

sician reports to-day that there has been a reduction of five in the number of persons afflicted with diphtheria, since Saturday, four having recovered, leaving eighteen cases now known in the city. A rumor was current to-day that there were five cases in the family of A. W. Benzon, in the Nineteenth Ward, but the report lacks confirmation.

Manti Mortuary.—Geo. Braithwaite, sexton of Manti, Sanpete County, sends us the following account of the mortality in that city during the year just ended:

Premature birth, 3; lung fever, 1; old age, 2; heart disease, 2; summer complaint, 1; childbed, 2; black cancer, 1; dropsy, 1; water on the brain, 1; rheumatic fever, 1; fits, 1; brain fever, 1; inflammation of the bowels, 1; accidentally killed, 1; not reported, 3. Total, 22.

Six of the number were children under one year of age, and a division of the sexes shows 14 females and 8 males.

Railway Accident.—As the Utah & Northern passenger train was nearing Ogden on Thursday evening last the engine and baggage and mail cars jumped the track owing to the breaking of a guard placed at the switch to prevent the rails from spreading. The engine went several rods after leaving the rails and retained its upright position, but the two cars mentioned were tipped over on their sides, and the latter slightly smashed. The remainder of the train, consisting of three cars full of passengers, came to a sudden halt, shaking up the passengers somewhat, but without injuring any of them seriously. The men who jumped from the engine and falling cars had narrow escapes.

Court at Ogden.—In the First District Court, in Ogden, this morning, Dauid M. Stuart, convicted of unlawful cohabitation with his own wives, was arraigned before Associate Justice O. W. Powers and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Utah Penitentiary, to pay a fine of \$300 and costs of suit, and to stand committed until fine and costs were paid.

In the case of C. W. Hemenway, convicted on a charge of libel, on the defendant promising to refrain from uttering or publishing anything libelous in the future, sentence was deferred until February.

In the case of Lorenzo Snow, charged with unlawfully cohabiting with his wives, defendant filed a motion to bar proceedings on the two indictments pending, on the ground of his having already been convicted on a similar charge.

Frank Wheeler, convicted of grand larceny, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Utah Penitentiary.

Jack Hayes, convicted of an attempt to commit rape, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the county jail.

James M. Brown, convicted of assault, made under cover of law, was fined \$40.

A Lecherous Scoundrel.—Saturday's Ogden Herald contains the following account of an incident which illustrates the tendency of the "reformatory" influence that is now being brought to bear upon Utah:

One evening this week a certain individual who has been a resident of Ogden for some time past, in company with the 15 year old daughter of one of our citizens, called at a private boarding house on Main Street and applied for a night's lodging. The girl stayed on the street while her paramour went into the house and found that a room was to be had. The guilty pair then entered their room and passed themselves off as man and wife.

They spent the night in the room and the girl returned to her home the next morning, and, it seems, confessed her guilt and gave the name of her lecherous deceiver. A day or two later the matter was put into the hands of the police; but the male rampallian has left for parts unknown.

The father of the girl has not taken any steps, as yet, to apprehend the villain who robbed his daughter of her virtue. The scoundrel referred to has been occupied here as a tinner and has his name on the police register. Parents will do well to carefully guard their tender daughters from the villainies of such moral lepers. Laxity in such matters is not much less than criminal.

Obsequies.—The funeral service over the remains of Brother Francis Platt, whose death occurred some time since, but whose burial was deferred to await the return of his son from a mission to the Southern States, was held yesterday in the Thirteenth Ward Assembly Rooms. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity by the relatives and friends of the deceased, and the services, after the opening prayer and hymns had been offered, commenced by Bishop O. F. Whitney reading a biographical sketch of the deceased, written by Elder John Nicholson. Following that, speeches of an interesting and rather varied character, but all expressive of the esteem in which Brother Platt had been universally held, and the worthy character of his life, were made by Elders George Goddard, Wm. Navlor, John H. Ruinel, F. Little, Wm. B. Barton, N. A. Empey, F. Armstrong and H. G. Park, Apostle H. J. Grant and Bishops O. F. Whitney and M. A. Wood. The benediction was pronounced by Elder Robert Patrick, and the audience left without viewing the remains of their

dead friend, it being deemed unwise to uncover the coffin.

