SEARS SUCCEEDS MELOY

As Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The newly elected and outgoing members of the Chamber of Commerce directly met on Saturday night to discuss matters of interest connected with that institution. It was decided to consolidate the offices of commissioner of transportation and secretary of the chamber. Mr. S. W. Sears was appointed to succeed Mr. H. V. Meloy, who has discharged the duties of secretary since Mr. F. K. Gillespie tendered his resignation, in August last.

The secretary was authorized to procure a large and handsome portrait of President Fred. Simon, and hang the same in the chamber.

Mr. W. C. B. Allen was elected a member of the chamber in recognition of his valuable services to the institution.

Keeley Institute.

Articles of incorporation of the Salt Lake Keeley Institute have at last been filed for record in the office of Territorial Secretary Sells. The incorporators are R. H. Harris, Simon Bamberger, John Beck, A. E. Hyde and J. F. Woodman, all residents of this city. The object of the organization is to cure the liquor, tobacco, opium and kindred habits. The capital stock is $200,000, divided into 20,000 shares.

A NEW SETTLEMENT.

A Locator Says It is a Very Promising Country.

Editor Deseret News:

We are about eighteen miles due east of the mouth of Beaver canyon. The valley or basin in which we live is well watered by four streams running south. If my judgment is not at fault, there are about three townships, at present unsurveyed, of as good land as I would wish to see. There are now only five families of Saints living here, or thirty-five persons, and we should like some more good people to come and help us in reclaiming this country. We live in log houses. There is any amount of house logs from five to eight miles distant. Poles for fencing are not so plentiful. Firewood is from one to three miles off. Farming has not been tried to any extent yet. There have been some vegetables raised by [illegible] Hansen, such as beets, carrots, turnips, cabbages, potatoes, etc., that were very good. Your correspondent sowed one and three-quarter acres of oats the closing week of May last and cut the grain about the 12th of September. It grew fully five feet high without water, and I got eleven loads in a basket rack sixteen feet long, eight feet wide and four feet to the top. I have been here three winters, including the present one. The weather is not excessively cold; there is considerable snow. At this date it is about eighteen or twenty inches. In summer it is pretty warm, but not so hot as it is in Salt Lake. Nights are cool. It is a very healthy place. It could not be otherwise; plenty of good water and pure air. We have a school district and have had school running all last summer and will start again in the spring. We have had Sunday school till the weather got too inclement, as we are pretty widely scattered at present. We anticipate building a meeting house during the coming summer.

THOS. BENNETT.

Killgore, Bingham County, Idaho, January 15, 1892.

A Woman's Statement.

They got into an argument about the money made by people who earn their living on the stage. [illegible]

When I take out the money paid for gowns which were useless except on the stage, when I make allowance for traveling expenses, hotel bills, weeks in which few performers earn anything, [illegible] We have a pretty home and all that we need to be happy. We save a little money too. So I suppose this is a fair answer as to what one makes on the stage. There are a great many circumstances to be considered.—New York Tribune.

Waited Until the Child Was Safe.

An interesting little war story has Governor Jones, of Alabama, for its hero. At the time Gordon was resisting Sherman's advance, Jones, then a staff captain, was delivering a message from his chief when he saw a little child, clad only in night clothes, hiding in terror behind a [illegible] in the direct range of the bullets from each army. Jones rode forward, took the child on his horse and galloped back with her to the Confederate line. When the Union forces saw the act they ceased firing, and there was an impromptu cessation of hostilities until the child had been carried to a point of safety.—Charleston News and Courier.

Thieves' Trust in Fortune Tellers.

The thief has implicit reliance in the foreknowledge claimed by gypsies and other people, and he has been known to [illegible] all manner of perils.—Exchange.

The steam power of the world may be reckoned as equivalent to the strength of 1,000,000,000 of men, which is more than twice the number of workmen existing.

When Not to Keep Books.

She decided that the only way to run a house economically was to keep a set of books, so she made all the necessary purchases, including a bottle of red ink, and started in.

It was a month later that her husband asked her how she was getting along.

"Splendidly," she replied.

"The system is a success, then?"

"Yes, indeed. Why, I'm sixty-eight dollars ahead already."

"Sixty-eight dollars!" he exclaimed. "Heavens! You'll be rich before long. Have you started a bank account?"

"No—o; not yet."

"What have you done with the money?"

"Oh, I haven't got the money, you know. That's only what the books show. But just think of being sixty-eight dollars ahead."

"Um, yes. But I don't exactly see—"

"Why, don't the books show it?"

"Of course; but the money? What has become of that?"

"I don't exactly know," she said, doubtfully. "I've been thinking of that, and I think we must have been robbed. That's the only way I can explain. What do you think we had better do about it?"

He puffed his pipe in solemn silence for a moment and then suggested:

"We might stop keeping books. That's easier than complaining to the police."—Chicago Tribune.

The Jeweler's Best Day.

There are peculiarities about all branches of trade, but one of the most striking peculiarities is connected with the jewelry business. Those who are connected with the latter branch of commerce hail Monday morning with joy and gladness, for the business of that day is almost sure to be large and profitable, no matter what the season of the year.

