

migrants from abroad, would be very easily brought to terms, whatever they might be. But if, unlike a horse, she has room in her poor distracted noddle, for more than one idea at once, she might also think that Congress, to be consistent, which of course Congress always is, would also have to pass a law forbidding Methodists and Catholics, and Baptists, and all other religionists, and all non-religionists too, from emigrating to the United States, and then this country and particularly the *Alta* would not be troubled with any immigrants at all. That would be a grand consummation. Further, the old lady could also think that if the "Mormons" were thus cut off from receiving any additions by immigration from the old world, the natural law of compensation would induce them to make still more extensive arrangements for the bringing of immigrants from the other world, and that would be more dreadful than ever, wouldn't it, dear grandmother *Alta*? Better let pretty well alone.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, SEP. 12.

MR. GUSTAVE WALTON, who has been residing in Utah since 1862, and is largely interested in mines, is hereby informed that Mr. F. Grostephan, his brother-in-law, has just arrived in Salt Lake City. Mr. Walton is invited to correspond with him, Mr. Grostephan, immediately by mail.

RICH COUNTY.—Brother William Howard, of Randolph, Rich Co., informs us by letter, written Sept. 7th, that that young settlement is flourishing. A tithing office 34x14 feet is in course of erection; also a co-operative store 40x18 feet, both of which will probably be finished this fall. Summer frost had somewhat damaged the crops, yet considerable produce would be raised.

THEATRE.—Owing to the repeated failure, night after night, of the Maxim Gas machine now being tried in the Theatre, the Management have determined to resume the use of Coal Oil until it shall be proved that the gas can be relied upon. We are pleased to hear of this arrangement, as we are certain that the repeated accidents which have occurred lately, leaving the house in darkness during the performance, must have a tendency to injure the business of the house, besides bringing the gas into disrepute.

DIAMOND LANDS.—A Washington dispatch says: Toward the close of the late session of Congress an act was passed allowing private entries to be made on public lands of mines of gold, silver, cinnabar, lead and all other mineral deposits. The department of the Interior recently, in view of the reported discovery of diamonds and other precious stones in Arizona and New Mexico, asked the opinion of the Attorney General as to whether entries could be made of these mines in the same manner as of other mines. The Attorney General has replied that, under the head of mineral deposits, mineral lands of whatever kind, nature or description, can be entered, and therefore the diamond mines, under certain restrictions made by law, are in like manner subject to private entry.—*Chicago Post*.

A STRONG PILLAR.—There is a city ordinance against the playing of music in drinking saloons, and there was music last night in a saloon on Commercial Street. The police stepped in to the establishment and told the bar keepers the music must be stopped. There was a lad in the saloon, named C. M. Hawley, Jun. He is a perfect pillar of strength, is this young man, and consequently when he undertakes to see people "through," they are sure to get through. This is what he told the saloon men: "Let the music go on, and I will see you through." He is generous as well as powerful, is this young man, for he generally volunteers to put people "through." If he didn't volunteer, nobody would ever think of selecting him for that purpose. This shows that people rely too much on appearances. Some might think that he couldn't see any body "through," but he certainly can, for he undertook to see J. Turbitt, the late saloon keeper, "through," and he did. Turbitt was put safely "through" thirty days' imprisonment in the city jail. We refer to this little circumstance for the benefit of the Commercial Street saloon keepers, as an evidence of the young man's ability to put people "through," and we say to them, as Brutus said to Cassius about the "Ides of March," remember the fate of Turbitt, the fate of Turbitt remember.

WEBER COUNTY.—The following paragraphs are from the Ogden Junction, September 11th—

"The new County Court House, under the direction of the contractors, Messrs. Ballantyne & Flygare, is progressing rapidly. It will be a fine building when completed and an ornament to our city.

"The Grand Jury will assemble to-day at the office of the County Clerk, where all county business has to be conducted at present. The case of the two boys held for

the horrible crime at Hooperville will no doubt receive due consideration.

