

Laws of Massachusetts 120 years ago.

We have been a good deal interested in the perusal of an ancient volume containing the temporary laws of the province of Massachusetts Bay, from the year 1736 to 1753, printed and sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, of Boston.

Law making at that period was not the laborious operation of the present day, as often in a few pages is comprised the work of a whole session. Acts were passed to encourage the killing of wolves and wild cats; to exempt Quakers from being taxed towards the support of ministers; and to more effectually secure the duty upon the importation of negroes.

This latter act, in the preamble, alleges that whereas the payment of the duty of four pounds per head laid upon negroes imported into the province, is often evaded by bringing them in a clandestine manner, henceforth any ship master bringing them is required to give a true account, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

'And,' the act continues, 'whereas negroes are frequently landed in the neighboring provinces or colonies, and brought thence into this province, in order to save the duty, it is enacted that any person so bringing in negroes shall pay four pounds per head duty, or if he neglects to pay, shall, on conviction, be fined eight pounds. In case the negro died within six months from the time of importation, the duty was to be paid to the owner.

In 1741, an act was passed to retrench the extraordinary expenses at funerals. The preamble sets forth that whereas, 'The giving of scarves, gloves, wine, rum, and rings at funerals, is a great and unnecessary expense, tending to the impoverishment of many families,' it is enacted that only six pairs of gloves to the bearers and one to the minister should be given, and no rings, wine, or rum should be provided, under penalty of fifty pounds.

An act was passed in 1742, granting to Thomas Symmes and Grace Parker, of Charlestown, the sole privilege of making stone ware for the term of fifteen years.

In 1744, the Supreme Court was so overrun with business that an act was passed authorizing the governor to appoint a commission for the trial of a murder case in Nantucket. The pay of a member of the legislature was fixed at three shillings per day.

A great portion of the time for a number of years appears to have been occupied in the framing of excise laws in regard to the sale of spirituous liquors. In several instances, lotteries were authorized, to supply the treasury with money.

In 1749 chains were put up in front of the old State House, during its session, to prevent the noise made by the passing of coaches, carriages, trucks, etc., etc. In 1750 an act was passed for preventing stage plays and other theatrical entertainments, which the preamble alleged 'discourage industry and frugality, and increase impiety and immorality.' The penalty for letting a house for such a purpose was fixed at twenty pounds. The spectators were fined five pounds.

In 1750, the sole privilege of making spermaceti candles was granted to Benjamin Crabb, of Rehoboth, for eleven years, on the ground that he, and no other person, had a knowledge of the art, and he agreeing to instruct five of the inhabitants of the province therein.

In 1753, the sum of fifteen hundred pounds was granted to encourage the manufacture of flannels. This was for the reason that through the decay of business, the number of poor was increased, and the burthen of supporting them lay heavy on many of the towns. It was, therefore, proposed by several benevolent persons to set these poor people to work in the several branches of linen manufacture.

To raise the sum necessary, a tax was laid upon coaches, chariots, chairs, chaises, etc., from ten shillings on the coaches down to two shillings on the chairs, the only ones allowed to ride in un-taxed vehicles being the governor, lieutenant governor, president of Harvard College and the clergy.—[Boston Traveler.

HURRICANE IN WISCONSIN.—LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.—A terrific hurricane passed over a portion of Wisconsin on Friday night, August 29th. At Woodland, on the La Crosse railroad, the station house was blown down, cars blown from the track, and others set in motion. The station master, Mr. Fox, while endeavoring to stop one train of freight cars, set in motion by the wind, was run over and killed. At the time the building was blown down there were some ten persons within, seven of whom were more or less injured, and two or three, our informant says, so severely that fears are entertained they will not recover. A store near the depot was blown down, and a man severely injured.

The telegraph office was in the freight depot, which was all blown, leaving nothing but the platform. The instruments were taken off, severed from the wires, and carried a distance of forty feet. The operator, whose name our informant did not know, was severely injured. A Frenchman was taken up by the whirlwind and carried a distance of one hundred feet, and only saved from destruction by being cast against the stump of a tree. When the eating house was taken up, three women were inside washing dishes. The house was lifted over their heads, and, strange to say, they were not injured in the least. The Post-Office was in the south side of the depot, and the following morning letters and papers were found a distance of two miles off. The tavern was nearly demolished. It was a large building, and when the wind struck, the upper story was taken off, and the brick of the chimneys came tumbling down. It was in this building the most of the injured ones received their wounds.