The casket, the railing of the stand and the tables that stood in front of it were beautifully decorated with flowers.

Elder John Nicholson, who, at the special request of the bereaved family and by courtesy of Marshal Ireland, had been permitted to come in from the Penitentiary to attend the funeral, occupied a seat on the stand, and many of his acquaintances flocked around him at the close of the service for the privilege of shaking hands with and expressing sympathy for him in the imprisonment which he is enduring for conscience' sake. He looked quite ruddy and appeared to be in excellent health.

Bound Over.—George W. Johnson, who was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Thomas Fowler, on a charge of grand larceny, in having stolen David Henderson's horse from the back of Teasdel's store on Dec. 22d, had a preliminary examination before Justice Pyper this morning. Mr. Henderson testified to the ownership of the horse, and identified the animal.

Mosiah Mercer also gave his evidence to the effect that on December 23d, he was in the employ of Mr. Larkins, at the mouth of East Cañon, Tooele County. On that date Johnson stopped at Larkins' at noon, then went up to Ophir City, and returned in the evening, having the horse with him. Johnson stated that he had just ridden in from Tuscarora, Nevada, was "strapped," and wished to sell the horse, saddle and bridle, which he did to Mr. Larkins, receiving therefor \$20, and giving a bill of sale. Mercer afterward bought the animal for \$34, and took it to American Fork, where he met Johnson, and in conversation asked the latter if there was not something crooked about the transaction, as he had seen a newspaper account of the theft of a horse answering the same description. Johnson said it was all right, as he had a bill of sale for the animal.

G. W. Johnson, the prisoner, then related his story, claiming to have bought the horse, saddle and bridle from Pat Murphy, in Salt Lake City, on December 22, for \$15. From here he went to Stockton, and sold the animal to Mr. Larkins. He also asserted that at American Fork Mercer had accused him of having stolen the horse, and wanted him to take it back and refund the money; on his refusal to do this, Johnson says Mercer tried to shoot him, but was prevented by his brother-in-law. The prisoner claimed that a man named James Dillon, of Park City, stopping at the White House, was a witness to the bill of sale, which could not be found. At the White House it was learned that Dillon had not been there at the time stated.

Johnson's bonds to await the action of the grand jury were placed at \$1,000, but failing to furnish sureties, he was remanded to jail. He evidently has not relished his week's confinement in the city prison, and asked to be turned over to the county jail as soon as possible. This was done to-day.

While Justice Pyper was announcing his decision, the prisoner interrupted him with a terrorizing assertion that if his case was sent up to the grand jury he would implicate forty or fifty others. The threat was unheeded, however, and it looks as though the "forty or fifty" would dwindle down to one—Johnson himself.

CARD OF THANKS.

EUREKA, Tintic, Utah,
Dec. 31st, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Mrs. Hesselgrave, widow of the late Joseph Hesselgrave, requests me to write, asking that you be kind enough to present her sincere thanks to the good people of Tintic and Payson and vicinity for their many kindnesses to her in her late sudden and unfortunate bereavement.

Mr. H. was universally respected by all who knew him.

Very respectfully yours,
J. C. CAMERON,
Mining Engineer.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—Rev. Father Fitzgerald, of the Catholic Church, in Evanston, Wyoming, intends coming to Salt Lake City shortly, to remain at the Sisters' Hospital for a few weeks in the hope of improving his health.

—On New Years day four prisoners confined in the county jail at Butte, Montana, made a desperate attempt to escape. They seized the jailor, disarmed him, and endeavored to get possession of the keys. The jailor, however, held on to them, shouting for help, and though struck a very severe blow over the eye with a piece of iron, succeeded in retaining his keys until assistance arrived. The prisoners had seen through a one-inch iron bar with a case knife which had been used as a saw.

