

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 25.

LOGAN, June 22, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

We find our names published among those who petitioned Congress not to admit Utah as a State into the Union. We knew nothing of that petition before we saw it in the News, neither have we given any man or set of men the right or privilege to use our names for such a purpose. We do not desire to be numbered among those petitioners. Respectfully,

C. P. T. BERTELSEN.
ANE M. BERTELSEN.

SEVIER COUNTY.—Bro. Isaac W. Pierce wrote from Glenwood, Sevier County, June 10—

"The crops look well throughout this county.

"The health of the people is good.

"The Indians are peaceable, except now and then a runaway or unruly Indian will kill a beef or steal a horse; as yet but little of this has been done. We think it best to look well after our stock, as the chief of the band that roams hereabouts (part of the Utah tribe) says that some of his people will steal, but he thinks that they are no worse than some of the whites."

SEVERE ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that John Clark, jr., an eight year old son of Mr. John Clark, of Z. C. M. I., grocery department, met with a very severe accident about nine o'clock yesterday morning. It appears the little fellow, in conjunction with some other boys, had procured a can of powder with which to amuse himself. In attempting to fire a small cannon he accidentally dropped a lighted match into the can, causing an instantaneous explosion, which nearly blew the thumb from his hand and severely scorched and disfigured his hand, arm and face. Dr. Anderson was called in to attend him, and we are pleased to learn that hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.—James R. Turbitt, who insists on violating the city ordinance against Sunday liquor selling, was, last evening, fined \$100 and sentenced to imprisonment for thirty days. Turbitt's counsel insisted that the court was enjoined by writ of certiorari and prohibition, purporting to have been issued by the District Court in former cases wherein the city was the affiant and Turbitt defendant on similar charges. In comparing Judge McKean's order for the issuing of the writ, however, it was found that it did not correspond with the writ itself, in that it only called for certiorari. Under those circumstances Justice Clinton ruled that he was not enjoined from further proceedings against Turbitt, and the latter is now in prison in accordance with the sentence passed in his case.

HIGHLY CREDITABLE.—We have been favored with a perusal of an autograph letter to C. R. Savage, Esq., from Mr. Edward L. Wilson, secretary of the National Photographic Association and editor of the *Philadelphia Photographer*. With regard to the pictures exhibited by Mr. Savage at the Convention held in St. Louis last month, the letter says:

"Your pictures at the exhibition were the finest American landscapes here. They were much admired." This encomium on the photographic productions of Utah comes from the highest authority in such matters in the land, and places this Territory in the foremost rank in that branch of art. We are pleased to record such evidences of taste and progress as this, for the cultivation of the arts is one of the most effectual means of education and refinement.

At the St. Louis Convention Mr. Savage was elected vice president for Utah of the National Photographic Association.

CROPS—ACCIDENTS.—A correspondent writes from Bloomington, Rich Co., June 21:

"The prospects for crops are very good at present, notwithstanding some grain is being destroyed by crickets.

"Brother Chidester, of this place, had the misfortune to have his hand badly injured in the saw mill last Monday. He was alone at the time. His forefinger was so badly crushed that thinking it would have to be amputated anyhow, he picked up a very dull axe and cut it off close to the hand. The next finger and his hand are badly bruised, but, with good care I think he will get along. He is doing very well at present.

"While a little boy, son of Bro. Thor-nacks, was attempting to catch a fish with his hands another boy struck at it with a spear and drove one prong through his hand. He walked a mile with it in his hand. The spear had to be fastened in a vice and the prong filed off; it was two hours or more from the time the accident occurred till the spear was taken out of the little fellow's hand. He is getting along nicely.

"The mail to this place runs regularly now."