Woodland is laid level with the dust, the only things standing being the railroad watertank and one log hut.

At Columbus, on the Watertown road, the hurricane was scarcely less fearful. Everything

was prostrated. One man was killed—a Mr. Clark—his house being demolished over his head. Fearful that a more than ordinary storm was coming, he sent his family into the cellar, and while attempting to secure the doors and windows, the storm struck, and in an instant the house fell upon them. Mr. Clark was killed almost instantly, and his wife was injured so severely that no hopes are entertained of her recovery. Several others in the town were more or less injured.

The Milwaukee American says: Items of destruction still reach us as we go to press. A gentleman from Saukville, in this State, informs us that in that vicinity the whirlwind was no less destructive than at Woodland; houses were blown down and trees uprooted.

For miles and miles the whirlwind made its way, laying everything before it. We are fearful that the damage to the southern portion of Wisconsin is of great amount. Fields of corn and stacks of wheat were torn up and scattered. Several persons were slightly injured, but none severely, that our informant heard of.

AMERICAN OVER-DRESS.—A correspondent of the New York Evening Post says that the present rage among the best-bred people at Saratoga is simplicity in dress.

In the families of many of the nobility and gentry of England, possessing an annual income which of itself would be an ample fortune, there is greater economy of dress, and more simplicity in the furnishing of the dwelling, than there is in many of the houses of our citizens, who are barely able to supply the daily wants of their families by the closest attention to their business. A friend of ours, who sojourned, not long since, several months in the vicinity of some of the wealthy landed aristocracy of England, whose ample rent-rolls would have warranted a high style of fashion, was surprised at the simplicity of manners practiced.

Servants are much more numerous than with us, but the ladies made more account of one silk dress than would be thought here of a dozen.—They were generally clothed in good, substantial stuffs, and a display of fine clothing was reserved for great occasions. The furniture of the mansions, instead of being turned out of doors every few years for new and more fashionable styles, was the same which the ancestors of the families for several generations had possessed; substantial, and in excellent preservation, but plain, and without any pretension to elegance. Even the carpets on many suits of parlors had been on the floors for fifty years, and were expected to do service for another century. With us, how different is the state of things! We are wasting an amount of wealth, in this country, on show and fashion, which, rightly applied, would renovate the condition of the whole population of the world.

MORE FILIBUSTERING.—The government has been officially apprised of the fact that preparations are on foot for the fitting out of three several expeditions for the invasion of Nicaragua—at New York, New Orleans and Mobile; and of another expedition, having its centre in Texas, and headed by Sam Houston, for the seizure of the Mexican State of Tamaulipas. The administration was determined to enforce the neutrality laws, and a form of instructions had been prepared by executive authority, to forward to the United States Marshals and District Attorneys, on the seaboard for their guidance.

WHAT a great deal of time and care that man gains who is not troubled with the spirit of curiosity, who lets his neighbor's thoughts and behavior alone, confines his inspections to himself, and takes care of the points of honesty and conscience.

A GENTLEMAN remarking that a wife should be like roasted lamb—tender, and nicely dressed; a wag wickedly added, 'and without sauce.'

Thirty-second Quorum.

The members of the 33d Quorum of Seventies are hereby informed that meetings of said Quorum are held at the residence of George Snyder, Emigration street, 7th ward, on the first and third Saturdays of every month, at 6 o'clock p. m. A punctual attendance is requested.

Members not residing in G. S. L. City are requested to send in, forthwith, their genealogies, standing, &c., with their Bishops' certificate attached thereto.

By order of the senior President.
Address, post paid, CHAS. W. MOELLER,
Clerk, G. S. L. City.

Notice to the 37th Quorum.

The members of the 37th Quorum of Seventies are hereby notified that a picnic party will be held in the Seventies' Hall, on Saturday the 21 of January, 1858, commencing at two o'clock p. m., at which the presence of all the members and their ladies, who can make it convenient, is particularly desired. The party will be conducted as on a former occasion. Let each member feel an interest in it, and provide himself with sufficient of the productions of Deseret to treat a friend, if need be, and candies, in order that light may be also plentiful on the occasion.

