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## Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 24.

**Blooming.**—Strawberry plants are out in bloom in various parts of the City.

**Home Grown.**—Home grown radishes and lettuce are becoming comparatively plentiful in this market this early in the season.

**Information Wanted.**—Joseph Collinson, late of Australia, will hear of something to his advantage by addressing

D. O. MINER, Salt Lake City.

**Extra Fine.**—It is generally conceded that the weather could not well be more delightful than it is at present, the oppositional prognostications of the Second South Street weather prophet to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Adjourned.**—Last evening the Eighteenth Ward Mutual Improvement Association adjourned for the season. The meetings during the past winter have been of an interesting and profitable character. Brother Horace G. Whitney is president of the society, and ably conducts its proceedings.

**In the Fault.**—We are informed that in the fracas between Gus M. Clarke and E. White, at Newman & Reed's saloon, on Monday night, White was the aggressor. Without provocation, he struck Clarke in the face, and it was during the subsequent interchange of blows that White had his leg broken.

**Via Great Britain.**—We understand that Elders Fred. J. May and Thomas A. Shreeve will go to Australia by way of England, instead of proceeding to San Francisco and sailing over the Pacific from that port. They intend going in company with the missionaries for Europe who propose leaving on the 10th of next month.

**A Friendly Party.**—Last night the house of Brother F. J. May was taken almost by storm by a large party of his 20th Ward friends. They paid him a surprise visit, in a friendly, sociable way, before his departure for the other side of the globe, whence he soon expects to go on a mission. A few hours were pleasantly spent in amusements and recreation and interchange of friendly sentiments.

**Croyden.**—A second child of Bishop John Hopkin, of Croyden, Morgan County, has died of diphtheria. Every precaution that could be thought of was taken to remove everything calculated to carry contagion of the disease. Other families of the same settlement have suffered from the malady. In consequence of the unusual amount of sickness spring work has been somewhat retarded.

**More grain is being sown** this season than ever before. The people are experimenting in dry farming on the bench lands, with confidence in its proving successful.

**Surprise.**—Last evening a large party of residents of the 10th Ward, headed by the members of the Young Ladies' Society, proceeded to the residence of Brother Thomas A. Shreeve, by way of an agreeable surprise to him. There were sev-

eral musicians, and the house proving too small for the assemblage, an adjournment was made to the School-house, where several hours were spent in social enjoyment.

The surprise visit was a testimonial of friendly regard, expressed by the friends of Brother Shreeve, before his departure on a mission to Australia.

**Popular Science.**—There is no more able periodical published in the United States than the *Popular Science Monthly*. Its contributors are among the most advanced scientists in the world. We have before us the May number. An article on "The Radiometer," a fresh evidence of a Molecular Universe," from the pen of Prof. Josiah P. Cooke, Jr., is alone worth the price of the magazine to the studious reader. All the other papers are good, the authors being well known for ability.

We have also the supplement to the same monthly, a periodical of equal value, in point of merit to the magazine proper, but not so large.

Both are for sale at Dwyer's, price 50 cents and 25 cents, respectively.

**"Bikuben."**—A new arrangement has been entered upon for the publication of the Scandinavian paper, *Bikuben*. Heretofore it has been conducted in all its departments by Brother A. W. Winberg. An association has been formed for the publication of that journal. It will be edited by Joh. A. Bruun, and published by the Bikuben Publishing Company. A. Jensen will act as business manager, and A. W. Winberg as treasurer.

The first issue of the paper under the new arrangement will go to press on May 2nd, and will appear on every subsequent Thursday.

Brothers Bruun and Jensen are the publishers of the History of Joseph Smith, in the Danish language, which is a well written and carefully compiled work.

**Swindled.**—Yesterday morning a gentleman of this city was swindled on a small scale. He had lost his horses, and was negotiating with a person for an animal with which to go on a hunt for the missing ones. While so engaged, a fellow named Brown, stepped up, and said he had just such an animal as would suit him. There was a little lively bill of \$2.50 on the mare. If the gentleman would pay that he could have the use of the animal for several days, without further compensation. Would not he pay the little sum now, and he would go and fetch the mare right away?

The \$2.50 was paid, and it scarcely need be said that the gentleman who wanted to hire a horse, has neither seen the horse nor the \$2.50, and is left with a strong impression that he has been "done brown."

