

from "A Resident of the Dry Bench," states that the surroundings of his place of abode are no longer dry, there being so great a superabundance of water in that locality at present as to cause it to cut gulches in places from six to eight feet deep. The correspondent is a stickler for the "happy medium" in regard to water as well as other mundane matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 3.

City Council.—The Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Petition of Allgood, representing that by accident, he had lost one of his limbs, at Coaville, and asking that he be permitted to carry on the coal business in this city free of license; referred to the Mayor.

Petition of Morris and Evans, stating that their new brick-yard in the 5th Ward, was under water, and, being under contract to supply fire brick, asking the privilege of burning one kiln at their old yard, near the Theatre; referred to special committee on improvements, with authority to act in the premises.

On petition B. Whittemore's unexpired job wagon license was transferred to Ralph Snowball.

Petition of Dr. A. W. Calder, representing that he had paid for a dentist's license for one year, and that before the expiration of the term thereof the ordinance requiring the payment of such license was repealed, and he desired that the amount, as per unexpired term, be refunded to him; tabled.

Auditor's report for the quarter ending February 29th, 1876, was reported, by the finance committee, as having been examined and found correct; report adopted and filed.

The committee on claims reported the bill of the gas company for portable fence with reduction of \$31, and recommended that the balance \$275, be appropriated; report adopted and recommendation acted upon.

Alderman Pyper presented his report for April, which showed that 89 cases had been disposed of, \$757 cash fines and \$525 labor fines been assessed and collected.

The following bills were allowed and amounts appropriated—

Expense bill of City Marshal for April, \$274.72; chief engineer's \$214.30; W. Hyde's for boarding prisoners, \$323.25; salary of City Treasurer to April 30th, two and a half months, \$500; salary of city attorney, one month, \$166.66; salaries of city marshal and seven policemen for April, \$990; salary of Jos. W. Burt, janitor of City Hall, for April, \$50; of W. E. Hyde, waterworks reservoirs watchman and street lamplighter, to April 30th, forty-two days, \$84; bill of Dr. Young, for boarding four insane persons one month, \$137; W. Salmon, for coal delivered at the asylum, \$950; W. H. Allgood, for coal at the asylum, \$8; Davis, Howe & Co., for hydrants and other articles supplied the waterworks, \$1,972; Armstrong & Bagley, lumber for waterworks, \$122.88; for trees planted on Union Square, \$30.75; Miller and Condie, for gravel for public streets, \$218.60; salary of supervisor and watermaster, two and a half months, \$375. The salary of the supervisor and watermaster was fixed at \$150 a month.

Bill of Dr. S. B. Young, for medical services to Mr. Wm. Affleck, accidentally injured while at work in a waterworks trench, \$12; referred to committee on claims.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the proposition of Dr. S. B. Young to purchase or lease the insane asylum property, recommended that the same be leased for \$20 a month, the lessee to make the necessary repairs at his own expense, and plant trees on the grounds in place of others that had died; report adopted. Adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

SALT LAKE CITY,
May 3, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

I find in your paper of yesterday the attention of the public called to a communication from "A Tax-Payer," stating that your correspondent was in error in regard to the amount of water running down the Roper ditch. Allow me to state that, if there is any dependence on a good, ivory two foot rule, your correspondent was not in error, as he visited the place himself, two mornings in succession,

and measured the water, with the rule alluded to, in various places in the ditch, and a number of others can testify to the same statement. Well what's the matter? I will tell you. Between the time your correspondent visited the place and the time Mr. Local paid a visit, Mr. Hyde, the City Watermaster, who in his official capacity, knows no man, but is laboring for the good of the public, visited the place in question, saw the evil, and applied the remedy by taking the gates out entirely, so there could be no more tampering with them.

Mr. Editor, I do not say that we should not have had an overflow if that had been attended to sooner, but I do say the evil would not have been so great. I do not often write to the editor of a paper, but when I do make the attempt to endeavor to state facts as they do exist, and I think it rather too bad, when I know I have spoken the truth, that it should go to the public through a newspaper that I have committed an error.

