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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

A FRIEND TO THE FAITHFUL writes from Moroni that that city has been visited during the winter by divers itinerant adventurers of the lecturing, horse breaking and training, minstrel, and other professions, dealers in flash jewelry, &c., although they were not extensively patronized.

"THE MORMON SUITS."—In a recent number of the Cincinnati Times, among its Washington dispatches was the following—

Notwithstanding the conflicting Salt Lake dispatches, there is little doubt that the Mormon suits, in the present doubtfully legal form, will be discontinued.

LUX ET VITE desires us to publish the following—

"The records of the vegetarian society of Great Britain show that not a single case of smallpox has ever occurred among its members, although it numbers some thousands, and all strongly opposed to vaccination. The fact that persons who study pure living, as the vegetarians notoriously do, enjoy immunity from disease, shows that smallpox is the result of foul living."

CAUTION.—It was yesterday stated at the bee meeting, by a reliable man, that he had seen a canvasser for subscribers to an eastern journal on the streets offering the paper at a greatly reduced rate, and that he had succeeded in obtaining some thirty subscribers. It was afterwards ascertained that said canvasser is an impostor, acting without authority. The unwary public are hereby cautioned against patronizing swindlers of all grades, as with the influx of strangers unscrupulous persons will come and seek to take advantage of the people.—A.M.M.

THE FUTURE.—The happiest kind of people are those who look at the bright side of everything, and who can reap some good from every circumstance. The most miserable people are those who can see nothing but the dark side of every picture presented. It is the latter class whose presence, so far as their influence extends, vitiates the sweets of life. A kind of medium, half-way course, always leaning, however, to the brighter side, is the most consistent. It is always detrimental to happiness and prosperity to borrow trouble from the future, the present being sufficiently pregnant with that kind of element. There appears to be a luminous future in store for the people of Utah. To make it a certainty they need only adopt the excellent motto, "Do what is right, let the consequences follow." This Territory is on the back-bone of this continent, and being so situated, combined with the vast resources yet undeveloped, it is destined to become one of the greatest commercial centres in the land, and the city of Salt Lake will probably become one of the largest and most important cities in the Union. Any how, we have no disposition to look on the dark side, if there be one, of the picture.

THAT DROWNING AFFAIR.—We learned the following additional particulars of the suicide, by drowning, of a woman in the 5th Ward on Sunday evening, from Frederick Goss. He informs us that the deceased was a married woman, that her name was Barbara Gerber, and that she resided in West Jordan. She was a native of Switzerland and her maiden name was Enz. She was last seen alive at half-past two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, when she left the house of Charles Kropf, in the 6th Ward. Before leaving she handed her purse to Mrs. Kropf.

About sundown of the same day part of

her clothing was found on the bank of Mill Creek, near a bridge, by Nathan Gilbey. Mr. Gilbey made this discovery known to several residents of the Ward, among whom was Brother F. Goss, who, being acquainted with Mrs. Gerber, and suspecting that the apparel belonged to her, went to the spot and identified it. Brother F. Goss, Mathew Gilbey, Thomas Snarr and Charles Kropf, hunted in Mill Creek for the body until midnight, but were unsuccessful in finding it. They renewed the search yesterday morning at early daylight and at eight o'clock found the remains about fifty yards below the point where the clothing was discovered on the bank.

Intelligence of the sad occurrence was sent to the husband of the unfortunate woman, who arrived during the forenoon, at the house of Frederick Goss, to which the body was taken.

Brother Charles Kropf states that he was acquainted with deceased in Switzerland for many years, and that she had been long afflicted with a nervous disease, which caused her to be subject at times to fits of great mental depression, and that she was probably laboring under one of her attacks of lowness of spirits when she committed the act which terminated her life. She was forty-nine years of age, and, aside from the peculiarities induced by her nervous complaint, was considered to be a good woman, and was respected by her acquaintances.

Justice of the Peace S. W. Richards held an inquest on the body yesterday, and the coroner's jury, Messrs. Hickenlooper, West and Fielding, returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death by drowning herself while in a state of temporary mental derangement.

The remains were to be interred at two o'clock this afternoon.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

FOURTEENTH WARD.—We understand that Elder Thomas Taylor has been appointed to succeed the late Bishop Abraham Hogland as Bishop of the Fourteenth Ward.

