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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 25.

**A Portrait.**—This afternoon Mr. Paul Hammer showed us an Indian ink portrait, executed by him, of President George Q. Cannon. The likeness is good, the artist having been fortunate in catching the natural expression, but the appearance of the picture is somewhat marred, in our view, by an extremely dark background, giving it a too somber appearance.

**We Think They Can.**—Can "sweet potatoes be successfully and properly raised in Utah?" This question was propounded by Mr. John W. Snell, who, while putting the interrogation held out a tuber of that variety, weighing 3½ pounds, which can be seen at the Idaho Store. It is a specimen of a quantity amounting to 20,000 pounds raised as an experiment by T. G. Griffiths. The land on which they are produced is on a sunny slope, the mouth of Ogden Canyon, adjacent to Ogden City.

**Case of Cow Stealing.**—This afternoon Leopold Wirthling, of the 17th Ward, informs us that about five o'clock last evening, as his boy, ten years of age, was taking his cow home from the pasture, he was pounced upon by two youths, aged about 16 and 18 years respectively. One of the young fellows held him and placed his hand over his mouth while the other drove the animal westward toward the Jordan. When the one driving the cow got some distance away the other released the boy and ran after him, and all disappeared, leaving the lad to return home minus his charge. The cow is a light red one, with two small white spots on the forehead; branded W on right hip, and with a curve on the left side. The animal is about seven years old.

**Only Apparent.**—We did not purpose saying anything about the matter of the apparent dispute between Mr. Joel Grover and Mr. Charles Foote, of Nephi, regarding the office of Probate Judge of Juab County; but seeing it is going the round of our contemporaries without any explanation we prefer doing so now. We learned at the time it occurred that Mr. Foote, who received a small minority of votes for the office, was given a certificate of election, but we learned at the same time that this was simply and solely through a clerical error, by which the name of the unsuccessful candidate was placed upon the paper instead of that of the other. We were also aware that so soon as the mistake was discovered the honorable Secretary of the Commission rectified it without delay by telegraphing the situation to Mr. Foote and forwarding a certificate to Mr. Grover, the candidate who was duly elected.

**About Coal Mines and Railroads.**—This morning we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John Croft, of Morgan County, who is now located at Franceville, where he and Bishop John Hopkins, of Croyden, is running a store. Bishop Hopkins is superintendent of the Franceville Coal Mine, owned by the Denver and New Orleans Railroad Company. It is situated in El Paso County, Colorado, about midway between Denver and Pueblo.

The same company owned, at one time, the coal mines at Com, between Denver and Leadville, and Bishop Hopkins developed and made them profitable. When the property was sold to the U. P., the same company secured his services for the Franceville mine, where he is

now successfully operating, having an established reputation as a capable and experienced coal man. He insists on the maintenance of sobriety among the workmen, and has a number of Utah miners at work with him.

The Denver and New Orleans R. R. Company have lately been impeded in their progress by rival roads, who have been putting every possible block in their way, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Company having refused to exchange freight with them, and the D. & R.G. putting forward every practicable obstacle to prevent the development of the project, after the fashion of railroads everywhere. Matters, according to Mr. Croft, are now in smoother shape, and the work of building the road on to Trinidad, where the company own vast fields of coking coal, and thence to Galveston, is to be pushed ahead without delay.

The objective eastern point is New Orleans, which the company purpose reaching either by building directly through to that city, or by suitable connection with some other line. It is claimed by ex-Governor Evans, the president of the company, that when the contemplated system is fully completed between East and West, the railroad distance between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts will be shortened nearly 900 miles, and as a consequence, will attract the bulk of the through traffic from sea to sea.

The New Orleans R. R. Company is composed mostly of Colorado men of considerable wealth and long-standing.

Franceville, where Bishop Hopkins and Mr. Croft are operating, is 145 miles from Manassa, the nearest settlement of our people.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 26.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to adjournment the Territorial Constitutional Convention will meet in the City Hall, October 9, 1883, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, Pres.

Junius F. Wells,  
Assistant Secretary.

**Canal Break.**—We understand that a break has occurred in the Salt Lake and Jordan Canal, near the Point of the Mountain, in the vicinity of the place where the D. & R. G. crosses the Jordan River. We have not learned the extent of the damage.

**Wounded.**—Last Monday, we gave the details of a fusillade in the 16th Ward, between three men, two of whom were U. S. Deputy Marshals, and young Andrew Pettit, the notorious horse-thief. It appears that the latter did not escape Scot free, as was supposed, but was shot in the left hand and arm in several places, the wounds being quite painful, though not dangerous.

**A Horrible Affair.**—A horrible affair occurred at the railroad camp, on the Oregon Short Line, of the Jessop Brothers, of Millville, Cache County, last Thursday. A Chinaman who had just arrived and been engaged as cook, was discovered in the act of outraging a little daughter of Mr. Jessop's. He fled and was pursued by a band of angry men, who caught and immediately hanged him.