"A few days ago a couple of Danishmen, at Huntsville, Ogden valley, had a dispute, which came near having a tragic termination. A span of horses, belonging to one of the Scandinavians, had strayed into a field belonging to the other. On the owner's going for his team, the proprietor of the field demanded fifteen cents for damages. The first man said he would pay anything required, but had nothing with him. Whereupon the latter declared he should not have the horses till the fifteen cents was forthcoming. The man wanted his team and declared he would take it, when the other seized a pistol and tried to shoot him, but only succeeded in lodging a ball in his own foot. The horses were taken away, and the self-wounded fifteen-cent man hobbled off to bind up his pedal extremity. He was properly rewarded for his meanness."

THE LOST FOUND.—We are reliably informed that a number of legal gentlemen of this city lately missed a number of law books which they had had occasion to use some time ago, for reference in cases they had to argue. The volumes have been found, labeled "Utah library." They were in the care of C. M. Hawley, Jun., who, it will be remembered, was, some time since, appointed Territorial librarian by the Governor. People who are acquainted with this little circumstance are a little curious to know by what peculiar process the books came into possession of the gubernatorially appointed librarian. It is really shameful they should have so much idle curiosity, for very likely the matter could all be technically made "as clear as mud." Some people are very eccentric; let charity put this matter down to the young man's account on the score of peculiarity of organization. It is preferable, however, for boys to show symptoms of being evenly balanced.

We may say, for the edification of those who do not know, that the transfer of the *bona fide* Territorial library has never been made by the *bona fide* and legally appointed librarian to the gubernatorial one, and that Mr. Lyon can be found at the library room at the City Hall, within the usual hours, ready to dispense interesting volumes to the reading public.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, SEP. 13.

ALTA, Little Cottonwood, Utah, Sept. 13.  
*Editor Deseret News.*

Tanner's Hotel, at Tannersville, was burned down this morning. The fire commenced about 4 o'clock. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

R. V. MORRIS.

RECOVERING.—Brother John Lindsay, of the 20th Ward, who received severe injuries in his head some time since by an accident, while at work near the point of the mountain west, has so far improved as to be able to be around again, though his recovery is by no means complete.

SMALL-POX.—We learn by letter from Centerville, Sept. 11th, that up to that date but three cases of small-pox had occurred in that town, and that one out of the three patients, a child a year and a half old, died on the 10th. The authorities of Centerville are taking every necessary precaution to prevent the spread of the disease, and the appearance of the malady has caused but little excitement there.

INFORMATION WANTED.—P. W. Reardon wishes to know the whereabouts of a man named Evans, whose given name he has forgotten, and who has a brother in Chatham, Canada West, named Israel Evans. The latter has but one arm. The Evans whom Mr Reardon is desirous of hearing from, is supposed to be in this Territory. Should this meet his eye he will please communicate immediately with P. W. Reardon, post office, Salt Lake City.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.—We have received the following account of an educational convention from a correspondent:—

"The Cache County Educational Convention met in the First Ward school house, Logan, Friday, Sep. 6th, at ten a. m., Supt. Roskelley being absent attending to business on the Utah Northern Rail Road. The meeting was called to order by Professor Chas. G. Davis, who spoke of the benefits to be derived from filling up our Educational Library as fast as possible, so that teachers and all concerned in educational matters could have free access to suitable works.

The convention adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, that we, as a convention, recommend to the teachers and school authorities of Cache County, that there be a uniformity in regard to the times of vacation of all the schools of this County, and that the time of such vacation be, 1st, the week between Christmas and New Year's day, including both these days:

"2nd, the first day of May:

"3rd, the 4th of July.

4th, from the 15th of July to the first of Sept. of each year.

"Mr. C. G. Davis brought forward the subject of "Monitorial instruction," and Mr. William Willes, of Salt Lake City, being invited to the stand, spoke some time on that subject.

"The Convention adjourned until the first Friday in December."

A SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Somewhat of a sensation was created in town about ten o'clock this morning by a report that a man in the Seventeenth Ward had shot his wife and then attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself. The facts of the affair were bad enough, but not near so horrible as the rumor, for the incident was, after all, a bloodless one.

A little before the hour above named a pistol shot was heard in the tenement house of Thomas Jenkins, South Temple Street, about two and a half blocks west of this office. Immediately after the firing of the shot there was a general rush of women and children from the building to the street, when it was announced that Robert Charles, a gunsmith, who, with his family, occupied a portion of the house, had shot his wife. Happily this was not strictly true. It was a fact, however, that he had shot at his wife, but the shot did not take effect on her, the ball lodging harmlessly in the ceiling of the room, while she made her escape through the doorway.

Shortly after the people had rushed out of the house, Charles came out with the pistol in his hand, a five-shooter, and walked towards town. Mr. Taylor, of Folsom, Romney and Co., and some others followed him, for the purpose of having him arrested, when Mr. William Jennings came along in his carriage, who, on being informed of the affair, immediately drove to town and informed officer John Y. Smith of what had occurred. By this time Charles had arrived at the store of Hague Brothers, gunsmiths, where he has been employed for several years, and proceeded to the room upstairs. On going into this room he said to a man, named Huskinson, who was there, "I have shot her"—meaning his wife. Huskinson, on seeing the pistol in Charles' left hand, endeavored to take it from him, but he refused to give it up. Huskinson then went down stairs, when a pistol shot was heard, and it was supposed that Charles had committed suicide. On arriving at the Messrs. Hague's store, officer Smith proceeded up stairs, expecting to find a dead man. When he entered the room he found Charles lying, face downwards, on the floor. He turned him over, took the pistol from him and found that he was uninjured, the ball, as in the attempt to shoot his wife had lodged in the ceiling. Charles was then arrested and placed in the city jail where he now lies.

When Charles attempted to shoot his wife there were two children, a boy and a girl, in the room. The cause of the attempt upon the life of Mrs. Charles, by her husband, was a feeling of jealousy on the part of the latter, for which Mrs. C. says there was not the least shadow of foundation. Charles has been a resident of the Territory for a number of years, and himself and wife are the parents of a numerous family of children. It is stated that Charles is a heavy drinker, which has probably had the effect of injuring his mind to such a degree as to cause him to be impressed with the idea that his wife was unfaithful to him.

Mrs. Charles did not manifest the amount of distress at the attempt of her husband to shoot her as might have been expected, but when it was afterwards reported to her that her husband had killed himself, her grief was heartrending, and when this false report was corrected the reaction in her feelings was equally affecting.

We are informed that Charles threatened to shoot his wife two or three days ago, and that a pistol, which he then had, was taken from him by a friend, the latter afterwards giving it to Mrs. C., who took it to the Messrs. Hague's store.

An examination of the case is set for ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, SEP. 14.

NEW DAILY.—In a few days the Ogden Junction will appear as a daily paper. Success to the enterprise.

OPENED BUSINESS.—Mr. Charles W. Stayner has opened business, in the store one door south of Savages' photograph gallery. He has received a large stock of goods from the east, which he opened to-day.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 7th, 1872.

*Editor Deseret News:*

Is Webster's unabridged dictionary the standard for the English language wherever it is taught? PHILOMATHEO.

Certainly not; Webster is the generally recognized standard in the United States, although many in this country prefer Worcester. Walker occupies the foremost place in England.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.—A new school house is being built in the Sixteenth Ward, when completed it will be large and handsome, a credit to the enterprising residents of the Ward. It will be two storeys high, and rock is the material used for its construction. The south-east wing is so far advanced that the outside door frames are all set. The mason work was commenced only two weeks ago. The wing will be sufficiently advanced this fall to enable the people to hold meetings in it during the winter. The main portion of the building, we understand, will be built as soon as the circumstances of the people will permit. The new school house will be on the site of the old one, the latter having been torn down. We are pleased to learn that

the people of the Sixteenth Ward have moved in this direction, and wish them success in erecting a public building that will do them credit.

