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LOCAL NEWS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 18

Just the Thing.—A few days ago we mentioned a means of exterminating that formidable enemy to orchards—the codling moth—suggested by the proprietors of the Geneva (N. Y.) Nursery. The material to be used was a small amount of Paris green in a given quantity of water, to be squirted upon the trees by means of a portable pump. Henry Bartlett, of Springville, Utah County, is agent for "Lewis's combination force pump," a contrivance admirably adapted for the purpose.

Welcome Home.—We received a call to-day from Brother Evan Stephens, the well-known and esteemed musician, who returned from Boston on Saturday evening. The hosts of friends of the gentleman will join us in bidding him a hearty welcome. We understand he has made excellent progress in his adopted profession, for which he has a devoted and passionate fondness. He is not one of those who will hide his light under a bushel, and the public will doubtless largely have the benefit of his later acquisitions in the theory and practice of music. Utah owes him a good deal already in the line of her advancement in that direction, and we bespeak her farther indebtedness. Brother Stephens proposes taking up his residence in this city.

The Crusade at Ogden.—About 3 o'clock on Sunday morning deputies visited the residence of A. J. Kershaw, in Ogden, and placed that gentleman under arrest. Afterward, guided by a youth from Riverdale—James Thompson—called at Wm. Stimpson's and served a warrant of arrest upon Mr. Stimpson. These two gentlemen were taken to Ogden, where Mr. Kershaw was yesterday arraigned to plead to two indictments charging him with living with and acknowledging his wives, contrary to the Edmunds law. His bonds were fixed at \$1,800 and his plea will be made to-morrow (Wednesday) for which day the trial is also set. Mr. Stimpson's family were taken before the grand jury, who soon returned an indictment, and to-day the defendant was required to be present for arraignment, his bail being fixed at \$1,500.

In obedience to an order issued yesterday by Judge Powers, Marshal Ireland took to Ogden, this morning, from the penitentiary, Amos Maycock, Helen H. Tracy, Ambrose Greenwell and John Bergen. Joseph H. Dean and George C. Wood were also arrested and taken to Ogden for arraignment.

Messrs. Dean, Wood and Bergen were called to plead to indictments recently found, charging each of them with polygamy. Mr. Dean answered not guilty, and the others will plead on Thursday.

Messrs. Maycock, Tracy and Greenwell were arraigned on two indictments each, charged with unlawful cohabitation with their wives. These three brethren are the first in whose cases additional indictments have been pressed before sentence on the first had expired. W. G. Saunders was also arraigned on one charge of unlawful cohabitation. All of them took until Thursday next at 10 a. m., when their trials will proceed, C. C. Richards, Esq., acting as their attorney.

Mr. Barnard White was placed on trial to-day, on two charges of unlawful cohabitation.

HON. JOEL GROVER.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

By the aid of Brother W. A. C. Bryan we are enabled to give some details in relation to the late Hon. Joel Grover. He is the son of Thomas and Hannah T. Grover, was born at Farmington, Davis County, Utah, March 11th, 1849. He died of hepatic colic (passing of gall

stones) at his residence in Nephi, Juab County, Utah, at 11:35 p. m., May 13th, 1886. He was the first white male child born in Davis County. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, when eight years of age. At the April Conference of 1867 he was called by President Heber C. Kimball to go on a mission to Europe. He started on his mission May 12th, 1867, crossing the plains most of the way by team, and arrived in Liverpool, England, July 26th. He labored faithfully in the Kent and Glasgow conferences two years, preaching the Gospel, and after having completed his mission, to the satisfaction of the Presidency, was released on the 14th and departed from Liverpool in the steamship *Colorado*, homeward bound, July 28th, 1869, arriving at his home in Farmington, August 20th.

December 5th, 1869, he was married to Mary Asenath, daughter of Dr. Willard Richards, upon which occasion President Brigham Young predicted that Brother Grover would yet occupy prominent positions of usefulness in the Kingdom of God.

November 10th, 1871, he was ordained a High Priest and called to preside over the Juab Stake of Zion. Subsequently there being changes in the presidency, he has been First Counselor therein. He has been a leading figure in the management of all of the important matters pertaining to the welfare and prosperity of the Stake.

In 1873 he was elected a Representative to the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, and has since that time been repeatedly elected Representative and Councilor, and has been well recognized and admired as a wise and able Representative of the people. In 1875 he was elected to the office of Selectman, and in 1878 to that of Probate Judge for Juab County, and he held the latter office at the time of his demise.

