

ITEMS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

THIRD DISTRICT.—The trial of Wm. Foster, charged with murder, commenced yesterday morning and still continues.

BENEFIT PARTY.—Last night a dancing party was held in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms, for the purpose of assisting Elder R. Beauchamp on his journey to Australia. The Committee of Arrangements were John T. Caine, John S. Lindsay, P. Margetts and R. F. Neslen, Esqrs., and owing to their efforts the affair was a complete success, the pecuniary results being all that could be desired. The committee wish to express their thanks for the support rendered by their friends on this occasion.

POSTAL MATTERS AT WILLARD CITY.—The correspondence over the signature "Improving," in to-day's paper, is to the point, and shows that there is need for improvement somewhere, so far as the carrying of mail matter to Willard, City, is concerned. We hope that those in whose province it lies to correct the evils complained of, will do so promptly; for there certainly can be no reason for a delay of several days in the delivery of letters and papers at a place on the main road of travel and so near to this city, as Willard City, Box Elder County.

REFRESHING SHOWER.—Another splendid installment of the "early" rains descended this morning, refreshing the vegetation and herbage, and making the atmosphere cool and pleasant. The slow, but sure change taking place in respect to rain falls in this Territory is one of the most remarkable things connected with its history and settlement. A few years ago a shower of rain was almost as rare as the visit of an angel, and in order to raise grain, fruit or vegetables, the necessity for irrigation was absolute,—it was irrigate, or nothing to eat. But for the last few years the number of refreshing showers has gradually increased, and, in a very few years more, if the rain increases in the same ratio, the days of irrigation will have passed entirely away; and in place of Utah Territory being one of the most sterile and uninviting spots imaginable, it will be one of the most fertile and pleasant. Surely the promises with regard to the "early and latter rains," is being realized here!

MR. E. L. DAVENPORT ON SALT LAKE.—B. C. T., writing from Baltimore to the S.F. Times, speaks thus of E. L. Davenport, Esq., the actor:

"Ned is a jolly, good fellow, a fine actor, and spoke of California and his friends in San Francisco in the most enthusiastic manner. He played to twelve splendid houses in Salt Lake, and liked the theatre in that city as well as any he ever played in. He says that he never saw a more perfect association of ladies and gentlemen on any stage than he met at Salt Lake. It made him smile, however, he said, to hear the manager address an actor with, 'Brother Maurice, you will play the ghost to-night.'"

EXAMINATION IN CHAMBERS.—William Jarmon, who arrived here last Fall, and who, for six months since then has been a salesman at the Eagle Emporium, was examined yesterday and to-day before His Honor Judge Smith, in Chambers, for stealing several thousand dollars' worth of goods from his late employers, Wm. Jennings & Co. The examination was going on when we went to press.

Several other arrests, as accessories to the stealing, have been authorized.

ARRIVED.—We understand that a valuable addition is about to be made to the excellent stock company at the Theatre. Miss Annie Ward, who performs *soubrette* characters, arrived from the East last evening, and will shortly appear.

PROVO.—Bro. Peter Madson, and Bro. Mons Petersen, formerly assistant editor of the *Skandinaviens Stjerne*, both of Provo, called to see us this afternoon. They report "all serene" in Provo. Crops look first rate. No signs of high water, Provo Lake being now about three feet lower than it was last year at this time.

CALIFORNIA PRESS ON THE U. P. R. R.—The San Francisco Times takes the correspondent of a morning contemporary to task for saying that the Union Pacific Railroad "is at present in an excellent and safe condition." The Times should like to make the acquaintance of that correspondent. He must possess, it thinks, a wealth of imagination and of hardihood which should secure his success as a writer of fiction. The Times says the Directors of U. P. R. R. have declared that they intend to make a first-class road of their line before they relinquish their labors. But it thinks there is not much time to be lost; for there is plenty of work for ten thousand men during the next six months, between Ogden and Echo, and as many more can find employment between Echo and Bryan. The Times says respecting the U. P. R. R. Company:

"Until they fulfil their promises, we shall advise no one to send ladies or children to the East by that route."

