

note is a matter of difficulty; and, until the recent improvements in our arrangements for distribution, was impossible. Some cases of failure must necessarily occur, but every precaution is taken to render them as few as possible.

Very truly yours,  
S. F. BAIRD,  
Commissioner.

I have thirty-seven applicants on file asking for fish at the next distribution. Should there be others who desire to engage in domestic carp farming they can send their names and addresses in full to me and I will enter them in the list of new applicants.

Territorial papers please copy.  
A. MILTON MUSSEY.

## LOCAL NEWS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 7.

**Bridges Washed Away.**—A private telegram to Hon. O. G. Snow, received to-day, states that the Corinne bridge over the Bear River, and another bridge in that vicinity, were washed away this morning. Damage, \$13,000.

**Serious Accident.**—Information reached us just before going to press that an accident had occurred to Brother Charles John Lambert, at the Deseret Paper Mill, mouth of Big Cottonwood. He was kicked by a horse.

**Two Men Killed.**—A man named Ben Twistleton shot and killed two men at John Luman's water ranch, on the Big Horn, Wyoming Territory, on the 30th of January. He afterwards gave himself up at North Fork. The men he killed were Henry Leeper, of Montana, and G. E. Rogers. The Bozeman *Chronicle* records the above.

**Motion for a New Trial.**—This morning was set for the passing of sentence on Rudolph Smith, convicted on Tuesday last of complicity in the robbery of Zion's Savings Bank. Action in the matter was intercepted, however, by a motion for a new trial made by S. W. Darke, counsel for the prisoner, on the ground of alleged errors in the rulings of the Court. The motion was taken under advisement until next Wednesday.

**Explanatory.**—We have received from Brother Ammon Mercer, of American Fork, an interesting account of the completion, dedication and initial performance of the new Theatre Hall built by the young men of that place. The reason why we do not use his letter is that we had already received one on the same subject from another correspondent (Brother J. Chrystal) which takes precedence by priority. Thanks all the same, however.

**Fatal Railway Accident.**—A special from Helena, Montana, to the Butte *Miner* of the 5th inst., states that on the night of the 3rd, the second section of the east-bound freight train, with a snow plow in front, while going thirty miles an hour, ran into the first section of the train, while the latter halted at Jocko without displaying the signal light. The caboose, in which nine men were sleeping, was split from end to end, throwing the men in every direction. All were more or less injured, and two, John Baker, a brakeman, and William Corless, of St. Paul, were fatally burned by escaping steam. The two cars further in front also telescoped and the engineer and fireman on the incoming engine saved themselves by jumping.

## GERSTER IN "LUCIA."

THE MUSICAL EVENT OF THE SEASON.

It would be difficult to imagine a more splendid performance or a more delighted audience than were witnessed at the Theatre last evening. The appearance of Madame Gerster in Donizetti's masterpiece, "Lucia di Lammermoor," supported by the full strength of Her Majesty's Opera Company, will certainly rank among the greatest events in our musical history.

The lower part of the auditorium, by the time the opera was well under way and the holders of reserved seats had about all arrived, was nearly filled, while the promenade at the rear of the parquette circle was choked up by a throng of purchasers of "general admission" tickets, who were not permitted to hunt seats until 9 o'clock, the hour at which the sale of reserved seats closed. The first circle was largely occupied, the second and third but sparsely.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Signor Arditi, the conductor, made his appearance and the orchestra of fifteen instruments, including the harp played by Madame Sacconi, commenced the overture. Such playing is seldom heard in Utah. Every piece was so evenly balanced and so perfectly under control of the leader's baton, that the grand gush of harmony, whether in *crescendo* or *diminuendo* passages, seemed, in all its mellifluous variety, to pour forth from the soul of one single instrument. The orchestral music was among the most delightful features of the evening.

In the first scene after the curtain rose, the principal effort was the solo of Signor Galassi, one of the foremost baritones in the world. His acting as "Enrico," though scarcely equal to his singing, was very fine, and his voice whether in solo, duet, sextette or chorus, told out grandly.

