

A merry, blessed Christmas to all, throughout the wide world! And, as each successive birthday of the future King of Kings comes round with the march of Time, may it bring increasing light and truth, until all nations and tongues shall unite in the joyful song of "peace on earth, good will to all men!"

Local and Other Matters

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 21.

Personal.—T. B. H. Stenhouse, Esq., is it the City. He arrived from New York yesterday.

Home Again.—Superintendent John Sharp arrived last night from a business trip to the east.

Long Winded.—This morning, in the District Court, the reading of the complaint in the suit of Helen Tarbet vs. the Flagstaff Silver Mining Company occupied only two full hours.

Huge Porkers.—Mr. Short, butcher, exhibits a hog whose dressed weight is 575 pounds. It was only a year and eight months old, and was raised by John Cuthbert. Mr. Charles Lucas has one which weighs over five hundred pounds.

Musical.—The concert at the 12th Ward Assembly Rooms, last night, was a very creditable entertainment. The songs, with guitar accompaniments, by Signori Vincenzo, Francesco and Antonio Scappatura, three Sicilian gentlemen, were a leading feature of the performances.

Home.—Hon. George Q. Cannon arrived from Washington last night, for the holidays. He was met by a number of his relatives and friends at Wasatch, by another party at Ogden, and others were in waiting to receive him on his arrival at the depot in this city. He is in excellent health and spirits.

Home Mission.—Home missionaries are expected to preach in all the Wards of this City, excepting the Eighteenth, Sunday evening, Dec. 23d, at six o'clock.

The brethren, in calling at the President's Office to get their appointments will please enquire for a book containing the names of persons and their sureties indebted to the P. E. Fund Company; which they are requested to hand to the Bishops of the Wards to which they are appointed.

Monthly Reports.—That the ward reports may come in soon enough to prepare for making a quarterly Stake report for Conference, the Bishops of the wards in Salt Lake City are requested to mail their reports not later than Saturday, Dec. 29th. Bishops in the country wards of this Stake will please prepare their reports on or before Sunday, Dec. 30th when they will oblige by handing them to the Home Missionaries, who are requested to leave them at the Council House.

Break Down.—We understand that, while on the way to his farm, Mayor Little had a break down this morning. By the breaking or displacing of a pin the horse was detached from the carriage, letting the front part of the latter suddenly down, and letting the Mayor unceremoniously out, over the dashboard. The horse ran off to the farm, followed by Mr. Little on foot. He brought the animal back, fixed the break with rope and got safe back to town.

Departed.—We learn that Elder Samuel Pitchforth, of Nephi, Juab County, departed this life this morning, at his residence. Deceased was much respected in the community. He occupied the position of Representative to the Legislature several sessions, and occupied many other prominent public positions during his life, which has been one of great activity. He was a useful and good citizen.

At the time of his demise Elder Pitchforth held the office of a Patriarch in the Church.

The funeral services will be conducted at eleven o'clock on Sunday.

South Cottonwood.—The members of the South Cottonwood Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association met on Tuesday evening, December 15, for the purpose of electing officers to act for the ensuing year. The following is the result: for President, James Godfrey; first counselor, James Peterson; second counselor, Job Reading;

secretary, Wm. Bradford; assistant secretary, Royal Proctor; corresponding secretary, Edwin L. Davis; treasurer, Hans J. Rasmussen; librarian, Richard Liston.

Progressing.—William Jeffs, whose leg was amputated the other day, in consequence of injuries received by accident on the Utah Central Railroad, is doing as well as could be expected, his condition being improved to what it was yesterday. The case is more than ordinarily difficult, on account of the muscles, &c., of the limb having been badly bruised, and owing to his whole system being badly shocked by being so violently thrown to the ground. The limb was amputated a few inches below the knee.

"Amateur."—Number Four of the *Amateur*, published by the Y. M. M. I. A. of Ogden, is received. The *Amateur* continues to be interesting and exhibits considerable talent on the part of the young people of the Junction City. Mr. Jos. A. West announces his retirement from the editorship, having retained it double the time first agreed upon, a monthly change of editors being the arrangement first proposed. We trust his successors will manifest equal ability with the first editor of the *Amateur*. The paper is a success, financially as well as in a literary sense, advertisements having been obtained which materially assist the enterprise. We wish the paper continued prosperity.

