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## Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 20.

**Message.**—There is a message at the Western Union Telegraph Office for Mrs. Wm. Skews.

**"Key to the Universe."**—Subscriptions to Elder Orson Pratt's new work under this title will be received by Laron Pratt, at the office of the DESERET NEWS, who will forward books to subscribers as soon as they arrive. A sample of the book with appendix may be seen on application.

**Assault and Battery.**—This morning a misunderstanding took place on the race track in this city, between two men, named G. A. Emory and Harry Tyson. The latter assaulted, beat and wounded the other with a pitchfork. An affidavit was made by Emory this morning before Judge Pyper, and Tyson will be arrested.

**Another Primary.**—The Primary Association of the 19th Ward was organized, yesterday, by Sisters Wells and Kimball; 99 members were enrolled, besides the officers. The training of children in the way they should go, is an important duty, and we are pleased to note the rapid growth of the societies who have that worthy object in view.

**The Miles Case.**—The hearing on the motion for a new trial in the case of the United States against John Miles, has been postponed one week, from Wednesday the 21st to the 28th inst. The delay is to give the court stenographer the necessary time to get out his report of the Miles trial recently ended; the Shurtliff case having prevented his doing so before.

**Alterations and Improvements.**—Mr. S. P. Teasdel, the enterprising merchant, is enlarging and making some desirable changes in his premises. The building lately used as a fruit stand, just north of the main store, is being refitted and prepared for the clothing department, the part heretofore used for this will be the grocery department, and the present grocery department used as a shoe room.

**Paraphine Beds.**—The following is from the *Enquirer*:

"Parties from this city have recently located what are said to be some very fine paraphine beds, at the head of Soldier Fork, Spanish Fork Cañon. Should these carboniferous deposits turn out as expected, it will not be long before they will supply the country with a large quantity of lubricants, paraphine candles and many other articles of commerce that are made from this substance."

**Removed.**—Bro. Thomas Harris has removed his place of business from the rear of Taylor's Hotel to a store two doors east of Morris' paint shop on First South Street, opposite the Townsend House. Leave orders for repairs to furniture, sewing machines or other articles of various kinds; he will wait upon his patrons at their homes when required. He is an excellent workman; give him a job.

**District Court.**—Proceedings Tuesday morning, May 20, 1879, Judge P. H. Emerson presiding: James W. Campbell, et al. vs. J. O'Reilly et al.; leave given both parties to enter upon the premises in dispute and make a survey of the mining works.

Ezra W. Cummings vs. W. and J. V. R. R. Company. A jury was empaneled to try the case, when a settlement was effected, which stopped further proceedings.

**"The Two Orphans."**—The arrangements are rapidly going forward for the production of this excellent drama for Miss Adams' benefit. It will not be given for about three weeks, to enable the actors, mostly amateurs, to prepare their parts sufficiently, the design being to produce something worth seeing. So far as arranged, the cast will include Miss Adams as "Louise," Mr. L. Cummings as "Armand," Mr. O. F. Whitney as "Jacques," Mr. Crosbie as "Pierre," Mr. J. D. White as "Pickard," etc., etc. Further particulars will be given, as they become known.

**Incendiarism.**—Main Street had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Sunday morning. About 3 o'clock, watchman Badger discovered flames up stairs in the empty building just south of Wallace Foulger's old stand. He immediately called the assistance of Dr. Ogden, and the two succeeded in extinguishing the fire before it had done any particular damage. Some person or persons had evidently entered the building by the back way, and with the design of creating a big blaze, had fired a partition. When discovered the fire had burned through the floor, and was mounting upwards so rapidly that in ten minutes more it would have been too late to save any of the wooden buildings within half a block.—*Ogden Junction, May 19.*

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 21.

**Drowned.**—The *Junction* says Joseph Wickham and another man were drowned while crossing Snake River in a boat, at Salmon Falls, a few days ago.

**District Court.**—Proceedings, Wednesday morning, May 21, 1879, Judge P. H. Emerson presiding.

J. B. Dilley et al. vs. Joseph Marion; judgment for plaintiff for \$100 and costs.

Excelsior Manufacturing Co. vs. J. N. Barker; jury trial in progress.

