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Local and Other Matters

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 9.

Cheap Water Rate.—It will be observed that the water rate for the city will be ten cents for every one thousand gallons, to consumers. So far as we are aware, this is the lowest water tax of any city in the United States.

The Church in Alabama.—By a letter received from Elders Sergent and Murphy, dated July 26th, we learn that a branch of the Church, of ten members, had been organized at Airbacochee, Alabama, with Elder Alex. Stewart as President.

To Let.—“I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Beaver County.” “The undersigned offers himself to the citizens of Beaver County as an independent candidate for the office of Probate Judge.” That is how things go in Beaver County. It is to be hoped the willing candidates will not make themselves too cheap.

The Weber County Election.—At the election in Weber County there were two tickets in the field, one the “People’s” and the other styled the “Revised Ticket.” In Ogden the majority of the “People’s” ticket was only 21, in one place the division was equal, and in other precincts it varied. The total vote for the People’s ticket in the County was 917, and for the “Revised” 562, giving a majority of 355 to the former.

Discourses.—On account of the protracted illness and recent demise of Brother David W. Evans, the phonographic reporter of the NEWS, we have been unable, for a considerable time, to publish discourses of the First Presidency and Twelve and others, which has been a matter of disappointment to many of our readers. We are pleased to be able to state, however, that we shall at once resume the publication of discourses, the services, as Church reporter, of Brother George F. Gibbs having been secured.

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

Petition of Owen J. Morgan, and other proprietors of small stores, asking that the license ordinance be amended so as to make a reduction of license in favor of merchants carrying a stock of value not exceeding \$500.

Report of the Mayor showing the amount of expenditures for June and July \$644 63, from the contingent fund, which had been appropriated to be drawn against by him; received and ordered filed.

Police Court report of Alderman Pyper for July, showing the disposal of 100 cases, the collection of \$415.50 in cash fines and \$353 in labor; received and ordered filed.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Kirball, asking the City to repair a well that had been filled up by the breaking of water through the 19th Ward water ditch, reported that all the rights pertaining to the ditch in question were vested in the property owners of the 17th, 18th and 19th Wards, and that the cause of the giving way of the bank was that a resident of the Ward last named had turned into the ditch a volume of water beyond its capacity. In the opinion of the committee the City was not liable for the damage done, and recommended that the property owners of the Wards named be requested, through their respective Bishops, to repair the loss sustained by the petitioner; report adopted.

The committee on claims to whom was referred a petition of the Hook and Ladder Fire Company, asking the city to refund \$29 expended in procuring shirts and belts, reported that they found a number of other companies had expended means in a similar manner, and recommended that \$100 be appropriated and placed in the hands of the Chief Engineer, to be distributed by him among the companies, pro rata; report adopted and amount named appropriated, according to recommendation.

The committee on water works, to whom was referred the petition

of a number of merchants, bankers and others, asking that certain water privileges be extended and a reduction made in the rates, recommended that as soon as practicable, water meters be procured for the measurement of water to consumers, and that the tax be at the rate of 10 cents for one thousand gallons; also that, in the meantime, an agent to assess and contract with consumers regarding the present rate to be charged be appointed. The report was received and recommendations adopted, and the committee on municipal laws were instructed to draft an ordinance in accordance with the report.

An appropriation of \$1,000 was made as a contingent fund, to be drawn against by the supervisor of streets.

The duty of determining what repairs are necessary on the North Temple Street culvert, and of instructing the supervision in relation thereto, was referred to the special committee on improvements, with Alderman Raleigh temporarily added thereto.

One month’s salary, \$200, of the recorder, was appropriated.

The committee on municipal laws presented an ordinance in relation to the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors, which was amended and passed.

The last named committee also presented a bill for an ordinance regulating the manufacture and sale of distilled and fermented liquors, which was read, and pending discussion on the same, Council adjourned till next Tuesday, at half-past 7 p. m.

Normal Institute.—August 8th. AFTERNOON.

Prof. Lewis resumed his remarks on arithmetic, dwelling upon the subject in a lucid and able manner.

