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## Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 23.

**Shooting His Pistol.**—W. H. Macfarlane was fined ten dollars this morning for shooting off his pistol on the streets, last evening.

**Dead.**—It will be noticed elsewhere that Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Richards, of this city, have just lost one of their children, a promising little fellow between seven and eight years of age, whose death was caused by neuralgia and congestion of the brain. We extend to the afflicted parents condolence and sympathy in bereavement and sorrow.

**Too Much Liquor.**—M. McLachlan and Jerome Snow placed themselves outside of so much strong drink last night that they experienced much difficulty in ascending the gallery stairs of the Theatre; so much so that when they got part way up there was a considerable fall of Snow, who rolled unceremoniously to the bottom. Both were provided with lodgings for the night by the City, and were fined \$5 apiece this morning.

**He Didn't Do It.**—Five hides were stolen from the Workingmen's Co-op. yesterday, and were traced to Van Praag's, at the depot. A connection was also made in the affair with Frank Kramer, who sold them to Van Praag. Here the connection was lost, as Kramer had bought them from another party, who could not be found. The matter was before Justice Pyper to-day, when it was clear enough that Mr. Kramer was innocent, and he was discharged.

**Timely Gifts.**—We understand that Bishop John Sharp distributed eleven tons of coal among the poorer members of his Ward yesterday. This is putting means where it is likely to do a considerable amount of good.

Brother Sears has applied a quantity of flour in the same direction, G. W. Davis lots of groceries and things, and C. R. Savage a chunk of beef, and others are doing likewise more or less.

**Harpers' Monthly** for January contains "The Children's Night," illustrated; "The Ancient City," illustrated; "The Rivals," illustrated; "Two Sketches," illustrated; "George D. Prentice," with portrait; "A Cry from the Shore," "Rape of the Gamp," "First Century of the Republic," illustrated; "Love's Imagination," "Ismailia," illustrated; "Story of the Three Bears," illustrated; "A Modern Lohengren," "Republican Movement in Europe," "A Gala Night in Russia," "The Man who was like Shakespeare," "Editor's Easy Chair," with Literary, Scientific, and Historical "Record," and "Editors' Drawer." A splendid number.

**District Court Proceedings To-day.**—Cora Conway vs. Jeter Clinton et al.; motion for a new trial overruled *pro forma*; defendant's counsel excepted.

The People, &c., vs. Philip Shafer, and Wm. Kelly, indicted for the murder of P. Van Valkenberg; defendant's counsel moved that this case be continued till the session of this court in Feb. 1875; motion granted. Witnesses for the prosecution, Alva Tanner, Thos. Fox and E. B. Jones, were bound in \$200 each to appear in court on the first Monday in February.

A jury was empanelled and sworn to try the case of the People, &c., vs. Thomas McMahon, indicted for stealing cattle. The trial of this cause was proceeding this afternoon.

Besides the foregoing some *ex parte* business was disposed of.

**The Conveyancer Question.**—At three o'clock yesterday afternoon Messrs. Jonasson, Gillespie, Appleby and Gould were before Justice Pyper, on a charge of doing a conveyancing business without license. Mr. Jonasson's being the first case, that gentleman made a motion for dismissal, giving as good grounds that the City had no right, under the charter, in 1871, to make an ordinance licensing conveyancers, and that the ordinance was therefore void, also that, being a notary public, he had the right *ex-officio* to make conveyance documents, which right he also claimed by virtue of his profession as an attorney, which gave him authority to make all legal documents, and some other points of a similar character. He also put in an alternate motion, in case the dismissal was not granted—that the case go to a higher court on the pleadings, and the record of the case to its present stage, as provided by statute.

Justice Pyper granted the alternate motion, and the matter will therefore go to the District Court. The other three cases were similarly disposed of, so far as the Justice's Court was concerned.

**Drugged and Robbed.**—Last night an excitement was raised in the vicinity of Commercial Street by a sudden cry of, "Stop the thief," and then a man could have been seen running southward, turning the corner and going westward along Second South Street, hotly pursued by several men and boys. Officer John Y. Smith, who happened to be near the Elephant corner at the time, taking in the situation at a glance, sprang out in front of the fugitive and intercepted him. As he did so the man raised his hand and struck a blow at the policeman, but luckily it was aimed too high and a huge knife that was in the hand of the prisoner gleamed over Mr. Smith's shoulder. The officer tripped the fellow, threw him over and took the knife from him, cutting the other's hands as the blade was passed through it. The desperado then put his hand behind him, and Mr. Smith, thinking he intended to draw another deadly weapon, threw the knife down, secured his man, marched him to the City Hall and lodged him in jail.

