

from the quantity of snow covering them, came down with a crash. A couple of men passing had a narrow escape from being injured, one of them being so near as to have his hat knocked from his head.

The snow should be removed from those wooden sheddings before it accumulates to such an extent.

Unexpected Deaths.—Yesterday Brother George W. Callister, a quiet, respectable, unobtrusive young man, formerly an employee of this office, departed this life, after a short illness, and to-day his cousin, Ann Teanora Waddell, daughter of our respected townsman, Brother Charles Lambert, an intelligent and amiable young married lady, died most unexpectedly. The funeral services of both will be conducted at the same hour, one o'clock on Sunday, at the Seventh Ward School-house. Elder John Taylor will be present. Both the deceased are relatives of Elder George Q. Cannon.

This morning also the respected wife of Brother Geo. E. Bourne died very suddenly. The funeral services of the latter will be conducted at the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms at 11 o'clock on Sunday. The bereaved relatives of those departed have the heartfelt sympathy of their numerous friends.

Utah Democrats.—It will be observed by the following, which was in circulation for signatures to-day, that the Democrats hereabout will hold a mass meeting, for the consideration of the presidential mud-dle question—

"Whereas, efforts are now being made by the party in power, which has been signally repudiated by the people, to foist upon the country a president who is not the choice of the voters of the nation, and,

"Whereas, the democratic party, promising to the country needed reforms in the administration of the government, fully and fairly elected their candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President, at the recent election;

"Now, Therefore, in response to the suggestions of the democratic national committee made to democrats throughout the Union, a mass meeting of the democracy of Utah Territory is hereby called to meet at the federal court room in Salt Lake City, on Monday, January 8th, 1877, at 7 o'clock, p.m., to consider the present political condition of the country, and to unite with their brother democrats throughout the Union in demanding that the will of the people shall be obeyed."

For Jerusalem.—We were pleased to have a call to-day from Dr. De Haas, United States consul at Jerusalem. The Doctor was on a four months' visit to this country, visiting friends, but, at the request of the government, returns to his post before the expiration of his furlough, owing to the present complicated condition of Turkish affairs, being now on his way back.

We learn from the Doctor that there are now about 20,000 Jews at Jerusalem, and that their emigration to that place is from 2,000 to 3,000 yearly. He also states that between 200 and 300 stone houses have been in course of erection during the present year. The Israelitish population have also established a number of educational institutions, in which the young people are trained more particularly in those studies, religious and otherwise, especially peculiar to the race. They do but little business, with the exception of a little in a few of the finer mechanical branches, and the leading incentive to their gathering to the land of their fathers and of glorious memories appears to be to bewail the desolation that has so long prevailed upon the country of the inheritance of the ancient people of God, and that they might have the privilege of having their bones deposited, at death, in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

There appears to be no inclination for them to engage in agricultural pursuits, with the exception of at Jaffa, where there is a very fine "model farm," supported, it is understood, by some organized society having its location in London.

Dr. De Haas was accompanied to our office by Mr. W. W. Ritter.

An Incendiary Fire.—About half past seven o'clock last evening O'Neil's blacksmith and wagon shops, opposite the California stables, Second South Street, were discovered to be on fire. A number of people, however, rushed to

the scene and succeeded, by means of quantities of snow and bucketsful of water, in extinguishing the flames. The strong presumption is that the fire was incendiary. It originated in the west part of the building, in the upper story, among a quantity of oils, paints and varnish. There was a stove a short distance from those materials, but it was cold when the fire was discovered.

At five o'clock this morning a body of smoke was seen to issue from the same premises; the alarm was given, the fire brigade was soon on the spot, and, in about twenty minutes after their arrival, they had the flames extinguished, the streams of water from the hydrants of the waterworks doing tremendous execution, dashing upon the burning materials with invincible power. The brigade acted well and ably, under the direction of Mr. Ottinger, the Chief.

Whoever the incendiary was he was evidently intent, for some motive or purpose, on the destruction of that building. The west side of the premises being too wet, from the effects of putting out the former fire, he betook himself to the east side the second time, where there was no means of any fire originating otherwise than from the hand of an incendiary.

The loss is almost entirely confined to the building, and will probably amount to in the vicinity of a thousand dollars. The property was insured to a limited extent.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 30.

More.—A northern snow storm this morning, rather fierce but not heavy.

Improving.—A sunshiny, pleasant afternoon to-day. Seasonable frost last night.

Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria.—We regret to say that this combination of two malignant diseases is becoming quite prevalent, quite a number of deaths having ensued from that cause during the past week, mostly among children.