**Cold Blooded Murder.**—The following special from Mount Pleasant, Sanpete County, was received today:

L. T. Pritchett was murdered in cold blood last night. Some unknown party or parties secretly entered the house and shot him twice while in bed. One shot was so near his person that the powder burned his clothing. The citizens are thoroughly aroused over the matter, and will give it a full investigation.

**The Latest Park Homicide.**—The circumstances of Sunday night's stabbing incident at Park City are that, in the Scandinavian saloon on Olson approached a man named Christiansen and without any provocation, stabbed him below the left

ribs with a large knife, making a fearful cut from which the entrails protruded. Olson, who is a bad man, was arrested. His victim died on Monday evening.

**In from Moab.**—Brother Norman Taylor, of Moab, Emery County, called today. He is a pioneer of this Territory, having arrived with the second wagon that entered Salt Lake Valley. He informs us that Bishop Randolph Stewart and Counselor O. Warner are about to establish a grist mill at Moab, which will be a great convenience to that locality. He reports crops good and the health of the people excellent.

**Terrible Accident to a Little Girl.**—We learn of a very distressing accident that occurred the other day to a little six-year-old daughter of O. J. Davidson's of Deseret, Millard Co. Her sister, two years older, picked up a scythe, and while in the act of attempting, in a child-like way, to mow, she accidentally struck the younger girl in the abdomen with the point of the blade, cutting a terrible gash, from which a large portion of the bowels protruded. In the absence of regular surgical help the best assistance immediately at hand was procured, the entrails being put back into position by Sister Cynthia Black. At last, accounts the poor child was suffering considerably from internal pains. We are indebted to Joshua Bennett, for the information concerning this lamentable accident.

**Supposed Poisoning Case.**—On Sunday a young man aged about 26 years, whose name we have not learned, died in a shanty at the rear of a saloon near the Horn Silver Smelting Works, south of this city, under peculiar circumstances. He had been working a few days at the Germania works, but was discharged. Last Sunday morning he called several times at the postoffice across the road from the saloon, and asked for a letter which he expected. He had told several parties that he anticipated receiving a missive from friends in the East with a P.O. order in his favor for \$250. The last time he called was at 2 o'clock p. m. when he appeared to be in sound health. He was not seen again until 5.30, when he was discovered dead. It was generally supposed that he had committed suicide by taking poison, in consequence of being disappointed in not receiving the expected remittance.

**Specimen of Art.**—A finished piece of statuary was exhibited at the marble and stone works of Watson Brothers yesterday. It was fresh from the skilled hand of Mr. William Pierce, an English sculptor of marked ability, who has executed some fine work in that line in his native country and the Eastern States. The figure is that of a female, representing "Summer," carrying the products, in the shape of flowers, of that sunny season. The pose and proportions are all that could be desired, while the drapery hangs with exquisite grace. It is cut from a block of Sanpete stone, which is oolite, being composed of very fine shells and lime. The figure was cut to the order of Feramorz Little, Esq., and will occupy a niche in the principal staircase of his residence. For the same gentleman an other figure representing "Winter," will be executed by Mr. Pierce, and, when finished, will occupy a position opposite to that in which "Summer" will stand.

**What Next?**—It would be difficult to imagine anything evil of which the Latter-day Saints have not been accused, notwithstanding the fact that has a community they stand at the head of the list in all the world for social purity and honesty, although far from what they should be in these respects. The latest and perhaps newest phase of false accusation is that of their being leagued with the socialists. In his remarks at the Tabernacle on Sabbath afternoon, Elder P. F. Gossett stated that in order to shield themselves from the operations of the law in Germany, socialists when disturbed in meetings by the police claimed to be "Mormons," and the authorities summoned Elder Gossett before them to ascertain whether there was any connection between the Latter-day Saints and socialists.

Lately, as before stated in the NEWS, a number of men who were investigating the doctrines of the Church in Mexico were charged with meeting in the capacity of a secret society known as the "Black Hand." As "all manner" of evil is to be spoken falsely against the Saints, we wonder what the next accusation will be.

**Commissions Issued.**—We learn from Acting Governor Arthur L. Thomas that he has issued commissions to the persons named below:

BOX ELDER COUNTY.

Probate Judge—P. F. Madsen.  
Prosecuting Attorney—R. H. Jones.  
County Clerk—A. H. Snow.  
Recorder—A. H. Snow.  
Sheriff—O. C. Loveland.  
Justice of the Peace, Mantua Precinct—E. J. Halling.

Corinne City.

Mayor—J. W. Guthrie.  
Assessor and Collector—D. D. Ryan.  
Treasurer—H. S. Krigbaum.  
Marshal—Ira H. Fowler.  
Councillors—J. M. Walker, James Coll, J. R. Fowler, Fred. Dehler, A. Toponce, D. H. Spence, Senr., Henry Foxley, D. D. Ryan, E. H. Williams, C. P. Groot.  
Recorder—C. A. Krigbaum.

JUAB COUNTY.

Probate Judge—Joel Grover.  
Prosecuting Attorney—F. W. Chappel.  
Superintendent District Schools—F. W. Chappel.  
Surveyor—John Foote.  
Coroner—Henry Adams.  
Constable, Nephi Precinct—Wm. Bowman.