GOT IT STRAIGHT AT LAST.—It will be seen by our telegrams from the east to-day that the agent of the Associated Press has finally, as he seems to think, got the "dead wood" on the Mountain Meadow affair, the evidence being, as usual in all matters hatched up against the people of Utah, on the testimony of an apostate "Mormon." Whether such an affidavit as the one mentioned has been made, we know not, and care as little; we are decidedly of the opinion however, that all parties guilty of murder, no matter where committed, especially when attended with atrocious cruelty and perfidy, are deserving of the highest punishment known to the law.

LOGAN.—From a gentleman just in from Logan, Cache County, we gather the following:

"The co operative institution, which has been doing a thriving business since its first establishment, is now taking stock, and the result is expected to be satisfactory to shareholders. The business done heretofore by the association has been of a retail character only, but a wholesale department is expected to be immediately inaugurated. In order to make room for the extended business, the ground on which the stores of Thatcher & Sons, C. B. Robbins, C. Conrad and J. H. Martineau, situated on the northwest corner of the public square has been purchased by the institution, and ground was broken on Friday on the site for a large and commodious two storey building."

THE INDIANS.—A gentleman writing from Springtown, Sanpete, September 12th, says:

"Indian depredations occur every few days. The chief White Horse is here, but, of course, he is very friendly, does not know who the Indians are that are prowling around and stealing, and is going to the reservation in a few days. Tabiuna and his Indians are also here. A party of soldiers passed through here to day for Manti, from which place they will return through the mountains.

"I am informed that two Indians shot at 'Doc' Draper, a few nights ago, when he was on his way home from Moroni. One ball passed through his arm and another through the leg of his pants.

"A report, received by telegraph this morning, states that there were tracks of from ten to twelve ponies, at the head of Salt Creek, going west, supposed to indicate a party of Indians after another band of horses. Excitement is the order of the day and guarding the order of the night."

BOUND OVER.—According to arrangement of yesterday, Robert Charles, the ceiling shooter, was brought before Justice Clinton, at ten o'clock this morning, on a charge of attempting to shoot his wife. The court informed the prisoner with regard to the nature of the charge, and the latter plead guilty. He was asked if he had any reason for the attempt upon the life of his wife, to which he replied that the latter had been unfaithful to him. On being questioned as to his reasons for entertaining such an idea, he could give no satisfactory answer, having no proof to give that would tend to substantiate the charge he made against her. The court said if he had killed himself instead of shooting the ceiling of Messrs. Hague's store, he would have saved all the present trouble, and thought if he made another such attempt upon himself he should take a little better aim.

Mrs. Charles, the wife of the prisoner, was placed on the stand; her testimony, however, elucidated but little beyond what has already been published. She said her husband was usually kind when sober, and was invariably under the influence of liquor when he abused her and made vile charges against her character. She was willing to hear any evidence that could be produced against her character. She had lived eleven years in the First Ward, previous to going to live at Mr. Jenkins' house, and no one had had any reason to believe that her character was otherwise than respectable. Herself and husband had seven children.

Mrs. Martha Jenkins testified to the respectable and industrious character of Mrs. Charles, and stated that the latter occupied a large portion of her time in hiring out to work, to help to support her family.

The court told the prisoner that whisky was the cause of all the trouble. It had injured him so that it made him entertain improper ideas concerning his wife, who had borne him a large family of children. He was bound over in \$300 bonds, to the Probate Court, to answer at the first sitting of the grand jury.

Charles is a peculiar looking individual, and his trembling, nervous manner indicates that heavy drinking has told heavily upon him.

## DIED.

At American Fork, Sep. 8th, 1872, HARRIET JOHNSON, daughter of John and Elizabeth Bourne, aged 13 years and 5 months.

Deceased was a beloved member and constant attendant of the American Fork Sabbath School from its organization, even years ago. Almost her last words were, "I love the Sunday School." The school with many friends followed her remains to their final resting place.—[Com.]