The criticisms of the California press upon the construction of the U. P. R. R. are severe. They are evidently based, to some extent, on prejudice arising out of sectional feeling.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

DEPARTURE OF HON. E. HIGGINS.—Hon. Edwin Higgins, late Secretary of Utah Territory, left for Ogden this afternoon, where he will stay a short time previous to his final departure for the East. Our intercourse with Mr. Higgins, in his official capacity, has been a pleasant character. The past winter, during the absence of His Excellency Governor Durkee, Mr. Higgins, was Acting Governor. He expresses warm feelings towards the Territory.

MILITARY CHANGES.—We learn that certain changes have been made at Washington, in military affairs, and recent orders have been issued from there by which the Seventh United States Infantry, stationed in Florida, is to be consolidated with the 36th infantry. The latter regiment has been stationed in this department for some time,—five companies at Fort Bridger and five here. Two of the companies at Camp Douglas left here last week, one to Fort Bridger, and one to Fort Fred Steel. The 7th Infantry, which arrived at Omaha a few days ago, is now en route to consolidate with the 36th. Three of the companies will very likely arrive here on Monday as they will be at Ogden to-morrow evening.

ARRIVED.—We had a call to-day from Hon. S. A. Mann, the newly appointed Secretary for this Territory. Mr. Mann passed through here some ten years ago on his way to his late home in Nevada. We trust that his labors here and his associations with our public officers and citizens will be as pleasant as he can desire.

THIRD DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Wilson presiding. The case of the people, vs. Wm. Foster, charged with the murder of L. O'Brien is progressing. The evidence will probably be concluded and the case go to the jury to-day.

CASUALTIES AT BRIGHAM CITY.—We regret to have to record the drowning of a little boy, three years of age, under very singular circumstances, at Brigham City on the afternoon of the 19th instant. The child was the son of Brother James Christensen, and, we suppose, was playing in or near a small water ditch when a picket fence fell, knocking him into the water and causing his death before assistance reached him.

At about twenty minutes past ten o'clock at night, of the same date, an alarm was caused by the discovery that the wagon and furniture shop of J. Johnsen and M. L. Ensign, situated a little to the east of President L. Snow's grist mill, was in flames; and, as a strong east wind was blowing at the time, fragments of blazing materials were scattered in every direction, reaching as far as Main St. of Brigham City. Patrols were instantly placed on the watch to prevent the spread of the fire, their efforts being greatly assisted by a heavy shower of rain which fell at the time. The shop and its entire contents were destroyed; loss \$2,000.

During the progress of the fire a Frenchman named Las, having on his person a box of matches and a file, was found among the cotton rolls in the carding mill of Brother Norton, about twenty rods from the fire. He was arrested, and has since confessed that he was the incendiary. He appears to be partially deranged.

We are indebted to our correspondent "A. C." for the above items.

PROVIDENCE, CACHE CO.—This morning we received a letter from "E. S.," giving an account of things in general in Providence, Cache County, from which we are pleased to learn that the citizens of that place are thriving, temporally and spiritually. We would have willingly inserted the letter entire, but seeing that it has been more than a month on the road,—being dated April 20th—and is consequently little behind, we shall summarize its contents.

A co-operative store has been opened and was flourishing; a House of Prayer had been finished and dedicated; a saw-mill was in successful operation in the settlement; a large amount of wheat had been sown; the town was very quiet, no drunkenness or other evidences of disorder, but a desire among the people to accomplish every laudable enterprise they were counseled to undertake, and an earnest desire to learn and carry out the laws of Heaven.

CLEVER VELOCIPEDE FEAT.—The San Francisco Morning Chronicle, of the 16th instant, contains an account of a perilous velocipede feat, performed in that city at the Mechanics' Pavilion on the day previous. The velocipedist was Paul Martinetti, and the feat performed was riding a velocipede on a single wire, less than half an inch thick, suspended at a height of twenty feet from the floor; the distance run was two hundred feet, and back again without turning either himself or the machine. The feat was performed with as much ease as though it had been on the floor.

