

**Funeral of Clarence Lee.**—The funeral of Clarence Lee, the young man whose sudden death in Montana we noticed at some length in our issue of last Saturday, was held at Tooele, the home of his parents, on Monday, upon which occasion a large number of the relatives and acquaintances assembled and were addressed by Elder Ly-sander Gee, in a consolatory and instructive manner. The scene at the service was very affecting; in fact, the whole assembly were moved to tears.

Some of the strictures passed upon the character of the young man in our former allusion to him are denied by the relatives, who, though not desirous of extenuating his faults, are unwilling to have his memory rest under imputations which his actions did not merit. We have no disposition to cast an unjust reflection upon the character of any person living or dead, and therefore cheerfully publish the statement they have to make.

It is said that as a youth he was quite exemplary, and that, in fact, his character was above reproach until some time after he went to Montana. He was induced to enter into business there, and soon became a universal favorite in the community on account of his generous, open-hearted, convivial disposition. The class of acquaintances formed there, as we may imagine, were not such as to elevate him by their associations, and meeting with reverses in business by being burned out on two separate occasions, he was led in desperation to fall into the ways of some of his associates and resort to gambling. It is denied, however, that he was a drunkard, and he himself, shortly before his death, strongly and indignantly repudiated the imputation that he had been immoral.

Viewing the career and death of this young man, even in the most generous light, it should point a moral to every youth in our community. However irksome the restraints of home, of parental advice and of religion may seem, there is the greatest possible danger in rejecting them for the allurements offered by the world. Estrangement from friends, disgrace, and death among strangers are among the slightest of the evil consequences that usually result from such a course.

**Returned Missionaries.**—Elders M. E. Pack, of Kamas, and Wm. G. Farrell, of Logan, arrived in this city to-day from a mission to the Sandwich Islands, upon which they departed on the 1st of June, 1882. They each taught school at Laie, the Church plantation, during about one year of their absence, and the balance of their stay on the Islands was nearly all spent in laboring in the ministry in the various branches of the mission. They are earnest, intelligent young men, and we feel sure from the spirit they manifest on their return that their efforts in behalf of the cause of God and for the enlightenment of the degenerate remnants of ancient Israel resident on the Sandwich Islands, have been very effective. The experience they have gained while abroad will, we feel sure, also prove of lasting benefit to them. Naturally, if left to choose for themselves a field for missionary labor, most persons would take almost any other in preference to the Sandwich Islands; but that mission has thus far been as fruitful of good results at least to the Elders who have engaged in it as almost any other. Many men who now stand prominent in the Church, and who are conspicuous for their ability as well as for their faithfulness have filled long and arduous missions to the Sandwich Islands, laboring in humility to save the people of the Hawaiian nation; and the eminence they have since attained to is doubtless due, in great part, to the faith developed in them, and the experience gained, while thus engaged.

Elders Pack and Farrell report the mission in a fairly prosperous condition. The Church now numbers about 3,600 members on the Islands, among whom there are now fourteen Utah Elders laboring. However, notwithstanding the efforts made to reclaim the race, and the improvement attendant on so many of them embracing the Gospel and endeavoring to observe its laws, the nation is gradually dwindling away. A syphilitic disease which is said to have been introduced among the Hawaiians by the sailors of Captain Cook, the first white discoverer of those islands, is tending to decimate the people, and many of them have no children.

The day school at Laie is attended by an average of 42 of the children of the Church members, and the Sunday school held there has about 115 members. The children are taught English as well as Hawaiian, and manifest considerable aptitude in learning.

Elder Edward Partridge, who for some time past has been presiding over the Sandwich Islands mission, has been succeeded in that office by Elder Enoch Farr, of Ogden, and will probably reach home in about a month.

