

Councilor Young presented a memorial to the Legislature, from Bentham Fabian, Esq., of this City, asking an appropriation to print a work he has been engaged on for the past year, containing statistics of all branches of trades, manufactures, etc., of the Territory, up to the close of 1873. We have not seen Mr. Fabian's compilation, but judging from a former, less extensive but clever production of the same character published by him, we do not doubt that his present effort, if published, will be found to contain a fund of really valuable information respecting Utah which it would be impossible to obtain from any other source.

**Surgical Operation.**—To-day, for the first time west of New York, Esmarck's bloodless operation for necrosis (dead bone), or amputation, was attempted by Benedict Brothers, assisted by doctor Fowler.

The patient, George Atwood, son of Simeon Atwood, of South Cottonwood, a boy about fifteen years of age, had been suffering, for over two years, with running sores on both legs, caused by excessive skating. An incision, five inches long and two deep, was made in the right leg, just below the knee, on the outside, from which about three inches of bone was removed, and not a single drop of blood was lost during the operation.

This remarkable improvement in surgery was discovered a short time ago by a German surgeon, named Esmarck, and it is said that, by his method, amputation of the thigh may be performed without the loss of any blood, and the operation above mentioned was so entirely successful as to warrant the placing of full confidence in the new discovery. The patient is in excellent condition, considering the severity of the operation and the long standing of the disease.

It is the intention of Benedict Brothers to perform the same operation on the other leg as soon as the patient has gained sufficient strength to bear it, and if they are equally successful, the reputation of the new method for performing such operations will be pretty well established in this city, and among the acquaintances of the patient.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 19.

**Snow Storm.**—The surface of the ground was covered by three inches or so of snow this morning. The prospects of an abundant supply of water from the mountains during the coming Summer keep increasing.

**Another Institute.**—The Sixteenth Ward Institute was organized last night. E. B. Tripp was elected President, E. Schoenfeldt First Vice-President, Thomas E. Jeremy, Jr., Second Vice-President, Joseph H. Parry, Secretary, Cyrus H. Gold, Treasurer, and George R. Emery, Librarian.

**Lectures.**—To-morrow evening Mr. George M. Ottinger will deliver his lecture, under the auspices of the 20th Ward Institute, at the school house of that Ward, on "How to Read a Picture." Mr. Ottinger is a most entertaining lecturer, and has the rare faculty of rendering, in a pleasing manner, any subject he undertakes to treat upon. He has always a fund of illustrative anecdote on hand, and besides a general solid earnestness of manner, when the nature of the subject requires he is frequently irresistibly humorous. His lecture to-morrow evening will be illustrated by drawings, manipulations on the black-board, &c. The lecture should draw a large audience, as it will happily combine amusement with useful instruction.

Mr. H. W. Naisbitt lectures, under the auspices of the 14th Ward Young People's Literary Association to-night, on "Thoughts and Facts for Little Thinkers."

**Peter Van Valkenberg Murdered.** The following special dispatch to the NEWS was received by Deseret Telegraph, from Sandy, to-day:

"Peter Van Valkenberg, of Union Fort, was found dead last night, about one and a half miles south of that place. He had nine bullet holes in his body, which apparently had been fired from a shot-gun. There is no clue to the murderers."

The following additional particulars, of the murder of Mr. Van Valkenberg, were received by letter this afternoon:

"UNION, U.T., Feb. 19th, 1874. "Yesterday, about 5 o'clock p.m., Peter Van Valkenberg, a resident of this place, was shot and killed about half a mile south of his residence.

"It appeared from the evidence at the inquest, held by Justice Richards, that deceased was coming home from Sandy with a load of manure, that one of his singletrees broke, and that while he was in the act of repairing it, he was shot with near a dozen balls. Perpetrator unknown, according to verdict of Jury.

"S. RICHARDS, J.P. "JOSEPH S. RAWLINS, MARION H. BRADY, JOSEPH BOWYER, Jury."