The appearance of Madame Gerster, for which the audience was prepared by a brilliant introductory from the orchestra, the solo part of which was

rendered most beautifully by the harpiste, was the signal for a burst of applause, repeated again and again after the singing of her first aria and the duet with "Edgardo." Signor Vicine tenor, who enacted this character, is a good actor and a very good singer, but is not the equal of Galassi as either. His best effort was in the sextette, second act.

Madame Gerster took the audience by storm. She has a beautiful voice, strong if not powerful, and capable of the most exquisite modulation, and her perfect control of it was evidenced in the execution of some of the most brilliant and withal most difficult passages known to music. The "Mad Scene" afforded her voice all its wondrous scope, and her vocalization was perfectly magnificent. The most rapid runs, shakes and trills executed by the flute, were positively thrown into the shade by the singer's voice. The audience became almost wild with enthusiasm. The applause was deafening.

Madame Patti, who with her husband Signor Nicolini, and her secretary, occupied the uppermost proscenium box, here led the re: not only threw a beautiful bouquet to her rival, but arose from her seat and clapped her hands rapturously and with every appearance of sincere delight. Her own accidental discovery by the audience, prior to this, had called forth loud applause from the auditorium, to silence which she found it necessary to come out twice in full view of the upturned visages of the multitude, and bow and wave her acknowledgements. Madame Patti and her party left the Theatre before the curtain rose on the last act.

The other male singers of much note were Signors Lombardelli and Bieleto, each of whom acquitted himself with credit, as did Mlle Valerga the only other lady in the cast. The chorus was full and strong, and comprised thirty-five people, twenty male and fifteen female voices. The costumery throughout was fine, and the acting was equally good.

It is a treat indeed to be able to say conscientiously so much good of a performance, a privilege rarely afforded, and only given on occasions like last evening, when the attraction is so great and so excellent throughout, that any attempt to pick it to pieces would be presumptuous if not worse.

Last night's receipts approached \$5,000, and the expenses of the performance about \$4,000. Gerster gets \$2,000, and Galassi \$800 per night. Patti's figure is \$5,000 per night, a sufficient reason for her absence from the stage last evening. The company, after a lunch at the close of the performance, left their hotels for the station about midnight and at 1 a. m. were on their way to San Francisco.

There are rumors to the effect that Patti will give a concert and sing in the Tabernacle, on her return from the West. If this be true, our citizens will have an opportunity of hearing even Gerster put into the shade, an achievement which some are at present disposed to regard as among the impossibilities.

The principals of the troupe are loud in their praise of the acoustic properties of both the Theatre and the Tabernacle, in the latter of which one of them sang a few notes yesterday for the purpose of making the experiment. Madame Patti and others called at the Gardo yesterday, and had a pleasant interview with President Taylor. The visit of Her Majesty's Opera Company to Salt Lake will be the theme in local musical circles for many days to come.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 8.

**Notice to Superintendents.**—Secretary J. H. Parry is very desirous of getting in all the annual reports of Sunday Schools of this Stake by Monday, March 17th.

Should there be any schools which have not yet received blanks for their reports, they can be obtained at the store of J. H. Parry & Co.

**Third District Court.**—Proceedings before Chief Justice Hunter on Friday, March 7th, 1884:

Margaret Bruce vs. Robert Bruce, suit for divorce; default of defendant entered and referred to S. H. Snider to take and report testimony.

Edwin G. Woolley et. vs. Edwin D. Woolley et. al.; death of E. D. Woolley suggested and John W. Woolley, executor of deceased, substituted. Appeal and suit dismissed.

People et. vs. Joseph Biddlecome, murder; case in progress.

**Five Thousand Dollars Reward.**—Marshal Phillips yesterday received a circular from L. A. Fuller, Superintendent of Police at St. Louis, which offers a reward of \$5,000 for the capture and return of Prentiss Tiller, who robbed the Pacific Express Company of a large amount of money on March 2d, 1884, at St. Louis. The reward will be paid for the capture of the thief and the return of the money. Tiller is 23 years of age, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches high, weighs 140 pounds, has light hair, and rough pimples on his face and neck. He is supposed to have had a conederate.