**Inventions.**—Mr. A. M. Mortimer, of this city, has been residing in Pennsylvania for the last eighteen months, obtaining patents for several inventions. One of his contrivances is for drying a comparatively large quantity of fruit in a small space. It is constructed of wood, and when open its contents are exposed to the full operation of the rays of the sun. In case of storm, or whenever it may be desirable, it can be rapidly and securely closed.

Another invention is an attachment for increasing the velocity of agricultural and other machinery. We understand he has secured a patent for this.

To-day we saw, at the Thirteenth Ward co-operative store, a sample of one of Mr. Mortimer's patented inventions, in the shape of an improved monkey-wrench. By the slower method of adjustment by means of the screw is abolished, and a quick and ready way of adjusting by a spring, operated by the thumb of the hand in which the wrench is held, is introduced. It is a decided improvement on the existing style of monkey-wrench.

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

The petition, referred to in yesterday's NEWS, of the base ball

clubs and Salt Lake Cricket Club, for the privilege of leasing a portion of Washington Square, &c., was received and referred to the committee on public grounds.

A communication was received from E. F. Sheets and twenty-four others, representing that loose and immoral characters were in the habit of frequenting Washington Square, and were screened from observation by the high board fence. They asked that the said fence be removed and that it be replaced by one more open and of better appearance. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

On petition, Edward Hanham was granted the privilege of piling building material on a portion of the street and sidewalk, during the erection of a store adjoining the Hanham meat market, on First South Street.

T. J. Wilcox, by petition, asked that his water and stable licenses, for his premises in Commercial Street be transferred to Mr. Wickie; granted.

A communication from S. A. Woolley to the Mayor, relating to one Jas. Hart, a man residing in the 9th Ward, afflicted with a cancer, and in indigent circumstances, asking for aid to procure his admission to the Sister's Hospital, and that Dr. J. M. Benedict would perform an operation for cancer free of charge.

Petition of E. Snow and others for the rockwork of the City Creek Aqueduct to be continued further up that stream, and for a wagon road to be opened up into City Creek Cañon in that locality. Referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, APR. 25.

**A out to Break.**—It appears as if the last spell of splendid weather was about to break up and be supplanted by another storm. Smiles and tears, sunshine and shower are what we generally get in April.

**Mischief.**—Last night or this morning some malicious and mischievous person threw a rock at one of the show windows of Mr. H. Dinwoodey's upholstery store, breaking a thirty dollar square of plate glass.

**Ornamental.**—Mr. Martin Lenzi has a small paint shop, on First South Street, where he embellishes with illuminated ornamentation collections of photographs in one glass and frame. He also paints flowers and mottoes and does other attractive work.

**District Court.**—This morning, in the District Court, in the case of James Townsend vs. W. H. Hooper et al, the hearing on the order, heretofore issued, to show cause, was continued till Monday, April 29th.

A similar order was made in the case of E. M. Varnee et al vs. Flagstaff Silver Mining Company et al.

**Curiosities.**—There is a resident of Spanish Fork, by the name of Samuel Patterson, who is an interested and keen observer of natural curiosities. When he meets with any article of unusual qualities or appearance, he preserves it and takes it to the Museum in this City. His last contribution in that direction consisted of a lot of fine specimens of Ammonites, characteristic of the Liassic species.

**Dedicated.**—Last night, a party of invited guests, among whom was Bishop John Sharp, met at the residence of Brother F. J. May, in the 20th Ward. The occasion was the dedication of the new residence of the host, a handsome and commodious structure. The ceremony was attended to, and the party spent a couple of hours in social union.

**A Reptile.**—The Ogden Junction speaks thus concerning the finding of a peculiar looking reptile:

As Mr. John Horrocks was engaged in excavating in the old Ogden House premises this morning, he unearthed a specimen of the subterranean batrachian species, which

we are unable to more particularly locate. It is about eight inches in length, has a body resembling the lateral extremity of a large rattlesnake, minus the rattles, a head similar to but smoother and slimmer than a bull-frog's and four web-footed legs.

From the foregoing description we are inclined to believe that the creature is a species of *Amblystoma*, developed from *Siredon*. The changes which this peculiar reptile undergoes, has been pointed to by some of the enthusiastic supporters of "evolution" as an evidence of the correctness of that theory.

