

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

**EXCURSION PARTY.**—Four car loads of excursionists, ladies and gentlemen, left this city yesterday morning, on the Utah Central, for Ogden. The party was gotten up by a committee composed of Messrs. H. P. Kimball, Isaac Groo, D. McKenzie, John Sharp, J. R. Winder, and H. S. Beattie, who had been previously selected for the purpose. Among the excursionists were Presidents B. Young, Geo. A. Smith and D. H. Wells, many members of both Houses of the Legislature, a large number of officers of the Nauvoo Legion and other citizens with their wives.

The excursionists had a very agreeable time at Ogden, remaining there between two and three hours, returning at 3 p.m. and arriving in this city a little after five o'clock. During the return journey, in one of the cars, many speeches were made in reference to the qualification of females as voters, the speeches being interspersed by some very fine singing.

The committee deserve great credit for the complete and satisfactory manner in which everything was arranged: there was no disorder or confusion, and the cars were not too crowded. The weather was as propitious as could have been desired and the party, on the whole, was most agreeable and pleasant and will no doubt be long remembered by all composing it.

**ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.**—Bro. George B. Bailey, of Mill Creek Ward, writes us that while returning home from the terminus of the U. C. R. R., about one o'clock, on Sunday morning, he was stopped, while in Second South street, by a ruffian, who presented a cocked revolver at his breast, at the same time commanding him to hold up his hands. At first Bro. Bailey thought the man must be drunk, and asked "what for?" The scoundrel, without deigning a reply, repeated his command, at the same time demanding his money. Not satisfied with this statement the robber proceeded to rifle his pockets; but his search was not rewarded by any valuables.

After satisfying himself that Bro. Bailey had no money, he commanded him to pass on, cautioning him against mentioning the circumstance. Bro. Bailey asked the robber if he could not find some other means of making money than that of robbing poor men. The thief replied that he wanted money and was desperate, and again commanded our informant to "pass on."

**BRIGHAM CITY.**—"A. C." writes us, on the 6th instant, that despite dull times, home manufactures and labor-saving machinery are receiving a good share of attention at Brigham City. A co-operative boot and shoe store has been started there; also a tannery and a hat manufactory, and all are doing a good business. The Wellsville dramatic association has been exhibiting at the Brigham City Theatre.

**GRATITUDE.**—In our columns yesterday we noticed the fire in the 2nd Ward on Sunday night. The sufferers by that accident—Brother and Sister Rickard—have sent the following note, with a request for its publication.

2ND WARD, SALT LAKE CITY,  
February 7th, 1860.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir:—While myself and wife were at meeting on Sunday evening, the 6th inst., a fire desolated our home, consuming the most that was left to our stewardship, at over seventy-three years of age, leaving us with but little except the clothes on our persons. Tonight finds us humbled under the kindness of many friends and strangers, to whom we desire to express gratitude through your columns. Bishop Phineas Young, our Ward Relief Society, Mr. C. V. Spencer, Mrs. Hannah T. King, Messrs. Walker Brothers, Mr. John Kimball, Mr. Cunningham and the poor of our Ward shall not be forgotten in our humble prayers and gratitude.

Respectfully, &c.,

GEORGE RICKARD.  
JANE RICKARD.

**COLORADO ITEMS.**—The receipt of the news that a million and a half of "Denver Pacific" bonds had been sold in London, on the 3rd inst., has caused great rejoicing in Denver. The company promise to complete the road to that city in four months.

Work on the Kansas Pacific Railroad is progressing at the rate of a mile a day.

The agents of several extensive colonies, proposing to locate in Colorado next spring, are now at Denver making the final preparations for the purchase of stock, work cattle, etc.

The first heavy snow of the season fell last Thursday night.

**MORE EARTHQUAKES.**—A heavy shock of earthquake, it is reported, was felt at Virginia, Nevada, on the 29th ult.; no damage was done.

**ELEVENTH WARD PARTY.**—Last night the Eleventh Ward Female Relief Society gave a ball in aid of their Association, which was well attended and was a time of joy and satisfaction to all present.

Committee of arrangements Mesdames McMaster and Patterson; floor manager Mrs. Leaker.

**ROCKPORT.**—Bro. Thomas Gibbons, writes encouragingly from Rockport, Summit County, on the 1st inst. He says the establishment of a co-operative sawmill and store, and a Female Relief society are in contemplation there as early as possible. They have a good school house, well attended week days and Sundays, a good stone fort for protection from Indians when necessary; the people are in good health and are in good standing in the Church.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—A correspondent writes from Mona, Jab County, that Helen Amelia, wife of Bro. Asa B. York, died very suddenly, on the evening of January 31st. Bro. York and the deceased were retiring to rest, the latter talking pleasantly with their youngest child. While she was thus engaged, Bro. York was occupied at the fire, and on turning round he found his wife struggling for breath and endeavoring to get off the bed. He immediately caught her, laid her on the bed, and tried to administer relief to her; but she merely gasped twice and then expired.

