

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY DEC. 2.

Foggy.—Quite a struggle between the fog and the sun this morning.

McKee's Bill.—McKee's anti-Mormon crusade bill is identical with Logan's, with the exception of two or three minor words.

The Surveyor General for Utah.—Among the confirmations by the Senate, Dec. 10, was Nathan Kimball, Surveyor General for Utah Territory.

At St. George.—We learn that Presidents B. Young and Geo. A. Smith and party arrived at St. George yesterday afternoon. The weather was mild and cloudy.

For Cold Feet.—To sprinkle a little cayenne pepper on the inside of the soles of the stockings helps people who are subject to habitual coldness of the extremities.

A Blowhard.—A noisy drunken blackguard was making quite a disturbance in the vicinity of the railroad depot to-day. He wanted to fight somebody that didn't happen to be around there just then.

Ladies' Catholic Fair.—Hussey's Hall presented a gay scene last night. It was brilliantly lighted and the various wares were spread and arranged to good advantage. The ladies attended, with admirable grace, to the wants of the customers who visited the hall. The 13th infantry brass band discoursed excellent music during the evening.

Accident to Mr. Linforth.—We regret to learn that James Linforth, Esq., of San Francisco, met with a severe accident a few days ago. He was attended by three surgeons and medical gentlemen, and was improving at last advices. A short time since Mr. Linforth was in this city, on his way from the East, in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Utah Northern.—One of the passengers who stuck by the Utah Northern train for thirty-one hours last Tuesday, assisting in the endeavors made to get it through the divide, speaks in very high terms of the persevering conduct of Conductor Thos. Lewis and his assistants. It is quite evident that unless the company erect snow sheds or fences, blockades will be of frequent occurrence during the winter months, on that part of the line running through the divide between Corinne and Cache Valley.

Social Party.—Tuesday, December 23rd, is the 67th anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Joseph Smith. In commemoration thereof a social party, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Davis, will be held at the 14th Ward Hall on the evening of the above date, when dancing will be varied with songs and short speeches by senior elders of the church. The proceeds of the party will be devoted to the interests of the *Woman's Exponent*. Committee of arrangements Mesdames E. Davis and A. Williams, and Misses S. Bingham, Lizzie Stephenson, and S. Pratt.

Utah Northern.—John W. Young and Geo. Richardson, Esqrs., returned this morning from Logan. They report that the U.N.R.R. will be open all through in a day or two. The late storm was unprecedented, for the season, in the memory of the people living in the vicinity of the blockade, the snow drifting so badly that it was impossible for men to work for two or three days, but now a large force of men are engaged in clearing the track. Snow fences were built and stacked at Logan, but it was a little too late in getting them in place. The fences are now being hauled from Logan on sleighs and will be put in place, so that a repetition of the blockade will not be likely to occur.

The First Number.—The first number of Vol. 9 of *The Juvenile Instructor* is now issued. It is illustrated with three excellent engravings, and contains a large amount of entertaining and instructive reading matter. The opening article describes the mode of traveling in Syria, and other eastern countries, then "What a Boy Did," being an interesting anecdote in the early life of a great architect, showing how he attained to prominence in his profession; then a "Navigator Taking an Observation," illustrated with a fine cut, after which comes a thrilling chapter in "A Boy's Voyage Around the World," in which the writer describes how himself and companion desert the

ship and are lost on the sandy desert. This is a very interesting tale of a boy's experience, being true in every particular; then comes a selected article with regard to what people eat, then an article from the editor, giving his thoughts on the enlargement of the *Instructor* and the mission of that periodical. "Market Day in Denmark" is a graphic description of the matter of the title. An illustrated wood cut with appropriate article on Jesus' Parable of "The Laborers in the Vineyard" is also presented. "Annie and Willie's prayer," one of the most pathetic and beautiful poems in print, and appropriate to the holiday season, appears in this number. Then follow "Early Life in the Valley," from the History of the Church; "Anecdotes of Painters," correspondence, "Questions and Answers on the Book of Mormon and Bible," "Our Jubilee," words by Mrs. E. H. Goddard, and music by E. Beesley.

