

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 23.

HOME MISSIONARY MEETINGS—Sunday, Jan. 5th, at Farmington. Elders R. Miller, Milo Andrus, and R. F. Neslen. Meetings commencing at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. **REUBEN MILLER**, per R. F. N.

PARTY—There was an excellent party in the Tenth Ward new meeting house last night. It was numerously attended and the best of feelings prevailed. The fine new hall is sufficiently advanced to hold religious services in it in the future on Sundays.

AN OUTRAGE—The glass doors in the Scandinavian harness shop, 2nd South St., were badly broken and a barber's post thrust through last night or early this morning. The owner of the post can have it on application at the above establishment. Those who committed the outrage had better keep out of sight, or they may be granted an interview with Justice Clinton.

SMALL-POX AT EVANSTON—Charles Checketts writes from Evanston, under date of Dec. 20th, stating that a person who came from England, by the last company of emigrants, had the small-pox when she arrived at his house, he having sent to England for her. Since her arrival, three of Brother Checkett's sons have been attacked with the malady. He is fearful that the disease will get hold of other members of his family, which numbers twelve persons. He states that he was not informed of the nature of the illness of the person who came with the company and was transferred to his house, or he would have taken necessary precautions under the circumstances to prevent the spread of the disease. He is of opinion that those in charge of the company should have shown more discretion and wisdom if they were aware that small-pox was on the train.

EVANSTON INCORPORATED—By proclamation of Governor J. A. Campbell, of Wyoming Territory, based on a petition "signed by a majority of the legal voters of the proposed town," Evanston has been incorporated, the incorporation to date from Dec. 21, and the following to be the limits of the town—

"Commencing at a point on the south bank of Bear River three hundred yards east of the Evanston Lumber Company's saw mill; and running thence south-westerly on a line parallel with the east line of the town of Evanston (as laid down on the town plat of said town) one mile; thence westerly one mile on a line parallel with the south line of said town; thence northerly to the south bank of Bear River on a line parallel with the west line of said town; thence easterly along the south bank of Bear River to the place of beginning."

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS (Charles W. Green, Secretary, Jackson, Tennessee) sends the following around for the consideration and action of local societies and clubs—

"MEMORIAL.

"To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

"The undersigned citizens of the United States, believing that the interests of Agriculture demand a more complete system of crop reports than the present limited appropriations will permit, and that the advantage of such a system would confer benefit upon all classes of the people in a greater or less degree, and that it is, therefore, a proper subject for governmental action:

"And believing, further, that the science of meteorology, as it is becoming developed, may be made available to the material advancement of the national prosperity, we, your petitioners, do humbly pray that, in accordance with the suggestion of Com. M. F. Maury, an invitation be extended to the governments of the earth to meet in conference, for the establishment of an International System of Crop and Weather Reports, and that your Honorable body will commission one or more scientists of this country as members of said conference.

"And they further pray, that a sufficient appropriation be made to carry out the purposes herein suggested, in such manner as your wisdom may suggest, and with a degree of liberality which its great importance may demand."

THE INCENDIARY CASE—The News of Tuesday contained an account of the proceedings in Justice Clinton's Court from eleven till half-past twelve o'clock of that day, during which time James Langley was under examination on a charge of setting fire to the Winder property. At half past twelve the court took a recess for one hour. The evidence taken after half-past one was entirely for the defense, the point aimed at by which was to prove an alibi. The number of witnesses for the defense was quite large, and nearly all of them were personal friends and acquaintances of the accused. The evidence of two of defendant's witnesses appeared considerably mixed, and did not harmonize in some essential points with other testimony which appeared to be straightforward.

After all the evidence had been taken

the case was argued for the prosecution by Judge E. D. Hoge and for the defense by Mr. Geo. R. Maxwell.

Mr. Hoge alluded to the fact that in this case, as in nearly all cases of this kind, the defense depended on their ability to prove an alibi. He reviewed the evidence and showed that in the case under investigation the attempt to do this had been unsuccessful.