Railroad Blocked.—This morning Superintendent Goss, of the Wasatch and Jordan Valley Railroad, sent a gang of men up Little Cottonwood Cañon, from Sandy, to clear the track, which was blocked with snow.

In a Bad Fix.—Last Summer a man named McMullen was arrested for a breach of the liquor ordinance, found guilty, and fined \$100. He gave notice of an appeal to the District Court. The appeal was not taken and he left the city. He returned lately, however, and was arrested to-day and placed in jail. The liquor ordinance under which he was prosecuted has been sustained by the District Court, so Mr. McMullen is not in a very desirable situation.

Snow Slides.—The season of snow slides has been inaugurated. There were three last week in Little Cottonwood, two last Tuesday, one of them above Tannersville, which carried away about two hundred feet of railroad snow sheds, and another a short distance below which carried away about fifty feet.

And now comes the report, by telegraph, of still another, which occurred yesterday, and by which a couple of human lives were lost.

China.—Justice Pyper's court looked like a Chinese fair ground this morning. One native of the Empire was being tried on the charge of another of stealing a pair of blankets, a pair of pants, a valise, a fifty dollar currency note, and some gold pieces. The turn out on the occasion of specimens of the almond-eyed race was considerable, causing one to wonder where they all sprang from. "John" is getting to be quite numerous in Salt Lake City.

New Arizona Paper.—The Wallapai Enterprise firm has removed to Prescott, and the paper now appears as the Arizona Enterprise. It is published weekly by C. F. Mitchell, and is a six page paper. The first number appeared Dec. 18, and is well filled with matter, mining subjects receiving considerable attention.

Here is a paragraph concerning the season—

"This season has been a dryer one than has ever been known within the memory of that eminently respectable individual, the 'oldest inhabitant.' No rain, no snow, no anything that is moist. The days are as genial as May, and people begin to think that Prescott

sn't near as cold in the winter months as they used to think it was."

District Schools of Utah.—We have received from Superintendent Riggs, the following copy of his official annual report of the Territorial District Schools—

"OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL SUPER-INTENDENT, Salt Lake City, Dec. 29, 1876.

"Territorial superintendent's annual report for Utah Territory, ending first Monday in November, 6th, 1876: Number of districts in the Territory, 244; number of districts reported, 213; number of schools, 310; number of male teachers, 215; number of female teachers, 234; number of boys in the territory between the ages of 6 and 16 years, 15,618; number of girls in the territory between the ages of 6 and 16 years, 15,282; total between 6 and 16 years, 30,900; number of male scholars enrolled, 10,313; number of female scholars enrolled, 9,573; total enrolled, 19,886; percentage of names enrolled, 64; average daily attendance, 13,608; percentage of school population actually attending school, 44; amount paid to male teachers, \$56,929.29; amount paid to female teachers, \$28,787.38; total paid to teachers, \$85,716.67; number of day schools has been taught during the year, 143; present condition of school buildings, fair; amount of building funds raised, \$39,081.12; amount of tax appropriated to the use of schools, \$18,229.23; real value of school property, \$453,515.22; total amount expended for school purposes during the year, \$124,797.79. The \$18,229.23, amount of taxes appropriated to the use of schools, is included in the amount paid to teachers. O. H. RIGGS, Ter. Sup't. Dist. Schools."

The Lost Found.—The old woman named Turnbull, of the 11th Ward, who has been missing from home for a considerable time, has at last been found. She was discovered this morning, huddled up in an outhouse at the rear of a vacant dwelling, in Atkins' Row, 11th Ward. She was weak as an infant when found, and was carried to her home by a couple of men. She said she had been in the outhouse for several days, without food or nourishment of any kind, and an investigation showed that she must have spoken the truth regarding the duration of her voluntary imprisonment, not a track being visible in the snow surrounding the little building, and it is a week since the snow commenced to fall. It is, however, a mystery as to how she can exist after so long a time elapsing without receiving sustenance.

She is being carefully nursed and will probably recover. She is nearly seventy years of age.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Beaver Enterprise, Dec. 23—

There is no let up in the travel to Leeds from the Salt Lake Country.

If Parowan finds a market for its lumber at Leeds, Beaver will supply the mines in this county.

The Parowan lumber men are moderately happy over the Leeds demand for lumber and shingles.

Major Low's teams have returned from the Sevier County and report an abundance of grain for sale in said county.