A TAX PAYER.

The writer of the article of yesterday, alluded to in the foregoing, merely spoke of existing facts, and not of the past. The gates spoken of were taken out before the last and by far the most disastrous flooding of the season, and the Roper ditch, at the time, was filled beyond its carrying capacity, a fact which "Tax Payer" admits. How the matter stood previous to them "deponent saith not."

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAY 4.

Provo River.—Provo River is very high just now.

President Young and Party.—President B. Young and party left Fillmore this morning, intending to stop at Cove to-night.

Water Lowering.—Owing to the coolness of the atmosphere, the volume of water from the Mountains continues low enough to be under control, south of the city.

Cache Valley.—From Mr. J. H. Martineau, just in from Cache, we learn that the streams of that Valley are as high now as they usually are in July in other seasons. The Bear is over its banks, and the snow in the mountains has hardly commenced to melt.

Dangerous.—Recently a young man, while digging in his lot, found a number of sticks of Hercules powder, buried in the ground, where they had remained ever since the explosion. It is probable that quantities of this dangerous substance are yet strewn around. Parties finding it should be cautious about handling it.

Dansk.—Indtil 1ste Juni kan endnu indsendes navnd for den danske Krigsmedaille. Fulde Navnd Afdeling, underafdeling, compagni og nummer, krigs aar og Nationalitet maa angives nøjagtigt; samt medfølge 50 cents i Inskrivningspenge, uden hvilke Navnet ikke vil blive optaget paa Listerne. Skriv til O. F. Due, 17th Ward, Salt Lake City.

Returned Missionaries.—Elder E. W. East called in our office this afternoon. He returned on Tuesday evening, with his wife, from his mission to Texas, being accompanied on his return by Elder D. H. Greer, from Wallburg, Provo Valley, who has also been on a mission in that State. Bro. East is in pretty good health, and had good health most of the time while away. He reports that he was well received generally and that he baptized several persons while on his mission.

High Waters.—Springville Cree has been roaring and tearing along lately, threatening to overflow. At the point where it passes through the town the citizens had taken the precaution to bank up with brush, rocks and other materials, but at one place, in the north-east part of the town, the water broke through and swept around, leaving a portion of the extemporized embankment high and dry, and cut through a portion of a city lot. The bottom lands below, in the vicinity of the railroad track, were flooded to a considerable extent.

Insane Asylum.—We are informed, by Dr. Young, that a number of youthful rowdies have been lately in the habit of visiting the Insane Asylum on Sundays, and at other times, and making themselves exceedingly obnoxious, by interfering, in various ways, with the patients, and he wishes us to warn

these parties that if they do not desist they will be arrested and punished.

Dr. Young has leased the Asylum for one year and is prepared to negotiate for the reception and treatment of patients.

Teach Boys the Use of Tools.—The following excellent suggestion we take from an exchange—

"It is to be regretted that there are not schools to teach boys the initial principles of working hand tools, since the knowledge is essential to the proper understanding of how to use them. Simplicity in the form of an implement by no means implies facility in its use; indeed, it may be said that the more simple the tool the greater is the skill required to use it properly and with maximum effect. Not every operator excels with pocket knife, axe, or saw; and, with the use of every tool, there is involved the demonstration of a definite principle."

Another Peace Disturber.—Last evening a soldier engaged in the amusement of calling upon everybody he met on the street to "halt," and then commenced pelting them with rocks. He went after a man in this way on Commercial Street, at whom he hurled a large boulder, cutting him upon the cheek and inflicting a painful bruise on the shoulder. The injured man took refuge in a tailor shop, when the belligerent, drunken soldier smashed in pieces the glass door of the establishment, with missiles which he hurled into the store after his retreating victim.

The soldier [was arrested and locked up for the night. It is high time that this conduct, which is getting, as Mark Twain has it, rather "monotonous," was stopped.