Prof. Wright continued his lecture on Geography, taking the sub-division, “How we teach from a text book.” He illustrated his lecture by practical example, in a very instructive style.

Mr. Toronto, being requested by the committee on amusement, read “Sam Weller’s Valentine” in his quiet humorous style.

Prof. Maeser—History. Methods and aim were introduced for this lecture. The methods of memory, reason, morals, religion, radicalism, were those mentioned. Under the method of reason the lecturer introduced comparative history, showing how easily it might be taught and with what pleasure to students.

This plan is evidently the one to be selected. The learning of historical events in their succession, can bring no possible benefit, unless the knowledge thus gained leads the student from cause to effect; but if this method be followed present social events will indicate to him the future condition of his country or state of politics, morals, or religion.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 9th.

Theory and Practice by Prof. Monch. The lecturer entered upon his subject with usual warmth and carried it through the three-quarters of an hour to the satisfaction of all.

Miss McKay sang “The Child of the Regiment” very sweetly.

M. H. Hardy, on Reading, came before the institute to tell many things already known, but begged the indulgence of its members. He considered reading one of the most difficult attainments, and hence the necessity of thorough drill in our schools, where the first principles only are taught. It had been said that as much time is consumed in learning to read and spell as would be required for the acquisition of a common school education in all the other branches, and the speaker referred this fact to the existence of no fixed sounds of our letters. He advocated the introduction, to some extent, of phonetic spelling. He again impressed upon the Institute his distinction between the three theories of reading for primary classes, stating that he preferred the word method. Much

else of interest was said by the speaker.

Mr. Rager read “The Maniac” most excellently.

Mr. Ottinger proceeded to explain Cave’s method of drawing. He first explained the points of sight and distance. The simple method of drawing was very well illustrated. Harmony of line and parts and the two methods of shading were next made clear.

At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was unanimously given Mr. Ottinger, and the forenoon session adjourned.

The following persons were present in addition to those previously named—

Isa Calder, Martha J. Hollingworth, Roxie Tripp, O. F. Whitney, Salt Lake Co.; Hilda Dehlin, Saupete Co.; John E. Ross, Samuel Thurman, Utah Co.; Hattie C. Brown, Weber Co.; Mary Hoyt, Juab Co.

FROM THURSDAY’S DAILY, AUG. 10.

Early Peaches.—To-day Mr. Thomas Fenton, nurseryman, of the Sixth Ward, placed on our table a quantity of ripe early peaches, of excellent flavor. He had them ripe, at his nursery, as early as the latter end of last week.

The Work in Pennsylvania.—By letter from Elder Lorus Pratt, son of Elder Orson Pratt, who is now laboring in Pennsylvania, we learn that himself and Elder John C. Duncan were recently in Shenandoah, of that State, where they baptized five persons and organized a branch of the Church.

A Large Cortège.—The funeral of Mrs. David F. Walker took place to-day. The cortège accompanying the remains of the departed to their last resting place was very large, consisting of fifty-five carriages filled with mourners. The lady was much esteemed for many noble and amiable qualities, prominent among which were her kindness and practical benevolence to the poor.

Montana Notes.—Oats at Helena are three cents a pound.

Thirty tons more of \$400 ore was shipped to Salt Lake the other day, by Messrs. Packard, Meneray & Co., from the Acquisition Spur Lode.

It is believed that the Sioux are camped on the head waters of Rotten Grass, Big Horn Mountains, about 120 miles from Ft. Pease.

Gen. Sherman writes Gov. Potts that it is going to be a hard fight, and he thinks it is better for the people generally not to stampee, but to attend to their farming and mining operations, and organize companies into a regiment of militia to defend the eastern frontier, should the Indians turn toward it to steal horses or cattle.

Helena has in its immediate vicinity an unlimited quantity of excellent variegated or Egyptian marble. Near Deer Lodge there are also quantities of marble and other handsome rock, some equal to the finest Italian blue veined marble, and some pure, fine, white marble.