He was an extensive stockholder in the Nephi Mercantile and Nephi Mill and Manufacturing Institutions, and held the offices of President and Superintendent of the store and Secretary and Superintendent of the Mill. He was prominently identified in all of the public institutions of the Stake, and was a very liberal subscriber to every legitimate enterprise and industry organized since his arrival in Nephi.

In the First National Bank of Nephi, about to be organized, he was a subscriber for a considerable amount, and at the preliminary meeting was chosen for one of its directors. As a financier he was of the first order, and his judgment and executive ability were quick and firm. He was a close, affectionate and lasting friend, and while being a faithful Latter-day Saint and having the love and confidence of the authorities and people of the Church, he was broad, liberal and charitable, to such an extent as to gain the admiration and confidence of every class.

On the evening of the 13th inst., Brother Grover and his wife had been out riding and had only just returned home, when he was seized with a violent cramp in the stomach, it being then about 7:30 o'clock. Doctors Don and Atkin were immediately summoned, and the Elders of the Church were sent for and everything was done that could be done to counteract the disease, but nothing seemed to have any effect, and after much suffering in so short a time, he passed away at 11:35 o'clock.

The news of his death caused a most sudden shock and spread a gloom over the entire community. The town was draped in mourning and flags put at half-mast.

During his lifetime Brother Grover having expressed his desire that when he should die his remains should be taken direct from his home to the tomb, and that there should be no funeral sermon over his remains, his wish was carried out, the obsequies commencing at his late residence, and after singing by the Nephi Tabernacle Choir and prayer by Apostle H. J. Grant, the multitude assembled to attend the funeral passed through the parlor, viewed the remains, and the procession then being arranged, in order, proceeded to the cemetery. It was the largest attendance on any occasion of the kind ever known in this county. A great many friends and prominent citizens from Salt Lake, Utah and other counties were present, among them were quite a number of his co-laborers in the Legislature.

The funeral procession returned at 4 p. m. and adjourned to the Nephi Tabernacle, where the afternoon's services were devoted to remarks in relation to the deceased. The Tabernacle was draped for the occasion, and combined with the devotion expressed, presented a most solemn aspect.

The speakers were President Charles Sperry, George Kendall, Mathew McCue and Wm. A. C. Bryan, personal friends and intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

Deceased leaves a wife, five children, a mother and numerous other relations to mourn his departure. His friends and the entire community retain an affectionate remembrance of the departed, who was loved and respected by all who associated with him in life.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 19

Not Suitable.—We have received the copy of remarks, written in verse, delivered by a young lady before a conjoint meeting of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement Associations at Richfield, Sevier County. It is accompanied by a request to publish. The reason for its non-appearance in this journal is that, although admirably suited to the purpose for which it was originally composed, it is hardly so for these columns.

A Petty Thief.—A requisition was made from the justice's court to-day, on the commandant at Fort Douglas, for a soldier named F. R. Egbert, wanted on a charge of petty larceny. Egbert was arrested by the military officers last night, for desertion. He has been at the Metropolitan as a citizen for some days, and stole from the proprietress of the hotel, Mrs. Hill, a pair of blankets, which he sold at Madson's secondhand store.

Look Out.—W. C. Hawkins, of Marsh Valley, Idaho, informs us that the crops in that section are in a very unpromising condition, and the probability is that they will be at least a partial failure. We would be pleased to have brief statements in relation to the crops from each section of the Territory. Such information would doubtless be of use in governing the grangers in the disposal of grain. These are times when the people had better keep their eyes open and "look a little out."

Police Court Notes.—To-day, in the police court, the following business was transacted:

H. B. Manchester, Albert Reese and Ole Hansen, for drunkenness, were each assessed \$5.

Harry Turner paid \$10 for getting drunk, and Jacob Olsen, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$12.50.

R. R. Rodgers, who stole W. H. Atwood's horse from Murray, Salt Lake County, was arraigned for grand larceny, and said, "I plead guilty to everything charged against me, and ask for the mercy of the court." His bonds to await the action of the grand jury were placed at \$2,000, which he was unable to furnish.

Kind his Own House.—About 9 o'clock last night the fire department were called out by an alarm of fire from the eastern part of the city. It seems that H. McKean, who lives on 12th East Street, went home and began a quarrel with his wife. She became alarmed and, with her two small children, fled to the house of a neighbor. McKean then got on the roof of his house and poured on the shingles a quantity of coal oil, to which he applied a lighted match. He then ran off toward the centre of town and has not been seen or heard of since. The neighbors at once got to work and in a few moments extinguished the flames, which did but little damage.

