

Local and Other Matters.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 24.

Christmas Box.—The annual presents of Z. C. M. I. to its employees were distributed to-day.

Fire at Nephi.—On Friday night the harness shop and its contents, of Walter P. Reade, of Nephi, were destroyed by fire; estimated loss \$2,000. The flames were discovered about 10 o'clock. The cause of the fire is unknown. So we learn by letter from Bro. L. A. Bailey.

Going North.—Mr. R. M. Powers goes to Box Elder County and Oneida County, Idaho, to-morrow morning, to canvas for "The Life of Brigham Young," "The Women of Mormondom" and Ridpath's History of the United States.

Fined.—Three of the "bellringers," not the Swiss, but the auctioneers, who have been complained of as having created an unnecessary amount of noise, on Main Street the last few days, were before Justice Pyper this morning. Two of them were fined \$5 each and the third \$10. The amounts were paid.

Home Missionaries.—In consequence of many of the home missionaries having other appointments at 6:30 p.m., the regular monthly meeting of the home missionaries on Wednesday evening, will be held at half-past seven, sharp, instead of the time heretofore appointed.

Established.—A post office has been established at Greenwich, Piute County, with Jos. H. Wright as postmaster; also at Snowville, Box Elder County, with Arnold Goodliff as postmaster. Levi Savage has been appointed postmaster at Sunset, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Departed.—It will be seen by an obituary notice in another column that Mrs. Mary Wilson Day, widow of the late David Day, died yesterday morning, and was interred this afternoon. She was an estimable lady, much respected by her acquaintances.

Appointments.—Elders A. Watson, G. Meldrum, and J. Allen, will visit and then labor in the Glasgow Conference, under the direction of President A. F. Macdonald.

Elder Wm. Ball will visit and then labor in the London Conference, under the direction of President J. Cook. *Millennial Star*, Dec. 3.

Correction.—In the notice, in Saturday's NEWS, of the organization of a Ladies Relief Society for the 18th Ward, the name of Mrs. M. I. Horne appeared as one of the officers. The initials "M. I." were inserted by a compositor, who took the liberty of departing from copy. The Mrs. Horne referred to is a member of the ward named.

Gigantic.—The butcher markets are now ornamented with some of the largest and finest specimens of hogs ever exhibited in Utah. Probably the most huge is one at the "Empire," raised by Mr. C. Wilcken, another at the same establishment, raised by Mr. Bird, of Cottonwood, and one at Ball's Market, Main Street, raised by Mr. J. M. Leffler, are not quite so large as Mr. Wilcken's, but at least equal, if not superior in other respects.

Prime Beef.—The principal part of the prime beef exhibited at the Empire Market was, we understand, raised by Harvey Perkins, Jasper Perkins and E. Coltrin, of Bountiful, on their rancho on Bear River, where they have a herd of blooded stock. The animals are all grass fed. Their two year old is the finest in the market.

District Court.—Monday, December 24.

Brigham Young vs. James McKnight; on motion of Williams & Young, appeal docketed and dismissed, with proceedings.

W. L. Pickard vs. George McGowan; writ of assistance issued.

Helen Tarbet vs. Flagstaff S. M. Co.; motion for the appointment of a receiver and for injunction, still in progress.

Ogden Iron Works.—The present proprietors of the Ogden Iron Works and Mr. W. G. Case, of Columbia, Pa., are negotiating for the sale of the property to the gentleman named. The prospects appear favorable for the consummation of a bargain. Should this arrangement be completed the works will be again started in operation, providing the City Council grant certain privileges and immu-

nities, in view of the material benefits that would accrue to the community from the establishment of such an extensive and needed manufactory. We learn the foregoing from the *Juncton*.

Effects of Monopoly.—The Western Union Telegraph Company have increased the monthly charges for dispatches to the Salt Lake papers \$30. We presume this is one of the beneficent effects of the recent consolidation between that corporation and the A. and P. line. There appears to be a determination to make the amalgamation pay, that being the evident purpose of its consummation. In our view the charges were decidedly high before the recent rise; but so it goes, and such are the effects of monopolies.

Energy and Enterprise.—The following, received this afternoon, is characteristic of the spirit and energy of the people of Brigham City:

BRIGHAM CITY, Dec. 24.