Arizona Matters.—Yesterday we received a call from Elder Thomas Lowe, of the Moan Coppy mission, in Arizona, having just arrived in the city on his way to Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho, expecting to return to the South in the Fall. Brother Lowe has a taste for matters pertaining to natural history, and exhibited to us a collection of reptiles, bugs, &c., preserved in spirits, which he facetiously called “Arizona pickles.” Among them were red horned toads, cameleons, centipedes (poisonous), black scorpion, tarantulas, several varieties of snakes, bugs, and a kind of poisonous caterpillar, all of which specimens he had obtained at different times in Arizona.

He informs us that he left Moan Coppy about three weeks ago, when the brethren there had commenced to cut their wheat, the crops thereabout being good, especially of corn and vegetables.

Not only has Brother Lowe an inclination to natural history, but he has a decided mechanical and inventive turn. He exhibited to us a roadometer, which he invent-

ed and manufactured himself, from wood. It is a small machine, very simple in construction, consisting of a frame and four solid wheels, cogged or notched at the edges. One turn of the wagon wheel to which it is attached passes one notch on the largest wheel on the machine, and so on till it gets to the fourth wheel, which moves one round every six miles. This machine was thoroughly tested and found to operate with exactness. Brother Low never knew that there were such things in existence as road-meters, and there is probably not another one that operates on the same principle as the

By means of his machine he was enabled to make calculations of the distances between different points in the south and the first settlement on the Little Colorado. The information given by him on these matters may be interesting to persons who may have occasion to travel that way, so we give it—

From Johnson to Navajo Wells, good feed all the way, 8 miles; travellers should fill their water-barrels at the latter point; from the last named place to the foot of the Buckskin Mountain, good feed but no water, 7 miles; over the Mountain, feed but no water, 15 miles; foot of the Mountain to House-Rock Springs, feed and water at the latter place, 11 miles; from there to Jacob’s Pool, some feed and water there, 12 miles; travellers should recruit at the last named point; from the last named place to Soap Creek, poor water and very little feed, 13 miles; to Badger Creek, poor water and no feed, 6 miles; to Let’s Ferry, water enough for anything, but no feed; thence to Navajoe Springs, no feed on the way, but some there, 8 miles; to Limestone Tanks, feed, but water only in the Spring and Fall, 19 miles; to Willow Springs, feed and good water, 33 miles; to Moaby, feed and water there, 6 miles.

Moan Coppy lies about nine miles east of the last named place, and at Moaby the traveller to the Little Colorado settlements should recruit at that point, there being no feed between there and the river, excepting at a point ten miles from Moaby, the distance between there and where the river is struck being twenty-five miles. From the point of striking the Little Colorado to Balingier settlement, the first reached, is within a trifle of 100 miles, there being feed and water along that part of the road.

THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUS—

The International Circus is certainly a magnificent spectacle. The wagons, elegantly painted, were gaily decorated with banners and flags of all nations. The horses were in splendid condition; the riders, drivers and other members of the troupe were clad in attractive uniforms, while the great variety of animals, especially the five elephants, the half-dozen camels, the tigers, the lions, the bears, etc., etc., attracted general attention. The brilliant pageant was witnessed by thousands of persons, the side-walks being densely crowded along the entire line of march. The performance yesterday afternoon was largely attended, and gave general satisfaction.—*Omaha Daily Bee, May 23d.* w 29

DIED.

At Bountiful, Davis County, Utah, on Tuesday, August 8th, 1876, after a lingering illness of cancer in the throat, ELVIRA THOMAS LOVELAND, the beloved wife of Chauncey Loveland, aged 66 years, 7 months and 3 days.

Deceased was born in Glamorgan, re. South Wales, where she embraced the Gospel on the 12th day of October, 1818. She emigrated to Utah in 1856, crossing the plains in Captain Enker’s hand-cart company. She resided in Bountiful during the last eighteen years of her life, where she was highly respected as a dutiful wife and a faithful saint. The remains of her deceased husband were yesterday buried in the cemetery at Bountiful, during whose funeral services she died, in the hope of a glorious resurrection.—*COM.*

At Lchi City, Aug. 3rd, of putrid sore throat, ANNIE AMELIA, daughter of Le and Filza Ruson, aged 8 years and 8 months.

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