**Departing Missionaries.**—The following named missionaries left Ogden yesterday morning, for their fields of labor: Lyman R. Martineau, Frank Benson, S. L. Baliff, Seth Langton, Jr., Chas. W. Hulse, Thomas Lloyd, Jos. Goddard. Sister Elizabeth H. Goddard, wife of Elder George Goddard, and Sister Annie Turner of the 21st Ward, accompanying the missionaries to Europe, whither the whole party are bound with the exception of Elder Langton, who goes to the Southern States.

**Destruction by Grasshoppers.**—We learn from our Ogden correspondent, "Semper," that the grasshoppers are exceedingly numerous in Ogden Valley and are committing great ravages there. The grain crops, which but the other day looked splendid and gave promise of a fine yield, in one day have been entirely swept away by these merciless destroyers. They have eaten the young grain clean to the earth. The people in the valley feel somewhat discouraged, as they have suffered so much in former years from the visits of these pests. Nothing of a similar nature had yet been reported in the immediate vicinity of Ogden City.

**President Cluff's Surprise.**—We have received, from our Provo correspondent "Jacobus," an account of a surprise entertainment given last Monday evening, in the B. Y. Academy building, by the students of that institution, under the auspices of the faculty, in honor of President H. H. Cluff, who is shortly to take his departure for the Sandwich Islands on a mission. The rooms were handsomely decorated with wreaths of evergreens,

vases of natural and artificial flowers, paintings, portraits, statuary, etc. The entertainment began with a vocal and instrumental concert, varied with recitations, dialogues and readings. Supper was then partaken of, during which time toasts, sentiments and speeches went the rounds, among the latter those from President Smoot, Prof. Maeser, Bishop Harrington, and Mrs. Zina Williams, eulogizing the labors of Bro. Cluff in the capacity of Treasurer of the Academy board of directors, and as a friend and brother.

President Cluff responded by an address, expressing his appreciation of the mark of respect shown him, his good wishes for the institution, his sorrow on the one hand at having to leave it, his joy on the other at being considered worthy of the errand he was about to fulfill, and closed by assuring all that his prayers were, and would be for the prosperity of the Academy and all connected with it.

A large Bible and album were presented to Brother Cluff as a token of respect, from the faculty and students.

A dance constituted the third and last part of the programme, and closed, about midnight, one of the most enjoyable occasions ever witnessed in the Academy.

**"Mormon" Married Life.**—We have been permitted to peruse a letter dated the 17th ult., from Mr. J. A. McKnight to a relative in this city, containing, among other things, his views of the "Mormon" marriage question. The writer, it will be remembered, is a young man, native to Salt Lake, and now in the city of Paris. We append a few extracts from his communication:

"From a practical point of view I cannot lose sight of the difficulty that must be felt when the country becomes thickly populated, in providing for the numerous families with which the Mormons wish to burden themselves. Their care, provision, and comfort, must of necessity be meagre in most cases, where they have two or three wives and from a dozen to thirty children. Still the Mormon method of raising their children to useful habits, giving them something to do from the time they are able to obey orders, is apt to make the majority of them self-dependent, and certainly fits them better for life than the pampered idleness and sloth that is found in the fashionable world (so called). Their frugal fare, made sweet by activity, is far better for the body than the pastries and spices of modern cookery, which tickle the palate, but ruin the stomach. And an earnest industrious childhood, under proper treatment and example, must have a good effect upon the character and constitution of either boy or girl, and instead of hindering, as some erroneously contend, it assists the intellect, and strengthens the understanding."

"I doubt not that there are many men who are so constituted, morally and intellectually as to be absolutely unable to resist temptations which will break their faith to their wives—and it is as true that there are men whom no temptation could influence to infidelity to her who is pure and true for their sake. But in the world, the women know nothing of the character of the men they wed, until the bonds are made—when they often find that their faith has been given to men who cannot appreciate it—who expect truth, virtue, and obedience from the woman, but render only in return the necessities of life—or perhaps luxury, and are in deed faithless and corrupt."

But I fear that this is not the class of men who are influenced by any manner of religious institution. They have not the goodness in their hearts, not the self-denial, to raise large families. You might give such men a dozen lawful wives and still they would sigh for forbidden fruit, and indulge therein when the opportunity came, though they might be Mormons, the exceptional class would never enter the polygamic state, so it really appears to me that the great body of the Mormon community

must consist of men and women whose peculiar natures fit them for earnest belief in the practice which is a religious concern, and influences their minds to ardor for its welfare and advancement. Such, it seems to me, are the only people who can be permanently affected by the doctrine, and probably not more than one-tenth of the human race at this day is constituted of such devotional material."