Theatre.—The Lilliputians drew a good house last night. The performance was novel and laughable. Commodore Nutt is an excellent comedian, and made heaps of fun. The real giant is a big feature of the entertainment and the disproportion between his stature and Nutt's diminutiveness was extremely ludicrous. All the little people performed their respective parts to the satisfaction of the audience, and received considerable applause.

To-night in addition to "Jack the Giant Killer," the ever popular farce of "The Toodles" will be played, Commodore Nutt as Mr. Toodles and Miss Jennie Quigley as Mrs. Toodles. This will prove a great attraction.

The toys to be given away at the Matinee on Christmas day were on exhibition to-day in front of the Theatre, and will be shown again to-morrow.

District Court.—Friday, December 21st.

Catherine Davis vs. Samuel L. Jones; defendant allowed 20 days to amend answer, by agreement.

Judge Edward A. Thomas was admitted as attorney of this court. James Wilson vs. Humphrey Rogers et al; judgment and decree.

Helen Tarbet vs. Flagstaff S. M. Co. et al; ordered that William H. Greenbow, James Tucker and Kountze Brothers, judgment creditors of defendant, are hereby granted leave to file their complaint of introduction herein; ordered that Baskin and De Wolfe, judgment creditors, be granted leave to file their complaint of introduction herein; and Robertson & McBride and William Nelson, United States Marshal, be made party defendants herein. Leave is given defendant, Flagstaff S. M. Co., to file special demurrer.

The Festive Season.—We are on the verge of the festive season, when nearly everybody expect to enjoy themselves, and to regale with a few extra comforts and the good things of life. Those who are well-to-do will be more likely to enjoy a good, old-fashioned Christmas dinner if they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have contributed something toward enabling some of their more needy fellow creatures to do the same thing. Therefore it is in place to say if we recollect aright it was Dean Swift who was requested to preach a sermon in aid of some charitable object. His discourse was a pattern of brevity and pointedness, but it was nevertheless comprehensive, "Brethren it is written he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord. Allyn who like the investment, walk up and down with the dust."

About this time the little prattlers are looking forward expectantly for gifts. They should not be forgotten, that their innocent little hearts be gladdened.

We hope there will be none, young, middle aged, or old, in the community, who will so far forget

the commonest principles of decency as to degrade themselves by intoxication.

Land Surveys.

SALT LAKE CITY,
Dec. 21, 1877.

The following plats with descriptive lists, showing the exterior and subdivisional surveys, executed by Messrs. Bailey and Burrell, United States Deputy Surveyors, were this day filed in the Local Land Office in this city, viz:

Township No.	42 South,	Range 1 East.
" "	" 43 "	" 1 "
" "	" 41 "	" 2 "
" "	" 41 "	" 1 West
" "	" 42 "	" 1 "
" "	" 42 "	" 2 "
" "	" 42 "	" 3 "
" "	" 42 "	" 4 "
" "	" 42 "	" 5 "

Also plat and descriptive lists of additional survey by T. C. Bailey, in township No. 13 north, range No. 5 east of the Salt Lake Meridian.

WOOLEN MILLS BURNED.

Misfortune to Brigham City.

This morning we received the following special to the NEWS:

BRIGHAM CITY,
December 21, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

This morning, at two o'clock, the woolen mills of this place were burned down. Only four looms were saved.

LATER.—The following additional particulars were received this afternoon:

Fire was first discovered between one and two o'clock this morning, by Brother Laird, who was sleeping in the factory. The origin of the fire is a perfect mystery. It is supposed to have originated in the upper story of the fulling room, at the east end of the building. The upper part of the building was destroyed, also the lower except the walls. The machinery, with the exception of three narrow and one broad loom, was all destroyed together with seven thousand pounds of clean washed wool. Some warps and a few hundred dollars worth of cloth were saved. The loss of machinery, building and other property is about \$35,000. It is not supposed that the fire occurred through any one's neglect.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 22.

Where They Are.—Hats, caps, boots and shoes in almost endless variety at Dunford & Sons.

Holiday Stock.—Messrs. Auerbach & Brothers have a very large and varied stock in their line. They have clothing and dry goods of every description. There is a very complete establishment.