**Clear Creek Canyon Road.**—A correspondent writes from Richfield, Sevier Co., Feb. 12, concerning the building of the Clear Creek Canyon Road by the settlers of Sevier County, as follows—

"The road is sixteen miles long, of grading, fills and cuts through solid points of rock, and is located on ground least liable to be blockaded by snow, on the north side of the creek running through the canyon, which of course has made the cost a little higher than if it had been located regardless of snow in winter traveling. To this enterprise Hon. Jos. A. Young subscribed \$1,000, and the members of our enterprising community subscribed from \$5 to \$100, according to ability. This not being sufficient, about \$7,000 was borrowed to further the work, but more assistance still being necessary, I took hold of and expended of my own property in order to complete the work, the cost of which was fully \$10,000. Inasmuch as it is a good road, not only for the benefit of this country, but for the whole of Southern Utah, being by far the nearest route to obtain breadstuff and such things as a farmer produces, I am in hopes that the Legislature will appropriate a sum sufficient to make it a free road, which would greatly facilitate intercourse between the different counties of this part of the Territory."

**A Monster Blast.**—On Tuesday last there was a successful monster blast in the limestone quarries of Macduff Bros., of the Mammoth Lime Kilns, Hot Springs, when five hundred thousand bushels of rock were dislodged from the place it had held for thousands of years. For a considerable time men had been at work night and day, driving a drift or tunnel under the solid ledge. After going forty feet in a direct line, a turn was made, at a right angle, and taken twenty feet further, sixty feet in all, by four feet six inches square. At the further end of the second drift, a chamber was made, into which was placed half a ton of powder. After being well backed with gravel a solid wall was built, which was again backed well with gravel until the mouth or entrance was reached. The rock met with during the driving of the drift was of excellent quality, and gave every satisfaction to the enterprising proprietors. When the filling of the drift was completed and all preparations needful being finished, the signal was given to fire. Three lengths of fuse communicated with the powder. In 18 minutes from the time of lighting the whole face of solid ledge, seventy-five feet deep, was heaved from its bed, falling with a fearful crash. Contrary to all expectations, scarcely any report was heard. Around the scene of the blast lay at least fifty thousand bushels of rock, whilst nearer the ledge lay huge masses, weighing hundreds of tons. In the face of the ledge too there were innumerable cracks and fissures, some of them reaching from the top to the bottom of the ledge, and taking an inward direction of thirty or forty feet. If thirty bushels of rock be reckoned to the cubic yard upwards of sixteen thousand cubic yards have been removed. The rock is of a dark blue color and considered to be of the finest quality. Altogether the operation must be considered a complete success.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 20.

**For Europe.**—Elder Joseph F. Smith expects to leave this City for Europe on or about the 26th inst.

**Grand Jury.**—The grand jury of the Probate Court have been in session since Tuesday morning. They have been at work to day, since ten o'clock this morning.

**Information Wanted.**—E. Gibbs, of Dayton, Bourbon County, Kansas, is desirous of learning the whereabouts of John N. Burton, supposed to be a resident of this Territory. Any information regarding him will be duly appreciated.

**Lost.**—Mrs. Merrill has lost a large black pocket book, containing from \$5 to \$8 in cash and a due bill from this office for \$2.95. The lady is poor and the finder will confer a favor by leaving the lost property at this office for her.

**Funeral Services.**—The funeral services of R. J. Golding, jr., yesterday, were attended by a large number of the relatives and friends of the family. Suitable addresses were delivered on the occasion by President Joseph Young, Bishop E. D. Woolley and Elder Elias Smith. The remains of the deceased were followed to their last resting-place by a cortege of about twenty-five carriages.

The relatives desire, through the NEWS, to thank their friends for the kindness and sympathy they have manifested to them in their bereavement.

**Salt Lake Directory.**—The canvassers for this work have commenced their labors. The book will be of great benefit to the general and especially the business part of the public, and it is desirable that it should be complete and correct. The capabilities of Mr. Sloan to make it so are well known, and he should receive every necessary assistance in the shape of information that can be afforded him; we allude particularly to parties who are solicited by the canvassers to give their names and occupations, for publication in the book.

**Suspicious.**—We understand that some parties living on the outskirts of the city have hesitated to give their names, &c., to the canvassers of the Salt Lake Directory, because they were afraid the parties soliciting the information were not what they pretended to be, and might want their names to affix them to another of those delectable anti-"Mormon" memorials. The past course of those "ring" memorializers makes some people a little suspicious. Then it is still fresh in the minds of some of the people that a member of the staff of a certain paper filched certain information from a respected citizen by representing that he was a Herald reporter.

**A Suggestion.**—Seeing that Governor Woods has failed to perform his duty in not approving certain bills passed by the Legislature, would it not be well for that honorable body, before adjourning to-night, to forward the bills alluded to and also a copy of the reasons assigned by the Governor for not approving them, to Mr. Cannon, for presentation to Congress, that the National Legislature may know the character of the legislation that Governor Woods fails and refuses to approve?