It is requested that those who can attend will notify the clerk on or before the 26th inst. A serenade band will be in attendance. Come prepared with your songs, recitations, dialogues, &c., to add to the general mirth on the occasion.—By order of the Council.
J. G. CHAMBERS, clerk.

Married:

On 11th December, by Bishop James G. Willie, 7th ward, JOSIAH COTTON, of South Willow Creek, and MARY METHVEN, of G. S. L. City.

Died:

In Provo City, November 20, 1857, JOHN RUFUS, son of Franklin and Christiana R. Weaver, aged 1 year, 5 months and 22 days.

In Farmington, Nov. 22, 1857, ROSA ANN, wife of Thomas J. Stayner, aged 26 years and 7 months.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

HOUSE and LOT in 7th Ward, a house and lot in 14th Ward—also a lot on East Temple st., 14th Ward.
Inquire of DR. E. G. WILLIAMS,
41-1 One and a half blocks south of Tabernacle.

LOST,

SOME days since, between my residence in South Cottonwood Ward and the mouth of the canyon, an AX, with a new handle. The finder will confer a favor by informing me of its whereabouts, or returning it.
41-1 S. D. HUFFAKER.

TAKEN UP:

ON Little Cottonwood range, near Dry Creek, a few weeks since, a dark red COW and calf, no brands visible, except the figure 8 on the near hip. Any person owning the same will prove property, pay charges and take her away.
41-1 WILLIAM ARMSTRONG.

STRAYED:

OUT of Spencer's pasture about the 24th of September last, a blue Steer, some white about him; large horns, and raw-boned.
Any person will be liberally rewarded who will give information that will lead to his recovery.
41-2* GEO. W. LINCOLN,
Sessions' Settlement.

NOTICE.

THERE will be an adjourned session of the County Court, for Great Salt Lake county, held on Monday, 23th inst., at the Clerk's office in Great Salt Lake City, commencing at 10 a. m., at which time, all persons having business for the consideration of the Court can attend and be heard.
By order of the Court.
J. W. CUMMINGS, Clerk.
Per John G. Lynch, Deputy.

CITY TAXES.

I HAVE been ordered by the Mayor of Great Salt Lake City, to enforce immediate payment of all City Taxes and therefore notify the inhabitants that all Taxes not paid by the 20th inst., property will be sold to discharge the same. Bishops are requested to notify their wards.
40-2 J. C. LITTLE,
Assessor and Collector G. S. L. City.

LOST PARCEL!

Br. A. M. Musser brought a small parcel directed to Thomas Hawkins, G. S. L. City, which was left at the Stand in the Bowery during last October Conference and taken away, probably through mistake. I would feel much obliged if the person having so taken it would leave it for me, at Amy's tin shop.
40-3* THOMAS HAWKINS.

ECHO KANYON.

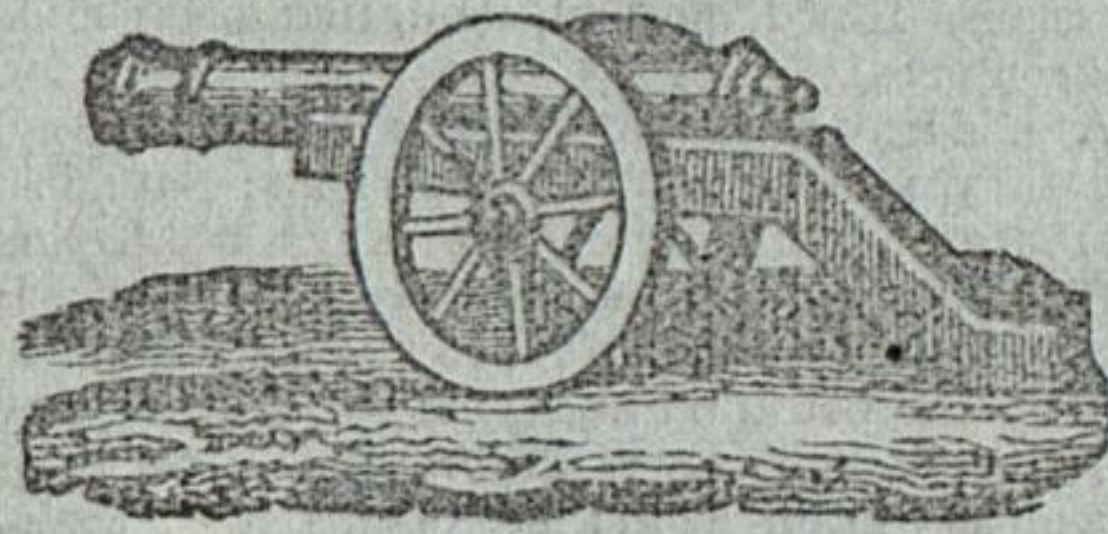
STRAYED from the Big Pasture in Echo Canyon, a bright bay three year old COLT, with saddle marks on either side of back, with star in forehead and pigeon toed.
Any person giving information to the subscriber leading to the recovery of said Colt shall be amply compensated.
40-2 LEWIS HARDY, Ogden City.

