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## HARD TIMES IN NEW YORK.

The hardest of the hard times for the season are at hand. Many of our citizens think the times are hard here. So they are to some, to those who have no work and no provision ahead to subsist upon. To such, times are hard, no matter where they may reside, and the truest philanthropists in such cases are those who furnish work and pay to those who need the same. Work of some sort or other can generally be had, but it needs to be accompanied with a little certain and useful pay to render it profitable or acceptable to the worker.

After all, it seems that the times are much harder in other parts of the country than they are in this Territory. Take the commercial capital of the Union, New York for instance. Times are hard there, judging by newspaper reports. The New York Herald has been noticing the condition of things in that particular in that city, and noting a number of sad circumstances illustratively. It is stated that there are in that city nearly 50,000 working men out of employment, many of whom have had little or nothing to do for three months past, and expect little or nothing to do for three months longer. From statements made by George Blair, President of the New York State Workingmen's Assembly, and by mechanics of different trades, also from other sources, the following table has been compiled, by that paper, showing the number of working men now out of employment in that city, the figures being rather below than above the reality.

Trades.	Out of Work.	Trades.	Out of Work.
Laborers—		Mill Hands—	600
Building—	3,000	Box Makers—	200
Public Works—	2,000	Enginers—	400
Common—	800	Machinists—	1,000
Masons—	800	Varnishers—	250
Scrap-iron—	1,200	Derrickmen—	200
Bricklayers—	2,000	Paviors—	300
Carpenters—	3,000	Riggers—	200
Star Builders—	400	Caulkers—	300
Framers—	500	Ship Carpenters—	500
Pasterers—	1,000	Plumbers and	
Painters—	1,500	Steam Fitters—	500
Joiners—	300	Brass Finishers—	300
Lathers—	200	Jewelers—	100
Paper Hangers—	150	Gold Beaters—	50
Iron Workers—	1,500	Carpent Weavers—	400
Moulders—	400	Paper Stainers—	200
Brayers—	200	Pork Packers—	100
Printers—	1,000	Longshoremen—	1,000
Shoemakers—	800	Coopers—	600
Hatters—	800	Drivers—	400
Tailors, custom—	1,200	Theatrical Car-	
Tailors, common—	800	penters—	50
Horsehoers—	200	Glass Blowers—	100
Cabinet Makers—	1,000	Cigar Packers—	75
Piano Makers—	400	Other occupa-	
Cigar Makers—	2,000	tions—	4,000
Total—		45,375	

Mr. Blair said that the mechanics were so pressed that thousands of families were already on the verge of destitution, and the situation was really becoming destitute. Trade was dull all over the country. The best thing to be done was for the Government to put the men to work on public works of permanent utility. Contractors took advantage of the dull times to reduce wages and employ boys instead of men. There was a large class in the community who would place no limit of pay below which they would consider it unjust to ask a man to work.

The Trustees of the Relief Fund of St. John's Guild, of that city, recently made an appeal to the public, in which they said—

"The fourth winter of the hard times is upon us with greater severity than any of its predecessors. There is no immediate prospect of work for the great multitude of the unemployed, and many people who have heretofore been considered in moderate circumstances are now living from hand to mouth. Their little savings have been expended long ago and cold and hunger now stare them in the face at the very threshold of the winter. Hundreds of pitiable cases of utter destitution have already been brought to the notice of the volunteer visitors of St. John's Guild, and its resources being wholly exhausted, the

Guild now appeals for contributions to meet the emergency. New York never failed to respond grandly to a call for charity where it is needed, and our citizens must know that never within the recollection of the present generation have the necessities of the hour been so urgent. Delicate women and little children are suffering at our doors for the necessities of life. Without fuel, food, or clothing to shield them from the rude blasts of winter, they are utterly helpless. If charity does not come to their rescue they must freeze or starve. The terrible outlines of this sad picture cannot be overdrawn. Only immediate relief will save the lives that now plead silently, but piteously, for the gifts of charity.

"If at any time it is more blessed to give than to receive, it is doubly so now at this happy holiday season. The hearts of those who dwell in comfortable homes will surely be opened at the cry of their destitute neighbors. During the last three years St. John's Guild has assisted 16,640 families, composed of 74,880 individuals, besides caring for 68,346 sick children and their mothers in the Floating Hospital. This great work has been accomplished with the expenditure of \$211,794.31."

