

tus as having presided over the building of the pyramid, answers far more closely to Abraham than to Melchisedec.

We now briefly refer to the "floor level" of 1815, and the "new era" ushered in between 1800 and 1815. Joseph Smith, the prophet of the last dispensation, was born in 1805. In 1815 his parents moved to the neighborhood of the spot where he obtained his first vision, when the Father and the Son appeared to him, and to the place where the Book of Mormon was deposited. This was the opening of a "new era," indeed, the ushering in of the "dispensation of the fulness of times," and the preparatory work for the coming of the Redeemer and the consummation of all things. If the measurement of the Grand Gallery be accurate and the theory correct, the great tribulations which are to precede the second advent are close at hand. But the narrow way is prepared for "the elect" who will "stand in holy places" and not be moved, but be prepared for "the time of the end" and to be established upon the "enduring granite" of the latter-day kingdom, "the stone cut out of the mountain without hands."

"The wise" will "understand" these allusions, and their consonance with ancient holy writ and modern revelation. We publish the article on the Pyramid, with these remarks, for the consideration of the reflecting, without stamping either with the seal of authority. We are on the very verge of time, and close to events that will shake the world, overturn the kingdoms and systems of men, introduce the divine government, and make straight the path for the feet of the King of Kings. Happy will they be who are ready, purified, enrobed and with their lamps burning to meet the Great Bridegroom and to "stand in their lot at the end of the days."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

If there is a person named John Smith in this Territory or the surrounding regions, he is wanted in Canada, as there is some money left for a person of that name, who emigrated from Scotland to America 44 years ago. It is possible there is more than one person of that name in this country, but only one is asked for.

The orator of Plymouth Church has made an arraignment of the Government of the United States, on the policy pursued towards the Indians, which if it had appeared a few years ago in a "Mormon" paper or had been uttered from a "Mormon" pulpit, would have been denounced as treason from a people "in league with the red men." And yet it is all verily true. Read the dispatches.

On another page is a letter taken from the Chicago Spirit of the Turf. It is from the pen of Bishop H. J. Faust of Corinne, who is well known in this region as an authority on horse-flesh. Utah is likely to become the source of supply for the east and west of work horses as well as beef cattle. It is a branch of business that may be followed here with profit, and we recommend Bishop Faust's statements and arguments to the consideration of our stock men all over the Territory.

A work has just been published by R. Moore, of New York, which contains a vast amount of general information, comprehending 50,000 industrial facts and processes with 450 tables and 500,000 calculations, and illustrated with 443 engravings. It is a condensed cyclopaedia, and gives rules for over 200 different trades and occupations. It is called *The Universal Assistant*, a title which it well deserves. It is a volume of 920 pages and sells for \$3.50. Mr. R. M. Powers, who has canvassed the Territory for several popular works, is agent for the *Universal Assistant*, and will no doubt sell a large number to persons of all trades, professions and occupations.

Rev. Joseph Cook, who used to delight Boston "culchaw" with obscure language and abstruse theories has been lecturing in New York. He told one audience about a sudden rise of the Sacramento river in California, when the hearts of white men failed them, and "the noble Chinese went down into the mud with their shovels, and saved San

Francisco." The Rev. Joseph is as ignorant of the geography of California as of "Mormon" polygamy, about which he expatiated some time ago. If he had known that San Francisco is built on hills, and that the bay of that name would drink in hundreds of such streams as the Sacramento, he would not have invented this yarn about "the noble Chinese."

Local and Other Matters.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 23.

The Harris Troupe.—Mr. W. T. Harris and his dramatic combination, after an extended and successful tour of Southern Utah, returned to the city last evening.

Found.—This morning, on the east sidewalk of Main Street, near the Titling Office, a red leather pocket book. The owner, by identifying it, may get it on applying at this office.

No Mail.—Owing to the trains east of Omaha being detained by heavy snow storms, the Union Pacific failed to make connection with the Utah Central, last evening, and consequently the usual mail did not arrive.