THE TEMPLE.—A large number of stone cutters are at work on the Temple block cutting stone for the Temple. It is expected that a force of quarrymen will be employed in getting out rock for the building as soon as the snow in the canyon disappears sufficiently.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Edward Owen Haydown, of Illinois, left that State for this country about the year 1846. His nephew Thomas E. Haydown, of Morris, Grundy county, Illinois, writes for information about him, and would be glad to hear from him if alive; if dead, from any of his surviving relatives or friends.

REPAIRING STREETS.—Men and teams have been at work for a considerable time past, keeping the streets in repair. We notice one particular improvement now being made that is very essential—the graveling of a portion of the side-walk on the south and west sides of the Temple block. The accumulation of mud there in wet weather has long been a nuisance, especially to people going to and from the Tabernacle on Sundays.

THE MORMON COMPLICATIONS.—A recent special dispatch from Washington to the Cincinnati Times reads as follows:

"A delegation of Gentile bankers and miners from Utah will arrive to-day to confer with the Attorney-General concerning the Mormon complications.

"Should Attorney Bates be retained, it is intimated at the Attorney-General's office that he will be immediately ordered to Salt Lake with instructions to commence new indictments for polygamy under the United States statute of 1862, and to dismiss the existing indictments under the Territorial statute."

WILL NOT WIN.—The course being taken by certain parties in setting at defiance the municipal ordinances in refusing to pay license, &c., is sure not to win in the end, and the most friendly advice that could be given to such would be to take time by the forelock in their repentance and repent at once.

The plea advanced that they are not satisfied with the city government is only a miserable subterfuge, a pretense to give their course a coloring of consistency, when the real object is to shirk payment for the sake of the money. This fact is made the more apparent by the conduct of the non-license paying liquor dealers, who not only refuse to pay their legally assessed license, but openly violate the city ordinance in relation to selling liquor on Sundays. This latter evil and its concomitants are increasing weekly. We are reliably informed that there was probably more whiskey sold in this city last Sunday than on any previous one.

The course taken by the parties alluded to is one that would conduce, if continued indefinitely, to an increase of drunkenness, and its concomitant evils of profanity, ruffianism, and debauchery, and we think it would be safe to predict its termination probably much sooner than anticipated by those who pursue it. The evil would never have existed at all but for the official encouragement of men whose proper business it is to aid in suppressing and preventing any such condition of things.

A STREET RAILROAD.—A joint stock company has been formed for the purpose of constructing and conducting a street railroad in this city. Two cars for the line arrived yesterday from the east, where they were purchased by John W. Young, Esq. The iron for the track is on the way and is expected shortly to arrive. Leaving the U. C. depot the track will run eastward on South Temple Street to the south-west corner of the Temple block, thence south, to the Townsend House, thence east to East Temple Street, thence south, passing the Salt Lake House, to Second South Street, thence east to First East Street, thence north to the Theatre and thence eastward two blocks, to the American Hotel. This will constitute the portion of the track that is expected to be in running order within one month from now. Before the end of next July, however, it is anticipated the track will be extended north-west as far as the warm springs, and eastward along First South Street to the foot of the bench towards Camp Douglas.

John W. Young, Esq., is the projector of and the chief mover in forwarding this enterprise. We believe it will be a public benefit and convenience, and trust it will prove a success in every way, and with the increasing population and demands of this growing city we see but little reason for supposing that it will not be.

NEW ZEALAND.—Elder Robert Beauchamp writes to President Geo. A. Smith, from Kaiapoi, New Zealand, Jan. 19, 1872, as follows—

"The Saints in this mission are all well and doing as well as they can. We are steadily increasing in numbers. Two families, consisting of eleven souls, left Karori last month (December) per S. S. Nevada. Several families expect to leave in April or May. I also expect something like a good company will leave Sydney about May."

Elder Beauchamp had just been reading President Grant's Message to Congress. In regard to that "remnant of barbarism, repugnant to civilization, decency, and the laws of the United States," Elder Beauchamp remarks—

"What can that remnant of barbarism be? It can't be adultery with a man's own wives, can it? It surely can't be lewd cohabitation, for that is so intimately associated with civilization that it follows it everywhere, and nowhere more so than in every city, town, village and hamlet in the United States. No, it can't be lewd cohabitation, nor adultery in any form, for that is extensively practised in every State and Territory in the Union, except Utah. What can this remnant of barbarism be?"

In reference to the statement in the Message that officers had been found who were "willing to perform their duty in a spirit of equity," etc., Elder Beauchamp observes—

"Well, I am sure I am very thankful for this assurance. I suppose the people will have a day of public rejoicing when those officers arrive. Have you heard their names?"