## SAN FRANCISCO THEATRES.

The San Francisco Chronicle, commenting on the Brooklyn Theatre calamity, says—

"A similar catastrophe, with all its attendant horrors, is liable to occur in San Francisco on any night. We have theatres where the disaster which overtook the Brooklyn victims may easily be repeated with a like loss of life. Nineteen lives were lost a few days ago in consequence of a panic caused by the cry of 'fire' at the Chinese Theatre in this city. It is not going too far to say that there is not a theatre in San Francisco where a similar alarm would not be attended by great loss of life. There is something ineffably horrible in the idea that the great throng of pleasure seekers who nightly crowd our theatres are liable at any moment to encounter a violent death in its most frightful form, through the neglect of obvious and necessary precautions. A little more care and forethought, a little less recklessness and greed on the part of the proprietors and managers of our places of public amusement, would make such fatal catastrophes as the one which has suggested this article impossible. Broader aisles, never permitted to be blocked up by chairs; wide doors, opening outward, and enough of them, would afford safe and easy egress to the panic-stricken crowd. There is no good reason why our theatres should not be so constructed that they can be emptied by various exits in three minutes. It behooves us to be warned in time. We are eminently a practical people, inclined to boast that 'we have no nonsense about us.' It is time to make good our vaunt by taking effectual measures to prevent the possibility of the occurrence in San Francisco of so terrible a tragedy as has just filled Brooklyn with the tokens of bereavement and the voices of lamentation."

## Election Returns.

RANDOLPH, Dec. 14, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

Enclosed find election returns of Rich County at the recent election. I should have sent them before, but I was called away from home just after the election, hence the delay in sending.

Per Hon. George Q. Cannon—

Randolph Precinct, 105  
Woodruff " 42  
Meadowville " 25  
Lake Town " 52

Total, 224

R. N. Baskin, none.

Please insert in your paper, that the authorities may know how Rich County stands, and oblige

Yours truly,

WILLIAM REX,

County Clerk.

Rich County, Utah.

Worcester Press: "A fervent Republican, of this city, was heard, yesterday afternoon, soliloquizing as follows, near the Republican headquarters: 'If I've got as drunk as over or mere possibility, I Hayes' election, what would I do? he was actually lectured?'"

## Local and Other Matters

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 21.

**Diphtheria.**—This dangerous malady has again made its appearance in this valley. Three children in the family of Brother and Sister Bricker, of West Jordan, have succumbed to it within the short space of three weeks.

**Returned.**—Those who, on account of the fine spell of yesterday, concluded that the fog had taken a permanent departure, were on that subject, mentally in the same condition as the weather is to-day. The mist came back again this morning.

**A Salt Lake Man Killed.**—It will be seen by a dispatch from Wyoming, that C. B. Stevens, butcher, was killed by Indians, in an attack made, on Indian Creek, on Tuesday night. Mr. Stevens was well known hereabout.

**The North Keeps Not Back.**—The other day a hundred and sixty head of cattle arrived from the Bear Lake and Bear River Valley country, donated by the brethren of that region to the good work of building the Temple. Eight head were from the High Priests, forty-four from the Seventies and the balance from the Elders.

**Huge Roots.**—William M. Allred, of St. Charles, Bear Lake Valley, raised a fine root crop last season. The largest turnip in the lot measured 42 inches in circumference, and weighed 22½ pounds. The largest carrot was 14½ inches in circumference, and one measured 23 inches in length. That northern region is a good root raising country.

**Obsequies.**—The numerous friends of Sister Eliza Dilworth will regret to learn of the demise, at 7 o'clock this morning, at her residence, in the 8th Ward of this city, of that estimable lady, in her 84th year.

We are requested to announce that the funeral services will be conducted at the 8th Ward Assembly Rooms, on Saturday, at 12 noon, and that relatives and friends will please accept this notice as an invitation to attend. The obituary of the deceased, which will be necessarily interesting, will appear in a subsequent issue of the NEWS.