"Discussions have recently taken place in several learned societies upon the merits of polygamic marriage, one of which, in Germany, was a thoroughly medical matter, and showed that diseases, especially those of women, are very much reduced in the polygamic state."

"The fact that John Taylor was re-elected President of the Church was telegraphed to Europe, and appeared here in the French papers."

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAY 22.

**In Canada.**—Elder W. H. Seegmiller, who left Salt Lake on the 30th ult., with 29 other missionaries, writes from Stratford, Canada, under date of the 16th inst. He and Brother Andrew Corry left the other brethren at Maple Valley Junction in Iowa, and visited some of the latter's relations in Sac and Calhoun Counties, being well treated by them during a stay of 10 days.

**"Junction" Items.**—A correspondent from Littleton, Morgan County, writes:

"A sad and fatal accident occurred at this place on Saturday afternoon, May 17, causing the death of Bishop Eli Whetear's infant child. The Bishop, with his family, was returning from our quarterly Conference in Milton, when a sudden jolt of the wagon threw the child from the arms of the person holding it, into the road, causing a fracture of the skull, from which it shortly died."

A tramp was yesterday arrested, and upon a hearing before Justice Middleton, sentenced to confinement for a term of days in the Ogden City jail.

The roads need repairing in Ogden Cañon. A retired typist and editor who visited us yesterday said the roads were "—bad."

(Of course an acting editor would never say such a thing.)

The *Junction* effervesces over the operetta, "Trial by Jury," to be produced there shortly. That's right.

**District Court.**—Proceedings Wednesday afternoon, May 21, 1879, Judge P. H. Emerson presiding:

J. Morris vs. Martha Martin; jury trial, given to-day; verdict for the defendant.

M. B. Callahan vs. Rosborough & Merritt; depositions ordered published.

Moroni Skeen vs. I. S. Waterman; jury trial; verdict for plaintiff.

Thursday morning's proceedings: Abbot R. Heywood, Esq., admitted to the bar.

Wm. H. Peterson vs. William Brown, jury trial. Order substituting Steel and Johnson as defendants, modified so as to retain Wm. Brown as one of the defendants.

Louis Marier vs. D. H. Wells, jury trial; verdict for plaintiff for \$582.

Wm. Burrows vs. E. F. M. Guest; defendant's motion to dissolve the injunction heretofore issued, set for hearing May 24th; plaintiff to make his showing against the motion on May 22d.

Zerubbabel Snow vs. Samuel D. Connor et al.; set for trial May 30th.

**Arizona Items.**—Brother S. F. Kimball, writes from Mesa City, Arizona, under date of the 5th and 7th inst., to his sisters in this city. We have been permitted to read the letters which contain several interesting items of news.

Brother Kimball speaks of an old canal, many hundred years old, in that vicinity, to construct which must have "cost nothing less than a hundred thousand dollars." A cut in it at one place was 30 feet deep and about a mile long, through hard cement. The Gentiles had it surveyed three times, and decided that to clean it out and

utilize it would be entirely impracticable. The "Mormons" have since cleared and repaired it at a cost of \$12,000, and it is now used as a medium of irrigation. Ancient ruins are found all over the country, showing that it has once been settled by an intelligent and industrious people. One building, 20 miles south of Mesa, is now five stories high, and according to the Indian traditions, was three stories higher 400 years ago. These buildings are of cement. The writer thinks Arizona far superior to Utah in many ways, and speaks in glowing terms of the various kinds of tropical fruit trees that are thriving and will soon be productive. Orange, lemon, fig, pomegranate, apricot, peach, apple, plum, cherry and all other kinds are very promising. Vegetables of every description are raised. The common garden pea and the fig tree bear three crops a year. The outlook for the Saints in that land is very encouraging in every way.

## ES RAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession:

One gray mare, about 8 years old, brand resembling B P on left thigh and a diamond with the appearance of a small brand in the centre on the right thigh, has a young colt with her.

When if not claimed within ten days, will be sold to the highest bidder on Wednesday, May 28th, 1879, at 10 o'clock a.m. at the estray pound in this city.

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