Mr. James Gibson who has traveled extensively in the Eastern States since last spring, says he has a better opinion of Utah than before making his tour. The Northern States are too cold and the Southern States too warm. Mr. Gibson traveled extensively in Texas, and though there are millions of acres of rich land in the State awaiting the immigrant, he does not hesitate to pronounce that Utah holds many advantages over it. He traveled through twenty counties in Texas during the warmest portion of the summer and found the heat intolerable to a northern man. No good drinking water did he find and was compelled often to drink from standing pools covered with green scum. This brought on the ague and he fled from the State in disgust. Iowa, he thinks, is the best western State lying east of the Rocky Mountains. It has an intelligent and active population, who support good schools.

Our friend returns from his extended tour convinced that the cli-

mate of the Pacific coast is greatly superior to that of the Atlantic, and that California is the gem State of the Union. Utah compares favorably with other sections. her small grain, vegetables, and fruits are decidedly superior. He does not appear to think that people will benefit themselves by leaving Utah for either the Atlantic States or Mississippi valley.

Ogden Junction, Dec. 27—

The name of the "newsboy" who died of small-pox on Monday, at 3 a. m., was Alfred Porter, and he was twenty-four years of age. It is supposed that he was a son of Judge Porter, of Omaha. He was taken with the disease at Green River, and brought to this city by some young men working on the line, who took compassion on him in his sickness. Every attendance possible was afforded him, but owing to a complication of disorders, he was unable to struggle against the terrible malady which has laid so many low.

Yesterday morning, at 3 o'clock, William Thornly, who lives near the mouth of Weber Cañon, left a team and sleigh near Mr. John Bowman's, at South Weber. He was just about to start home after a ball. Coming out of the house, he saw the sleigh moving off in the distance, and supposing the team had left for home, he waited till morning and borrowed another team. But on arriving at his residence he found his team was lost, and has heard nothing of the outfit since, although he has made diligent search. If this is a joke, it has been carried far enough.

Providence, Dec. 20.—On Saturday evening last, the Logan choir came here to give a concert for the benefit of the Tabernacle, and some of the young men of Logan, not having an almanac, I suppose, came over to spend Christmas, which they could not do without plenty to drink to give them a good spirit. In about the middle of the entertainment they made quite a disturbance, and the officers and the people tried to put them out, but they resisted, which caused a regular knock down. Women became frightened, screamed, ran, cried and fainted, while all was confusion. The officers conquered, and the boys were beaten, and the next day fined over two hundred and thirty dollars by the Justice of the Peace, J. F. Mattison. O. X.

Ogden Junction, Dec. 28—

Judge Porter, of Omaha, is the uncle, and not the father, of Alfred Porter, who recently died in this city. We cheerfully make this correction, as desired.

Dr. J. J. Murphy, of this city, informs us that he was called to attend an accouchment at Uintah, at nine o'clock last night. The mother is between twelve and thirteen years of age. She was safely delivered of a fine healthy boy, which weighed seven pounds. This child-mother is the daughter of Mrs. O'Neal of the above named place. The young infant and its Ma are doing well.

Col. Fife called in to-day to see us. He states that there are four cases of smallpox, including that of the infant child of Professor Monch, which is very light. The cases are doing well, are well watched, and the houses are well soaked with disinfectants.

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TERRITORIAL DISPATCHES.

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Snow Slide—Two Men Baried.

ALTA CITY, Utah, Dec. 30.

Another horror. Charles Hantini and Louis Labrie, both Frenchmen, were found dead in their cabin, lying in their bunk. A snow-slide from the north side of Bald Mountain carried away the upper portion of their cabin, crushing them under the packed snow. Their bodies were recovered last night and brought to Alta, where they now lie in the court house. They were both well known and highly respected.

MARRIED.

TORONTO-WALSH. At the residence of the bride's father, 16th Ward, by President D. H. Wells, Thursday, December 28th, MR. FRANK TORONTO to MISS ROSA WALSH, both of this city.

DIED.

At his residence in Fillmore City, D. C. 14, 1876, of jaundice, THOMAS HENDERSON. Deceased was born at Sheephead, Leicestershire, England, May 2, 1821; baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in January, 1853; came to Utah October 1, 1862; was ordained a High Priest, December, 1870; lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint, beloved most by those that knew him best.—Com.

Millennial Star, please copy.

At Richmond, Cache Co., Dec. 26, of Diphtheria, GERTRUDE, daughter of A. C. and Mary Jane Brower, aged 8 months and 19 days.

At Wellsville, Cache County, December 18th, 1876, JAMES NIBLEY, Sen., aged 67 years.