Fraternal Call.—We had a pleasant call, this morning, from Mr. J. B. Keeler, of the Provo Enquirer, who is paying a brief visit to the capital, on business connected with that paper. The Enquirer is an enterprising journal, well maintaining the interests of its supporters. We wish it well and are pleased to see anyone who represents it.

Attractive.—The latest cynosure in the Z. C. M. I. show window, is the elegantly framed show card of J. H. Clark's Spool Cotton, which is not only an advertising medium, but a really fine piece of workmanship. On the surface, in shining letters of gold and silver gilt, mingled with other handsome colors, is the well known trade mark of the firm, and the additional inscription "Gold Medal awarded at the Paris Exposition, 1878." The whole is surrounded by a magnificent, gilded frame, the dimensions of which are about 5 by 7 feet.

Notice to Sunday School Superintendents.—There will be no Sunday Schools held in this Stake of Zion, on Sunday, January 5th, in consequence of Quarterly Conference being held on that day in the Theatre. Superintendents will please give out this notice to-morrow, and invite both children and teachers to attend the conference. Also the usual monthly meeting of superintendents and teachers will be held on Sunday evening, January 5th, in the Theatre, and every officer in each school is particularly invited to be present.

GEO. GODDARD, Supt.

A Family Gathering.—On Christmas day, a large portion of the family of Elder David Fullmer, Patriarch, assembled at the residence of Elder Eugene B. Fullmer, his eldest son, and spent a "merry Christmas" around a table well spread with the bounties of nature. Four generations of the Patriarch's family were represented, the company numbering about fifty. If the whole family could have been together, a large hall would have been required to hold them. Brother Fullmer is one of the few remaining aged veterans of the Church.

The Frolics.—The laughable burlesque of "Hobbies" was presented for the fourth time, last evening, to another good house. Nearly everybody has had a good laugh over it by this time, and this afternoon and evening a complete change of programme will be made. The musical extravaganza of "The Ramblers" will take the stage for the matinee and for the evening, giving a chance to young and old to witness the last appearance of the Frolics.

Incidental to this comedy is the play of "Barrett vs. Richieu," in which the funny Goodwin displays his wonderful powers of mimicry. It will no doubt please the public as well as "Hobbies."

City Council.—Meeting of the City Council, Friday evening, Dec. 27, 1878, Mayor Little presiding.

A petition was received from R. B. Margetts, asking the privilege of taking ice from the west end of

First South Street. Petition received and it was the sense of the Council that he, with all others who desired so to do, be granted the privilege asked for.

A petition was received from 62 residents of the 17th and 19th Wards, stating that they are dependent on the 19th Ward water ditch for their water supply, and in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining water in winter, and in view of the fact that the 20th Ward ditches have a man to look after them, and also having appealed to the water-master without obtaining the required relief, they petition for the appointment of some person to look after the 19th Ward ditch, whose duty it will be to see that they obtain their necessary supply of water during the winter. The petition was received and the water-master instructed to require the petitioners to clear out the ditch, after which he was to turn on the water.

A petition was received from Mrs. B. P. Musser, asking the Council to transfer her unexpired merchant's license over to Mr. J. G. Brooks. Petition received and the prayer thereof granted.

A communication was received from B. M. Young, regarding the old Fort Block, in which he offered to sell the property for the sum of \$6,500, which was the least he would take for it. The communication was received and referred to the committee on public grounds, which was authorized to confer with Mr. Young and make him a proposition to pay \$5,000 for the ground, if he would accept that amount.

The special committee, to whom was referred the matter of gas, rendered the following report:

SALT LAKE CITY,
Dec. 20th, 1878.

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen.—Your special committee on gas matters, report that they have no facilities for testing or determining the amount of gas used in the street lamps more accurately than they have already reported, nor could they do so without a considerable outlay in the way of meters, etc. Therefore, your committee would most respectfully recommend:

That the city contract with the gas company on the basis of our last report, for the gas, and at a 10 per cent. reduction on the bill reported as the cost of lighting, extinguishing and repairing said lamps, which would be \$3,374 total expense per lamp per month, and that said contract be for one year from and after January 1st, 1879, and ask that your committee be discharged.