**Kicked by a Mare.**—A brief notice appeared in last evening's News, stating that Brother Charles John Lambert, superintendent of the Deseret Paper Mill, had met with an accident, having been kicked by a horse. Particulars could not be learned last evening, but this morning we hear that the accident, while severe, was not so bad as at first supposed. It seems that he was hitch-

ing up his mare, and a young colt was frisking about the animal's legs, when the latter kicked at the colt and struck Brother Lambert under the ear, breaking the jawbone and it was thought at first, severing one of the arteries.

He lay insensible for several hours, and was still so when the news was telephoned to this city. Dr. Pike was summoned and attended to the injured man, who finally came to. It was discovered that the injury was confined to a broken jaw and lacerated face, and that no danger from bleeding was liable. Brothers T. E. Taylor and R. G. Lambert, of this office, went out to the mill last evening, and the former stayed with the patient all night. The latter returned but went out again this morning to bring his brother to the city, where he will be cared for at his home in the 7th Ward, until he recovers.

**Patti at the Tabernacle.**—During the brief stay in this city of Madame Adelina Patti and Her Majesty's Opera Company, the lady paid a visit to the Tabernacle with other members of the troupe, and was so delighted with the remarkable acoustic properties of the building, that she expressed a great desire to sing there. Consultation with President Taylor and other authorities followed and by the time the company left for San Francisco, it was all but settled that the great diva and the company with which she travels, should give a public concert in the Tabernacle on their return from the West.

We have since learned that a decision has been reached and all that prevents the announcement of the date when the concert will be given, is the fact that it is yet unknown how long Her Majesty's Company will remain in San Francisco. However, it is said the concert will take place within a month, probably on the 4th of April. Our Conference visitors will prick up their ears at this.

In view of the capacity of the building and other considerations favoring the public side of the question, prices will be put down for this occasion to \$2 and \$1, thereby giving the citizens of Salt Lake the opportunity, at a comparatively light expense, of hearing and seeing in public the greatest lady vocalist living. The event will be a great one from a musical point of view, eclipsing even the recent operatic performance by Her Majesty's Company.

**Mr. Blaine's Book.**—Nearly everybody has heard of James G. Blaine's new book, which will shortly leave the press. It is entitled "Twenty Years of Congress; from Lincoln to Garfield, from 1861 to 1881." The author of the

book is one of the most gifted writers in America, and no one is better qualified to give a relation of the most stirring epoch of United States history than he. During the period comprised within the limits of the book he was more or less intimately and conspicuously associated with all the leading events and political movements with which he will describe. Those with which he was not directly identified are familiar to him by the most ample opportunities for observation of their details. The work will be a succinct history of the period, and fills a great public want, there being no compendious work giving such a relation, the narrative being scattered over innumerable volumes of public documents in the Congressional library. Owing to the intensely stirring character of the story, the book will combine the solidity of a historical work with the fascinating element imparted by truths so strange as to almost seem like fiction.

The historical account will be enlivened by biographical sketches of eminent men of the time, which is always an interesting and instructive feature of works of the description now issuing from the pen and brain of one of the leading statesmen and literary geniuses of the country. A pleasing characteristic of the book is the generosity displayed by its author in paying high and well merited tributes to men against whom Mr. Blaine has been pitted in unrelenting political opposition—notably the prominent men of the South. This will render the work almost universally popular, for while it will gratify the people of the Southern States, none but the most contracted minds of the North would object to a fitting recognition of ability on the ground of political or other differences of opinion.

The book will be embellished by over fifty steel engraved portraits in the highest style of the art.

Mr. A. Cooke, the agent for the book, is now in the city taking orders for it.

## HINTS FROM "HOMESPUN."

A BUDGET OF NEWS FROM PROVO.

Provo has had several sensations this week. There were a number of deaths at the beginning of the week; as many as nine funerals were held in two days. Cause, chiefly colds and pneumonia setting in.

Last Monday Bishop Tanner's son Bertrand was stabbed in the back by Wm. Leavitt, during a quarrel. It has paralyzed the nerves of his back, and he is very low. It grew out of the water of the mill race, in Tanner's mill, being turned on by mischievous boys. Tanner kicked the boy Leavitt out of the mill, after which the uncle, Will Leavitt, came up and stabbed Tanner.

Two men in the employ of the railroad were brought down from Pleasant Valley, charged with defrauding the company, by locking two men up in a

freight car and shipping them as freight, charging them a trifle for the ride. The tramps rode as far as Ogden, and then, wishing to get out, were discovered. The railroad employees were arrested, and Justice Holdaway fined them each \$25.