CELESTIAL PHENOMENON.—The Territorial Enterprise, published at Virginia City, Nevada, contains an account of a very strange phenomenon, seen there early on the morning of the 15th instant. It was a meteor or ball of fire, apparently as large as the head of a flour barrel, of a bright, glowing red color, from every side of which, at intervals of a few minutes, darted bright rays like the straws of a broom, the ends of which sent out sparks

like those from a Roman candle. This strange appearance was visible for half an hour, when it gradually set behind the mountains. The editor of the *Enterprise* says it was the strangest sight he ever saw in the heavens, and while witnessing it he felt inclined to bet that the end of all things was at hand.

POST OFFICE MATTERS.—We have received the following communication, elicited by the correspondence, in yesterday's NEWS, in relation to the delivery of mail matter at Willard City:

"P. O., SALT LAKE CITY,
May 21st, 1869.

ED. NEWS:—Dear Sir, I notice in your paper to-day that your correspondent from Willard says that on enquiring for your paper the answer given is, "The mail sack came again empty."

As a direct sack is made up at this office for Willard and Brigham City each, I cannot understand how your paper can fail to arrive if the sack does, unless some one opens the sack tagged "Willard."

I trust the P.M. at Willard will give the matter attention.

Your respectfully,

A. W. STREET.

In alluding, in our local column, yesterday, to the letter of "Improving," we wish it to be distinctly understood that we meant not to reflect in the least, and had no allusion, whatever, to the Salt Lake City Post Office, being fully convinced, from observation and experience, that everything that can be done, is done by Mr. Street and his assistants to forward the mail matter from this city with celerity and punctuality. Still, if the statement made by our correspondent be true, and we have no reason to doubt it, somebody is at fault, and the best and surest way to cure a public ill is to call public attention to its existence. We think it will be well if the postmaster at Willard, and other places along the route will heed the suggestion in Mr. Street's letter.

EXAMINATION IN CHAMBERS.—The examination of W. Jarmon, for larceny, before His Honor Judge Smith, in Chambers, was resumed to-day, and continued over until Monday at one o'clock. The prisoner was committed to jail, not being able to give bonds of \$2,500, the bail required for his appearance.

The following persons, charged with being accessories to the larceny, were bound in the annexed sums to appear at said examination: J. R. McDuff, \$300, Arthur F. Mitchell, \$300, James Coult, \$300, Joseph Smith, \$500, and Joseph Bean, \$500.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Yesterday morning Elder B. Young, junr., and several others addressed the congregation. In the afternoon the time was occupied by Elder W. C. Staines, President Geo. A. Smith and Elder Joseph F. Smith.

JARMON'S CASE.—Judge Elias Smith continues the investigation of the case of Jarmon and others.

CALLED.—We had a call this morning from the following gentlemen: Hon. M. S. Bonifield, member of the Nevada State Senate, from Humboldt Co.; Mr. J. F. Hatch, who represents the firms of Philip Wadsworth & Co.; T. Brown & Co., of Chicago; Mr. Miner, clerk of Humboldt Co., Nevada, and Mr. Sullivan of Professor King's geological surveying party.

MORE OF THE SHOOTING NUISANCE.—Brother James Albion, of the 6th Ward, writes us that just after leaving work on the evening of the 19th inst., when two blocks from the News office on his way home, a pistol or gun was fired from some lot, a picket fence only saving him from being hit by the ball. The practice of shooting only for amusement is becoming an intolerable nuisance in this city, and unless the proper authorities promptly suppress it, it is almost certain to result in accident or loss of life. It had far better be put a stop to before mischief happens than after!

GONE EAST.—Elder W. C. Staines left for the east, to-day, to attend the coming season's emigration.

PERSONAL.—The *Cheyenne Argus* speaking of Miss Anna Ward, now playing under engagement at our Theatre, says that for two years past she has been connected with the Omaha Academy of Music, and was by far the greatest favorite ever presented before the people of that city.