The *Juvenile Instructor* is a most valuable publication, excellently adapted to accomplish the objects for which it is issued, and we reiterate that it should be on the table of every family. Parents desiring to make their children a Christmas gift cannot make a more profitable one than to give them a subscription for Vol. 9 of that paper.

Retrenchment.—We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend a select sociable party at the 12th Ward Assembly Rooms on Thursday evening, Dec. 18th. Our pleasure does not arise particularly or specially from the fact of receiving the invitation, which is an often extended courtesy, but rather from the object of the sociable, which is announced on the fly leaf of the note of invitation to be retrenchment. In view of this object the committee say:

"Gentlemen and ladies will oblige the committee by dispensing with everything that may be deemed unnecessary or extravagant, such as kid gloves, swallow-tailed coats, trailing dresses, &c.

"The undersigned hope that all will combine and aid with their endeavors to introduce sociables of this kind, promising, if this be successful, to give a series of similar entertainments."

Nearly all of the gentlemen composing the committee are young men, which makes it doubly gratifying to see them take this necessary step in the matter, not only of retrenchment but also of the breaking down of class distinctions to which there has been a visible and growing tendency of late years among the Latter-day Saints.

The names of the gentlemen composing the committee are:

John R. Winder, H. B. Clawson, Jr.; A. S. Patterson, John T. Caine, Jr.; L. Cummings, C. S. Burton, Wm. G. Sharp, A. D. Young, Rulon S. Wells, John R. Winder, Jr.; John G. Felt, H. J. Campbell.

Much has been said about the foolish extravagance manifested by many of the young ladies of the community. We believe that a proportion of the blame belonged, however, to the young gentlemen, because the main object of the ladies dressing up in extravagantly fashionable attire is to make themselves attractive to the other sex. Now if the gentlemen will, in a courteous manner, intimate, in some way, that they delight in simplicity and economy, and that those who manifest those qualities are the most agreeable to them, it is reasonable to expect there will be a revolution in dress.

The young men who appear to have taken the initiative in this matter will probably meet with a few fools who will jeer them a little, but they have manliness enough not to be deterred from carrying out their purpose by the barking of small dogs. It is to be hoped that others will follow in the wake of those who have commenced the reformation, that the movement may become general among the young. Should this be the case the "sociables" will not only be such in name but in reality. Where people who "put on airs" and those who don't meet in any capacity whatever, there is a lack of sympathy and consequently of sociability between the two classes, which mars the harmony that should exist in every assembly of Latter-day Saints.

If a person is poor and therefore unable to appear in such style as richer neighbors, the poorer may be equally as good, and inspired with as noble aspirations and purposes,

and is therefore entitled to equal consideration in every respect. The gospel knows no class distinctions, no aristocracy of wealth, and no recognition should therefore be given to such differences by those who profess to believe in and practice the principles inculcated in the teachings of the Savior.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 17.

No Cases.—Not a single case of any kind in the police court to-day.

Progressing.—Prof. Leotard is still progressing towards recovery, but it will probably be a week or two before he can perform.

Rain.—A dispatch received from St. George, at nine o'clock this morning, stated that it was raining very hard there at that time.

Not Dull.—One wouldn't suppose trade was very dull with W. Harrison to see the quantity of stoves he was taking in and stowing away to-day.

Weather.—A light sprinkling of snow fell during last night and a little to-day. The atmosphere has been rather mild. Dirty underfoot.

Finished.—That new plank crossing from the Utah Job Office to the City Hall corner is now completed. Just in time for the present slushy spell.

Centennial Tea Party.—It came off last night, Governor Woods presiding. Tea was tipped, songs were sung, speeches were made, dancing was indulged in and a poem, conspicuous for its singularity, was read by Dr. Winslow, its author.

Pleasant Party.—That party at the 20th Ward school-house was a pleasant affair. The attendance was unusually large, and an agreeable, sociable feeling prevailed. Excellent music was supplied by the Margetts quadrille band.