The report was received, the recommendations adopted and the committee discharged.

The Mayor appointed as a committee to consider the advisability of obtaining water from the Willow Creek Jordan canal and other sources: Aldermen A. H. Raleigh, Henry Dinwoodey, John Sharp, and Councilors Isaac Brockbank and F. Armstrong.

The committee on municipal laws then reported an ordinance in relation to sidewalks, which was taken up, read and, pending further consideration, a motion was made, and carried to have the ordinance printed in open lines.

Council adjourned until next Tuesday evening, at the usual hour.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 30.

Better.—The condition of Bro. B. Y. Hampton, who has had a severe attack of sickness, is said to be improving.

Conference.—The Quarterly Conference of the Salt Lake Stake, will convene in the Theatre, Salt Lake City, next Saturday, Jan. 4, at 10 a. m. All the brethren and sisters are earnestly invited to attend both on Saturday and Sunday.

Complimentary.—Elder Peter Reed, the well-known builder of this city, being about to start on a mission, his friends in the 16th Ward will tender him a complimentary party as a token of their esteem and good-will and to start him off in lively spirits. The ball will be given on New Year's Night, January 1st, 1879. Ticket 75 cents. We believe there will be a large turn-out, for Peter has hosts of friends.

The Tax Matter.—In chambers, on Saturday, the case of the Bingham Cañon and Camp Floyd, and

Wasatch and Jordan Valley Railroads vs. Collector Crismon came up. The hearing was on the order for defendant to show cause why an injunction should not issue restraining the collector from making seizure of the railroad property for delinquent taxes. Testimony was adduced and a long argument ensued, but no decision was given. The case will be continued next Friday afternoon.

Good Coal.—We notice with pleasure that Mr. W. Salmon has opened a depot for receiving coal direct from the Weber mines and supplying the public with fuel for which he will take part payment in store orders. This will secure a double good. Haulers from the mines will find a place to deposit their loads without having to wait around on the streets in the cold for a customer, and consumers who cannot always command ready cash will be able to get coal a little easier. Then it will be delivered at 25 cents per ton lower than the current cash rate, and those who want wood for kindling, can get some if they wish, at the same time. Mr. Salmon will also keep baled hay for sale at his depot in the Market House, and this will be handy for coal haulers as well as the general public. If you want good Weber coal, remember you can get it of Salmon, who will execute orders promptly.

The Townsend Case.—The decision in the Townsend House contempt and injunction cases was given in chambers, on Saturday. In the former, Wm. Jennings and Benjamin W. E. Jennens were found guilty of contempt in failing to regard the temporary injunction restraining them from interfering with the free ingress to and egress from the Townsend House, of Mrs. Townsend, and judgment was entered that they pay the costs of the contempt proceedings within three days from the notice thereof; in default of which they were to be confined in the county jail for the term of three days. W. H. Hooper was adjudged not guilty of contempt.

In the injunction matter, the defendants were to show cause why the temporary injunction should not be made permanent. The following is the order of the court in this case:

"The injunction is allowed substantially as in the amended restraining order, with the proviso that it shall not restrain any proper legal or equitable proceeding or suit for the possession of the property by the defendants; the injunction to issue upon the filing, by the plaintiff, of a bond or undertaking, in the usual form, in the sum of \$200, with sureties to be approved by the clerk of the court. Four days are allowed to file such bond, and the restraining order to remain in force in the meantime."

Mrs. Townsend will occupy her apartments in the Townsend House, and be protected in the premises until the trial for the possession of the property comes off, which will probably be some time next summer.

Mysterious Poisoning.—A mysterious case of poisoning has taken place in our community, in the family of David Miller, a baker, residing in the 15th Ward.

