

B. Bennett, of West Jordan, was held before Commissioner Norrell Aug. 1. The defendant had had a plural wife, but in June, 1888, he was divorced from her by the Church rule, and they separated. Later he was tried on a seven-count indictment for unlawful cohabitation, and was acquitted. At today's hearing,

**MRS. ELIZABETH HALL**

was the first witness. She testified: My mother was the plural wife of the defendant; they separated June, 1888, being divorced by the Church; it is understood that she was his second wife; his first wife is Sarah Bennett; my mother's name is now Hannah Dowden.

To Mr. Moyle—My feelings toward the defendant are unfriendly.

**MRS. HANNAH DOWDEN**

testified—I was married as the second wife of the defendant, and we separated in June, 1888; had a Church divorce.

To Mr. Moyle—The defendant does not recognize me as his wife, and has not done so since the divorce.

**JOHN E. BENNETT**

testified—I am son of the defendant and Sarah Bennett; have not been home much for the last five years; it is understood in the family that Mrs. Dowden was my father's plural wife; father registered in May last.

**HOMER J. CRANDALL**

testified—I was deputy registrar of West Jordan in May last; on the 11th of May I administered the registration oath to the defendant.

Mr. Varian claimed that because the plural marriage had not been annulled by a court, it was still in force, and the defendant was guilty of perjury, unlawful cohabitation, and illegal registration. He was still a polygamist.

Mr. Moyle said he was surprised that an attorney of Mr. Varian's legal standing should make a proposition that an unlawful marriage had to be set aside by a legal divorce; such a thing could not be; it was too absurd, and was certainly unjust.

The Commissioner said he did not know what the courts would hold, but he thought the defendant should have had the illegal marriage annulled. Whether he can remove the illegal status, I will not pass on, but I will put him under a bond to await the grand jury's investigation. I think the courts will hold as I have done, that the defendant should have the courts annul the plural marriage. I will make the bond \$800.

Mr. Moyle—I have heard it said that a man who was a polygamist could only be relieved by death, but I did not think a court would go to that extent.

Commissioner—I have fixed the bail, so there is no use for further discussion.

Mr. Bennett gave the required bonds and was released.

Much as friends add to the happiness and value of life, we must in the main depend on ourselves.

## CURRENT EVENTS.

### Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

Robert Bain, of Smithfield, appeared before Commissioner Goodwin on July 26 and was bound over on the charge of unlawful cohabitation, to await the action of the grand jury. His alleged second wife was bound over on the charge of fornication, to appear before Commissioner Goodwin for examination.

### Released From Prison.

On the 29 of July, Brother M. F. Bell, of Richmond, Cache County, was liberated from the penitentiary where he served a six months' term for living with his wives. He paid the costs assessed against him.

On July 26, Brother Richard Jessop, of Millville, Cache County, was released from the penitentiary, where he has served sixty days for living with two wives. He paid the costs of the prosecution, which were against him.

### The Temperature.

July 30 was the hottest day experienced in Salt Lake City during the past fifteen years, the signal service thermometer registering 102 on the top of the Wasatch building. From Sergeant Fitzmaurice we have the following list of the hottest days since the establishment of the Signal Service office, in 1874:

1874—July 1st and 3d,	98 deg.
1875—August 6.....	101
1876—July 21.....	97
1877—July 20.....	98
1878—Aug. 1, 3, 5, 7.....	97
1879—July 29.....	97
1880—July 5.....	95
1881—August 6.....	100
1882—July 3.....	96
1883—June 29.....	100
1884—July 13.....	93.2
1885—August 16.....	100.3
1886—August 11.....	99.1
1887—July 6.....	97.9
1888—July 9.....	98.2
1889—July 30.....	102

It will be noticed that in one year, 1885, the hottest day was August 16, so that it is possible that even the record of the 30th ult. may be passed this season.

### Provo Notes.

I, too, have been to the "Lake"—not *your* lake, with briny, heavy water, numerous "resorts," and oft-told attractions; but down to our own particular lake, with its clear, soft water, muddy or sandy bottom and an entire lack of attractions.

I have heard people talk about the "Lake" as if there really was something there most fascinating. So when asked to ride down and back one cool evening, after a delightful shower had laid all the dust, I accepted the invitation, and away we went. It is a lovely drive. Candor compels me to record this much. Smooth, level, and bordered with green trees, waving fields of ripe and ripening grain, the view from every side is full of pastoral beauty.

We arrived. Others had done the

same thing apparently; for there were a number of buggies tied up to a rude post. Here was a large new frame-work affair evidently intended for a dancing-hall. It was guileless of any suspicion of roof or covering, a scant side frame-work being added, against which some lumber benches were ranged. At one side stood a primitive drinking saloon, which although poor in point of appearance and respectability was rich in every intoxicant that steals away men's brains, giving in place a thousand demons. We stumbled along over the rough ground down to the water's edge, where a few little bath-houses had been hastily erected, and a small pier run out perhaps six feet into the water.

The bathing! There was absolutely none. We saw a few people wading almost out of sight before they could get in the water up to their waists. A few young girls moved around, and screamed when the tiny ripples washed up against their anklebones. It was therefore quite easy to see all the manoeuvres of those young people who so delight in manoeuvring when in the negligence of bathing suits.

Here it is that the young folks come up out of the water and go on the dancing-floor in their wet suits, dance a turn or two, and back again. Likewise young girls accompanying their male companions, both in bathing suits, go up to the bar, call for "a drink," and laugh and jest while they quaff their liquor. Many young people leave Provo at 10 and 11 o'clock at night, prolonging the unhallowed orgies at this haunt of folly till 2, 3 and even 4 o'clock in the morning.

Comment is unnecessary. The parents who care so little for their children as to consent to their visiting such places as these must indeed be in a world-hardened state of mind, caring naught for the welfare and happiness of the young here or hereafter.

There was an operetta here on the Twenty-fourth by Giles' juvenile classes. It was a great success, both as to costumes and music. Professor Giles was an indefatigable worker on the occasion.

There is a peculiarly blue, smoky haze hanging about the horizon. If we were in the Sandwich Islands we would say there had been a heavy volcanic eruption.

A number of excursions are to leave here for the City and on out to Salt Lake proper this week; so you will have quite an influx of Provo people in your midst.

### HOMESPUN.

Provo, July 29th, 1889.

### Louis T. Webb Killed.

About ten p. m., July 30, Louis T. Webb, a single man, residing in the Ninth Ward of this city, met with a fatal accident while working at the Rio Grande Western depot. It appears that the deceased, who was in his 28th year, was engaged as a yardman. In that capacity he was called to couple two cars, and went between them with that intention. He dropped the pin and stooped to pick it up. As he was