INGENIOUS.—Albert Kelly, son of Bro. John B. Kelly, bookbinder, and who is employed at this Office, has invented and manufactured a very useful and ingenious machine for stabbing pamphlets preparatory to stitching them. Eastern made

machines of this description are costly and the work heretofore has been done here by hand with a common awl, which was necessarily a comparatively slow process. The machine is a great time saver, as any desired number of awls can be arranged on it and all the necessary punctures for one pamphlet made instantaneously, by one movement. When the downward stroke of the awl is made the latter are forced back again into their original position by two rubber buffers. Unlike the eastern stabbing machines, which have a considerable proportion of iron about them, this one, with the exception of a few small sheet iron fastenings, is composed entirely of wood even to the spring. The upper part of the machine rests on a table, and is worked by means of a foot treadle underneath. One person using this machine can easily keep six persons stitching. We may say also that the young man who invented this useful addition to our bindery made it on nights and mornings outside of his work hours.

It comes in good time for the new edition of the pamphlet entitled "The Rise, Progress and Travels of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," now being issued from this Office. The pamphlet is particularly valuable to all wishing to be informed with regard to the principles, doctrines, &c. comprised in the faith and practices of the Latter-day Saints, as well as his historical data. It is for sale at this Office and at the principal book stores in the city.

EMIGRATION &C.—By letter from W. C. Staines to President D. H. Wells, which the latter has kindly placed at our disposal, we learn that he was expecting the first company of emigrants from Europe to arrive on yesterday. He hears that the icebergs are very plentiful on the route from Liverpool to New York; but he trusts the people will arrive in safety. He was expecting to meet President George A. Smith (whose health is very good and who is enjoying his visit very much) and Elder C. Cram at New York on the 18th, on their return from New England. He says it was the intention of President Smith to remain in New York a few days, and then proceed to visit his native town—Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., in the State of New York.

Speaking of the condition of affairs in New York, he says that the densely populated portions of the city are becoming very filthy, and unless something is done soon to thoroughly cleanse those places during the hot weather, deaths will likely be numerous from disease. Smallpox and spotted and other fevers already prevail in those districts. Murders and crimes of every class are on the increase in that city.

He meets with but few, in his traveling around, who have anything to say against the Latter-day Saints; and those who do know but little about them, having read or heard somebody say they were a terribly wicked people. Last year the inquiry was: "What are you Mormons going to do?" &c., &c. Those who asked the question believing that a great wrong had been committed, and that the "Mormons" would have to leave their homes, or be punished. But, as the case now stands, the public have become convinced that the "Mormons" have been more sinned against than sinning, and that the wrongs committed have been by the judges and officials; and it having been thus decided, they will listen by the hour to hear the Elders talk, and believe what they say. The mines of Utah, the religion of its people, and every thing else connected with it, are eagerly inquired about, and Elder Staines says that the people manifest more interest than he ever saw before.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 26.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Yesterday evening about nine o'clock, Mrs. Vincent, the well-known midwife, who resided in the Tenth Ward, was seized with apoplexy near her home. Dr. Higgins Davis was speedily in attendance, but she was dead before his arrival. He is of opinion that had she been bled previous to the attack she would have been saved.

SEVERE HAILSTORM.—Mr. James Crane, of Fort Herriman, states that there was a very severe hailstorm at that place last night, which threshed out considerable of the early wheat and beat down much of the corn and potatoes. Luckily the storm only covered an area of limited extent. The hailstones were very large, and lay on the ground after the storm to the depth of several inches.

June 25th, 1872.

Editor Deseret Evening News:

In your "Local" of Monday evening in relation to Indian troubles South, you think the people should resist the encroachments of the Indians, and be prepared to defend their homes and families, &c. I wish to ask you if you have forgotten a "Proclamation" issued by the Governor of the Territory some time ago, forbidding all persons the right to carry arms under penalty of law, &c. Being a "military man," I have always been taught to obey orders of superior officers, and do you not think that it is much better for our wives and children to be tortured and slain by the savage red man than for all of us to be thrown into prison?

A CAPTAIN OF MILITIA.