—Mr. George Southam, who for many years has been a resident of Uinta County, Wyoming, met with a fatal accident near his residence on Bear River, last Christmas day. He went to Evanston in the morning to transact some business and visit his family. His wife wished him to remain to eat dinner, but owing to having stock shut up at home that needed feeding, he decided to return to the

ranch, eight miles distant, feed the animals liberally, and then return to his wife and children, after which he intended to attend the Christmas tree at the "Mormon" meeting house and then go to the ranch next morning. As he left, he told his wife that, if nothing happened, he would be back by 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The stated time came, the family waited for an hour or so, and then, coming to the conclusion that matters of importance had detained him, they gave up seeing him for the day. Evening came on and the family were busily engaged in preparing to attend the Christmas tree, when one of the daughters, a young woman, sang out to her mother that she heard her father drive up to the stable and shout "whoa!" to his team. Supper was made ready, and as it was getting late, the family left for church, leaving, as they supposed, Mr. Southam to partake of a warm meal, and then follow them. In the midst of the evening's enjoyment they were surprised to hear that Mr. Southam's team had been seen struggling in the river during the afternoon by passing railroad men. Parties immediately started to the rescue, and it was found that the team had broken through the ice over about eighteen inches of water, and, being unable to extricate themselves, had perished. Diligent search was made at the ranch and on the river bank, but no trace of Mr. Southam was found. It was at this juncture supposed he had gone under the ice, and a number of citizens proceeded to cut the ice from a shallow riffle below, where it was known that the body could not pass, and after three days' hard work they found the corpse a short distance below where he went under the ice. The remains were taken to Evanston, an inquest held and verdict rendered in accordance with the facts. It was found upon examination that his neck was broken. There were also some slight abrasions about the face. As to just how the fatal accident occurred, is all conjecture, but it is supposed that the front wheels broke through the ice with such suddenness as to throw Southam from the wagon, striking upon his head with such force as to break his neck, after which the horses, in their floundering, probably forced him under the ice. The funeral services over the remains of the deceased, who was a "Mormon," was held in the meeting house at Evanston on Wednesday evening last, and the body was sent to Randolph, Utah, for interment in the cemetery, there where several of his children are buried. Brother Southam was fifty-six years of age, and leaves a wife and a large family of children to mourn his loss. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

A STRONG REMINDER.

AN open letter from Dr. J. M. Benedict to Judge Zane will be found in another part of this paper. A few such reminders as this, from prominent citizens, might perhaps have some effect in opening the Judge's eyes to the position he often assumes when turning his court into a lecture room, and taking advantage of the protection of the bench to attack whom he pleases and say what he likes of a personal nature.

The word of Dr. Benedict, who has been familiar with Mr. Hampton for so many years, ought to have been sufficient evidence of the defendant's physical condition. And when corroborated by the certificate of a physician, with the reputation enjoyed by Dr. Anderson, it was worthy of different treatment to that which Judge Zane undertook to apply. The malicious expressions in which he indulged are further indications that no one who undertakes to say or do anything which is calculated to assist a "Mormon" when brought into his court, may hope to escape caustic censure and a misconstruction of motive. The open letter may not benefit the Judge, but it does great credit to the Doctor.

The World Still Governed by Intolerance, Prejudice and Superstition.

The people of to-day felicitate themselves that the days of ignorance bigotry, and superstition have passed, and that now the people of civilized countries are living and acting in a glare of enlightenment. Delusive thought. What do we see in the government of Austria? It rejects in advance a minister from this country because his wife is a Jewess. Where among the annals of the old superstitions is there anything more absurd? And yet it seems right to the imperial wisdom of that august and ancient dynasty. Yet how frivolous, how weak, how darkened to reason and justice is such intolerance. The ages are clothed with the blood of innocent men, women, and children growing out of just such bigotry as that. As different religions have gained ascendancies those of different beliefs have been ostracised and put to cruel deaths. But this boasted land of liberty, has not escaped its superstitions. Our forefathers came here to worship God, according to the dictates of their own consciences and when they became stronger they persecuted blameless quakers to prisons and death and burned witches. They declared it

