

CURRENT EVENTS.

Actions For Libel.

On Jan. 21 Captain J. R. Middlemiss instituted a civil suit for libel against the *Ogden Standard*, claiming \$10,000 as damages. On Jan. 23 F. J. Cannon Esq., editor of the *Standard*, was arrested on a charge of criminal libel. The basis of both of these actions is the publication by the *Standard* of the proceedings in a justice's court in Emery County in which Captain Middlemiss was a defendant, the case having arisen over a mining dispute in that county. The *Standard* people claim to have given an unbiased account of the court proceedings.

Mr. Cannon had a partial examination before Commissioner Cross at Ogden on the day of his arrest. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 which Mr. Cannon refused to give. He had previously refused to go on his own recognizance; but the Commissioner did not order him confined, and allowed him to go at large until Feb. 1, to which date the hearing was continued.

Great Street Car Strike.

On January 29th, a long-threatened strike began on the street car lines of New York City, and traffic on all but two lines was stopped: About 4,500 men quit work. At last accounts there was great excitement and danger of rioting and bloodshed. Brooklyn lines are also involved.

A Young Man Killed.

On January 29th, John, son of W. H. and Hannah Pidcock, of Ogden, while engaged in switching cars in the Union Pacific yard at Ogden, was fatally crushed between two cars, producing almost instant death.

Glasgow Latter-day Saints.

The Latter-day Saints held their semi-annual conference yesterday in their hall, 87 Gallowgate, Glasgow. Several Elders from Utah were present, among them President George Teasdale, of the European Mission, S. F. Whittaker, of the Scottish Mission, and H. M. Payne, of the Irish Mission. A Priesthood meeting had been held the previous evening, reports from which showed that the mission was in a favorable condition. From the statistical reports of the Scottish Mission, it appeared that there were one High Priest, seven subordinates, thirty-seven Elders, ten Priests, eleven Teachers, eight Deacons, and 258 members. Forty-nine members had emigrated, ten had been excommunicated, and six had died. Seventy-seven baptisms were reported. Several of the Elders addressed the meeting. President Teasdale, speaking of the prosperity of the European Mission, stated that over 1,200 had emigrated this season by their own means. The persecution of the Church in America, and the publication of Mrs. Stenhouse's anti-"Mormon" romance in a British religious week-

ly, had awakened an intelligent spirit of inquiry, and 1,000 copies of the Book of Mormon had been sold in three months. All the meetings were well attended.—*The Scotsman*, Dec. 31, 1888.

Two Men Killed.

On the afternoon of January 29th, a train left the Red Butte quarries, having eight cars loaded with stone and two empties. The track was slippery, and the grade, about 250 feet to the mile, was so heavy that the train, soon after starting, was beyond control. After running from one to two miles it flew the track and was badly wrecked. A young man named Joseph A. Young, a son of the late Joseph A. Young and his wife Mary, aged about twenty-one years, and another young man named George Walker, of Sugar House Ward, who were on a visit to the quarry, and not employes of the road, were killed in the wreck. The engineer, Wm. J. McDonald, was cut on the head and bruised in several places, but his injuries were not dangerous. A quarryman named Charles McCarty, who had boarded the train to help control it, had his right arm broken, and was cut and bruised. No other persons were injured. The engine and cars were considerably damaged.

Another Utah Railroad.

The Utah & Arizona Railway Company articles of association have been filed with Secretary Hall. The articles for which this corporation is organized is to construct, operate and maintain a railroad with the necessary and proper branches and extensions over the following designated route: From the terminus of the Sanpete Valley Railroad, at Chester, Sanpete County, Utah, to Mantle, in the same County, via Ephraim, a distance of about seventeen miles, together with such branches and extensions of the said railroad as this company may at any time, be authorized by law to construct, operate and maintain.

The actual cost of constructing the road, the right of way, locomotives and other rolling stock, and every appurtenance and thing necessary for the completion of said road, as estimated by competent engineers, is about \$170,000.

A Fearful Deed.

Santaquin, Utah County, was the scene of a shocking occurrence yesterday. John Anderson, a man about 33 years of age, has resided at that place for some time, and recently has been subject to spells of despondency. His relatives did not think anything serious was the matter, and therefore paid little heed to them. In one of these spells, however, he ended his life, the only eye-witness to the deed being an eight-year-old girl, a cousin of the suicide.

There was an old musket about the house where Anderson resided, and he would frequently take the weapon and let the children pull the trigger to make the hammer

snap. Yesterday he called the little girl out to the shed, where he had the gun. Placing the barrel through a loop to rest, he told the child to pull the trigger at the same time putting the side of his head to the muzzle of the gun. The girl refused, but he insisted that she should do as he told her, and said it would not hurt him, as the weapon was not loaded. The child hesitatingly obeyed his order, when the weapon was discharged, and Anderson fell to the floor with a terrible hole in the side of his head, just above and in front of the left ear. The little girl was almost frantic at what had occurred, and gave the alarm. When assistance came the position of the weapon was as the child had stated. Anderson lived but a short time. An inquest was held over the body.

Martin Garn Arraigned.

On Jan. 26, before Judge Sandford, the case of the United States vs Martin Garn came up. The defendant was called to plead; not being present he was ordered to appear by Wednesday, Jan. 30; later he appeared and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with unlawful cohabitation with Mary Garn and Rhoda Hardy. The indictment was found on the 10th of March, 1886, but for some reason the defendant has never been called to appear, though he was under bonds all the time.

Returned Missionary.

Elder James F. Smith, of this city, called at our office Jan. 28 upon his return from a mission. He left Salt Lake City on June 8th, 1887, and until his release labored in Indian Territory among the Cherokee and Choctaw nations. During his absence from home Elder Smith met with very encouraging success, and was everywhere received with much kindness. There were many inquiries concerning the truths of the Gospel, and a large number of persons seemed particularly anxious to investigate. During his mission six persons were baptized by Elder Smith alone; he also assisted his co-laborers in confirming others. He returns home in excellent health, bringing two converts with him, and expresses himself as greatly pleased and satisfied with the results of his labors.

First District Court.

At Ogden, on January the 23rd, the grand jury brought in 27 indictments, three of them being under Territorial laws and the remainder United States cases. The following cases were dismissed: John C. Larsen and Richard Godfrey, unlawful cohabitation, Rice H. Jones, et al., assault, and Arthur Hess, et al., grand larceny.

On Friday, January the 25th, Oliver C. Hoskins, of Malad, was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. He pleaded guilty. To questions by the court he stated that he had married last in 1873, and his youngest child by the plural wife was three and a half years of age.