**Verdict of Not Guilty.**—The tedious case against Mrs. Mary A. Morton, for abducting a five-year-old son of Elbridge Tufts, named Willie, on the last day of 1883, has finally come to a termination. The evidence developed in the proceedings, briefly stated, shows that the mother of the child died when he was but eleven months old, and that he was placed by his father under the care of Mrs. Morton, who is a relative by marriage, and who claims that the child was given to her by Mr. Tufts. Having no little ones of her own, she cared tenderly for Willie until he was about three years old, when his father married

again, and demanded the child, whom Mrs. Morton very reluctantly surrendered. The little fellow, it seems, was not well treated by his step-mother, much to the distress of Mrs. Morton, who loved him almost as if he really were her own offspring.

Early in the winter of 1883, Mr. Tanner, the child's grandfather came from his home in Ohio, on a visit to Salt Lake City. Mrs. Morton, with the aid of several friends, made secret arrangements to have the child taken to Ohio in charge of Mr. Tanner. The plans were executed successfully, and the child was taken to McConellsville, Ohio, with his grandfather. Mr. Tufts got a clue to the situation, after doing considerable detective work, and had the abductors arrested and examined before a committing magistrate, as our readers doubtless remember. Before the examination ended, however, Mrs. Morton telegraphed for Mr. Tanner to return the child, which he did. This did not stop the trouble, though, as all, except Mr. Tanner, who took an active part in getting the child away were bound over and subsequently indicted for abduction, by the grand jury, and one of them, a man named Hitch, pleaded guilty, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, and has been in the penitentiary ever since. Mrs. Morton justifies herself in the proceedings on the ground that the child was given to her by its father, and that she had a right to let him visit his grandfather. On the other hand, Tufts denies having given the child to her, and shows receipts for money paid to Mrs. Morton for taking care of the child.

The lawyers on both sides—Mr. Dickson for the prosecution, and Arthur Brown for the defense—have worked like beavers for their respective clients, spending nearly all of yesterday in delivering their arguments. At about half past six last night the Judge charged the jury and they retired to discuss further and decide upon the merits of the case.

After being out all night they entered the court room at 10 o'clock this morning with a verdict of not guilty.

**Court Proceedings.**—The jury who have listened so patiently for several days to the evidence and arguments in the case against Mrs. Mary A. Morton for abduction, entered court this morning, after having the matter under consideration all night, and rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The case of the United States vs. Joseph Davis, charged with stealing public property, came up this morning. The defendant was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

The defendant in the case of the People vs. Robert Lowrie, for enticing females, etc., plead not guilty to the charge.

The case of the People vs. Niels Nielson, charged with forgery, was dismissed for want of evidence.

The cases of A. B. Efelt and Chas. Foster against E. A. Ireland, having been settled, were dismissed, and all bonds cancelled; as was also the case of A. B. Efelt vs. Chas. Forster et al., on the same order.

The case of the People vs. Niels Benson, for assault with a deadly weapon, was not finished when we went to press.

## TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

### CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES

—A destructive fire occurred on Tuesday, at Sargents, Col., in which the large store of Webb & Corbin, and most of the goods it contained, were destroyed.

—The bounty law of Montana cost the Territorial treasury nearly \$12,000 paid for scalps of wild animals during 1884. There were killed during the year 547 bears, 143 mountain lions, 5,410 wolves, and 1,621 coyotes.

—Last Monday, at Omaha, a fearful stabbing affray occurred between two boys, 15 years of age, named John Haggerty and Harry Schnitzner. It seems that while Haggerty and some of his companions were passing Schnitzner on the street, some of the boys got into a scuffle in which he was accidentally pushed against Schnitzner, whereupon, the latter drew a knife and stabbed Haggerty, the weapon penetrating nearly to the heart. His assailant then ran toward his uncle's house, but was overtaken and arrested by an officer. Schnitzner, who is a Jew, claimed that he stabbed Haggerty because he and the other boys were in the habit of abusing him continually and sometimes in a very severe manner. The other boys, however, claim that the young Hebrew is a "hard case," and that the attack was entirely unprovoked. Just how the matter will end is uncertain.