Editors Deseret News:

It has been decided unanimously that a new woolen factory shall be built at once. Sixty men are at work to-day, removing the debris of the old one, to make place for the masons, who will commence after the holidays. No employee will have to go elsewhere to seek work, however severe the loss may be to the community. A. C.

Reorganization.—John Taylor President of the Twelve Apostles David O. Calder and Joseph E. Taylor, of the Presidency of this Stake, and L. Jno. Nuttall, President of the Sevier County Stake of Zion, met with the Saints of the Third Ward, yesterday afternoon, in the Third Ward Meeting-house, when the following organization was effected.

Jacob Weiler was reappointed as Bishop of the Third Ward, with Jno. Y. Smith and Thomas Maycock as his Counselors. These brethren were heartily and unanimously sustained in the positions named, and all were set apart.

President Taylor gave the Saints some excellent counsel regarding their every day duties, and all present seemed to rejoice under the happy influence of the Spirit of God.

SALT LAKE CITY,

Dec. 18, 1877.

To Individuals and all Library Societies:

I take great pleasure in recommending Appleton's Cyclopædia as one of the most, if not the most valuable acquisition possible to make to a good solid library.

Anyone in possession of this most valuable work, has a library within itself, and need never be at a loss to obtain information upon any subject presented to the mind.

I am, certainly, of the opinion that it should be in the libraries of all our Mutual Improvement Associations, as well as those of all other literary societies. In conclusion, I do not think any library, public or private, is complete without a full set of Appleton's Cyclopædia.

L. B. LEWIS,

County Supt. Dist. Schools.

Fire.—About fifteen minutes to seven o'clock last night, the trunk and harness factory of Mr. J. H. Clemetshaw, on Bishop Burton's lot, in the 15th Ward, was discovered to be on fire. The building being frame, was soon enveloped in a blaze, and a quantity of varnish and alcohol on the premises probably added additional fierceness to the flames. In a very short time the whole structure and its contents were in ashes. The fire progressed with such rapidity that all that was left for the firemen to do on their arrival was to extinguish the embers. The burning buildings being on Bishop Burton's lot were but a short distance west of his house. Fortunately what breeze there was was blowing from the east, which, together with the placing of wet blankets upon the most exposed portions of the residence, probably saved it from catching fire.

The premises that were occupied by Mr. Clemetshaw were mainly the property of Bishop Burton, and the latter estimates his loss at \$600. A small addition erected by Mr. Clemetshaw he valued at \$300. He lost all his tools, a quantity of clothing, etc., belonging to three apprentices, and a considerable amount of manufactured goods, making his total loss, according to his own estimate, in the neighborhood of \$1,600.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Clemetshaw. Since his arrival in Salt Lake, about two years ago, from London, he has been establishing an important home industry, commencing without capital and had succeeded, by energy and perseverance, in creating a foundation upon which to work, and in an hour it has been entirely swept away.

So far as we can learn, the cause of the fire is not definitely known.

The fire alarm and the brilliant illumination proceeding from the flames, occurring while the people were assembled for public worship, caused some uneasiness in the meetings, which, however, was merely transitory.

Woman Suffrage.—A special meeting was held in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms, on Saturday, Dec. 22. Miss Eliza R. Snow was elected chairman and Mrs. E. B. Wells, Secretary. Bishop Edward Hunter and Elder A. M. Musser were present, by invitation, and made excellent remarks, appropriate to the occasion. The meeting was called to transact business in the interest of the Relief Society, and also to adopt some practical measures, to assist in the effort being made for Universal Suffrage, irrespective of sex.

It has been considered expedient by those most interested in the progress of the ladies' societies, to appoint in each Stake of Zion, a President with two Counselors, Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, to visit and have a watch-care over each branch of the Relief Society in their respective Stakes, and to hold quarterly meetings, at which times it is expected each branch of the Relief Society will make a full report of progression and financial condition. President Brigham Young inaugurated this movement at a special meeting of ladies in Weber Co., and appointed Mrs. Jane S. Richards to preside in that Stake of Zion.

After this example, the following officers were elected for this Stake of Zion: Mrs. M. I. Horne, president; Mrs. Emma S. Taylor and Mrs. Sarepta M. Heywood, her counselors; Mrs. E. Howard, secretary; Mrs. Maria Wilcox, corresponding secretary. The first quarterly meeting of Salt Lake Stake of Zion Relief Society will convene on Saturday, March 23rd, 1878, at two o'clock p.m. At this meeting it is expected each branch of the Relief Society in this county will make a complete report from their first organization; afterwards the reports will be very little trouble.