Deceased was born in Scotland; was among the first to receive the gospel in that country, and ever since remained most faithful to its principles. Emigrated to America in 1855, and resided in Rhode Island until 1860, when he and family came to Utah, settled at Wellsville, Cache County, the same year, and since that time had continuously resided there. He passed quietly away surrounded by members of his family and many friends.

Father Nibley has led a most exemplary life, and his death, though not altogether unexpected, is deeply regretted by the whole community. His funeral was very largely attended, and sentiments of respect for the dead and sympathy for the bereaved family were expressed on every hand. The people of Wellsville had learned to value him for his true worth, for he was justly regarded by all as a faithful and humble Saint, an industrious and useful member of society, a patient and forgiving brother, an indulgent husband and father, and an honest man.—Com.

At Smithfield, Cache Co., of diphtheria, the following children—AMELIA ELLEN CRAGUN, Nov. 25, 1876, aged 10 years and 16 days.

Also RICHARD CRAGUN, Nov. 23, 1876, aged 4 years, 1 month and 7 days.

Also MARY JANE CRAGUN, Nov. 27, 1876, aged 12 years, 7 months and 13 days.

The parents of the above children are Thomas C. and Amelia Cragun, who formerly resided in the southern part of the Territory. The first two were buried at the same time and in the same grave.

Ogden Junction and Beaver Enterprise, please copy.

At her mother's residence in Hamilton, six miles south of Cedar City, December 15, MARY CONDLIE, wife of Elder William Laney, of Harrisburgh, Washington County, and daughter of Mary H. Fife, spouse of Peter Muir Fife, deceased.

Sister Mary was born in Clackmanan, Scotland, December 26, 1843, where she also embraced the principles of the everlasting Gospel, to which she was ever true.

The funeral services were performed at the house of Sister Fife, and her body was interred in the cemetery at Cedar City. A large number of the Saints from Cedar attended the service and burial. Peace to her remains.—Com.

At Brigham City, Dec. 18th, 1876, of nervous debility, Elder WILLIAM S. PHILLIPS, aged 61 years, 6 months and 18 days.

Elder Phillips embraced the Gospel at an early day, soon after its introduction into the principality of Wales, by Elder Wm. Henshaw; took a very active part in the spread of the same, gave freely of his means to sustain the cause, and preached and travelled for years.

On the release of Elder Dan Jones, he was called to succeed him, in the presidency of the Welsh Mission, which position he occupied from January 1st, 1849, until he was released to emigrate, January, 1854, during which time several new conferences were organized and thousands were added to the Church. He afterwards performed a mission to his native country, and returned about ten years ago.

Elder Phillips, at the time he was actively engaged in the ministry, was a man of great faith, especially in the gift of healing, and several cases wherein the gift and power of God were made manifest occurred through his instrumentality, some of which are already published in the *Millennial Star* and other works of the Church. He was a man of few words, beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and four grown up sons to mourn his loss. Peace to his ashes.—Com.

Millennial Star, please copy.

At Little Cottonwood, December 20th, 1876, DAVID ARCHIBALD. Deceased was born at Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland, on the 23rd of April, 1819.

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At Beaver City, Dec. 21, 1876, ELLEN DUNCAN, wife of David Muir, and eldest daughter of Alexander and Jane Duncan, late of Glasgow, Scotland, aged 34 years.

Deceased, to all appearance, was in the enjoyment of good health on the morning of her death, got breakfast, was going about her work as usual, was suddenly taken sick and died in fifteen minutes from the time she was taken ill. She was much respected by all with whom she became acquainted as a true and faithful wife, a kind mother, a prudent and obliging neighbor, a true and faithful Latter-day Saint. She leaves a kind husband, two loving children, and a wide circle of warm friends to mourn her loss.—Com.

At the home of her parents, Dec. 29, 1876, ANN T., the wife of Isaac M. Waddell and daughter of Charles and Mary Alice Lambert.

Deceased was born in Salt Lake City, Nov. 5, 1854; was taken sick with an affection of the lungs about a week since, and died as if going to sleep, when her symptoms led her friends to hope for her early recovery. She leaves two children, the youngest not yet two months old.

In the Seventh Ward, Salt Lake City, Dec. 28th, of lung fever, GEORGE W., son of Edward and Ann Callister.

Deceased was born in Salt Lake City, Oct. 10th, 1857, was a young man of considerable promise, and his sudden death was quite unlooked for, he having been sick only two weeks.

"The mule cannot part its hair behind," said Mr. Tupper, leaning his head a little to one side and squinting knowingly, "and hence the inferiority of the mule to man."