A departure in the social way was made by Miss Nettie Southworth, last Monday evening. A number of our most talented people participated in the programme which was completed before supper, after which, dancing closed the evening's merriment. It was a complete success.

The land-jumping affair is causing a deal of excitement. In addition to what was telegraphed your paper yesterday, I might add that last night a party of 50 of the land-jumpers went down to put up some cabins; but the farmers mustered out 75 men and went down to the scene of action; it is said the huts failed to be put up, but no violence was manifested.

We read of Ogden getting special rates to come to the Abbott Opera next week. Why can't Provo get special rates too? Is it known what operas Abbott, Seguin, Novello and Castle sing in? The opera would not be of so much importance to many as the singers.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 10.

**Wants Employment.**—James Lovatt, an iron moulder, late of Sheffield, England, is in the city and desires to find employment in this line.

**Obsequies.**—The funeral services over the remains of Celestia C., daughter of George C. and Christiana "Riser," were held in the 16th Ward school house yesterday, in the presence of a large assemblage, the hall being filled. Great sympathy was manifested for the bereaved family and the words of the speakers were consolatory and instructive.

**Third District Court.**—Proceedings before Chief Justice Hunter on Monday, March 10th, 1884.

People, et. vs. John Leland, assault to commit rape; sentence of the court, that defendant be imprisoned in the Utah Penitentiary one year.

Thomas Cupit, vs. Uintah Mining Co.; default and judgment against defendant for \$1,396.70.

People, et. vs. Joseph Biddlecome, murder in the first degree; examination of witnesses still in progress.

**Certificates of Election.**—Certificates of election have been issued to the municipal officers elect of Wells-ville, Cache County, as follows: Joseph Howell, Mayor.

Evan Owens, David Murray, Wm. Haslem, Thomas Kerr, Heber Parker, Samuel Perkin, Councilors.

Wm. S. Poppleton, Recorder.

Thos. Leishman, Treasurer.

George H. Bradshaw, Assessor and Collector.

Levi Garrett, Marshal.

W. S. Poppleton, James H. Hall, Justices of the peace.

**Utah and Northern Washouts.**—Mr. John N. Pike who returned from the North on Friday night, tells us something in relation to the washouts on the Utah and Northern, of which our readers have already heard. The north-bound train on Thursday remained at Brigham until 7 o'clock that evening (the Phosa McAllister troupe being among the passengers), waiting for the track to be cleared at Collinston, a washout having occurred there.

At 7 o'clock the train started for Collinston, and having transferred at that point, returned to Brigham at 2 a. m. on Friday, and then came on to Ogden. The north-bound freight train on Friday, could not cross Box Elder Lake, which had flooded the track, and was forced to put back to Brigham. The passenger train was likewise delayed at that place, from 10 a. m. till 12, waiting for the track to be put in order.

**Honor to Whom, Etc.**—In noticing the new firm of Grant, Odell & Co., some references were made which perhaps might be construed unjustly towards other firms of our own people that handle wagons and machinery. In recommending the young men who have just succeeded to the business of L. B. Mattison, we do not wish to depreciate the business of others. H. B. Clawson is well known throughout the Territory and in the East in this branch of business, in which he has scored a big success. Naylor Bros., now Naylor & Pike, who handle an acknowledged first-class wagon, the "Cooper," and general farming implements; firms at Ogden, Kaysville, etc., have also engaged in this business with profit to themselves and the people, and we do not wish to throw them in the shade while bringing to the front a new firm. We wish them all well and hope they will retain the patronage which they have worthily obtained.

**Missionary Work in Wisconsin.**—Elder Charles M. Nielson writes from La. Crosse, Wisconsin, undre date of Feb. 25th, 1884, to Bro. Andrew Jensen, of this city:

"I have been laboring as a missionary in this State since Dec 1st, 1883, and as I am the only Elder here at present, I have plenty of room. I have, through the blessing of God, met with some success, although I came here as a stranger, and found the people generally filled with much bitterness and prejudice against our people. Most of them had never seen a Latter-day Saint before, and several have expressed great surprise at seeing a live Mormon Elder.