On Friday night, after having supper with his folks, at which time some vegetable soup was partaken of, he left to go to the Deseret Bakery, his place of business, where he remained until Saturday morning. On reaching his home again, he saw a light burning inside, but found the door locked. No one answering his knock and request for admittance, he broke a pane of glass, reached inside, unlocked the door and entered. He found his wife, the hired girl, who is between 12 and 13 years old and his two children lying in bed, fast asleep. All efforts to arouse them were unavailing, and a physician was summoned who pronounced it to be a case of intoxication. Not satisfied with this, Mr. Miller dismissed him and sent for Dr. Thompson, who, on arriving pronounced it to be a case of arsenical poisoning. Since then, the older of the two children, aged between 4 and 5 years, has revived partially, and from her it was learned that before going to bed Friday night, they took some whisky toddy. The mother has also stated this, but since denied it. Dr. Thompson has been unable to find any bottle or poison around

the place and the cause of the circumstance is so far shrouded in mystery. The child is only slightly affected. Mrs. Miller, though in considerable distress, will probably recover, but it is very doubtful about the restoration of the girl.

Drs. Thompson and Benedict made another visit to the house this afternoon, but nothing further was elicited.

Farmington Notes.—Farmington is a thriving settlement of 1,200 inhabitants, nearly entirely Latter-day Saints. It is, as its name implies, a farming community, and its people are not more noted for industry and energy, than for their uniform kindness and warm hearted hospitality.

Bishop John W. Hess is a good and wise father to the people, and with his able counselors, Elders Arthur Stayner and Jacob Miller, is continually striving to improve the general condition of his charge. A good feeling prevails; meetings, Sunday schools and the societies for mutual improvement are well attended by old and young of both sexes, and are in a progressive state.

There are six day schools in active operation, two Sabbath schools going, and another in contemplation; Elders Jas. T. Smith and Brother Christianson energetically at work in forwarding this branch of the Lord's work. Brother James H. Wilcox and Sister Lucy Clark preside over the Y. M. and Y. L. societies respectively, which hold joint sessions monthly. The primary association is progressing satisfactorily, under the kind and motherly supervision of Sister Aurelia Rogers; the good results of its organization being already manifest.

The Ladies' Relief Society, with Sister Ortentia Leonard as presiding officer, is also deserving of honorable mention, Farmington being also the place of residence of Sisters Sarah I. Holmes and Minerva E. Richards, the president and secretary of the Relief Society State organization. One of Farmington's noblest institutions, and one much appreciated by its members and the people at large, is the Farmington Institute, a literary and musical society, under the efficient direction of Elder Arthur Stayner. The Davis County Co-operative Company is a worthy industry, with a capital of \$16,000, of which Farmington owns \$10,000. The settlement is in a healthy situation, at the very base of the towering mountains on the east, and though noted for the fierceness of its winds, strange to say, in the recent gales that have made such havoc in her neighboring settlements, Farmington escaped almost entirely.

A CORRECTION ASKED.

Editors Evening News:

My attention having been called to some erroneous statements made in your report of the Townsend-Jennings contempt case, before Chief Justice Schaeffer on Tuesday last, which convey to the general reader impressions utterly false in fact, I desire, in respect to one of them, that you will publish the following explanation:

In my affidavit in the case of James Townsend vs. W. H. Hooper et al., I affirm that I am Mr. Townsend's wife, but do not explain that this relationship subsisted between us by reason of the doctrines and covenants of the Mormon Church.

In my complaint in the case of Elizabeth M. Townsend vs. Hooper and Jennings, I state distinctly that I am the plural (not the legal) wife of Mr. Townsend.

Thus you will perceive that my affidavit and complaint are not contradictory, but on the contrary are perfectly consistent with the facts and with each other.

Very respectfully,

ELIZABETH M. TOWNSEND.

(The "erroneous statement" referred to, we suppose, is the following: "It was claimed, by the defense, that Mrs. Townsend had sworn to two different statements, etc." If the lady will read our report carefully, she will see that we have not asserted that she gave two contradictory statements, but that the defense claimed she had done so. If the defense did claim this, the NEWS has made no "erroneous statement."—Eds.)