**Vick's Floral Guide, No. 1,** for 1877, (Rochester, N. Y.) is at hand, containing nearly 100 pages, profusely illustrated, and nicely printed on good tinted paper, with a beautiful summer bouquet frontispiece in colors. Mr. Vick offers \$40 in cash for the best show of flowers at each and every State or Territorial Fair in America, as follows:—Best collection cut flowers, \$20; second best \$10, third best \$5; fourth best, floral chromo; best ornamental floral work, \$5. Awards to be made by regular local judges or committee. He also offers to every county Society in America a floral chromo for the best exhibition of cut flowers.

**The Homicide.**—An inquest in connection with the Phillips-Jones homicide was held at the City Hall last evening, resulting in the following verdict—

"An inquisition holden in the fifth precinct of Salt Lake City, December 20th, A. D. 1876, at the City Hall, upon the body of William Jones, there lying dead, before George J. Taylor, coroner of said county, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths do say, from the evidence, before them, that he died on the afternoon of the 19th of December, 1876, from the effects of wounds inflicted by a knife in the hands of David Phillips while in a saloon on Commercial Street, Salt Lake City.

"In testimony whereof they have hereto set their hands, the day and year first above written.

"JAMES PAYNE.

"FRANCIS ARMSTRONG.

"S. GENSER.

"GEORGE J. TAYLOR, Coroner."

The funeral of Jones took place this afternoon under the auspices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he was a member.

A large crowd of people were at the City Hall at ten o'clock, for the purpose of witnessing the proceedings, before Justice Pyper, of the preliminary examination of the perpetrator of the killing. The case did not open, however, till about 11 o'clock, Judges Z. Snow and J. C. Hemingway appearing on

the part of the people and Judge Woods for the defense.

The accused is a stout, healthy-looking young man and does not appear to have the cold, resolute, hang-dog look of the calculating, cold-blooded murderer, his parted lips giving an expression that seems to indicate not more than a common amount of determination.

The evidence for the prosecution showed simply, so far as developed, up till half-past two this afternoon, that the accused and the deceased had a fight in the saloon where the tragedy was enacted, and that in the course of it Jones was stabbed and killed by Phillips. It was also shown that Phillips had previously, during the same day, purchased the knife used by him, and that he had stated that he bought it for the purpose of killing Jones.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 22.

**From Santaquin.**—Bishop George Halliday, of Santaquin, is in town.

**The Snow Storm.**—The fog was not general in the Territory, but the snow is pretty much so.

**Improved.**—We are pleased to state that the health of President B. Young, who was suffering, a short time back, with a rheumatic affection, is now greatly improved.

**Big Hog.**—There is an immense hog at the Empire meat market, of the Chester White breed. It was raised by Mr. Kippin, of Bountiful, and is said to weigh in the vicinity of 800 pounds.

**Harvest Time.**—This is the harvest time for lumbermen. Now the lumber comes sliding down the cañons on sleds. Mr. Frank Armstrong goes to work with all his available teams, at that business, to-morrow morning.

**A Substitute.**—The snowstorm which set in at an early hour this morning is generally accepted as an agreeable substitute for the thick fog that has lately prevailed. More healthful, certainly, for people who can manage to keep the feet dry.

**The Heaviest.**—The Durham heifer, raised by Mr. William Jennings, and killed by White and Sons, at whose butcher shop it is on exhibition, is said to be the heaviest beef animal ever killed in Utah, its dressed weight being 1,360 pounds. It had 240 pounds of suet.

**Extraordinary Sea Traveling.**—The Liverpool Mercury states that the steamship Britannic crossed the Atlantic, between New York and Liverpool, eight times successively, up till October, under eight days each trip, each of the four round trips being made under sixteen days.

**Missionary.**—This morning, O. H. Eggleston, of Utah, called on us. He represents the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly known as "Mormon." He is a nephew of our fellow townsman, O. S. Burgess, and is visiting his friends here for a few days. —Richmond (Mich.) Herald, Dec. 14.

**A Little Premature.**—A party who was apparently anxious to inaugurate the sleighing season passed our office at half past nine this morning, in full jingle. He might have been afraid the snow would melt before he got a chance, if he delayed longer.