**Hay and Moss Press.**—The Brinton Brothers, of Big Cottonwood Ward, have been operating for about half a year with what is called the "Economy" hay and moss press. We understand it has worked admirably giving complete satisfaction. We believe it is the cheapest press of the kind ever introduced into Utah. It is not cumbersome, as it can be taken anywhere where an ordinary wagon can pass; and can be moved about by an ordinary team. It is stated that two men, one boy and one horse can make bales with it in from six to eight minutes, weighing from 175 to 225 pounds each. One hundred and ten bales thus compressed can be loaded in an ordinary box car.

A specimen of the press and of the hay and lucern bales it turns out can be seen at the wagon and machinery establishment of Mr. H. B. Clawson, next door west of the Council House.

**An Evening in Italy.**—Last evening a very large and attentive audience in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly rooms, listened to the lecture on "An Evening in Italy," by Elder F. S. Richards. The speaker is gifted with an easy flow of good language, and a distinct and clear articulation, and though suffering from feeble health, was able to impress his audience and keep up their interest in his subject from the beginning to the close.

He took his hearers with him at one bound from the shores of Salt Lake to the city and Lake of Geneva, which were pictured at sunset. Then through Mont Cenis tunnel, a description of which is given to the former capital of Italy, Turin. Thence to Genoa, whose chief points of interest are described, with a pleasant digression, recounting the triumphs, trials and ungrateful treatment of Columbus. The next point touched is Pisa, with its leaning tower; then comes a view of Elba, during passage along the sea shore on the way to Rome, and a brief synopsis of the career of the Great Napoleon.

The history of great Rome is then epitomized, with its mythology, government, the rise of Christianity, the reign of the Popes and its final absorption into the kingdom of Italy. All the chief attractions of the proud city, once mistress of the world, are graphically described and morals drawn from her progress and decay. Next Naples is portrayed, also the buried cities, Herculaneum and Pompeii, and the far-famed volcano, Vesuvius. Then the audience is suddenly set down again by the shores of Salt Lake, as the sun is shedding its last rays over mountain and vale, and the blessings of home and the advantages of our position in Utah make the closing sentences of the lecture.

It is couched in eloquent language and contains a vast amount of useful information, arranged and condensed so as to convey vivid impressions, and does great credit to the able and successful lecturer. We hope it will be repeated in this city.

**Utah Ahead.**—Some time since we published portions of a report of the Sunday schools of Utah, furnished; by request, to E. Payson Porter, Esq., of Chicago, statistical secretary of the International Sunday School Convention, by Brother George Goddard, assistant superintendent of the Deseret Sunday School Union. Mr. Porter has compiled a tabulated report for the convention, a copy of which is before us.

Following is the showing made by the Territories, outside of Utah:

	Sunday Schools,	Teachers and Officers,	Scholars,	Total.
Arizona	5	30	175	25
Dakota	73	517	2,373	3,390
Idaho	4	54	291	445
Indian Ter.	34	266	1,113	1,719
Montana	28	160	1,213	1,412
New Mexico	38	224	1,446	1,970
Washington	25	200	1,000	1,200
Wyoming	12	73	660	733
	224	1,473	9,501	10,974

The figures for Utah are, 281 schools, 3,283 teachers and officers, 31,197 scholars; total of teachers, officers and scholars, 34,485, being a little over three times the number in all the Territories of the United States combined.

As a matter of course a number of the schools belonging to the Deseret Sunday School Union are in Territories adjoining Utah, such as Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, and Wyoming. Those, however, are in the borders of this Territory, and are essentially Utah schools. Anyhow they are Sunday schools of the Latter-day Saints, and have not been reported from the adjoining Territories named. There are therefore over three times the number of Latter-day Saint Sunday schools in Utah and vicinity, than there are of all other denominations combined in all the Territories or America.

Not a few of the States even are away behind Utah in the matter of Sunday Schools, as for instance, the total of officers, teachers, and scholars in Nevada is 3,339; Colorado, 5,900; Oregon, 7,257; Delaware, 25,008; Florida, 28,502. It will be observed that the combined figures of the first three of the States named makes a total of 15,866; considerably less than one half that of Utah.

Not only does Utah lead the van in the Sunday School system, in point of numbers, but we are confident that the method is a good one, and is being improved most gratifyingly, under the energetic direction of the leading spirits in the cause.

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LORENZO KELSEY.

Dist. Pound Keeper.  
Tooele City, April 24, 1878. dsw