The origin of the chase and capture was the committal of a robbery by Robert McKennie, the man arrested, and another, Irwin Hart, who was arrested subsequently. These two worthies drugged A. Podlech, former proprietor of the White House, by putting something in his beer, in the California saloon, snatched his watch and chain and ran off as described. It came out in the evidence, at the trial, before Justice Pyper, to-day, that the two ruffians and a companion, who has not yet been arrested, designed playing the same trick upon J. Kramer, but were thwarted in its accomplishment. The testimony of the drugging and robbery was most conclusive and Justice Pyper sentenced McKennie and Hart to imprisonment for two months, and to pay a fine of \$100 each in the robbing case, and an additional fine on McKennie, of \$25, for the assault on the officer, which served them right, both, especially McKennie, being very bad characters.

On the person of McKennie was found a number of articles commonly used by burglars, such as keys of a peculiar shape, a package of snuff, used for drugging, and a small bottle of chloroform. He is the same fellow who was about

to make an attack upon officer Alex. Burt, in the Pacific House, a short time ago, when that officer discovered him before he could carry out his intention, and arrested him. McKennie is one of those characters who, when in some other communities, receive some attention from committees of the people, in the shape of notices to get out.

**The Relief Society Fair.**—Yesterday afternoon, shortly before the opening of the Relief Society Fair, at the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms, our reporter visited the Hall, which presents a most attractive appearance, the decorations all being of that delicately tasteful character, which only ladies know how to arrange, and especially those ladies under whose able management the Fair and its concomitants have been planned and put in order. Sisters Horne, East and Wilkinson and others whose names we cannot call to mind at present, were at the rooms and were politely attentive to visitors.

The wares embraced quite a wide variety, and are mostly of the kind generally denominated fancy, although numbers of the articles exposed for sale combine the duplicate qualities of usefulness and ornamentality. Instead of attempting to enumerate, which would be a task of too extensive a character for us to undertake, we would prefer to advise all who desire to view an attractive spectacle to go and see for themselves. There are a few conspicuous articles, however, that arrest the attention of the visitors who stroll around the room, among which are specimens of flowers and ornamental work in wax by Miss Fox, Mrs. Robert Watson, Mrs. H. Young and Miss Cornelia Horne, all of exquisite handiwork. There is also a very beautiful piece of hair ornamentation, by the last named lady, which is very creditable indeed. It is composed of locks from the heads of a number of the officers of the Relief Societies, a portion being the hair of Sister Eliza R. Snow and Sister N. K. Whitney. Two very noticeable features also were a large crocheted-work bedspread and a large ornamental cake, with appropriate mottoes, both presented by Mrs. Townsend.

Young ladies are in waiting, to serve customers, at the various stalls, and the wares of the bazaar are just the thing for Christmas purchasers, many of the articles being suitable for holiday presents, and those who buy there can not only be suited with regard to the character of the article they want, but after purchasing can have the reflection that their patronage aids an institution of a most useful character, being for the relief of the poor and the needy.

At half past four the opening prayer was offered by Elder Wilford Woodruff, when some of the leading ladies of the Relief Societies and a few invited guests adjourned to the room of the west wing of the building and partook of refreshments, provided for the occasion.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 24.

**Remembering the Poor.**—Mr. Price, poultryer, has killed a "beef" to give to the poor.

**Quiet.**—Very little business in the Police Court to-day; a solitary inebriate was fined.

**A Huge Elk.**—At the Empire meat market is a huge elk, weighing 690. It was killed in Wyoming. It is probably the largest that has ever been in the market in this city.

**Soon Commence.**—We understand the cars will soon commence running on the new extension of the street railroad. The rails will be laid to the 20th Ward Store this evening.

**Tried.**—John J. Mahon, indicted for forgery, was tried in the Third District Court this morning, and the case was given to the jury by one o'clock, at which time the jury took a recess for one hour.

**Convicted and Sentenced.**—The jury in the case of Thos. McMahon, tried yesterday in the District

Court, returned a verdict last night of guilty on the second count of the indictment, of larceny of a steer. The Court sentenced the prisoner to pay a fine of \$200 and the expenses of the prosecution.

**Relief Society Fair.**—The Fourteenth Ward Ladies' Relief Society Fair, which opened on Tuesday evening, at the Assembly Rooms, has been very successful, the sales having been so extensive as to considerably change the appearance of the tables, but there is still a large number of articles remaining undisposed of, which will be sold at auction this evening to the highest bidders.

**Christmas.**—To-morrow will be Christmas day, a day generally associated with pleasant memories, with good cheer, with cheerfulness and glee, with frolics and merry-making, and as all hands in this office are probably as appreciative in the matter of holidays as other people, our readers will understand this to be the reason of their not getting a paper to-morrow evening; therefore, wishing our readers, one and all, great and small, a "merry Christmas," we bid them a cordial adieu until Saturday.

**The Missionaries.**—Elder William L. Binder, one of the missionaries who recently left this City for England, writes as follows, from New York, under date of Dec. 18, to a friend here—

"We made a good trip across the plains, making all the connections with the railroad lines, losing no time, as we travelled all the way by express. We arrived in New York, at 6:40 on the morning of the 14th, but could not secure passage on a steamer to leave before Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, on which day we will sail on the S. S. *Wyoming*. She has just returned from England, having had stormy weather all the way, and making the trip in eleven and a half days."