After the business pertaining to the interest of the Relief Society had been dispatched the meeting was resolved into an indignation meeting. Patriotic and enthusiastic speeches were made by some of the ladies present, and a portion of the bill recently introduced into Congress by Mr. Christianity, in which he proposes to disfranchise the women of Utah, was read. The meeting adjourned *sine die*.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, 22.—A copy of the following document has been furnished by the Department of State on application of the director of the mint:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, May 1st, 1866.

Robert Patterson, Esq., Director of Mint.

Sir—In consequence of a representation from the director of the Bank of the United States that considerable purchases have been made of dollars coined at the mint for the purpose of exporting them, and as it is probable that further purchases and exportations will be made, the President directs that all silver to be coined at the mint shall be of small denomination, so that the value of the largest pieces shall not exceed half a dollar.

I am, etc.,

JAMES MADISON.

The treasury now holds \$346,277,550 to secure national bank circulation, and \$13,988,000 to secure public deposits. United States bonds deposited to secure bank circulation for the week ending to-day \$802,000; amount withdrawn \$118,000. National bank circulation outstanding—currency notes, \$320,253,765; gold notes \$1,432,120; national bank notes received for redemption for the week ending to-day, compared with the corresponding week last year; 1876, \$3,454,000; 1877, \$4,079,000. receipts to-day, \$664,000.

At the opening of the American Museum the ceremonies were very

interesting, and were assisted by a large gathering of New York's most public spirited citizens and the presidents of Yale and Harvard universities. Many distinguished ladies were also present, including the wife of President Hayes. After prayer, and addresses explaining the object of the museum and the necessity there was for it, President Hayes advanced the audience rising and said: "This structure, owed to the liberality of citizens, is now ready to receive visitors, and I now declare the American Museum of Natural History open." This short address closed the exercises, and the people pressed forward, compelling President and Mrs. Hayes to hold an informal reception.

TOLEDO, O., 22.—There was a fire to-night at 206 Summie Street, occupied by Buckman & Mallet, carpet dealers. Loss on building, \$50,000, covered by insurance. The stock was estimated at \$25,000; total loss, insured for \$18,000. The adjoining buildings were occupied by Meilink & Co. and Southard & Son, retail furniture. Damaged \$5,000.

WASHINGTON, 22.—Members of the 4 per cent. bonds syndicate and other American bankers continue to send here abundant evidence extracted from their foreign correspondence, showing that the discussion of the Bland silver bill has shaken European faith in United States securities much more than the actual fall in the price thus far indicates, and that the passage of any such measure will inevitably cause their return here in large volume, which must affect their depreciation and cause a material rise in gold purchased to pay for them abroad. While the influence of these practical arguments is believed to have been marked in toning down the views of some republican senators who have been dazzled by the cheap dollar heresy, there are many who fear that the passage of the unamended Bland bill is still possible by a two-thirds vote. Its advocates are working like beavers during recess, distributing documents, holding meetings, passing resolutions and doing all possible to stir up public opinion with a view to reaction upon the Senate when it re-assembles, in favor of the unlimited free coinage of silver, and adverse to any amendment to the bill as it came from the House.

DEADWOOD, D. T., 22.—On yesterday the inhabitants of Spearfish Valley were startled by the sudden appearance of a large herd of Indian ponies dashing through the valley. A careful reconnaissance showed that there were no attendants with them, and ranchmen and others started out to capture them. It is the opinion that they belong to a camp of Sioux located on the Belle Fourche.

Three companies of the Third Cavalry, A, B and F, under command of Major Evans, arrived here to-day and proceeded to Centennial Prairie, where they went into camp. Scouting expeditions will be sent out in different directions to determine the location of the Indians who committed the depredations on the northern routes lately.

