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TERMS IN ADVANCE.

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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 27.

Harness Stealing.—On Monday night Messrs. Naylor Brothers had a set of harness stolen from their premises.

Last night Mr. Wagstaff, of American Fork, who put his team up at Wickel's stable, had his harness carried away. In consequence he was unable to leave for home to-day. The thieves have not been discovered, although the police have been on the alert.

SALT LAKE CITY,
February 27, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

Last evening Mr. C. R. Savage delivered a lecture, under the auspices of the Young Folks' Mutual Improvement Association of the 19th Ward, to a large and appreciative audience. The lecture was very instructive and interesting, evincing a commendable degree of labor and research.

Yours truly,
D. P. FELT, Secy.

Joint Meeting.—There was a joint meeting of the Y. M. M. I. A. and the Y. L. M. I. A. of the 16th Ward, last evening, at the ward school house. The exercises consisted of essays, brief lectures, recitations, readings, songs, etc. The programme was efficiently rendered, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Besides the members of the respective associations a number of spectators were present, the whole constituting an extensive assemblage.

Both associations are in excellent condition, much of their prosperity being due to the intelligent and assiduous labors of Presidents Francis Cope and Mary Williams.

The North.—Elder B. F. Cummings, Jr., has been on a visit to the Bear Lake Stake, in the interest of the Y. M. M. I. A. movement, and has visited every settlement in that northern region. In a recent letter he states that the young people are taking an increased interest in matters pertaining to religious and intellectual advancement.

A report made at the recent conference of the Bear Lake Stake stated that, during 1877, the settlement of St. Charles had donated \$2,417 for the building of the Logan Temple and about a similar amount for the erection of their own new meeting house, making a pro rata donation of twelve dollars for each man, woman and child of the population. Similar reports were made from other settlements.

Just prior to the holding of the conference, at Paris, the meeting house was enlarged to double its former capacity and yet it was much too small to hold the people who assembled.

Georgetown, in that Stake, has now a population of 14 families has been settled seven years, and, as yet not one death has occurred there.

Sappetel.—Brother C. H. Halvorsen, of Monroe, now working on the Manti Temple, writes from the latter place under date of the 16th inst.

The authorities of Manti were doing all they could for the comfort of the Temple hands from other settlements.

That city is well up in educational matters, J. F. Allred, assisted by Mrs. Hoyt, teaches about 100 pupils in the higher branches, in a well apportioned and furnished school-room. Two other schools are in operation, one taught by George Scott, and the other by J. L. Bench.

The Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement Associations are doing excellently.

The new meeting-house, in course of construction, will be a credit and ornament to the place. It is expected to be up to the square in about three months, and to be sufficiently near completion by next Fall to admit of the holding of meetings in it.

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

Petition of B. T. Mitchell and 14 others, residents of the 16th Ward, representing that their lots had been damaged to a large extent by the making of a canal in the vicinity of their premises; also that they had done a good deal of work on the public streets and sidewalks, for which they had received no remuneration. They asked the reference of the matter to a committee, with a view to their receiving compensation. Referred to the committee on irrigation.

Petition of Walker Brothers and 35 others, asking that the graveling now being done on West Temple Street be continued as far as Ninth South Street, as said street, one of the most public in the city was, between Fifth and Ninth South, impassable at certain seasons of the year. Referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Dr. J. M. Benedict, in a communication, asked for an appropriation to aid in forwarding, to a reformatory for unfortunate women in St. Louis, one who is at present an inmate of the Sisters' hospital in this city. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

The mayor announced the following standing committees for the years 1878-9:

Municipal Laws.—A. H. Raleigh, Joseph F. Smith, George Reynolds, James W. Cummings, John Henry Smith.

Clerks.—Alex. C. Pyper, D. O. Calder, Francis Armstrong.

Improvements.—Henry Dinwoodey, Elias Morris, Isaac Brockbank.

Public Grounds.—John Sharp, D. O. Calder, W. L. Ball, F. Armstrong, Elias Morris.

Elections.—Adam Spiers, Jos. F. Smith, W. L. Ball.

Fire Department.—H. Dinwoodey, J. Henry Smith, I. Brockbank.

Cemetery.—A. H. Raleigh, E. Morris, F. Armstrong.