Important Compromise.—Yesterday a compromise was effected between the Richmond and Teresa Mining Companies, between whom there has been a protracted and important suit pending in the Third District Court, involving the ownership of the Richmond mine. All of the parties on each side consented to a compromise, consolidating the two mines and companies, the property to be operated by a board chosen equally by each side, excepting Mr. J. M. Richardson, who owned a three-tenths interest in conjunction with Walker Bros. and others. In consequence of this there will be a continuation of litigation between Messrs. Taylor & Cutler, Smith and others, and Mr. Richardson, for the ownership of the aforesaid three-tenths, and in the event of the plaintiffs gaining the suit it will accrue to them.

The Emerson Minstrels.—This troupe will give their first performance at the Theatre next Tuesday night. The company are on their way to San Francisco, at which place they purpose remaining for the Summer; the company therefore is not fractional, but thoroughly complete, including orchestra, as when performing in the Opera House in Chicago.

The following, concerning the troupe, appeared in the St. Louis Times—

"The Company, which is well known here in the persons of most of its members, is an exceptionally able one, and the performance is decidedly interesting and amusing. The quality of the balladists is strictly first-class, and the fun of Billy Emerson and Ben Cotton is neither coarse nor stale. Emerson's 'Little Butterfly' brought down the house, and created a great sensation. The Centennial features of the performance are unusually fine, comprising songs of England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland and America, and an allegory representing the Goddess of Liberty. 'Mrs. Dittimus' Party,' by Schoolcraft and Coes, is a fine piece of comedy. The performance concludes with a stupendous, sensational, unimaginable and love-and-murderous melodrama, entitled 'Immolation,' the production of which is sure to cause a great scattering of buttons."

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAY 5.

New Paper.—The Beaver Enterprise says that another paper in Beaver is talked of.

Returning Missionary.—Elder James Payne, returning missionary from England, left Omaha on Tuesday, on his way home.

Restore It.—The finder of a Tith-

ing Office order, in favor of Peter Hannibal, should leave it at this office, that it may be restored to the owner.

President B. Young and Party.—Presidents Young and Wells and party left Cove Creek this morning, and purpose stopping over night at Beaver. It snowed at Cove Creek this morning.

Stormy.—It began to rain last evening, but during the night rained more heavily, as well as snowed a little, the rain continuing this morning at intervals, with a little hail.

The Immigration From Europe.—Should nothing unforeseen occur to prevent it, the first company of Saints from the European mission will leave Liverpool May 17th, the second on June 14th, the third on June 28th. This last named company will principally be composed of Saints from the Swiss and German, and the Scandinavian missions.

A Word of Caution.—We are informed that several attempts were made to-day to pass off counterfeit twenty dollar bills, and we offer a word of caution to tradesmen and country people to keep a sharp lookout lest they be caught. We are informed that in one instance this morning, a party offered another person a dollar to obtain change for him for a twenty. The party thus solicited, suspecting something wrong, took the bill to a bank and found it was "bogus."

Unmitigated Devilry.—A piece of unqualified mischief and meanness was perpetrated yesterday at the 16th District School Rooms. Some time between the holding of fast meeting, in the forenoon, and choir practice in the evening, some miserable specimen of humanity, with as much sense as a mule and the venom of a snake, entered the building, took from all the side-lamps and chandeliers in the main hall the chimneys and globes, and smashed them in pieces.

Don Carlos in Chicago.—A gentleman who arrived from the East yesterday informs us that he saw Don Carlos at the Palmer House, Chicago, last Saturday, where himself and suite, comprising three of his favorite officers, had been stopping for a week. Our informant states that Don Carlos is a man of fine presence and bearing, tall and rather dark, free and of perfectly easy manners, and that the gentlemen accompanying him are also intelligent, fine-looking men.

The Centennial.—A well known resident of this city, now in the east, writes—

"While in Philadelphia I went to see the Exhibition buildings, found a great many men at work at them. I do not believe that everything will be ready for a month yet, and should advise all my Utah friends, if any are coming, to stay at home until the first or the middle of June. If they come much before I fear, unless they remain a few weeks, they will be disappointed, or see things in a very confused state. Business is very dull, and I am much mistaken if it does not continue so."