We feel thankful to be Captain for reminding us of the governor and the proclamation. We had almost forgotten both of them. With regard to the question of the communication we leave others to form their own opinions. We know what ours is.

UTAH MATTERS.—Washington, June 20. Utah District attorney Bates has arrived here to consult with the Attorney General in regard to Utah matters. Mr. Bates is very confident that he will be able to indict the leading Mormons for polygamy under the law of 1862 by a grand jury composed almost entirely of Mormons. The Grand Jury has been summoned and will sit in Salt Lake on the 12th of July. Mr. Bates expects that a number of indictments will be found, and it is his intention to make one test case and carry it to the Supreme Court to get a decision on the point whether the treaty made with the Mormons, and which they claim recognizes polygamy, is not set aside by the law of 1862, which prohibits it.

The President has given assurances that after the November elections, he will make changes in several of the Territorial offices in Utah.—*Chicago Post*.

What will Greeley say to the last paragraph?

Per Deseret Telegraph.

PIOCHE, Nev., 25.—This town is being built up rapidly. Substantial rock fire-proof houses, with brick fronts, are going up. The street water cuts are now being made for the main pipes, which will soon distribute water for private and public uses, and no doubt will materially promote the preservation of the town in times of fire.

An immense amount of work has been done in the mines since my last visit five months ago. The custom and company mills are projected and under way, and many thousands of tons of ore are on the dump, awaiting the completion of the reduction works. Judging by the thousand and one dumps and neighboring holes, which dot the mountains in close proximity to Pioche, the mountains must be literally honeycombed.

Courtney, who shot and instantly killed Sullivan, is manacled and not admitted to bail, as has been the custom heretofore in Pioche.

Wickware, who was accidentally shot by Judge Pitzer, will no doubt succumb to the severity of the wound and the consequent amputation of his leg.

The altitude of Pioche at the telegraph office on Main Street is 5,850.

FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Shortly after eight o'clock last night Charles L. Dalson was shot and killed by Oliver C. Obey. Immediately after committing the fatal deed Obey gave himself up and was taken to the city jail and the remains of Dalson were conveyed to his own rooms, on Second East Street; admittance there being refused, however, they were subsequently taken to the house of Mr. Claudius V. Spencer, where they now lie.

An inquest was held by Coroner H. S. Beattie at the latter place this forenoon, the evidence adduced at which went to show that Obey went up to Dalson near the delivery box in the Post office and deliberately fired four shots into the body of the latter, three of which were directed at and took effect in his back after he had fallen forward on his hands from the effect of the first shot. After the first shot and while Dalson was in a recumbent posture, with his face towards the floor, Obey asked him if he would tell the truth regarding some statements he had made, to which no response was given.

Our reporter called upon Obey this morning, with whom he conversed freely regarding the shooting and the cause which led to it. He and Dalson had been in partnership in the gambling business in this city for about five months, and up till about three weeks since were apparently on the most friendly terms.

A family difficulty had existed for some time between Obey and his wife, and some time ago the latter left him and went to St. Louis, where she now lives. Three weeks since last Friday Obey received a dispatch from Mrs. Burgess, of St. Louis, informing him that his wife was ill of typhoid fever, and that her physicians had given up hopes of her recovery. He replied in another dispatch that he would leave here for St. Louis on the Sunday following, but received a second telegram from Mrs. Burgess that Mrs. Obey was past danger and he therefore did not start for St. Louis.

A day or two afterwards Obey received a communication by mail from Mrs. Burgess, making inquiries as to whether he was acquainted with C. L. Dalson, who, she said, was in correspondence with Mrs. Obey, and the latter sent to Obey a number of letters written to her by Dalson, from which Obey gathered that he (Dalson) was one of the causes of the difficulty between himself and wife by making derogatory statements to her concerning his conduct with another woman.

The correspondence further went to show that Dalson offered to marry Mrs. Obey as soon as she would obtain a divorce from her husband.