**Information Wanted.**—Any person who can give the information desired in the annexed, and will impart the same, will confer a favor:—

"TIVIDALE, England,  
December 3, 1874.

"Editor *Deseret News*:

"DEAR SIR:—Mrs. Jane Mann wishes to know the whereabouts of her father, William Parker, who emigrated to Utah in 1859. She has not heard any tidings of him since. If he is living she would be glad to have communication with him.

"Yours truly,  
MRS. J. MANN.

"Address. Mr. John Mann,  
153 Tivdale, near Tipton,  
Staffordshire, England."

**Pioche.**—According to the *Pioche Record* of Dec. 20, incendiaries were active there, most business men of that city were "doing almost as good a trade as they did during the flush times." Concerning that reported massacre by Indians the *Record* says—

"The mail rider from the Muddy and Vegas is in, and he says that neither he or the settlers in those localities heard anything of the reported murder of the Castera family. He thinks that the rumor is untrue in every particular. There has been no trouble whatever with the Indians; and everything is quiet and peaceable. From all this we think we may set down the reported massacre as a canard, and right glad we are to be able to do so."

Is this the trouble to settle which troops were required from General Ord? If so the probability is that the government is being put to much useless expense by the marching of troops to Pioche.

As a train on Saginaw road had nearly reached the junction, the other day, an old lady suddenly shouted out: "Stop this keer—stop her!" A passenger wanted to know what was up, and the old woman ran up and down the passage way and excitedly exclaimed: "Where's the man who runs these keers? I've left a quart bottle of cold tea at Detroit."

## Our Country Contemporaries

Ogden Junction, Dec. 19—

The annual conference of the saints of Weber Co., commenced in the Ogden Tabernacle on Saturday morning; the speakers at the morning meeting were President F. D. Richards and Elders F. A. Brown, Robert McQuarrie and John Hart.

Thursday night, Williams & Co.'s premises were broken into, and three sacks of flour taken away. The watchman found that the door had been opened, and went to Mr. Crandall to get the keys. On searching the premises it was discovered that three sacks of flour were gone, while three more were piled up in the shadow of a doorway ready to pack off. The night watchmen in town and at the depot, are requested to keep a sharp lookout and be on the move.

Last evening about half past five o'clock, Mrs. Smith, wife of the Junction foreman, heard a noise in the front room of their residence on Main street, and on going to the door saw a lame man at the gate, who said he was hunting work. Mistrusting his statements, Mrs. Smith looked round the house and found that a watch and chain, which was lying on a bureau, had been abstracted. On looking for the man again he was gone. Look out for him and look out for that watch.

## Andy Johnson's Frugality.

Mr. Doolittle of Wisconsin in a recent speech tells the following:

Mr. Johnson saved from his salary, in three years and a half, \$20,000 or \$30,000; and that, too, when greenbacks were still at a discount of 25 per cent. And, it must not be forgotten, none of the Presidents ever accepted presents. Mr. Johnson refused the present of a carriage. Whatever may be said in criticism of Mr. Johnson's public course, all parties agree that the White House was never more gracefully kept and presided over than by his daughter, Mrs. Patterson—a perfect lady and a model of a Republican mistress of the White House. Let me tell you a fact which has never been published, but which I had from the lady's own lips. Just as she was about to leave at the end of Mr. Johnson's administration, the steward of the house took an inventory, and found that not one article of furniture was missing or broken; not a sheet, towel or napkin was lost; and the house was in perfect order from top to bottom. She told me another fact, which I know the wives and daughters of the farmers of Wisconsin will be glad to hear. When she went into the White House she purchased two excellent cows. From the milk of these cows she made all the butter, used all the cream, and made all the icecream used in the President's family during the term. When she went home she shipped these cows to Tennessee. Is it any wonder, ladies, that Mrs. Patterson received the first premium on butter at their State Fair last fall?

The Duke of Norfolk, England, is going to renounce all worldly titles and enter holy orders. He is about 27 years old, and his life has been marked by his devotion to the Roman Catholic Church. His titles and estates pass to his brother, Lord Edward Bernard Howard. The Duke of Norfolk's mother is a sister of Lord Lyons, recently British Minister at Washington.

## DIED.

In this city, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, 1874, of neuralgia and congestion of the brain, NELSON ALONZO, son of Henry P. and Margaret Minerva Richards, aged 7 years, 8 months and 15 days.

On the 25th inst., in the 20th Ward of this City, of decay of nature, MARIA, wife of James C. Tuckfield, shipwright.

Deceased was born at Barnstable, Devonshire, Englan; emigrated from Swansea in 1858, and was 72 years of age.

*Millennial Star*, please copy.