## THE POSTAL DELIVERY.

TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS ON MONDAY NEXT.

The preparations for the free postal delivery in this city have been completed by Postmaster Lynch, so far as possible before the work of distribution actually begins. The boundaries of the seven districts have been defined, subject to such necessary changes as may be suggested by experience. The first district comprises the chief business portion of town, commencing at the corner of South Temple and West Temple streets, then south to Third South, east to First East, north to South Temple, and west to West Temple Street. The second district

lies to the west and south of the first, reaching west to Third West Street. The third district includes the most westerly and northerly parts of the city. The fourth district is west of East Temple and north of South Temple, reaching to Third West and Third North streets. The fifth district is north and east of the first, extending north to Fifth, and east to Sixth East Street. The sixth district is south of the first and fifth. The seventh district makes a circuit of the north-east, east and southeast portion of the city. In these seven districts are located fifty-six boxes, to receive mail, which will be placed in position in the early part of the week. To the third and seventh districts are appointed the mounted carriers.

In the Postoffice the labor of the distribution to the various districts has been so simplified that it will be almost impossible, with ordinary diligence, for delays or errors in the delivery of mail to occur. For each district are provided "loop boxes," and in these the mail is so arranged that one letter or package follows the other in the order of the route established for the carrier, who knows just where he is to go before leaving the office. Each carrier has a list of the names and residences of all those in his district. And in fact, the plan of delivery is so systematized that there is now required but a little practice on the part of the carriers, to make the whole arrangement work smoothly and correctly.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY FEB. 28.

**Reports Wanted.**—The Secretaries of Primary Associations of Salt Lake Stake, will please forward their reports immediately. Mrs. Ellen C. Clawson, President.

Address all reports to Miss Bessie Dean, 77 Peach Street, Salt Lake City.

**Commissioned.**—The Governor has issued commissions to Oley Ellingson, mayor, and John E. Ross and George Webb, aldermen, of Lehi City; and to Alfred J. Kitch, Thomas C. Beck and James O. Bullock, aldermen, of Spanish Fork City.

**Received a Diploma.**—By telegram from Stephen L. Richards, son of the late Dr. Willard Richards, who is studying at the American Veterinary College of New York City, we learn that he has passed his examination and received a diploma as a veterinary surgeon. He leaves for home next Thursday.

**Lost his Fingers.**—The following particulars of an accident were received to-day:

Last Wednesday James Mack, of Smithfield, Cache County, while engaged in repairing the cleaner in his mill, met with an accident, after the machine was set in motion, by which he lost the middle and ring fingers of his right hand. He received medical aid from Logan and at present is doing well.

**For Sheep-Stealing.**—The case of the People, etc., vs. Jeremiah L. Whitehouse, who was indicted some time ago for stealing sheep belonging to Mrs. Slater, of Tooele, has occupied the attention of the District Court to-day. The number said to have been stolen is 150, and some of them bearing Mrs. Slater's brand, were found in the defendant's flock. Many witnesses from Tooele have been examined, but no result was arrived at in time for us to state it to-day.

**Young Folks of Mona Aroused.**—A correspondent writing from Mona, Juab County, informs us that the members of the Mutual Improvement Association of that place recently adopted a preamble expressive of their indignation at the outrageous treatment accorded to the Saints generally by their enemies, and especially at the libelous and incendiary utterances of a certain infamous sheet published in this city, and have resolved to withhold their patronage entirely from those who are engaged in the crusade against the Saints, or who sympathize with or countenance the acts of the crusaders. These sentiments and this manner of expressing them are becoming pretty general throughout the community, and will probably soon be universal, so far as the Latter-day Saints are concerned. Speed the day.