WOOL RAISING.—We had a call this morning from H. F. Buckley, Esq., of the firm of H. F. Buckley & Bro., importers and breeders of thoroughbred Cotswold sheep. He showed us some samples of wool from lambs, crosses between Cotswold rams and Merino ewes, which are very fine. We understand that, previous to recent experiments, it was thought by many, who had experience in sheep raising, that the crossing between the Cotswold rams and Merino ewes, would prove disastrous to the flock; instead of that being the case, however, it has been demonstrated that it is an improvement that will not only enrich those engaged in the business but will materially enhance the wool-growing and mutton-raising interests of localities where it is adopted. The principal objection to the adoption of this cross was the disparity in the size of the breeds, the Cotswold being much the largest; it was thought that the Merino sheep had not sufficient milk to

nourish its young; and that it would be more advantageous to cross Merino rams with Cotswold ewes, the latter having a much more copious supply of milk than the Merino ewes. This, it was imagined would incur less fatality during the lambing season than *vice versa*. Practical experience has, however, proved that those fears had no foundation. It has been contended also that the size would be increased, were the cross between the Merino rams and large Cotswold ewes, and while the quality of the wool would not be materially affected the fleece would be increased in weight and fine grained mutton of excellent flavor be produced. The fleece however is of more importance; the greatest necessity is to produce hardy flocks and long wool of fine fibre and with as little delay as possible. Some of the samples shown us by Mr. Buckley are from what are termed Cotswold grades, or from lambs two to three months old, from Merino ewes. The wool is clean, white and glossy and is soft and pliant which indicate its desirableness for manufacturing purposes.

Mr. Buckley is desirous of introducing into this Territory some of his improved breeds of sheep. The firm will compete with the Eastern States in price, and is fully of the opinion that sheep raised as theirs are in California, are better adapted to our climate and our method of keeping sheep than those brought from the East. Another advantage in bringing sheep from California is the shortness of the distance, which materially lessens the percentage of loss in the cars. The firm has recently purchased fourteen hundred and twenty-four acres of land on the Merced River, expressly for the raising of fine flocks; for which purpose it is admirably adapted.

GENIAL AND SEASONABLE.—Thus far this spring we have been favored with refreshing and seasonable rains, which, with the sun pouring down a greater degree of warmth than usual in May, have brought out the crops in a manner that augurs well for a bountiful harvest. Yesterday evening, last night and this morning another of those gentle and invigorating rains watered the earth, and the face of nature looks beautifully green and delightful to the eye.

HINDOSTAN MISSION.—The missionaries to that country will be pleased to learn that Elder James P. Meik has at last effected his departure from Bengal for Zion. Elder Meik writes to Elder Musser from on board the ship *Florence*, while in the Hoogly river, announcing his final exit from the land of Hindoo and Mahommedan superstition and Christian (?) bigotry. To his sore mortification he could not induce his children to accompany him. He states that but three members of the church remain in Bengal, and that the people are unwilling to listen further to the warning voice. Bro. Meik expects to reach England about the 10th of July next. He will make his way thence to Zion as speedily as possible.

Married:

At St. Thomas, Pah-Ute County, Arizona, May 8, 1869, by President Joseph W. Young, Curtis E. Bolton, formerly of New York, and Sarah Powell, daughter of Joseph and Grace Brettel, of Finsbury Branch, London.
Millennial Star please copy.

Died:

Ofgangrene, in Beaver City, April 28th. Nathaniel Tyler, son of Daniel and Ruth Tyler, aged 15 years, 7 months and 25 days.

He died as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint, beloved by all who knew him. His funeral took place on the 29th at 4 p.m., and was attended by a large concourse of citizens and friends.

Tho' few his years upon the earth,
He proved our love, and we, his worth:
In bold relief, his short life told
A cast of high and noble mould;
His youthful pulses seemed to move
Congenial with the laws above.
Through faith in Jesus and His cross,
Help us, O God, to bear our loss:
We bow submissive to Thy will,
And bid our throbbing hearts be still.
[Com.]

LOST.

BETWEEN Farmington and Salt Lake City on Wednesday, May 5th, 1869, A POCKET BOOK, containing One Hundred and Fifty-one Dollars, and other papers. Any person that can give information concerning it will be handsomely rewarded.

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