"Bazar Economique."—This bazar, at the Eagle Emporium, is now in running order. A large quantity of goods, the remnants of previous bazars, is being sold lower than cost, as the fancy notion branch will be dispensed with at the Emporium after the present stock is sold out.

Ladies' Catholic Fair.—This fair is a great success. On the fourth or last day of its continuance a gold headed cane will be awarded to the gentleman receiving the largest number of votes from the ladies, as being the most popular among them.

Clift House.—This building is rapidly recovering from the effects of the late disastrous fire. Carpenters, plasterers and painters have been the physicians. It will soon have as good an appearance externally and internally as it had before the fire occurred.

Heaps of It.—The Cache Valley folks are having plenty of snow. Last week it was a foot and a half deep on the west side of the Valley and about nine inches on the east side, and it is probable that considerable more has fallen since then. The cold is sometimes very intense also, the mercury having been as low as eighteen below zero.

Good Advice.—We repeat the advice we have previously given to "all whom it may concern." Don't borrow money and mortgage your property under ordinary or even under scarcely any circumstances. A good many people who have done this foolish thing will some day wish they hadn't. When credit is good it is extremely easy to get into debt, but frequently very difficult to get out of it.

Returned.—Mr. Daniel Grenig and wife reached this city from the East last night, where they have been visiting relatives and friends in Illinois and Philadelphia. They left this city on the 13th of October, and have had a first rate time during their absence. Brother Grenig says there were no stoppages on the U. P. R. R. between Omaha and Ogden, travelling was in good time, and he considers that road superior to any east of Omaha.

Christmas Piece.—The new piece to be presented at the Theatre during the holidays will be likely to produce a *furor* among the Theatre-goers. It is in active preparation and will fairly sparkle and run over with wit and humor, being interspersed with local and national hits. Lovers of mirth will have a feast, and will have a chance to "laugh and grow fat." There will be fairies, and demons and imps

and all those sorts of things in it, and lots of fun to delight the eyes and ears of the little folks. Two gentlemen of this city have been engaged for some time in writing the piece.

The Press.—A large number of eastern papers, in handling what is commonly called the "Mormon question," display an amount of fairness that is very commendable, while a few others never fail to get in a dig at the "Mormons" without any consideration or regard to fair play. Those latter generally belong to that class of journals, however, which always "knew" things would happen just as they do, after they occur, like the old fellow who had a confirmed habit of saying, "I told you so," when he had never told anything of the sort. They are of that class generally who lauded the extra-judicial course of a certain missionary judge, who, in his zeal to crush out "Mormonism," trod roughshod over all law, justice and precedent. But when the Supreme Court ruled that the foundation and fabric of the course of that missionary judge were usurpations, being illegal, a change came over the spirit of the dream of those papers. In place of laudations upon the head of the unfortunate missionary they showered the bitterest abuse and vituperation. They knew he was a "usurper," a "perverter of the law," and all that kind of thing, and then with unblushing effrontery they would say, "We always said so."

With such journals it is generally "any way the wind blows." In fact it is frequently manifested that some journals and numbers of people experience no difficulty in changing the color of their coats. So far as we are concerned it is a matter of no moment as to who change their coats, as we believe in the ultimate triumph of right and truth. It would be sound advice to some journals, however, if they have any colors at all, to keep them "nailed to the mast," and not keep taking them down or changing them when policy appears to demand it. They would thus increase their reputation for reliability and would stand a much better chance of being considered respectable.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 18.

Snow.—Two or three inches of snow fell last night.

Branching Out.—Mr. H. Dinwoody, in addition to his already extensive business, is about to enter largely into that of paper-hanging. He has an extensive stock of wall papers on the way here.

The Winner.—The fortunate holder of the ticket which took the first prize at Savage's art union drawing, a fine oil painting by Mr. Ottinger, of a scene in Cottonwood, is Mr. Wiggins, civil engineer.

Sleighs and Cutters.—A large quantity of sleighs and cutters have just arrived at Z. C. M. I. Wagon Department. A train of them was hauled around on the streets to-day that the public might see where they could obtain those adjuncts to the pleasures of the winter season.