**A Work of Art.**—The preamble and resolutions of respect to the memory of the late David O. Calder, passed, at the time of his death, by the officers of Z. C. M. I., with the management of which institution that gentleman was so long and prominently connected, have recently been executed in pen and ink drawing and encased in a beautiful gilt frame. The work has been done, at the expense of Z. C. M. I., by Prof. A. J. Phelps, formerly of Bountiful, but now of Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County, and it is certainly a credit to him, and will doubtless be prized by the family of Brother Calder, to whom it is to be presented, as a memento of the esteem in which the memory of the departed is held, and also as a real work of art, which it assuredly is.

**A Raid on Prostitutes.**—Last evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, the police officers swooped down unexpectedly upon six houses of ill-fame and gathered in thirty-one of the inmates of those dens of corruption and brought them to the office of the City Marshal. The air was made thick with the oaths and curses from the enraged females, until they were informed that the extra charge of profanity would be booked against them, whereupon they

suddenly became quiet, and concluded to yield peacefully to the arm of the law. All but three were released upon the guarantee of their mistresses that they should be forthcoming to-day at 2 o'clock, when their cases would come up before Judge Speirs. As these three were old offenders and unable to give satisfactory assurance of their appearance at the proper time, they were given lodgings in the city jail last night.

At 5 o'clock this morning the officers arrested another of the *demi monde*, who succeeded in eluding them last evening. She was endeavoring to make her escape, dressed in male attire. The suit evidently had not been designed for her, as the extraordinary length of the pants proved to be such an impediment to her progress that she was easily captured.

**A Feasible Route.**—The committee appointed from the county and city officers to investigate the project of constructing a canal to carry off the surplus water of the Jordan river, have completed their preliminary survey, and are elated over the result. A natural channel was found to exist most of the distance, and it is the opinion of Selectman Jesse W. Fox, Jr., that the river, or at least a portion of it, has at some time in the past found its way to the Salt Lake by that route.

The river is now three-and-a-half feet lower at the point where the proposed canal will branch off from it than it was during the high water of last season; but from the present surface of the river to the surface of the first white lake encountered on the route—a distance of about one-and-a-half miles—there is a fall of six feet. This is the portion upon which the main part of the work will be required. From the first white lake to the second, which lies just south of the old road leading to the Salt Lake, the natural channel mentioned will be ample for conveying even the whole river if it was desirable to turn it in that direction, without any work. At the north end of the second white lake a cut of about 700 feet, or rather the deepening of the present channel through which the water already runs, will be all that is necessary to complete the canal to the big slough near the old Box farm, which leads directly into the Salt Lake.

The whole of the distance to the Salt Lake has not been leveled by the surveyors, but in running a distance of six miles northwest from the first white lake a fall of ten-and-a-half feet was obtained—sufficient to produce a strong current when the greater fall higher up the stream is considered.

Brother Fox is of the opinion that the cost of the proposed canal will not exceed \$10,000, and that the whole of the river could easily be turned in that direction.

A meeting of the committees is being held in the City Hall this afternoon, at which a report of the survey will be made and the work of construction considered.

[Special to the DESERET EVENING NEWS.]

## SUDDEN DEATH.

MANTI, Utah, Feb. 28, 1885.

Jas. H. Patisons, a young man about 22 years of age, son of Henry Patisons, of this place, left home this morning in his usual good health to hunt stock. He happened to see a rabbit and gave chase, when his horse stumbled and fell on him, breaking his neck. He died about ten minutes afterwards.

## TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

### CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—Leadville flatters itself on its prospects for a building boom in the spring.

—The loss from the fire at Sargents, Colo., mentioned yesterday, amounted to \$6,000. Insurance covers the whole of the loss.

—Jacob Villebois, a well-known bartender of Omaha, has become insane and has been taken into custody. His reason is supposed to have been unsettled by the recent loss of two children.