Pleased to See Them.—Mr. William Cooper will be pleased to see any person about to purchase toys and other things to please the little fellows. He has them in plenty.

The Spread of Disease.—The general public should read attentively the published suggestions in to-day's News, of Dr. S. B. Young, quarantine physician, on the measures necessary to prevent or curtail the spread of scarlet fever and diphtheria.

Ahead.—White & Sons have added to their meat show until they have laid out the finest display ever seen in Utah. The three-year old Devon heifer, raised by Mr. R. B. Margetts, is said to be the premium beef of Utah. The Pembroke market reminds one of some of the markets in London.

Toy Matinee.—Manager Harris has selected a fine lot of toys to be given away to the juveniles at his annual matinee on Christmas day. An attractive performance is prepared, and the children will have a rare treat at the Theatre on Tuesday. The toys are on exhibition daily in front of the Theatre.

District Court.—Saturday, December 22nd.

G. W. Bostwick, vs. W. Clayton et al; hearing on mandamus issued herein postponed until Monday, Dec. 24th.

Emma Jenkins, vs. J. W. Jenkins; proceedings stayed five days additional.

Helen Tarbet vs. Flagstaff S. M. Co.; hearing on the motion for a receiver and injunction in progress.

A Cure.—Mr. J. H. Van Natta, of this City, requests us to jot down the following recipe, which he as-

serts to be a "sure, safe and effectual remedy" for the effects of frost on any part of the body:

A tablespoonful of borax, in its crystal state, dissolved in a quart of water. Wrap the affected part with four or five thicknesses of cloth and keep the same saturated with the solution. He says chilblains rapidly disappear before this treatment and that it will cure even bad cases of frozen feet or hands.

Excommunicated.

Editors Deseret News:

This is to certify that Albert Staton and his wife, Elizabeth Staton, Enoch Clark, Thomas Sawyer and Sarah A. Wing, have been cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

(Signed,) WM. BRINGHURST,
Bishop,
J. M. PIERCE, Clerk,
Springville Ward, Dec. 19, 1877.

Society Organized.—Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the sisters of the 18th Ward was held for the purpose of organizing a Ladies Relief Society for that branch of the Church. Bishop L. D. Young was present and presided. The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Miss Eliza R. Snow; first counselor Mrs. Lizzie Thomas; second counselor, Mrs. M. I. Horne; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Schuttler; Assistant Secretary, Miss Julia Young; Treasurer, Mrs. Naomi T. Young.

A number of teachers were also appointed and a roll of membership entered up.

Arizona.—About a year ago Elder Nathan C. Tinney, of Kanab, accompanied by thirteen families, removed to the vicinity of the Little Colorado, Arizona. Last season they rented and cultivated a tract of land owned by Mr. Stinson, an old settler in that part. There they raised a good crop of potatoes and some corn, but scarcely any other products. Now, however, they have moved upon an independent location, about twenty-five miles above Allen's Camp, where there is excellent land and abundance of other facilities. It is called Silver Fork. A number of comparatively good buildings, in stockade form, have already been erected. The improvements have been made with remarkable rapidity, showing the industry and perseverance of the little colony. In order to irrigate the farming land a dam to raise the water a height of thirty feet will have to be constructed. Among the settlers are three Mexican families who were baptized into the Church by Elder Peterson and who seem to work with a will, in unison with the others.

We learn the foregoing particulars from Elder J. Z. Stewart, returned from a mission to Mexico and Arizona.

Poems by E. E. Snow.—The second volume of Miss E. R. Snow's poems is now ready for the public. The literary effusions of Zion's favorite poetess are of a high order and inspired with a heavenly spirit. They treat on topics of peculiar interest to the Latter-day Saints, and convey truths of great import couched in chaste and lofty language. The new volume contains upwards of one hundred pieces and a fine steel engraving, an excellent portrait of the gifted authoress, handsomely bound in full English cloth and neatly lettered for the library or centre table. It forms a suitable Christmas or New Year's gift, and will be sold at a low figure, to place it within the reach of all. We cordially commend it to the public and have no doubt that the Relief Societies will aid in bringing it to the attention of the people of Utah. The book is published at the DESERET NEWS office and is a valuable addition to the literature of this Territory.