Raid by Deputies.—About 4 o'clock this morning Deputies Franks, Cuddie and others surrounded the residence of Joseph O. Young, in the Eighth Ward. About 6 o'clock they applied for admittance, and subpoenaed Mr. Young's family. The head of the household had however, gone out unobserved by the deputies, of whose presence he was ignorant, but the house was searched from cellar to garret, as were also the barn, chicken coop, outhouses, etc., and some of the neighbors' residences. Several members of the families of Mr. N. H. Felt, and Mr. Wm. J. Silver were also subpoenaed in connection with the case. Mr. Young, however, was not arrested. The witnesses were this morning excused until Monday, when they are to appear before Commissioner McKay, and are also wanted before the grand jury on June 1st.

Well Done.—Yesterday it was stated by the News that Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells, editor of the *Exponent*, had returned from a protracted visit to the East. We were unadvised until the paper went to press, that Dr. Ellen B. Ferguson returned home at the same time, both ladies having been associated in the same mission. They spent most of the time of their absence in Washington, working in the interest of the women of Utah. From all sources of information that have reached us on the subject, they have done their duty thoroughly and intelligently. The result of the efforts cannot fall of being good. We congratulate them on their safe return, and on the capable manner in which they have filled the responsible part assigned to them, showing that they merited the confidence in them reposed. We have had the pleasure of meeting both ladies since their arrival, and are pleased to be able to state that, although somewhat fatigued, they are in good health and spirits.

Supposed Drowned.—On Monday evening Charles Holt, who lives near the Cannon farm on the Jordan, started to bring a cow across the river. He was observed to ride into the stream, and a short time afterward his horse was seen but Holt was nowhere around. Nothing more was thought of

it until yesterday, when Mr. Clayton, Holt's partner, went to his house for him, and was informed that he had not returned from the city, whither he had started with a cow on Monday. A search was instituted for the missing man, but without avail, and his friends finally came to the conclusion that he had been drowned. Last evening Mr. C. H. Gold, R. Hazen Jr., Mr. Loveridge and others got grappling irons and dragged the river, but up to latest accounts to-day had found no trace of the object of their search.

There seems to be but little doubt that the unfortunate man has met his death in the river, which at that place is very dangerous. He is aged about 35 years, and has been occasionally employed at the Utah Central depot as engine wiper. His wife and family are almost distracted over his disappearance, though at first they thought him safe in the city.

JUDICIAL BURLESQUE AT BEAVER.

COMPLAINING WITNESSES SUMMONING JURIES ON OPEN VENIRE.

BEAVER, May 19, 1886.

Editor *Deseret News*:

The case of the people against Maeser, for libel, was given to the jury at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. They were out all night and came into court at nine o'clock this morning. Being unable to agree they were discharged.

The case against George Hales, on same charge, was called for trial. A motion was made by the defendant's counsel to set aside the jurors drawn on special venire, on the ground that they had been summoned by William Thompson, one of the deputies who claims to have been libeled and who is also a prosecuting witness in the case. The motion was overruled. The panel being exhausted an open special venire was issued and placed in the hands of the same officers who claim to have been libeled, to serve. The marshals concluded they could not find jurors enough in Beaver City—in a population of two thousand—to suit their purpose; must go to Milford and Frisco, and thus add to their funds. MOONSHINE.

A TRIPLE MURDER.

"Ab." Flowers Shoots His Wife and Her Mother,

And Kills Himself in an Attempt to Murder his Brother-in-Law.

About 9 o'clock last evening an awful tragedy was enacted in the 11th Ward of this city. The house where the terrible occurrence transpired is located at the corner of Third South and Ninth East streets, and is the home of a widow lady, Mrs. Annie L. Decker, and her family. Some three or four years ago, one of Mrs. Decker's daughters—Josephine, now in her 23d year—became the wife of John Albert Flowers, a young man who resided near by. They have two children, one a little girl two years and ten months old, and the other a baby aged eighteen months.

Flowers' treatment of his wife has been so brutal that she found it impossible to longer remain in the house with him, and about six weeks ago returned to her mother, taking her little ones with her. During the past month Flowers has repeatedly called on his wife and endeavored to persuade her to return to him, but her experience had been such that she would not consent. He informed her that yesterday (Tuesday) morning he would leave for Wood River, but for some reason, he did not go, and about 20 minutes to 9 o'clock last night, called at Mrs. Decker's house. His mother-in-law, wife, children and brother-in-law, Lester I. Decker, were present, and when he came in was apparently mild, though it was evident he had been drinking some. He took up the little girl from her mother's lap and kissed her, then began talking with Mrs. Flowers. The conversation lasted about fifteen minutes, during which Flowers said he was going north in the morning; he spoke of the separation, and told his wife Josephine that there were some things at his house that she could have if she would come up for them with him. This she declined to do, and told him he could place outside the door any article he was willing she should have, and that she would request a neighbor, Mr. Hasmussen, to bring them down in the morning.