The Justice was of opinion that there was a strong probability that the accused was guilty of the charge preferred against him, and he therefore bound the latter over, in \$5,000 bonds, to the next regular term of the Probate Court.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION—A most dastardly attempt was made at three o'clock yesterday morning to assassinate Mr. Cummings, a gentleman somewhat largely interested in mining matters in this Territory, and who resides in the next house north of Mr. McLellan's, Seventh Ward. Our reporter learned, in a conversation with Mr. Cummings himself, that the latter looked out about eleven o'clock on Christmas eve, when he saw two men near the house, one of whom carried a dark lantern. He thought at first that it was some of his friends, a number of whom had been at his house a few hours previous, who wanted to play off a joke on him, and otherwise reasoned to convince himself that it was no one who intended mischief. Shortly afterwards he went to bed, and did not awake till about ten minutes past three. His bedroom is on the south side of the house, on the first floor, and the head of the bed is close to one of the windows. Simultaneous with his waking a shot was fired through the window, the ball passing through the head board of the bed and lodging in the wall, and coming in such close proximity to Mr. Cummings' head that he felt it graze his hair. He instantly slid from the bed to the floor and two more shots were fired, in rapid succession, after the first. He immediately seized his pistols and a shot gun, opened a side door upon the porch which surrounds the house, and as he did so two men ran past the southeast corner of the house, within eight or ten feet of him. He kept firing at them, taking the best aim he could in the dark, as they ran diagonally across the lot in a northeast direction, going over the fence at the corner. In scrambling over the fence the scoundrels broke two or three pickets. When they were at the northeast corner of the lot Mr. Cummings discharged his shot gun in the direction in which they were going. In firing, Mr. Cummings' pistols snapped several times. Of course it is difficult to know what is best to be done under such circumstances on the spur of the moment, but had Mr. Cummings used his shot gun first, and when the rascals were closer to him, he might have done some execution. However that may be, Mr. C. by no means lacks either bravery or determination. Whoever these would-be assassins are, it is certainly a pity that some of Mr. Cummings' leaden messengers did not reach them. It is to be hoped they will be discovered and dealt with according to their deserts.

There are three holes in the pane of glass through which the shots were fired, and there are bullet holes also in the blind and window curtains, and the apertures made in the wall by the three balls are probably within a radius of three or four inches of each other. The foot marks of the two miscreants are plainly visible in the soil where they ran across the lot, the prints of one of them being large and deeply imbedded would indicate that he is a large, heavy man. Mr. Cummings says he could distinguish when he first saw the two men that one was considerably taller than the other, and that one of them was dressed in light colored clothing.

This makes the fifth attempt, we understand, that has been made on the life of Mr. Cummings. It will be recollected that an attack was made upon him at his residence in the Fourteenth Ward about two months ago, which was mentioned by the News at the time, and when he had a very narrow escape. He was also once attacked on the street and once when coming down one of the canyons. The canyon affair, Mr. Cummings thinks, proceeded from another source than the other attacks.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 27, 1872.

HOME AGAIN—Elder George Nebeker arrived from the Sandwich Islands, to-day, in good health and spirits. We learn through him that Lot Kamehameha Kapualwa, King of the Hawaiian Islands, died on Wednesday, December 11th.

DEAD—Mrs. Mary Griffiths, who was shot by her husband a few weeks ago, died about midnight, last night. An obituary notice will be found in another part of the paper, in which, however, her name appears as Mary Thomas, which was her name before marriage.

The heavy rainstorm of last evening was something like that of Christmas eve. The mild pleasant weather of to-day is an agreeable change from the fog of the early morning. The heavy rain in the valley, as usual, was accompanied by its counterpart of heavy snow on the mountains adjacent.

CONCERT—We have received an account of a concert at Tooele, on the evening of the 23rd, given by Miss Clara Hill and

Professor Croft, assisted by their pupils. The performances were highly creditable, and were instrumental and vocal, and also included recitations. From some cause the communication containing the account was three days on the way. Too late to publish in full now.