Finance.—A. C. Pyper, D. O. Calder, G. Reynolds.

Streets and Alleys.—John Sharp, E. Morris, I. Brockbank, F. Armstrong, J. Henry Smith.

License.—A. Spiers, I. Brockbank, Jas. W. Cummings.

Public Works.—A. H. Raleigh, F. Armstrong, E. Morris.

Revision.—A. C. Pyper, Jos. F. Smith, G. Reynolds.

Irrigation.—A. Spiers, Jas. W. Cummings, J. Henry Smith, G. Reynolds, F. Armstrong.

Waterworks.—John Sharp, F. Armstrong, D. O. Calder, I. Brockbank, E. Morris.

Police.—H. Dinwoodey, J. Henry Smith, J. W. Cummings.

Markets.—A. Spiers, W. L. Ball, E. Morris.

Ways and Means.—John Sharp, Jos. F. Smith, G. Reynolds.

City Prison.—A. C. Pyper, I. Brockbank, D. O. Calder.

Quarantine.—A. H. Raleigh, J. W. Cummings, W. L. Ball.

Unfinished Business.—H. Dinwoodey, Jos. F. Smith, G. Reynolds.

The Recorder stated that he had received the report of the sealer of weights and measures, Martin H. Peck, which showed that, during the time covered by the report, he had examined, corrected or repaired 399 scales, in 175 different places of business. He had also tested all the other scales used in the city not previously examined.

Bishop John Sharp asked permission to anchor the guy ropes attached to the derricks used for hoisting rocks in the building of the Temple, at a distance of twenty feet beyond the sidewalk, toward the centre of East Temple Street, the anchorage and ropes to be fenced. Granted.

A bill for an ordinance relating to awnings and signs was taken up, and, pending its second reading, was recommitted to the committee on municipal laws.

The Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

The Position Exactly.—The San Francisco *Daily Globe*, of the 13th inst., has a leader under the title of "A Moral Epidemic," in which, in several particulars, the writer hits the nail so squarely on the head regarding several points of the "Mormon" question, that we quote freely from the article:

The Mormon moral epidemic, that breaks out upon the opening of every session of Congress, is upon us with increased violence.

Its virulence may be measured by the increased value of property in Utah. As the mines of Utah are estimated at forty millions, the fervor among the Christian Saints may be estimated. The connection of property with moral propriety may be understood when attention is called to the fact that, were the Mormons a beggarly lot of polygamous people, with as few rags to cover their nakedness as principles to hide their deformity, no one would care whether society was tainted or the Lord offended or not. But being possessed of large and valuable property, that may revert to the reformers, their conduct is vile, and their possessions must be confiscated.

The criminals escaping conviction and the convicts escaping punishment who make up the Christian population of Utah; the border ruffians, also Christians, surrounding the Territory; the Christian statesmen of Washington, lately choked off subsidy and other plunder, are all sorely distressed at the thought of men by the borders of Salt Lake having several wives each.

The average congressman, however, is the most afflicted. His chaste soul is filled with virtuous indignation. He would enact laws, stringent laws, to prohibit and punish the polygamous followers of St. Smith and the prophet Young—if he only knew how. He is quite willing to strike down the *habeas corpus*, the trial by jury—in a word, every recognized right, if he could only reach the adulterous generation of Mormons. But, unfortunately for him, he cannot amend the Constitution by act of Congress, nor wipe out the courts, and so long as the two remain his chaste legislation is a failure.

How cruel, then, under the circumstances, for Sarah Spencer to twit these solons with the fact that the only difference between the members and the Mormons was that the Mormons married their mistresses, while the Congressmen turned them out to starve.

The fact is gradually coming to be recognized that we cannot amend the public morals through a criminal code. When the peace and dignity of a State has been assailed, through a wrong done an individual, the criminal court intervenes and punishes the wrongdoer. But when the party injured not only consents to, but courts the offense, the courts are powerless. A thief, for example, cannot be convicted of theft when it is proven that the owner of the goods consented to the taking.

So long as women themselves not only willingly submit, but court the offense, there is no sense in attempting the remedy through law. The only relief is in a spread of intelligence, and an appeal to our better nature. A petition to Congress for more stringent legislation is a confession that the church is a failure. Let these pious men of God go as missionaries to Utah, instead of the lobby of Congress. Let the Gentiles of Utah lead better lives and they will have stronger influence.

