturated and took fire also. Luckily, a number of vessels were standing outside, filled with water, which he dashed upon the fire, which caused it to spread around considerably. He next switched the burning oil and water around with a broom, and finally succeeded in extinguishing the flames, with the loss of a few articles of clothing, &c., which were burned, and the scorching of some of the furniture.

Had the fire got fairly under way nothing could have saved the building from total destruction, being a framed structure.

Not Divorced.—In the answer of the defendant to the bill of complaint of the plaintiff in the suit at law for divorce, in the Third District Court, as published in the NEWS yesterday, the defendant states that the plaintiff, as the defendant is advised and believes, never was divorced from James L. Dee, but was and still is his lawful wife. The defendant, however, at and for a certain time, was informed and verily believed that such divorce had been obtained.

The facts in the case are that the plaintiff sought and obtained a decree of divorce in the Probate Court, but that subsequently the Superior Courts of the Territory ruled that the Probate Courts had no jurisdiction in such cases, thus nullifying this decree of divorce and leaving the plaintiff in this case legally the wife of Mr. Dee.

Of course the carpet-baggers try

to make all the inflated capital they can out of this, but a prick with the point of fact bursts the bubble in a moment.

Tooele Election Case.—This case came up for further hearing yesterday afternoon, according to the following order issued by the Court—

"First.—What evidence was presented to and what facts were known by the defendant touching the plaintiff's election and right to the office of Probate Judge of the County of Tooele?"

"Second.—How much are Horace Bliss and E. W. Jones, sureties of the bond referred to in this case, worth over and above all their debts and liabilities, in property and exempt from execution?"

A third point in the order, relating to the amount of damages, if any, which had been sustained by the plaintiff, was waived.

Thomas Atkins, the defendant, was sworn and testified, on examination, that he knew nothing of the election of the plaintiff to the office of Probate Judge of Tooele County.

L. A. Brown, the plaintiff, produced his official bond and commission from the Governor, which were objected to by defendant's counsel, on the ground that the Governor's commission was not evidence of election. The Court overruled the objection, and an exception to the ruling was taken.

Mr. Foote testified to the presentation of plaintiff's bond to the defendant and the latter's refusal to accept.

W. H. Lee was called to the stand, but the taking of his evidence was objected to by plaintiff's counsel and the objection was sustained. The Court then adjourned till this morning at 10 a.m.

At the hour last named the hearing was resumed. Messrs. Bliss & Jones, plaintiff's sureties, each testified that they were severally worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in available property, free from incumbrance and liability.

Mr. W. H. Lee, assessor and collector of Tooele County, testified that for the year 1874, in accordance with Mr. Bliss's statement to him, he assessed that gentleman's property as being worth \$4,825, and on Mr. Jones' statement, the latter's at \$1,500.

The taking of testimony then closed, when Mr. Hagan, for the plaintiff, delivered a short argument, and he was followed by Mr. Sutherland, for the defendant. Mr. Hagan was to give the closing argument, when the case was expected to go to the court, for decision.

Rowdyism.—"K." writes from Shonesburg, August 19th—

"The spirit of the so-called civilization, that has been so rife in the North for a few years past, has appeared in the South. On the evening of the 17th inst., when the moon was hid in the western horizon, a dark figure in human shape was seen standing in the street, nearly in front of the residence of a citizen of Shonesburg. Some time during the night a horse that was hitched inside of the enclosure, near the house, was turned loose, where all kinds of fruit and garden stuff were growing, calves were turned to the cows, and two boys about fifteen years of age, who were quietly sleeping under a grape bowery, were shorn of their locks in a fearful manner. All appeared quiet until morning disclosed the scene. When the fact was known, censure rested on a young horse-thief, who has plenty of sympathizers.

"A very heavy thunder-storm visited us to-day. Crops that were planted in the United Order look well."

Killed by Lightning.—Mr. W. T. Boyd writes from Fountain Green, August 26—

"On Monday, 24th inst., Bro. Christian C. Turkelson, better known as Christian Kramer, was struck and killed by lightning, while engaged in harvesting, one mile south of town. He was a good man, loved and respected by all who knew him. His remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of friends and relatives. He leaves a wife and two children."