SURGICAL OPERATION—This afternoon, at their office on East Temple St., the Drs. Benedict amputated the thumb, at the first joint, of Mrs. Marian Ferrall, of Eden City, Ogden Valley. The unfortunate lady, in August last, accidentally pricked her thumb, and a felon supervened, which was badly treated, and after intense suffering for five months led to her present loss. The patient was placed under the influence of ether, and in about a quarter of an hour the operation was completed.

FOR OBSTRUCTING THE TRACK—Suit has been commenced, before Justice Clinton, by the Street Railroad Company against Charles Marsden, for obstructing the company's track on various occasions. The suit involves a question of considerable importance. If parties are allowed to obstruct the line of a street railroad, such license would, doubtless, be a prolific source of accidents, and for which the company could scarcely be consistently held responsible.

WHO IS TO BLAME?—A gentleman informs us that he posted three letters for this city at Spanish Fork, Utah County, last Sunday morning, supposing they would reach their destination, as they ought to have done, on Monday, a.m. He himself came to the city by Tuesday morning's train, and found that two of the letters mentioned arrived simultaneously with himself, and were received without the stamps being cancelled, and the third, which was directed to this office, has not yet put in an appearance. Can the Spanish Fork P. M. give an explanation?

[Per Deseret Telegraph.]

A FEARFUL SNOWSLIDE.

ALTA, LITTLE COTTONWOOD, Utah, Dec. 26th—A most fearful snowslide occurred near the old smelter, below Central City, to-day, in which it is supposed from six to ten teams and teamsters were buried. Three of the teamsters dug themselves out. Some of the teams were dug out, but none of the men, except the three before mentioned. A number of teams from both ways were passing each other where the slide came, and it is difficult to learn the number of men and teams buried. Some say five, some eight and others twelve. Eight mules, in all, were found, all badly bruised, some dead. One with its leg broken was shot. One man, with pieces of harness, sleds, &c., was carried at least a thousand feet. It is thought to be impossible to find the parties lost until spring. There is great excitement here to-night. Will resume the search in the morning.

Additional Particulars—Great Loss of Life.

ALTA, Little Cottonwood, Utah, 27.—One man has been found dead, generally known as Dutch Pete, from Camp Douglas. Roy Dibble, F. Brown, Tom Triplett and brother—not sure about the latter—and two of their teamsters—one of Stiffle's teamsters, name not learned, and two of Benham's teamsters are still gone, and it is said they had three miners aboard, but not certain. If so, they must have met the same fate. The man found was bruised in a most frightful manner; upwards of 200 men are now at the slide shoveling and probing with iron bars, in hopes of finding more. The superintendent of the "Emma" and a large force, as well as every spare man in Alta, are doing their best to find the remainder. The slide was two hundred and ninety feet in width, and came from the very tops of the mountains, nearly two miles in length, and swept everything before it.

PECULIAR PROCEEDINGS—There were some peculiar not to say farcical proceedings in Justice Clinton's Court this morning, and which grew out of the committing of an assault and battery by Philip Kolhyer, a butcher, on another party on Monday night, and for which he was fined \$10 on Tuesday morning. At the time the assault was committed Officer Phillips arrested Kolhyer, and the latter resisted him, and said he would not be arrested by "any such d—d scrub," at the same time pushing him away. The officer then, it appears, struck Kolhyer on the upper part of the face with brass knuckles.

At the time Kolhyer was fined for assault and battery, defendant's counsel, George R. Maxwell, preferred a charge against Officer Phillips for striking Kolhyer, hence the proceedings of this morning, the complaint being against Mr. Phillips. There was an evident attempt to make a mountain out of a mole hill on the part of the complainants, which is manifest from the fact of the complaint covering such a large amount of ground.

Mr. Miner, counsel for the defendant, motioned to dismiss the complaint on the ground that it not only contained several specific charges, but was brought under more than one statute. The motion was sustained and leave granted to amend the complaint. After the complaint was amended, the defense still objected to it on the ground that it yet contained more than one specific charge. The Court concluded to hold the latter motion under advisement until Thursday next.