A Great Scientist.—Prof. John Gamgee, the learned Englishman, one of the most profound scientists of the age has been in the city the last two days, and left for San Francisco this afternoon. He has added greatly to his fame of late years by ridding Great Britain of the cattle scourges introduced there by the importation of animals from the more northern portions of Europe. Several years ago the Privy Council consulted him in relation to the rinderpest, which was then so prevalent and fatal. His plan of extinguishing the malady was adopted and proved wholly successful. He is justly considered the greatest authority in relation to all diseases of cattle. He has made this branch a matter of scientific

research from his boyhood and spent a large fortune traveling throughout Europe with no other object than the observation and study of different diseases of cattle and their remedies.

He has been the promoter of the system of the importation of meats from America to England, and both countries have adopted his system of preserving them. He has invented and patented machinery for the purpose. By means of his scientific developments a large house has been established in London wherein meats, fruits, and vegetables are preserved fresh all the year round. In some of the larger cities of England skating rinks have been established with real ice in every season.

The government of the United States secured his aid in obliterating the Texas cattle disease, Congress having appropriated \$15,000 for the purpose. He was successful there also.

Prof. Gamgee's method of preserving perishable products and materials has been adopted in several of the large cities in this country, and others are preparing to do so. If we recollect aright, he is brother to Prof. Samson Gamgee, of Owen's College, Birmingham.

Missionary Labor.—We have been permitted to peruse a letter from Elder Charles D. Evans, of Springville, now presiding over the Leeds, England, Conference, to a friend in this city.

A short time previous to the date of the letter, Nov. 30th, the free use of Secular Hall, Leeds, was obtained for him to lecture in. He took for his subject "Was Joseph Smith a Prophet?" The chairman of the Secularists informed him that, according to the rules of the house, his lecture would be subject to debate at the close. The usual time allowed to lecturers was half an hour, but it was unanimously and generously voted that Elder Evans should have double that time. The house was crowded on the occasion, the utmost stillness prevailed and the closest attention paid throughout. The lecturer described the early experience of the Prophet, when he beheld the first heavenly vision, the character and fulfillment of many of his prophecies, and was enabled to speak with great force and clearness.

At the end of the lecture objections were respectfully raised to different points, which Elder Evans answered satisfactorily. The lecture appeared to give general satisfaction; so much so, that he was requested to deliver another in the same hall, which he consented to do, intending to take for his next subject, "The Book of Mormon."

Elder Evans speaks of the general apathy manifested by the people of England upon religious matters. While James Bradlaugh, the powerful exponent of infidel ideas and sentiments, can truthfully boast that no house that he can obtain is large enough to hold his audiences, the clergymen are compelled to preach to comparatively empty benches. The old song of "Come to Jesus," without any intelligent delineation of the proper way to reach him is being rapidly cast aside by the thinking minds for which the present age is peculiar.

Elder Evans would be pleased to receive, from persons in Utah, the address of any of their friends living in Yorkshire. Direct to him at 17, Southfield Terrace, Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

DIED.

In this city, at 3:30 a.m., December 23d, 1877, of chronic asthma, MARY WILSON DAY, relict of the late David Day.

Deceased was born May 1st, 1807, at Oldcourt, Nottinghamshire, England. She was sincerely respected by her numerous family, acquaintances and friends.

Millennial Star, please copy.

In South Jordan Ward, Dec. 15, 1877, of crop and inflammation on the kidneys, ELIZABETH JENNETT HECKSTEAD, aged 3 years, 9 months and 10 days, daughter of William A. and Armina Beckstead.

Ogden Junction, please copy.

In the Second Ward, Salt Lake City, Wednesday, December 19, at 10 minutes past 3 o'clock p.m., of inflammation of the bowels, JOHN WILLIAMS, aged 67 years, 3 months and 9 days.

Deceased was born September 10th, 1810, at Bristol, Somersetshire, England. He died as he had lived, firm in the faith of the great latter-day work. He was much respected by all who knew him.

In the Sixth Ward, Dec. 23d, 1877, of old age and debility, Dr. ROBERT HARRISON KENNEDY.

Deceased was born Oct. 20, 1794, in Culpepper County, Virginia; embraced the gospel in 1835; and emigrated to Salt Lake in 1860.

He died firm in the faith, and with the hope of a glorious resurrection.—COM.