For a great many years retail jewelers were at a loss to assign a reason for this. Finally the question was sprung at a convention of jewelers, and as a result a queer fact was made known. It seems that a large percentage of the marriage engagements are made Sunday night, and the happy young men can hardly wait until the jewelry stores open Monday morning, so anxious is he to purchase the golden circlet of love.

And then again, married persons generally talk over domestic affairs on Sunday evening, and papa is usually beguiled into handing over a check ample enough to buy the set of silver spoons or the silver sugar bowl and cream pitcher that mamma has set her heart upon.

And then again, persons who go to church on Sunday are very apt to see something worn by somebody else that strikes their fancy, and on Monday they go and buy it.—Philadelphia Press.

Pears Without Cores.

Writers often express surprise that there should be an orange without seeds, but this experience is met with in almost all kinds of fruits. There is an apple called [illegible], so named expressly from the total absence of seeds. An illustration of this is in the Butter pear; it is extremely rare that seed is found in it, although they are occasionally there. The common currant, Zante currant of the stores, is simply a grape which does not produce seeds. A singular feature about these varieties is that they seem to increase in productiveness by reason of perfection of the seed. The Butter pear is especially a good bearer, there being almost as many pears as leaves on the tree. Unfortunately, if allowed all to come to perfection, the fruit is of inferior quality, but when properly thinned out the flavor is delicious.—Meehan's Monthly.

When Chinese Won't Talk.

Chinese gold miners in California do not talk at their work, as they consider it unlucky, and for the same reason they do not like to be addressed by visitors. At Rock Springs, Wyo., the Chinese miners in the coal mines considered it very unlucky to speak before breakfast. They would not move any of the dishes on the breakfast table for fear of bad luck, but let the dishes remain where they are placed. A Chinese man who visited them and passed a night at one of their cabins says that when he commenced to talk in the morning on getting up no one answered him, and it was afterward explained they were afraid of bringing bad luck. The work in those mines is very dangerous and accidents are of frequent occurrence.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Diamonds in Carbons.

Arc light carbons frequently possess characteristics of the diamond, to which in composition they strongly approximate. The pieces of unburned carbon which are thrown away are often found to contain very hard, sharp ends which will cut glass, and the mischievous street arabs have discovered this fact and use the pieces for defacing windows and doing other destructive work.—Electrical Review.

Electric Garden Pump.

Many of the country residences in England are now supplied with electric lighting machinery, and consequently a great number of electrical adaptations are rendered possible. Among these is an electric garden pump, which would be doing its work in a most efficient manner. It is only necessary to fix it up by a pond or fountain and attach a suction and delivery pipe, and the water is projected as desired.—New York Telegram.

The Irrepressible Office Boy.

"Is th' boss in?"

"Whose boss?"

"Yours."

"I ain't got no boss. If ye mean the man what pays me two dollars a week to answer fool questions, he's out, and won't be in agin till you're gone!"—New York Truth.

ENJOYING OLD AGE.

POETS AND STATESMEN WHO HAVE LIVED LONG AND WELL.

Men with Varied Occupations Find More Enjoyment in Declining Years Than [illegible]

Sir James Crichton-Browne has enumerated instances of long lived persons possessing all their faculties [illegible]

The fact is constantly observed in persons engaged in commercial pursuits [illegible]

How different is the spectacle when the organ is kept in its integrity by constant use, and the mental faculties preserved in all their pristine force. We have only to look around and to see our poets, bishops, judges, ministers of state and medical men long lived and still in mental vigor while working at their respective avocations. [illegible]

OLD AND ACTIVE MEN OF TO-DAY.

We can at the present time point to statesmen and lawyers of great age still before the public, as not long ago we could see Lord Palmerston, Lord Brougham, Lord Lyndhurst and others. In former times we may remember Newton living to be eighty-five, while Sophocles is said to have lived to be ninety, and Plato not much short of this. It is clear that hard work does not kill. [illegible]

A speaker at the international congress showed by experiments upon school children [illegible]

There is no reason why old age should not be as happy and as enjoyable as any other period of life. [illegible]

AUTHORITATIVE TESTIMONY.

Buffon spoke of his green old age as one of the happiest periods in his life, although the kind of pleasures then experienced are, of course, different from those of youth; and even when decay comes, and a man is becoming free from the remembrance of all earthly things, [illegible]

The understanding has often been in the highest perfection in quite advanced old age, and that has been the best period of human life. [illegible] "We are able to see in old age glimpses of the truth that its chief glory consists not in the remembrance of feats of prowess, not in the egotistic exercise of power, but in the conquest of peevish weakness, in the brightness of hope and in the dissemination of happiness around. Depend upon it, the best antiseptic against senile decay is an active interest in human affairs, and that those keep young longest who love most."—British Medical Journal.

Lost Anchor.

Wife—And so you've failed and lost everything!

Husband (sadly)—Everything.

"I don't see why you couldn't have put your property in my name."

"I was afraid you'd never let me have any of it."—New York Weekly.

Clinched.

Mabel—Yes. I give you my hand with my heart in it.

Jack—You cannot do that.

Mabel—Why not?

Jack—Your hand is too daintily small to hold such a large heart.

That made the engagement irrevocable.—Harper's Bazar.

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