And while thus sending them, it appears that it would be perfectly consistent, under the circumstances, to ask Congress to ratify those laws, that they may go into effect. We make special allusion to the bill relating to district attorneys and that for the regulation of the selecting and empanelling of juries. The suggestion is worthy of consideration. A better thing, however, would be for Congress to empower the Utah Legislature to pass bills by a two-thirds vote, without the approval of the Governor.

**A Maniac on the Rampage.**—Last Saturday evening an insane man entered the house of Mr. Wm. Muir, at Bountiful, and, as he acted in a violent and extraordinary manner, and as the inmates of the house were not aware of his condition of mind, Mr. Muir endeavored to put him out. In doing so Mr. Muir received a severe kick on the side of the face, which cut a deep gash.

The man also went to the house of Mr. S. W. Sears, at the same place, and very much frightened the inmates. He was also ejected from there, when he went to the railroad section house, where he frightened a number of ladies, there being no men around there at the time.

While attempting to get into the house of a Mr. Morse he was secured, guarded all night, and on Sunday morning he was brought to the Court House, in this city, where he at present remains.

In the morning, before starting

for town, he requested that his arms might be unfixed and he would be perfectly passive. On the request being complied with he started off on a run, but was soon recaptured. It took the strength of four men to hold him in the wagon on the way from Bountiful here. The man is a native of Scotland.

**Coroner's Inquest.**—Coroner Taylor, being notified of the sudden death of Geo. H. Hill, a child seven years of age, residing in the 15th Ward of this city, at the request of the parents held an inquest at 11 a.m. to day. The following are the evidence and verdict of the jury—

Jury being duly empanelled and witnesses sworn, Dr. Anderson testified as follows—

"I was called upon, about 4 p.m. yesterday, to see deceased, and found him in a dying condition. On inquiring, ascertained he had had convulsions, and the mother thought they were occasioned by eating candy. There were symptoms of great prostration; he was pulseless, pale and cadaverous, in fact, all the symptoms indicating approaching dissolution. I at once ordered applications of whisky to the pit of the stomach and injections of whisky and milk. Mr. Luddington called on me at 10.30 yesterday evening, and told me the child was dead."

On being interrogated the Doctor stated that the symptoms did not necessarily indicate poisoning. Stated that the child took three or four doses of one teaspoonful each hour of brandy and carbonate of ammonia as a stimulant.

Mrs. Margaret Latham testified that the child was in her house, apparently perfectly well on Wednesday afternoon.

James Latham, six years of age, said, "I know Georgie Hill, and saw him eating candy. I had no candy, but he gave Fred some candy. George bought the candy himself. He puked after he had eaten it, not before. Fred was not sick. I saw Mr. Hill at the big gate (of Depot).

Fred Gray, 9 years of age, "I didn't have any candy, didn't see any. George told me he had some candy. I was with him when he was sick at the house where they were unloading the coal."

Henry Hill, father of deceased, aged 44, residence 15th Ward, said: "On Wednesday morning my boy asked me to give him ten cents to buy some candy at the ward store. I gave it to him. It was before three o'clock. He came to me afterwards and said he had got the candy and had eaten it; he then went off and came back in a cart with Hughey, who told me the boy was sick. I took him in my arms and carried him through the mud to the platform, when he began to 'puke,' an every few steps he would stoop over and vomit. Then the whistle blew. I told him to be a good little boy and then he should come and live with me. He said, 'I will, father.' That was the last I saw of him." The father seemed much affected.

Mary Hill, mother of the deceased, said deceased came to her about noon on Wednesday, he brought some candy. "We ate some of it in the house. He went away and returned about 4 o'clock, said he was sick. He 'puked' terribly. He had eaten candy 'a second time' which his father had furnished the money to buy, and which he had taken to his father before he ate it. His father often bought him candy, sometimes 10cts worth three times a day. The other boys ate of the candy, but it did not make them sick. I thought the child was poisoned. The candy consisted of gum drops and cocoa drops. He brought no candy home the second time he came. He had eaten it all."

Alexander M. Ledingham described the symptoms exhibited by the deceased, and the manner in which he was treated medically in his illness.

"TERRITORY OF UTAH, Salt Lake County."