I have held about twenty meetings, and preached in both the English and Norwegian languages. I have also

baptized 8 persons. This has caused considerable excitement among the clergy, and some of the pious priests have warned the people against "the Utah wolf" and advised them not to attend my meetings. I have heard some threats about farring and feathering, expulsion from the city, etc., but up to the present my meetings have not been disturbed.

I wish the Saints at home would take Pres't. Palmer's advice and help to preach the Gospel by sending the DESERET NEWS and other Church papers to their friends in the States, for we experience almost invariably that wherever we find any of those papers there we also find friends. I have received letters from parties in Minnesota, asking me to come and baptize them, but at present I have too much to do where I am. I am very much pleased with *Morgenstjernen* and I shall try to get some subscribers here."

## SOLDIERS IN DISGUISE.

THEY ATTACK MARSHAL PHILLIPS AND OFFICER SMITH.

About 12:30 yesterday morning, as Marshal Phillips and Officer Andrew Smith were leaving the City Hall for their respective homes, they overtook three men, who were singing loudly and making night hideous with yells, etc.

The officers followed them to Third East Street, and the Marshal stepping up to them, said, "Gentlemen, you are making too much noise and must cease it," when one of them insolently replied, "We are making no unnecessary noise." The Marshal then told them they were disturbing the peace of the residents, etc., to which the spokesman for the trio replied, "Can't a fellow sing and have a little fun?"

"Yes," replied the Marshal, "at a reasonable hour, and when it does not disturb the citizens." To this, the man made a motion as if to strike the Marshal, when the latter grabbed the offender by the arm, and was immediately struck on the side with a rock thrown by one of the men in the back-ground.

Officer Smith, who at this time came to the assistance of the Marshal, was struck in the mouth with a rock, the force of which broke three of his teeth. The Marshal then reached for his pistol, and while in the act of drawing it from his hip pocket was struck by a large rock on the right elbow, causing much pain and for some time making it useless. With the left hand he drew his pistol and fired two shots at the assailants, but it was so dark he was unable to hit his mark.

The officers conducted one of them to the jail. He is a soldier named Jno. Manning, and is a member of company "B," Sixth Infantry.

A News representative called at the City Hall this morning, but was unable to learn the names of the other two. Manning said that he would never divulge their names no matter what was done with him. He says, however, that one of them is a citizen and the other a soldier. All three were dressed as citizens, and it may be difficult to learn the identity of the two who escaped. Manning will probably have a hearing to-morrow.

## SCHOOL TAXES.

PARK VALLEY,  
Box Elder Co., Utah,  
March 1st, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

In your issue of February 27th, last, I noticed some comments on bills in regard to the school law. Now, I have been in the office of a school trustee for several terms, in small settlements, and I have a knowledge, gained by experience, that the three mills tax is a great blessing for the schools, and certainly very light on the people, but in order to enable the school trustees to carry out the requirements of the present law, viz: They shall build and repair houses, provide maps, charts and many other things. I think it is very necessary to allow and empower the trustees in their respective districts to collect one-fourth of one per cent, and our schools would be far better, as the trustees would know how much money they had to rely on and how much they could promise to pay, whereas now we are almost at the mercy of some, who are ignorant, greedy, rich and powerful, selfish men, who would rather the whole school stopped than pay \$5 annually to have their own children taught. So my opinion is: hold fast to the three mills, but add one-fourth of one per cent. on all taxable property, so that trustees may have the means at their command wherewith to carry on a school.

Very respectfully,  
C. J. R.

## WONDERFUL CURES

Are being made in chronic diseases, such as Consumption, Catarrh, Neuralgia, Bronchitis, etc., by Drs. Starkey & Palen, 1109 Girard St., Philadelphia, under the remarkable action of a new Vitalizing Treatment which they have been dispensing for the past thirteen years. If you are a sufferer from any disease which your physician has failed to cure, write to them for information in regard to their new Treatment. It will be promptly furnished, and such reports of cases sent to you as will enable you to judge for yourself whether or not it promises to be of value in your particular ailment.

All orders for the Compound Oxygen Home Treatment directed to H. E. Mathews, 606 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, will be filled on the same terms as if sent directly to us in Phila,