Deceased was twenty-six years old, and was the daughter of Chas. W. and Lucy Williams, of this city. The supposition is that she died of heart disease.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**THE NORTHERN MAIL ABUSES.**—We are still receiving letters with complaints about the non-arrival of the mail matter for the northern counties of this Territory, and we are informed that the whole country, north, is alive with indignation on account of it. A letter over the signature "Quip," published in the Ogden Junction of Saturday last, gives what we are assured is authentic information as to where some of the fault lies. "Quip" says that on a journey from Ogden to Logan, he inquired into the matter, and he learned that the northern mail matter, which leaves Ogden city at 6-30 p.m. arriving at Bonnaville at 7, fails to make the connection, as it should do, and lies there till next morning, because the mail contractor,—the postmaster at Brigham city, or his employee, prefers to carry the mail in the day time rather than in the night. It is said that arrangements have now been made to have the northern mail carried in the night, hence we may hope that some of the evils complained of will be abated. "Quip" concludes his remarks on this subject as follows: "The chief blame lies, evidently with the mail agent of the C. P. line, for I learned at Willard that, lately, the mails for Sanpete and Washington counties have frequently been thrown out at Bonnaville and have found their way to Willard; while their mail has gone to Jericho or some eastern clime."

This evil should be remedied; and it might be we think with a little trouble on the part of the special mail agent from Washington; and now that the cause of the trouble is known, it is to be hoped, for the convenience of the public, that it will be seen to and further cause of complaint avoided.

**MORE WILD ANIMALS.**—Yesterday the collection of wild animals at the Deseret Menagerie was enriched by the addition of a beautiful specimen of the Wolverine or Glutton, and of the Cross Fox. Both animals were captured in Parley's Park, and purchased by the proprietor of the menagerie from the party who captured them.

**FAST RIDING.**—Two young men were arrested and fined yesterday for furious riding; and two others guilty of the same offense and of threatening the police are yet to be punished. We wish to give a caution to young men from the country, and those in the city, in addition to Alderman Clinton's monetary one, concerning this practice. In the first place, don't drink "rot gut," nor any other fiery stimulant, and confine your riding to a place indicative of sound sense. It may look brave to an ill-regulated mind, to dash along the streets at a break-neck pace, and to threaten policemen whose business is to stop it; but sensible people view it with anger and contempt; and the law is bound to be vindicated against the offenders.

**A NUISANCE.**—Complaints have been frequently made of late concerning the practice of throwing household refuse, dead dogs, stable manure and similar matter into the water seeps in the city. As a great many people depend for their supply of water upon that which comes down from City Creek, this infecting the water with putrid carcasses and impure matter is a public evil which should be stopped, and, we think, would never exist did those who are guilty of it reflect on the condition in which the water is thus sent through the city for use by the people. Bury the carcasses of animals under trees; keep manure in the proper heaps or pits and thus preserve a valuable fertilizer, and let the water course through the city in the same purity in which it comes from the mountains.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—J. P. White 152 Madison St., Chicago, inquires of Bro. John Nebeker, concerning his

brother Robert N. White, who left Bloomington, Illinois, in the Spring of 1850, for California. He has not heard from him directly for three or four years, but has learned of a person answering the description having been living recently in this Territory. Any one who can forward information to Bro. Nebeker, or Mr. White's address, will confer a favor.

**UTAH "NEWS."**—By a letter from General H. S. Eldredge, bearing date "Sherman House, Chicago, February 3rd," we learn a little more of how Utah "news" gets around. General Eldredge had a pleasant time crossing the plains, and when he reached Omaha, he called on Dr. Miller, of the Herald, who seriously told him of an alleged attempt to assassinate a United States official here lately, the Doctor's informant having been one Oliver Durant, "from Utah." Our readers know the facts of the case, as we published them at the time; but unfortunately for Durant—who is so well known, especially on the line of railroad, that nothing need be said about him—an eye-witness to the "attempted assassination" was in Omaha, having traveled down with General Eldredge. From Mr. Salisbury and Mr. White the facts were obtained, Mr. W. having been present when that "bull pup" assaulted the official, with "deadly attempt;" and Durant was badly worked up when confronted with a gentleman who was in a position to give so emphatic and plain a contradiction to his statements. Mr. Salisbury, also announced that he had always got along well in Utah by minding his own business, and had never sought to raise his reputation by meddling with that of others. Pity but some folks here would follow his example. General Eldredge says he has heard Mr. S. often contradict false rumors concerning Utah, which shows he is a gentleman.

It is very wrong for people to go and circulate such tales as these concerning our Federal officers, for it is calculated to bring them into disrepute. The idea may get around that they give countenance to the reports, and by and bye their veracity might become so doubtful that nobody would believe them.