The Union Pacific.—Mr. Joseph Bull, who returned from a business trip to the east, in the interest of the News, last evening, states that the late wash-out, east of the Devil's Gate, on the U. P. R. R., is in tolerable repair, although trains pass over very slowly. A force of workmen are still kept at that point. Yesterday a number of men were employed fishing out the goods, from the cars that were precipitated into the wrecking stream, and succeeded in getting a car load of dry goods and other packages, which of course must be greatly damaged by water. One of the wrecked cars was loaded with a complete furnishing outfit, consisting of carpets, mirrors, pictures, furniture, &c., of costly style, belonging to a gentleman in California. This lot of goods was completely destroyed, fragments being picked up in the stream below.

With the exception of the point named the road is in excellent condition, being splendidly managed, every necessary appliance being on hand to prevent delays in cases of contingency.

Carriage and Wagon Making.—A renewed impetus is being given to this branch of home industry by the Deseret Carriage and Wagon Manufacturing Company, recently

organized, and whose premises are in the old Hopper shops, Second South street. The members of the company are all practical mechanics, and are turning out some specimens of workmanship, on orders, that are exceedingly creditable. This morning we examined a double-seated road-wagon or buggy, which has just been finished to the order of Mr. Lawson, a mine owner. It combines strength, lightness and elegance, and it is just the kind of vehicle for this country, for the purpose for which it is designed, for running out into the country over roads that are not conspicuous for smoothness.

The work on the vehicle was entirely done here, including the trimming. We also noticed a light spring butcher cart, similar to those in use in San Francisco, with a few improvements added, made to the order of Mr. P. H. Lannan, a handsome and, we should suppose, a very handy vehicle.

An excellent light wagon, for Messrs. Wood & Petersen, was also in process of construction, and, in comparing figures we find that, according to the class of work, those home-made wagons are of more moderate price than the same kind imported. The Deseret Company are deservedly earning a good reputation.

A Good Work—Baptisms.—We are enabled to make the following extract from a letter dated at Prairie county, Des Arc, Arkansas, April 25, from Henry G. Boyle to Mr. C. R. Savage, of this city—

"We are doing a pretty good work here. We arrived in this State the first of last January, and have labored in this county since then. No preaching had ever been done in this State before, that I ever heard of. We found here, as elsewhere, a great deal of prejudice, but, through the blessing of the Lord, we have succeeded in removing a vast amount of hard feeling.

"The priests all set up a howl against the 'delusion.' However, we commenced our labors the next day after our arrival and have held about five meetings per week since. We have baptized 23 persons into the Church, with a flattering prospect of about as many more being added by the first of June. Tomorrow we hold a meeting for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Church. We have baptized some very intelligent men and women here. A man who is not a member of any church, was heard to say, the other day, that the 'Mormons' were going to ruin this part of the country, for all the decent people here were going to join them and go to Utah, leaving only the 'scallawags.' He said they could not play him like that, for he was going with the 'Mormons.'"

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 6.

More Storm.—A nice rain again last night, with snow down the base of the mountains.

Down Apaca.—It hailed away from the northward for a while this morning, and more storm is very likely.

Gone to Beaver.—Yesterday morning John D. Lee and two prisoners, named Hunt and Porter, started for Beaver, in custody of a deputy U. S. Marshal.

Runaway.—This morning a street car double team, detached from the car, raced up East Temple Street, and were finally stopped by an active young fellow, after considerable exertion.

Brought to Town.—The body of fireman Baker, accidentally killed on the Central Pacific railroad, on Thursday, at the Promontory, was brought to this City last night. He was a resident of the 15th ward of this City.

The Germania Works.—We hear that the Germania smelting and refining works are about to be improved with a view to starting them in operation again in a little while, which will help business to some extent.

Water Meeting.—We are requested, by Brother George Triplet, to announce that there will be a meeting of residents and property holders generally, on the 20th Ward north bench, at the School-house, on Monday evening, at half past seven o'clock. The subject of the meeting will be "Water," of the scarcity of which the residents of the locality aforementioned have not much reason to complain just at present.