—On Wednesday, at Leadville, a boy named Patsey Donovan, was hanging on to the rear end of a sleigh, with one leg protruding beyond the side, when another sleigh came along, and the boy's leg was caught between the two and broken. He was taken to his home and surgical assistance called. This should be a warning to boys who are in the habit of hanging behind vehicles.

—A special from Helena to the Butte Miner, dated February 25th, says: The notorious horse thief and desperado, Henry Edmundson, Frank McCormick, the pugilist, and three other persons, named Dwyer, Clark and Ashton, escaped from the county jail to-night. They had concealed themselves in the bath room, and when the jailer went inside to lock up, they knocked him down, gagged and tied him, and walked out of the front door. The whole city is roused and hunting for them.

## A DOSE OF MORPHINE.

A GERMAN DOCTOR SAYS HE WANTS TO DIE.

For several months past, a German, giving the name of Edward A. Oppen, aged about 40 years, and a physician by profession, has been boarding at the St. James Hotel. He had been introduced, by a gentleman engaged in mining, to Dr. Fowler. This gentleman,

Dr. Oppen stated to Dr. Fowler, had borrowed from him some money, promising payment soon. Time went on, and the mining man failed to put in appearance. On the 17th inst., Dr. Oppen asked and obtained from Dr. Fowler a loan of \$60 to pay his board bill.

Shortly before noon yesterday, Mrs. Howard, whose little girl Dr. Oppen had been attending, went to his room in the hotel and knocked at the door, but receiving no answer, and finding the door open, she went in. She heard heavy breathing in the next room, and entering saw the doctor on the bed, apparently asleep. She aroused him and asked some questions, to which he answered that he would be all right soon, and fell asleep. On a chair near the bed were some letters stamped and sealed, among them one addressed to Dr. Fowler, and one each to Rev. Mr. Oppen and Captain Oppen, in the east, supposed to be the doctor's brothers. Dr. Fowler was immediately summoned by telephone, from St. Mary's Hospital, and on his arrival was given the letter addressed to him, which is as follows:

February 27.

Dear Fowler:

I sent to Chicago to collect a bill due me to repay your loan to me, through your banker. Please pay the woman in the hotel \$35 more; that will square our account. If you will accept my books you are welcome to do so. Whatever little property I have here, sell and pay yourself.

With many thanks for your kindness during our short acquaintance,

I am, dear Fowler,

Yours most truly,

EDWARD A. OPPEN.

P. S.—There is a ring at Hollander's, which I ordered to be set. Wear it in memory of yours truly, E. A. O.

Dr. Fowler succeeded in waking the sleeping man, who, on being questioned, said he had taken twenty grains of morphine, with the intention of committing suicide; that he did not longer desire to be a burden upon strangers, or to be regarded as a blight, and took this method to escape. He refused to let Dr. Fowler pump the drug out of his stomach, saying it was two hours since he had taken it; that he had swallowed nothing since but a little coffee to dissolve the poison; that it was thoroughly in his system, and it was useless to make any attempt at getting it out, and that he desired to be let alone; he soon sank into a deep slumber.

Dr. Fowler, however, went immediately to work, administered a dose of atropine, and ordered that plenty of strong coffee be also given. Dr. Potter was called, who saw the bottle from which the morphine had been taken and noticed that no such amount as twenty grains had been removed. A sixty-grain bottle of morphine, similar to the one in Dr. Oppen's room, was obtained, and when weighed was found to contain fifty-six grains; while the one which had been used by the doctor contained fifty-one grains, showing that the dose taken had not exceeded five grains, though this amount is sufficient to cause death in a person unaccustomed to its use. The efforts of Dr. Fowler were successful, and to-day Dr. Oppen is reported to be almost entirely well.

The case scarcely looks like a real attempt at suicide. On reviewing the circumstances and the statement by Dr. Oppen that he had taken twenty grains when five was the actual amount, we incline to the opinion that it was merely an attempt to raise an excitement and create sympathy and notoriety for the chief actor in the farce.

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