**POSTED.**—The following extract is from a letter recently received by a gentleman in this city from an acquaintance in San Francisco, who formerly resided for a considerable time in this city. The writer is not nor ever was a "Mormon," and his common sense views are the more refreshing in these times when outsiders, generally, manifest such a rabid desire for the downfall of the work of God. He says:

"All the learned men say 'Mormonism' is gone, sure. I am taking bets for ten years hence, even, that Brigham wins. Not but that I think your polygamy question is bound to go out of date sometime in this generation; but it will take time and much more time too, than outsiders can be made to believe. What 'gas' that is about Brigham not being spiritualistic enough! The foundation of my admiration for the man, always was his practical good sense, that enters into all his movements, religious or otherwise. If some of our blatant preachers had better sense in guiding their flocks temporally, and had less spiritualism, pomatum and kid gloves there would be many better women and men. If you could see what a sinkhole of iniquity San Francisco is, you would never leave the valley."

The writer of the foregoing is evidently posted somewhat in regard to "Mormonism," and he would be justified in "taking bets" to any amount that Brigham or rather "Mormonism," polygamy included, will never lose, but will keep on gaining from this time henceforth and forever.

**FIRE AT LEHI.**—Bro. J. W. Turner, of Provo, who passed through Lehi on Monday, informs us that on Sunday last the meeting house of Lehi took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished, considerable of the roof and much of the interior had been consumed. The fire originated in the vestry.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

**A BEAR STORY.**—On the 7th instant, D. M. Smith, Charles Harper, Joseph Wadley and Joseph Allpin found a hole in Grove Creek Canyon, near Pleasant Grove City, where a bear had located for the winter. Feeling disposed to have a little sport they sent to town for some ropes, hoping to take him alive. But before the ropes could be procured bruin became restless, possibly from the noise outside of his den, and he tried to make good his escape. The boys stood ready with ax in hand, they

having no other arms with them, and as he emerged from the hole, they struck him so hard a blow that he fell to the ground, they then cut his throat with the blade of the axe. He was a tremendous fellow, measuring six feet long. All who have seen him pronounce him the largest grizzly they ever saw; his skin is as large as an ordinary buffalo robe.

**NEW ENGINES FOR THE U. C.**—We learn from the Ogden Junction, that just as the excursion train was starting on its return trip on Monday afternoon, a Union Pacific freight train hove in sight, with two new engines attached; which proved to be Nos. 3 and 4, for the Utah Central Railroad. They were built at the Locomotive Works of McQueen & Co., of Schenectady, N. Y., at a cost of \$12,000.

**"CONCERT BALL."**—We are informed that a concert ball is to be given on Thursday evening next, in the 12th Ward School-house, for the benefit of the Sunday school of that Ward. The programme promises a rich entertainment. When such are the objects, we say, keep the ball rolling; keep the new school-house warm.

**LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY PARTY.**—Last evening the Ladies' Relief Society of the 12th Ward held a benefit picnic in the new school-house. It was a very pleasant affair. Though the committee of arrangements was wholly composed of gentlemen, it is gratifying to know that no preliminary necessary to the enjoyment of the guests was omitted. The ladies, however, we are assured, did the honors of the occasion, though, as it seems, in a very unassuming way. The proceeds were some \$60, which will, doubtless, be acceptable at the present time in aid of those for whom the party was given—the Lord's poor.

**SEVENTIES' HALL LECTURES.**—Professor J. Morgan delivered a very interesting lecture last night, of an hour and three quarters' duration, in the Seventies' Hall, on the "Battle Field of the Rebellion." Having been an eye witness of and a participant in most of the scenes described, his delineations were thrillingly vivid and most interesting. He drew a finely colored picture as a moral, showing the blessings of peace and horrors of war; and in his concluding remarks elaborated on turning swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks.

**PROSPERED.**—Elder Edward Stevenson writes encouragingly of his mission east, to President Young, from Holland, Erie Co., New York, on the 1st inst. Elders Porter, Clark and himself were holding meetings through a part of that State where the gospel had been preached in the early days of the Church, and from which quite a number now in Utah have been gathered. They arrived at Holland, on Hunt's Creek, on Saturday, 29th ult., and on the next day, Sunday, at 2 p. m., held meeting in the school house which was crowded by an attentive congregation. In the evening the Baptist Church was opened to them, and was also filled, the audience appearing much interested. The next evening they held meetings in another school-house, some two miles up the creek, and had another good time. They were hospitably entertained by a Mr. Richard Rogers, a farmer of considerable influence and one of the old settlers, who did not make any profession of religion, but understood its practical application, shown by his acts of kindness. He took the brethren around and showed them many points of interest connected with the former preaching of the gospel there, such as the place where President Kimball and others baptized, and the old "Mormon" school house. Only one person, though, remains a resident of the neighborhood connected with the Church, who was there in the days referred to. This is an aged sister, who still holds fast to the faith. These brethren have had numerous opportunities offered them in other places to preach, and good congregations at the meetings; yet but little desire is manifested, as a general thing, concerning the principles of the gospel; wickedness has alarmingly increased since the Elders labored there in past years.

"If you ever think of marrying a widow, my son," said an anxious parent to his heir, "select one whose first husband was hung; that is the only way to prevent her throwing his memory in your face and making annoying comparisons." "Even that won't prevent it," exclaimed a crusty old bachelor; "she will then praise him and say hanging would be too good for you."