BOSTON, 22.—The wool transactions of the week do not indicate a very active market, but there is a confident feeling that prices are as low as they are likely to be for some time to come; inquiry runs principally for X and medium fleeces. White, fine wools are comparatively quiet, holders are not disposed to urge sales. Stocks have recently become considerably reduced and more active, and a better movement is expected after the first of January. Sales include Ohio and Pennsylvania fleece No. 1, XX and above 44 @ 46. Michigan 38 1/2 @ 42, No. 1 and X Wisconsin 39 @ 41. New York, Maine and other fleeces 33 1/2 @ 46, delaine and combing 50 @ 55; unwashed combing 27 1/2 @ 36 1/2; super and X pulled, 30 and 47. In California wool a fair business is doing; sales include 450,000 lbs. at 19 1/2 @ 34 for spring, and 13 @ 22 for fall. Desirable lots of both spring and fall are in fair request. The sales of domestic during the week aggregated 1,065,900 lbs.

WASHINGTON, 23.—Judge Emerson of the Utah Supreme Court, has had several interviews with Attorney-General Devens, lately, for the purpose of defending Marshal Nelson from the pending charges of official misconduct. The department has concluded to send a special agent to investigate these charges, and also those which have been made against Chief Justice

Shaefter, before taking any further action concerning them.

Senator Patterson's condition does not seem as favorable as yesterday. He is weak from nervous prostration. His friends say that even should he recover he would not be able to leave his room for several weeks to come.

NEW ORLEANS, 23.—The ship *War Spirit*, from Greenock, reports that on the 19th she encountered a gale, and on the 21st, when about 100 miles from the Passes, had her bulwarks stove in, lost two boats, and her fore and main masts; fell in with the ship *Oliver S. Southard*, which towed the *War Spirit* to the Passes. She is now being towed to this city.

NEW YORK, 23.—A San Antonio special says: On Thursday last Lieutenant Ward, in command of the detachment of United States cavalry, followed the trail of a party of Indians going out of Texas with stolen stock to the Rio Grande. Lieutenant Ward notified the nearest Mexican officer, who appeared with a detachment of troops, and the two commands joined in following the trail into Mexico. The joint scout was fruitless, but the Mexican officers express a willingness to co-operate in pursuing the raiders when they cross over into Mexico.

The vicinity of the police headquarters was startled, this evening, by the announcement that Excise Commissioner Owen Murphy had absconded with a large amount of excise funds. Murphy was treasurer of the Excise Board, and had full control of the finances. An account was kept at the German Exchange Bank. Murphy was last seen on Saturday afternoon, President Norton and Commissioner Pattison were looking for him all day, to-day, but could discover no traces of him. Early in the evening Mr. Pattison drove up to the police headquarters but would not divulge the object of his visit.

Later—Norton arrived, and the two were closeted with Inspector Thorne. It was then announced that Commissioner Murphy had disappeared a few minutes after eleven o'clock, last night. The following general alarm was sent out to all the police stations: Arrest Owen Murphy, President of the Board of Excise. He has absconded with between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The Murphy transaction was explained by Inspector Thorne in the following manner:

Murphy drew a check for \$50,000, and had it certified at the German Exchange Bank. He next went to another bank, whose name the inspector did not know, and deposited a check and drew out \$10,000. Where the remainder was drawn is not known. Mr. Murphy was appointed to his position in the excise board by Mayor Wickham, and, with President Norton, formed a democratic majority in the board.

Efforts to bring to justice a gang of forgers who, last spring, endeavored to negotiate \$200,000 in forged bonds of Quincy County, Illinois, and St. Louis County, Mo., culminated last night in the arrest of Joel N. Hayes, broker, of New Street, Ferdinand Hertz, broker, Broad Street, and Wm. Muir, 158 Broadway, who were locked up. The detectives hold warrants for the arrest of four other Wall Street operators, but their names, although known, cannot be published until the arrests are made. The police and detectives are very reticent, but it is ascertained that the arrests were made on the confession of J. H. Husted and Wm. Carrere. It is understood that Husted and Carrere will be used as States' evidence, and the case, when fully divulged, will present some sensational features.

The *Herald's* cable says the return of the Czar to St. Petersburg, on Saturday, was the occasion of great rejoicing. A grand ovation welcomed the Emperor. The reception bore every evidence of genuine reverence and homage. It was said, during the dark days, that the Czar dare not return to his capital until he did so behind bayonets, but after what I have just witnessed I am convinced the Emperor would have been just as royally welcomed by the loyal hearted Russian people if he had arrived upon the heels of a crushing defeat in the field. The correspondent, describing the scene says, the crowd breaks all restraint; it envelopes him; the people fall down and kiss his garments. So great is the pressure that it is with great delay that his Imperial Majesty can reach his carriage.