To which last query we must answer, "No, we have not."

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

ANOTHER OF THEM, and it went by the wires from Salt Lake lately—

"Moral devotion to the Mormon church covers all sins."

Read the Bible, Rev. xxi, 8.

ONE MORE SENSATIONAL Dispatch from Salt Lake—

"The work of the convention is regarded by the Gentiles as a farce, and is done only to evade the prosecution of Mormon officials and insure church control of the courts."

RIGHT.—The Chicago Journal inclines to the opinion that a change of Federal officers in Utah would at present be a measure in the interest of justice and good government. The same paper hits the nail on the head when it charges that the agent of the Associated Press at Salt Lake is a mere tool, and needs instructions.—Denver Tribune.

How Long?—Says an exchange—

Nebraska courtships average three hours and a half in length.

Now how many hours and a half do the marriages average?

THE MORMON PROBLEM.—The Cincinnati Times has the following—

"Washington, February 26.—The Supreme Court, after conference with the Attorney-General and the Mormon attorneys, has decided to advance the civil case involving the Mormon problem, on the docket, so that a decision will be obtained within a month."

GONE TO WASHINGTON.—Honorable Thomas Fitch, George Q. Cannon and Frank Fuller left this City at five o'clock last evening, in their capacity of delegates to Congress from the late Convention to forward the interests of the people of Utah by presenting the claims of the proposed State of Deseret for admission into the Union. They expected to leave Ogden and proceed eastward last night, and they probably did, the road being reported clear of obstructions.

THE LIQUOR CASES.—A number of the non-license-paying and Sunday-selling liquor dealers will be before Alderman Clinton to-day and to-morrow.

This arresting and re-arresting of those parties will, doubtless, add to the expenses of the law-breakers at the final issue of the cases. Those matters can all be properly adjudicated when the judicial muddle is cleared up. The sooner the better.

LEFT HIS HOME.—Robert McLaren, son of James McLaren, aged 10 years, left his home, in the 19th ward, on Monday the 4th inst., and has not since been heard of. When he left home he had on a light colored hat and jacket, gray pants and high boots. He is of stout build, has light blue eyes and light hair. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received at this office by his father.

UNCOMPLIMENTARY.—"McKean" has struck out for Washington, to show reason why he should be allowed to disgrace the Supreme Court in Utah a little longer. If the administration is really anxious to suppress Mormonism, they should first dismiss McKean. His incompetency has done more to complicate the Mormon question than any other cause we know of.—Colorado Chieftain.

JUDGE PHELPS DEAD.—In another column will be found an obituary notice of the death of Judge W. W. Phelps. Notwithstanding the advanced age of the deceased, turned eighty, the announcement will probably cause some little surprise, as he was out on the streets a few days since, and appeared to be then in his usual health.

KANE COUNTY.—Our traveling agent in the south writing from Kane County says that there has been an unusual fall of snow there lately.

He speaks of Long Valley, in that county, as a very desirable place, settled by an energetic people, who are busying themselves making dugways, ditches and other necessary improvements. The greatest inconvenience they have is the lack of postal facilities, their mail matter frequently arriving from two to four weeks over due. It would be a great benefit if the mail route were extended from Bullion City to Kanab, via Long Valley.

THE GRUBS.—We were reminded to-day, by Brother Mark Lindsey, of the caterpillars which proved rather destructive to fruit trees last season, and if not seen to may prove a great deal more so the coming season, for if not destroyed they promise to be greatly more numerous. If owners of orchards will examine their trees they will discover hard substances clinging to the bark, which, when taken from the tree discloses a thousand or two of the eggs of the caterpillars. Every tree should be examined and rid of these eggs. After they are hatched out, they begin to construct webs something like a spider's, and they devour the opening buds. Of course the older they grow the more destructive they become, and the best and shortest way with them will be to destroy them in their embryotic state.

In the pneumatic despatch tubes in use in the London postoffice, the following results as to speed have been obtained, with a mean pressure of 7 pounds to the square inch at one end of the circuit and a vacuum of 11 inches of mercury at the other: 852 yards, 1 minute, 54 seconds; 1,206 yards, 2 minutes, 23 seconds; 1,206 yards, 2 minutes, 10 seconds; 862 yards, 1 minute, 13 seconds. The total length of the line now working in London is 6,800 yards.