Shock of Earthquake.—We learn, by special dispatch from Paris, Bear Lake Valley, that a very strong shock of earthquake was felt there shortly before sunrise to-day. Houses were severely shaken, doors and windows rattled, causing considerable astonishment among the people, who were at a loss for a moment to imagine the cause of such a strange effect. The shock passed from west to east.

Arrested and Discharged.—Yesterday evening a man was arrested on suspicion of having stolen bullion from Gilmer & Saulsbury's southern stage. The accused had been disposing of bullion in this city, receiving a dollar an ounce for it. There was an interview between Mr. Gilmer and the man last night, and the former did not seem anxious to prosecute the matter further, so Justice Clinton discharged the suspected individual from custody, who said he purchased the bullion in question from a man in Alta, named Barnes, but could give no other account of the man further than his name. It is possible that the man may not be guilty of the crime of which he was suspected.

Nose Poking.—Yesterday Judge McKean interrogated an aged gentleman who made application for citizenship in a manner that would

have put an old female scandal-monger to the blush. It is a poor business for a Judge to be poking his nose into peoples' private business. When those who are not clothed with judicial authority indulge in such a course they are generally conceded to be impertinent; with the addition of such authority, however, it may be even considered to be worse than that. It appears that applicants for citizenship have to be insulted now-a-days, and they have to be asked how they support their families, &c. When a man insults another simply because he thinks he has the power to do so, what is he? Anybody could answer that. What a magnanimous Judge!

Horticultural.—Last night several horticulturists or gardeners met at the house of Mr. Joseph Hardman, the object of the meeting being to take into consideration the advisability of taking steps with a view to the organization of a Horticultural Society for this City and surrounding towns and settlements. Nothing definite was decided upon last evening, but it was agreed that another similar meeting would be held at the same place next Tuesday night, and we are requested to announce that all who are interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.

If such an organization is effected its main object will be the dissemination of horticultural information, the development of this important branch of industry and the holding of fairs during the flower season, when plants of various kinds are in the zenith of their excellence.

Rampageous Soldier and Meddlesome Citizens.—About 1 o'clock yesterday a soldier named Taggart, while intoxicated, insulted and annoyed some ladies in the Eleventh Ward. Some special policemen being sent for, arrested the refractory and impudent man of war. While they had him in charge, J. H. Jenks, who knew nothing of what the soldier had been doing, told the officers that he would see that they did not arrest him, and annoyed them so that the officers were left behind by the car on which they purposed going to the City Hall. Jenks told the officers that they would see something different in two years from now; they wouldn't have the running of things then. The officers then took him in charge, when he requested them to let go of him till he took his coat off. Being willing to accommodate him they did let go, but he didn't take off his coat, only taking his arm out of one sleeve and then slipping it gently back again.

He was brought to the City Hall and appeared before Judge Clinton, who, on account of apologies, etc., and because the officers did not press the matter much, discharged him, after giving him a little advice about interfering with officers who were in the discharge of their duties.

He told him also that he thought he was pretty liberal with regard to the time he said would elapse before he, Jenks, and others of his cloth would have the running of things. It put the judge in mind of a circumstance which occurred about the time the slaves of the South were being freed. A white man and a colored one had an altercation, when the latter said that the whites would have to sing low in two weeks, for in that time the "niggers" were going to run this town. They are not running it yet, however.

Six months is generally the time given the law-abiding portion of the community to exist. This has been the time allotted them for many years, but still they live in peace and enjoy themselves amazingly, and are likely to continue six months behind the good time of their enemies who are always prophesying evil about them.

The *Alta* longs for the time when horse steaks will be for sale in the San Francisco market.

The Lake Tahoe Steam Navigation Company has been organized at Truckee. The object of the company is to build a large steamer on Lake Tahoe for the accommodation of passengers, carrying freight, and towing purposes.

L. J. Rose, of Los Angeles, has sold his entire orange crop for \$30 per thousand in that city. Estimating the five hundred bearing trees to have 1,000 oranges on each, which is rather under the figure than over, the crop is worth about \$15,000.