"An inquisition holden at the residence of Bishop Hunter, 15th Ward, 2nd Precinct, Salt Lake City, on the 20th day of February, A. D., 1874, at 11 o'clock a. m., upon the body of George Hereford Hill, there lying dead, before Geo. J. Taylor, Coroner of Salt Lake County, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed.

"The said jurors on their oath do

say that his death was caused by convulsions produced by some cause to the jurors unknown, but find no evidence to implicate any one as having caused his death intentionally.

"In testimony whereof said jurors have hereto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

"JOSEPH POLLARD, Foreman. "DANIEL LETHAM, "WILLIAM IRVINE. "GEO. J. TAYLOR, Coroner."

**Legislative Elections.**—The following persons were elected, to the respective offices named, by the Legislative Assembly in joint session this afternoon, just before we go to press—

- Chancellor of the University.—D. H. Wells.
- Twelve Regents.—D. O. Calder, Joseph A. Young, Robert L. Campbell, Geo. J. Taylor, Geo. Reynolds, Albert Carrington, Geo. Q. Cannon, D. McKenzie, H. W. Naisbitt, H. I. Doremus, Isaac Groo, B. Young, Jun.
- Treasurer.—T. W. Ellerbeck.
- Superintendent of Schools.—Robt. L. Campbell.
- Territorial Treasurer.—James Jack.
- Auditor of Public Accounts.—Wm. Clayton.
- Road Commissioner.—Theo. McKean.
- Recorder of Marks and Brands.—Wm. Clayton.
- Marshal.—J. D. T. McAllister.
- Attorney-General.—Z. Snow.
- District Attorney for first district.—J. B. Milner.
- District Attorney for second district.—J. M. McFarlane.
- Surveyor-General.—Jesse W. Fox.
- Librarian.—W. C. Staines.
- Warden of Penitentiary.—A. P. Rockwood.
- Three Directors.—Reuben Miller, Frederick Kesler and Myron Tanner.
- Sealer of Weights and Measures.—Nathan Davis.

PROBATE JUDGES.

- Washington County.—William Snow.
- Iron County.—Samuel H. Rogers.
- Beaver " Wm. J. Cox.
- Millard " Jos. H. Giles.
- Piute " John Pope.
- Sanpete " Geo. Peacock.
- Sevier " Geo. W. Bean.
- Juab " Jacob G. Bigler.
- Utah " Warren N. Dusenberry.
- Wasatch " Thos. H. Giles.
- Salt Lake " Elias Smith.
- Davis " John W. Hess.
- Morgan " Jesse Haven.
- Box Elder " Samuel Smith.
- Cache " Wm. Hyde, Sen.
- Tooele " John Rowberry.
- Summit " Elias Asper.
- Rich " Wm. H. Lee.
- Kane " Wm. Bringham.
- Weber " F. D. Richards.

BORN.

In this city, this morning, Feb. 23rd, to Mary, wife of Bernard Schettler, Esq., a son.

DIED.

At his residence, yesterday, Feb. 19, in the Tenth Ward, John Booth, full of years, being over eighty-two years of age.

Deceased was born in Staffordshire, England, December 6th, 1791, and joined his life with that of the Latter-day Saints about thirty years ago.

Father Booth was a man who spent but a few idle moments in his life, having been active in all useful reforms that came under his notice. His faith of late years was centered in the welfare of the young of this Territory, and his labors never ceased until his brightness of life became dim.

Many residents in Utah, as well as in the large towns of England, will think kindly of their fellow-laborer for the good interests of mankind, and though now having passed away, the memory of his acts will not die.

Good men die, and the record of such should be a motive power to their successors, to do as they have done, and try even to do better. His end was peace.

Mill. Star, please copy.

In Salt Lake City, Saturday, February 14th, at 3-30 p.m., of brain fever, CHARLOTTE, daughter of Joseph and Ruth Evans, aged 15 years, 11 months and 21 days. Deceased was very diligent and punctual in attending meetings, Sunday Schools and other good institutions, and was loved and respected by her comrades and all her acquaintances.

Thou hast been diligent in youth. To treasure up the words of truth. Alas! dear Charlotte, thou art gone In early bloom—thy work is done.

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In this City, Feb. 17th, of Bright's disease of the kidneys, ROBERT J., Jr., eldest son of Robert J. and Lydia Golding, aged 17 years. Cincinnati papers, please copy.