On becoming acquainted with these matters Obey became cool in his manner towards Dalson, which much incensed the

latter against him, and he wrote out and had printed and circulated among a number of the acquaintances of both parties a circular letter, of which the following is a copy:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 13, 1872.

To all persons to whom I have introduced Mrs. Mary Obey, in the innocent belief that she was a lady, I now beg to be pardoned for the unintentional imposition, and I regret that the duty falls upon me to confirm the belief and statement of others, that she is a common prostitute; and she is also a confidence woman. I never knew her until about nine months ago. I was introduced to her by her husband, Oliver C. Obey. I met him once in St. Louis, but knew nothing about him until after making his acquaintance here in Salt Lake City, since which time I learn by letters coming here from reliable men that he is a sneak thief. In Virginia City, Nev., he tried to go through a safe, but the boys say he made a failure of it. Now I claim to be the last one to assist in lowering an unfortunate man or woman and the first to lend them a helping hand in their darkest hour, provided they have fallen through misfortune, but when man and wife are so intent and persistent in carrying out their confidence games then I consider them dangerous characters, and almost doubt that they are human beings, but they are simply human forms. Before Oliver C. Obey married the aforesaid PROS. she lived in Cincinnati, and her name was Mary Rust, but her mother has since married a man by the name of Hartwell, but Mary says that Mr. H. don't live with her mother, but Mary lives with her mother at No. 701 Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo., and I would advise the proper authorities of St. Louis to call on Mrs. Obey and collect her license and see that her name and occupation goes down on the social evil records. Come, Mary, have a little respect for the city government under which you live; walk up and pay your license, and then if you don't get caught in too many confidence schemes you are all safe.

C. L. DALSON.

Salt Lake City, Utah Terr'y.

Dalson also mailed a copy of the circular to Obey, and sent him an autograph letter of the same character. Obey replied in writing, and demanded a written retraction, which was not made. The two met in the post office last night, with what result the reader is already aware.

In conversation with our reporter this morning Obey produced the letters alluded to above, as well as the printed circular.

Obey is about thirty-seven years of age, of medium height, has brown hair and beard, fair complexion, and full grey eyes. He seems collected, although showing some signs of nervousness, which appear, however, to proceed from temperamental causes more than his peculiar situation. He was born and lived in Pittsburg, Pa., until he was about eighteen years of age, when he moved to St. Louis. He has only been in this city about six months.

Charles L. Dalson was thirty-eight years of age, was a native of Perry county, Mo., and had been in this city about fifteen months. A brother of his, named William Dalson, resides at Dubuque, Iowa, and is pilot on a river steamboat.

It is stated that Dalson was mixed up in two previous cases where difficulties existed between men and their wives, one said to have occurred in Denver, and the other in this city during the fore part of last winter.

Circus actors frequently live to an old age providing they are temperate and take care of themselves. A London paper says the "artists" of the circus find their profession remarkably healthy, and they are a long-lived race. Joe Wallet, the famous clown in London, is considerably over seventy, and is as lively and active as he was forty years ago. Old Orde, whose outdoor ring is still visible on many a village green, and who was the instructor of Batty, lived to considerably over ninety, and a short time before his death he was jumping over a tobacco pipe and an open razor on his bare-backed steed. Batty was a "Courier of St. Petersburg" till he was past sixty. Franks, who is now tumbling summersaults and posturing at Hengler's, is considerably over sixty years old, and fresh as a daisy.—*Ex.*

Many persons who wear glasses are troubled by the difficulty of keeping them on the nose. A rising young optician has devised a very simple expedient for removing this difficulty. It consists of driving a tack into the bridge of the nose and hanging the glasses upon it.

In this city, 10th Ward, June 26, HARRIET A., wife of James Vincent, sen., aged 52 years, 5 months and 24 days.

In the 9th Ward, of this city, June 26th, at 7 a. m., MARY, wife of James Muir. Deceased was about eighty years of age, and was a native of Scotland.