TOOELE COUNTY.

Treasurer—Thomas Atkin, Jr.  
Justice of the Peace, Clover Precinct—Isaac Caldwell.  
Constable, Lake View Precinct—Walter Anderson.  
Mayor, Tooele City—George Atkin.

CACHE COUNTY.

Probate Judge—J. Z. Stewart.  
Mayor Mendon City—John Donaldson.  
Justice of the Peace, Mendon City—Alfred Gardner.

WEBER COUNTY.

Probate Judge—L. W. Shurtliff.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 27.

**Indian Farm.**—Interpreter Wm. Lee is in from Deep Creek. We learn from him that 4,000 bushels of oats, a quantity of wheat and 100 tons of hay were raised on the Indian farm in that locality this season, and matters were otherwise progressing as well as could be expected.

**Pursuing Pettit.**—Deputy U. S. Marshal Greenman and posse are out hunting for Andrew Pettit. He will be caught or leave this part of the country, either of which would be a desirable consummation. If he gets away, however, it will be bad for the part of the world where he turns up again. If Captain Greenman gets his eyes on him he will not be likely to escape.

**Saloon Burglarized.**—Sometime between the hour of closing last night and opening this morning, the saloon of Shively and Bennie, on Second South Street, was entered by a burglar, who gained admittance by the transom over the front door. The sum of \$12, a watch worth about five dollars, and fifty cigars were stolen. The thief emerged from the establishment by the front door, which was partially open when one of the proprietors arrived this morning.

**Death of a Missionary.**—Bishop Charles E. Robison, of Montpelier, son of Brother Lewis Robison, on a mission to the Southern States, died at Whitaker, South Carolina, at 1.15 o'clock yesterday morning. So states a telegram from Elder B. H. Roberts to Pres. Taylor. The President answered the dispatch, directing that the body be sent to Montpelier via Granger.

No particulars as to the cause of death have yet been received. The deceased left for his field of labor on the 10th of last April, at which

time he was a fine, robust young man.

**Chester Primary Fair.**—The Chester Primary Association Fair was held Sept. 24th, under the presidency of Aunt Emma Heyward and her two Counselors, Sisters Millie Allred and Matilda Peterson.

The articles exhibited were pleasingly varied, including some monster beets, carrots and turnips, pretty wagons and ingenious mousetraps. These primary scholars ranged from nine to eleven years. The articles contributed by the little girls were of the usual kind; quilts, lilies, wool-rolls, having a pleasing background of ples, cakes, butter and bread, the work of equally young hands.

After the usual opening exercises were had, the recitation, song and primary classes were gone through most creditably. Realizing that space cannot be given us in your valuable paper, I forbear to particularize.

Some judicious presents were made to the President, which she feelingly responded to.

Bishop R. N. Allred made a few felicitous remarks, closing the morning exercises by singing and prayer.

After a recess for eating the little ones went to the beautiful meadow of Brother R. R. Allred, where sports and sociability reigned till an untoward event, the running away of Brother John Coleman's team. Forgetting to unhitch the last tug, the team scampered away. Sisters Coleman and Aunt Lucy Allred were in the wagon. All escaped except Brother Coleman, who was badly kicked.

Chester, Sept. 25, 1883.

## SUICIDE IN OGDEN.

A MAN SENDS A BULLET THROUGH HIS BRAIN IN HIS WIFE'S PRESENCE.

About 5.30 last night a pistol shot sounded from the parlor of the residence of J. M. Thomas, on Young Street, and in a moment more the news spread about the city that a man had suicided. Hurrying to the place designated we found a crowd assembled around the window and door. Pushing our way through, we were soon given admittance to the room where J. M. Barlow, an express messenger of the Utah & Northern, lay apparently sleeping on a lounge. A second glance, however, which discovered a mass of blood oozing from the man's mouth and a ghastly wound, showed plainly that it was the long sleep, from which none return.

Upon his breast, grasped in his left hand, was a certificate of membership to the Des Moines Lodge of Odd Fellows, and on the back of the same, written with a lead pencil, was, "Sept. 28. For God's sake forgive my rash act, but my life is a failure." On the floor, near the dead man's right hand was a Colt's large size pocket pistol of 44 calibre, with one chamber empty. In the man's right temple was an ugly hole, showing where the bullet had entered, and one upon the left side, but lower down, evidenced plainly where the fatal messenger had made its exit.

During the afternoon the unfortunate man had been talking with a number of friends, and on the night previous he was in the parlor with his wife, enjoying music, and no one supposed that he was the least bit inclined to be weary of life. About 5 p. m. or perhaps a little before, he returned to the house where he was rooming and lay upon the sofa. He had been there some time when his wife entered and greeted him. As she was about to leave he drew his pistol, and placing it against his head, exclaimed, "Good bye." Seeing his rashness, Mrs. Barlow rushed toward him, but before she reached his side the report of the pistol was heard and the bullet had done its work, death instantly ensuing. The man was married about five months ago in Wood River, and while they were apparently getting along nicely, it is conjectured by many that it was something of a private nature that drove the poor fellow to his desperation.—*Pilot.*