While they were thus talking Flowers was walking up and down the room—which is quite small, about 10 by 12 feet—and occasionally kissing the children, when a pistol fell from his pocket to the floor. Mrs. Decker, who was seated at the table reading a paper exclaimed, "For Lord's sake, don't bring a pistol here!" Flowers picked the weapon up and put it in his pocket again, remarking that it was an old one, and hadn't been loaded for a long time. Mrs. Decker then took her little girl and began preparing the child for bed. Her husband,

seeing this, told her she had better come back and live with him. She refused and he asked her to come outside, but this she would not do, as the child was undressed. Flowers seemed somewhat angered at his failure to induce his wife to return to him, but a little, and went to the back door, where he stood for a moment, looking into the room, and then stepped out, the inmates thinking he had gone.

Unfortunately, however, this was not the case, and the next five minutes witnessed a scene which in its terrible nature is without a parallel in the history of this region. Mrs. Decker was sitting opposite the door, about eight feet distant, reading; her daughter, Mrs. Flowers, was five or six feet to the right, with her child on her lap; and Lester Decker, her son, a young man about 25 years of age, and much lighter in weight than Flowers, was reclining on a lounge near his sister. Flowers, after going out, returned almost immediately, having in his hand a self-cocking five-shooter American bull-dog revolver, and stepping in at the door, fired at Mrs. Decker, the ball striking her in the abdomen, just below the ribs, about three inches to the right of the centre of the body, and ranging downward, the wound being fatal. Lester Decker sprang from the lounge toward the murderer, who quickly turned to his wife and child and fired again, the bullet in this instance entering the body of Mrs. Flowers in nearly the same place as in Mrs. Decker, but on the left side.

Flowers then turned on young Decker, but the latter knocked the pistol from his hands to the floor and dealt him a blow in the face. Flowers, however, managed to recover the weapon and fired at Lester, the ball going through the ceiling. The two clinched, and then followed a desperate struggle for life. Both fell out of the door on to a platform and then stumbled over a bench to the ground. Flowers freed himself and the two men regained their feet, Decker at the same time seizing his assailant by the arm and turning him around so he could catch him around the arms from the back. Flowers then made a desperate effort to shoot Decker by holding his pistol over his shoulder, but was unsuccessful, and the combatants again fell.

Just as they were down, however, Flowers took his pistol over his shoulder and fired, but Decker seized his arm in time to divert the muzzle of the weapon, and the bullets entered the murderer's head, just behind the right ear, one lodging in the head and the other coming out about three inches back of where it entered. Decker's head was so close to that of his assailant that his forehead above the right temple was burned with powder and made him think he was shot. With this idea, and not knowing that Flowers had received the fatal bullet, he ran to where his mother lay on the sidewalk, screaming for assistance, her life-blood ebbing away.

By this time neighbors had gathered from all around, Messrs. Edward and George Braby being among the first to reach the place. Mrs. Flowers was attended to, as was also Mrs. Decker, and surgeons sent for. When the body of the murderer was picked up, life was found to be extinct. Dr. Benedict soon arrived and gave what skillful assistance he could for the comfort of the unfortunate women.

The body of Flowers was taken to the residence of his mother, a block and a half from the scene of the horrible crime, and this morning Coroner Taylor held an inquest, at which the jury, John M. Young, Wm. Fuller and Wm. S. Brighton, returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

The mother and relatives of Flowers are plunged into grief by the occurrence. He was between 26 and 27 years of age, and has borne a bad character, having on several occasions resorted to his revolver in the heat of passion. On one occasion he was prevented from shooting a barkeeper by two of his companions, and a couple of years ago, opposite the Theatre, without provocation, he shot at a man, the bullet going through the man's ear. Flowers was arrested for this, but the man at whom he shot was deterred by threats from appearing as a witness against him, so he escaped. On several occasions he has served terms in the city jail for drunkenness and fighting, and was in all a very dangerous man. He was about five feet seven inches high and of powerful build, weighing about 175 pounds.

Mrs. Decker is about 52 years of age, and at noon to-day, fifteen hours after the shooting, breathed her last. She leaves several children, one of them being the wife of M. F. Wilcox, book-binder, of Ogden. Her daughter Josephine was taken to the hospital for treatment, though there are no hopes for her recovery.

As a cure for insomnia and nervousness, there is nothing like Dr. Henley's Celery, Beef and Iron.

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