The people of Utah are honest in their dealing, cleanly in their habits and law-abiding in their conduct.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

San Francisco put up 1,250 new buildings of various kinds last year, the aggregate cost of which was about \$3,000,000.

The *Woman's Exponent* for March 1st is an excellent number. The paper grows in interest, and is worthy of the patronage of the ladies of Utah and other places.

A Canada cheese factory has turned out a cheese weighing 7,000 pounds. Thirty-five tons of milk were used in its composition. "Good things are done up in small parcels."

The silver bill has become a law. Both Houses of Congress have passed the bill over the President's veto. Silver is master of the situation; let the "Gold-bugs" keep silent.

The peace conditions are signed, and the Russians keep up the humbug of the object of the war, by claiming that the freedom of the Christians from the Mussulman rule was accomplished on the anniversary of the liberation of the serfs from Russian bondage. Turkish dominion is, and has been for some time, far more liberal and just than Muscovite government.

DIED.

In Richfield, Sevier County, Feb. 16th, 1878, after an illness of seven weeks, ALEXANDER FRASER, born in Glasgow, Scotland, 1815. Embraced the gospel in Kirkintilloch, Dumfriesshire, in 1849. Presided over the Kirkintilloch branch several years. Emigrated to Utah in 1868. Lived and died a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
Millennial Star, please copy.

At Provo, Utah County, Feb. 27th, 1878, of asthma and dropsy, JOHN, son of Henry and Jane McEwan.

Deceased was born near Dromore, County Down, Ireland, on the 24th of February, 1824, and baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Edinburgh, Scotland, Nov. 13th, 1840, by Elder Orson Pratt. On the 29th of Aug. 1843, he parted with his parents and his native land to join the Saints at their gathering place and on the 11th of November of the same year reached Nauvoo.

In Sugar House Ward, February 24, 1878, MIRIAM SIMMONDS, wife of Edward Hemley.

Deceased was born at Clayton, Sussex, England, January 5th, 1844, and died in full faith of the Gospel.
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BORN.

At Brigham City, February 27th, 1878, to the wife of Maurice B. Young, a son.

MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY.

War Department, Chief Signal Service Office, Report for February, 1878.

SALT LAKE CITY, U. T.

DATE.	Daily Mean Barom'r.	Daily Mean Temp.	Daily Mean Humidity.	Daily Mean Prevailing Direction of Wind.	Daily Rainfall.	GENERAL ITEMS.
1	30.06	36	67	nw	0.37	Highest Bar., 30.35
2	30.31	35	60	s	...	Lowest Bar., 29.51
3	30.19	40	52	s	...	Highest Temp., 60
4	29.73	45	52	s	...	Lowest Temp., 20
5	29.75	45	81	nw	0.16	Prevailing Dir. of Wind, SSE
6	29.38	56	80	nw	0.23	Greatest Wind, 30 miles per hour.
7	29.29	71	e	...	...	Total No. Miles, 3568
8	30.03	29	69	nw	...	Total rain and melted snow, 3.49 in.
9	30.21	75	e	...	...	No. Clear Days, 6
10	29.79	43	59	s	...	" Cloudy " 13
11	30.34	87	s	...	...	" Days on which rain or snow fell, 16
12	30.32	85	s	...	...	Comparative Temperature, 24°
13	30.38	74	s	...	...	" 18 4
14	30.38	62	nw	...	...	" 1875, 34
15	30.39	71	e	...	...	" 1876, 33
16	30.39	71	e	...	...	" 1877, 34
17	30.39	49	e	...	...	Comparative Precipitation:
18	30.39	66	e	...	...	Jan., 1873, 1.87 in.
19	30.39	66	e	...	...	" 1874, 0.99 "
20	30.39	66	e	...	...	" 1875, 1.79 "
21	30.39	66	e	...	...	" 1876, 1.52 "
22	30.39	66	e	...	...	" 1877, 0.38 "
23	30.39	66	e	...	...
24	30.39	66	e	...	...
25	30.39	66	e	
26	30.39	66	e	
27	30.39	66	e	
28	30.39	66	e	
29	30.39	66	e	
30	30.39	66	e	
31	30.39	66	e	

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