**Woman's Exponent,** for Dec. 15, contains "The Children's Christmas," "Desultory Thoughts," "Female Delicacy," "R. S. Reports," "Woman's Voice," "United we Stand, Divided we Fall," "Woman's Commission House," "Sericulture," "Blessings of Retrenchment," "Belief and Unbelief in God," "Woman," "About Holidays," "Surplus Women," etc.

**A Reflector.**—Mr. John Gindrep, residing on Commercial Street, a poor man and somewhat of a genius in his way, has constructed a kind of double mirror, which can be so adjusted, outside of a window, that a person sitting in the interior of the room can observe what is going on either up or down the street for a long distance. He can make any number of them if they are wanted.

**From American Fork.**—We were pleased to receive a visit to-day from Bishop L. E. Harrington, of American Fork. We learn from him that the weather of late has been beautiful, clear and pleasant

thereabout. A new school-house is being fitted up there, for the purpose of conducting in it a graded school, with Prof. Forbes, a very efficient teacher, as principal. Matters at American Fork are generally prosperous.

**The Temple Quarry.**—All the hands laboring at the Temple quarry, Big Cottonwood, excepting four, will come to the City to-night, to spend the holidays, expecting to return, weather permitting, about Wednesday.

The weather there has been splendid of late, and entirely favorable for the vigorous prosecution of the work. Clear and cold, being entirely free from fog.

**The Homicide.**—The preliminary examination of David Phillips for the killing of William J. Jones, on the 19th inst., was resumed at noon to-day. The case having been closed for the prosecution yesterday, the evidence was given for the defense, the witnesses for which testified, in effect, that, in the saloon where the killing occurred, the two men quarrelled, Jones drawing a pistol on Phillips, making two attempts to discharge it at him, and finally, the weapon not going off, throwing it at him. As Jones was about to pass to regain possession of the weapon, Phillips stabbed him several times with a knife, killing him.

**Gone to Mining.**—Dr. A. K. Smith, for some time chief deputy United States Marshal in the Territory, is now not connected with that office, having gone to Leeds, with a view to engaging in mining pursuits. He was Judge Shaeffer's commissioner without bonds, to execute a sequestration decree believed by many to be the grossest legal outrage of the 19th century. There will be a proper ending to that proceeding some day, else we are mistaken.

Mining is an honorable pursuit, which cannot be said of some other kinds of employment.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 23.

**From Bear Lake Valley.**—General Charles C. Rich, of Bear Lake Valley, is in the City.

**Arrested.**—Four women, charged with keeping houses of ill-fame, were arrested by the police, this afternoon.

**Cheaper.**—Owing to the increased competition, toys are selling at much lower prices this year than in former years at this season.

**The Killing Case.**—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the evidence in the preliminary examination of David Phillips for the killing of W. J. Jones, was all in, and counsel were proceeding with the argument.

**Abundance.**—The people of this City have cause for thankfulness to the "Giver of all good," for the abundance of the "substantial" of life, at this festive season.

**Lively.**—The central part of the city has been alive with teams, wagons, and people, to-day. In addition to the large number of residents of the city who have been doing their holiday shopping, many have been in from the country, on the same business.

**Compliments.**—Monday being Christmas, all hands connected with this office will take a holiday, and we therefore bid adieu for that day to our numerous friends and patrons, to whom, thus in advance, we tender the compliments of the season, "A Merry Christmas," and "May you live long and prosper."

**A Pleasant Surprise.**—The pupils of the Fourteenth Ward Seminary gave a pleasant surprise to the Principal, Mr. George J. Taylor, and to Miss Josephine Taylor, teacher, on the occasion of adjourning the school for a two-weeks' holiday vacation. The scholars presented to Mr. Taylor an elegantly bound volume of Whittier's poems, and to Miss Taylor a very handsome flower stand. The intention on the part of the donors to present those testimonials of esteem was entirely unknown to the receivers. Such evidences of cordial relations between teacher and pupil are very pleasing, and in this instance show the superior force of that kind of school government of which kindness is the motive power.

**A Classical Picture.**—At Mr. Savage's art gallery is an excellent picture, fresh from the brush of Mr. Geo. M. Ottinger. The subject is classical, and it is represented in good style by the artist. It is a