HATS! HATS! HATS!!!

JOHN TATTON wishes to inform the inhabitants of Utah Territory that he has commenced the Hat Manufacture in the 14th Ward adjoining the New Court House east, where by strict attention to business and by the extensive knowledge he has acquired in the art, he hopes to give full satisfaction to those who will give him their patronage.
N. B. WANTED—Beaver, Otter, Fox, Wolf, Hare Skins and Lamb's Wool, for which he will pay good prices
40-3m

TO ALL THE SAINTS.

WANTED: Hay, Oats, Peas, Beans, Butter, Eggs, Fox and Wolf Skins and Cash; for LIKENESSES, at the Sign of the



Open on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS.
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THE PUBLIC

ARE hereby forbidden to pass and repass over the land known as Dr. Richards' pasture, and lying between the ten acre lots and Jordan river. Such as transgress this prohibition will be liable to prosecution for trespass.
34-1t BRIGHAM YOUNG,
FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS.

KILLING TIME HAS COME!!!

ALL PERSONS killing Hogs will please preserve the hair, and bring it to the Brush Factory, East Temple street. Ten cents per pound allowed for it. All kinds of brushes constantly on hand, which will be exchanged for produce, Territorial, County and City scrip, lumber, &c., &c.
39-3 G. CLEMENTS.

NOTICE.

IT IS NECESSARY that I should close my business as speedily as possible. I therefore ask all persons who are indebted to the late firms of J. M. Horner & Co., Hooper & Williams and W. H. Hooper, to come forward and pay their debts.
I have given much indulgence to the persons who owe me, and I truly hope this notice will be responded to.
I will receive in payment the following: First: cattle. Second: grain, hay, hides and pork; but shall expect all persons who have cattle and no money, to pay in cattle. I hope this call will be attended to without exception.
39-2m WM. H. HOOPER.

The People's Store, East Temple st., Open again.

WM. NIXON takes this method to notify his old friends and patrons that he is AT HOME AGAIN in his old stand, as above, and would be pleased to have them give him a call, (and particularly those who know themselves indebted to him by note or otherwise.)

Grain, Pork, Cows, Cattle, Firewood, or good Hay, will be received in liquidation. The subscriber hopes that all interested who are able, will now come forward and settle without further notice.
A small lot of goods for sale. Also a few two horse wagons and six sets double harness on hand to exchange for cattle or grain; cash will not be refused.
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NOTICE.

OWING to the absence of so many of the citizens who were indebted to the late firm of Livingston, Kinkaid & Co., they were unable to make collections of debts due them. To accommodate both parties we advanced Mr. Bell the means for the same, and the debts have been transferred to us. We therefore earnestly request such as know themselves indebted, as above, to call and pay the same. Cattle will be received.
39-2m WM. H. HOOPER.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

JENNINGS & WINDER, are prepared to kill beeves for private families at their public Slaughterhouse. Persons wishing can have them cut up ready for salting and taken home. Charge for killing, \$1, or will take the hide and pay \$1.50.

JENNINGS & WINDER'S

New Meat Market is on the corner North of J. Cain's.—Meats of all kinds and of the first quality always on hand. Also Pork and Bologna Sausage, dried Beef, corned Beef, Lard, Tallow, pickled Tongues, &c., &c.

JENNINGS & WINDER'S

Tannery and Leather business continued at the old place. The best price paid for hides of all kinds.
N. B. The above firm would be glad if those persons indebted to them would call and settle forthwith, and any having claims present them and take your pay. 341f

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