The statute under which the complaint is brought makes the charge a felony punishable by imprisonment for a term of years, or by fine, or both fine and imprisonment.

There appears to be a very great anxiety on the part of some individuals to thwart the local authorities in the execution of the laws. Instead of taking such a course, if such parties would assist an officer, or respectfully suggest the best way for him to secure his prisoner, when he is resisted by parties whom it is his duty to arrest, it would be more conducive to the peace and good order of the community than by giving aid and comfort to the law breaking element.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 28.

RETIRED—We understand that Charles L. Dahler, Esq., has retired from the vice-presidency of the First National Bank of this city.

THE LATE CONCERT—Mr. R. M. Kirby has furnished us, for publication, the following financial statement connected with the late concert for the benefit of St. Mark's Hospital:

Total receipts amounted to	\$1,151.00
Expenditures,	499.14
Balance remaining for hospital purposes,	\$651.86

RETURNED—Elder Francis Birch, of Mill Creek, who left this city for England, Sept. 28th last, on a visit to his friends, called to-day, having left Liverpool on his return, Nov. 28, and arrived here on Sunday last. While in England the weather was so rainy and damp that his health was bad and he consequently made a much shorter stay than he intended. He visited Birmingham, Worcester, Herefordshire, Shropshire and London. In many places he found the Saints few, scattered and poor, but anxious to emigrate to this Territory. He saw but 1½ acres of sown wheat that had come up, the land was so wet.

MARRIED at St. Paul's Church, Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 24, 1872, Mr. Warren Hussey, Prest. of the First National Bank of this City, to Miss Libbie Shaw, only surviving daughter of Dr. Alex. Shaw, of Des Moines.

"How near am I to happiness
That earth exceeds not. Not another like it.
The treasures of the deep are not so precious,
As are the concealed comforts of a man
Lock'd up in woman's love. I scent the air
Of blessings when I come but near the use:
What a delicious breath marriage sends forth:
The violet bed's not sweeter. Honest wedlock
Is like a banqueting-house built in a garden.
On which the spring's chaste flowers take delight
To cast their modest odors."

NOT SO—Brother Lorenzo Pettit, who lives on the Jordan, called to-day and asked us to correct a statement, which appeared in the News of Tuesday last, to the effect that himself and wife were both down with smallpox. Both Brother Pettit and his wife are in good health, and are taking care to keep free from danger of contagion. There is but one case, and the patient is at a house a considerable distance from Brother Pettit's residence. The case alluded to is progressing favorably.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 30.

SMALL-POX—We learn that there are three new cases of small-pox at Hooper, but the patients are located at the extreme western portion of the settlement, close to the shore of the lake.—Ogden Junction, Dec. 28.

CALLED—We had a call this morning from Prof. Monch, who, for several months past, until the holidays, has been conducting an academy in Ogden. He had 180 pupils under his tutelage. He expects to open a new term of his school next week, when he anticipates being able to accommodate 200 pupils. Prof. Monch is an efficient teacher, and has the excellent faculty of managing and influencing children whose education is entrusted to his care without having recourse to harshness.

SENTENCED—Charles W. Baker, the champion "swearist," was tried in the Probate Court, on Saturday, before Judge Elias Smith, on a charge of robbing a man of a pocket book and about \$80 a short time since. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty on Saturday evening and he was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

CONCERT AND BALL—We are informed that a concert and ball will be given in the Second Ward schoolhouse on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, the concert to commence at five o'clock p.m. and the ball at 8 o'clock p.m., the proceeds of both to be appropriated for the benefit of the Sunday school. The school is said to be in good condition. Brother James T. Wilson is the superintendent.

ARRESTED—William Brandon was arrested this morning charged with stealing a large quantity of ready made clothing from Mr. Jamieson, tailor and clothier, East Temple Street. The stolen goods were found in his possession and he was lodged safely in jail. Some other articles besides the property of Mr. Jamieson were in Brandon's possession when he was arrested, and which are also supposed to have been stolen. Among the latter are two fencing tools, and two pairs of boxing gloves.