to be God's will to do so. Then and later they said that the Bible and God upheld slavery; and all along to the present government and people have voluminously repeated that the United States was an asylum for the oppressed of all nations, and yet to-day Chinamen are tortured and slain with the utmost barbarity, and when and where have the murderers paid the forfeit of their crimes? Where are the parties that stand up and say that such guilt shall be punished? For years and years the public mind has been inflamed against the distant Mormons. Finally a law was passed to partially disfranchise them, and crush out their religion. The law was made severe against "lewd and lascivious cohabitation," intending to break up the plural families. But it has been found that the law fairly administered would bear down as heavily upon outside prostitution. And it was found out that while the Gentiles of Utah were prosecuting and making the air blue with curses against the Mormons, that they themselves were practicing lewd and lascivious cohabitation in the basest shape, making low dens of it, and rolling in its rottenness. Lately some of them have been arrested for this one hundred fold worst violation of the law, but the district attorney and judge of that Territory have released the prisoners, alleging the gauziest reason ever uttered, that the Mormons entrapped them into it; the acts of violation being too palpable, plain, and overwhelming to deny the offense itself. It may be that the attorney and judge were participators in the crime. Be that as it may, does it not show a discrimination and injustice equal to the absurdity of Austria's position? Grant that the Mormon position is a bad one, does that excuse their persecutors in that which is worse? Is the judge to be sustained who turns loose the worse violator, and hankers with whetted malice to punish the least? Public clamor and intensified, goaded on prejudice, he relies upon to bear him out in that prostitution. Will the government see that the law is impartially administered to all alike, or will it suffer the reverse, and place itself in a position to be rebuked by bigoted and tyrannical Austria?—*Sword of the Spirit, Hart., Mih.*

Oppression to be Abhorred.

We hate oppression, even inflicted upon our foulest enemies. We are not of the Jewish faith; we are no disciple of Confucius or Mahommed; we do not believe in the vagaries of Mormonism, nor of the assumed visions of a Swedenborg; nor can we realize that embodied or disembodied spirits return here from over the "river death," and are seen and embraced by some; nor do we imbibe other millions of isms of the day; and yet we are pained to see any of the devotees of the millions of isms and creeds persecuted and oppressed for opinion's sake. The Jews are sharp traders, and some of them cut-throats, but the atrocities brought down upon them in some countries are horrible to contemplate. So are the horrors inflicted on the unresisting Chinese. And there is another sect writhing under the world's fury and maledictions, unheard in their own defense, and judged by the worst stories of their bitterest enemies. It is proposed to strip them of the constitutional rights of other citizens, to disfranchise them, to put their implacable foes over them, to govern and tyrannize them, and despoil them of their property and liberty—and the educated rage of the people sustains the oppression as it once did the act of burning of witches and the bitter agony of the crucifixion. Anathemas are so fierce and the curses so deep, that none dare raise a voice against the tumultuous anger visited down upon them. And who join in this race and fray of imprecations? It is a combination of those steeped and dyed in the worst of the pools of illicit pollution, joined by those who are sincere in their faith that Solomon was the wisest that ever lived, that David the "sweet singer of Israel" was "a man after God's own heart," and who expect to rest in polygamous Abraham's bosom, and forever "bathe their weary souls in seas of heavenly bliss" with those who in their lifetime were sanctioned in their cohabitations with hundreds and almost thousands of recorded wives and concubines. This is no fancy sketch. But where is the consistency in revering the old patriarchs, and then burning with unquenchable rage against those now on earth who believe in the faith of Solomon, David, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and practice only in very small but better way their Bible-recorded virtues of family relations. But it makes no difference whether we believe as others do or not, no oppression, cruelty and tyranny should be imposed upon them because they do not believe as we do.—*Sword of the Spirit, Hart., Mich.*

Partnership Dissolved.—The law partnership which has existed for many years between Parley L. Williams and LeGrand Young, under the firm name of Williams & Young, was dissolved yesterday.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of Elnathan Eldredge.

Order appointing time and place for settlement account and to hear petition for distribution.

ON READING AND FILING THE petition of Elnathan and F. B. Eldredge, administrators of the estate of Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, setting forth that they have filed their final account of their administration upon said estate in this Court, that all the debts and expenses of administration have been fully paid, and that a portion of said estate remains to be divided among the heirs of said deceased, and praying among other things for an order of distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons interested.

It is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of the said Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, be and appear before the Probate Court of the County of Salt Lake, at the Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House on the 21st day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why an order of distribution should not be made of the residue of said estate among the heirs and devisees of the said Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, according to law.

It is further ordered that the Clerk cause copies of this order to be posted in three public places and published in the DESERET WEEKLY NEWS, a newspaper printed and circulated in Salt Lake County, three weeks successively prior to said 21st day of January, 1886.

ELIAS A. SMITH,
Probate Judge.

Dated December 28th, 1885.

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
County of Salt Lake. } ss
I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of order appointing time and place for settlement of account and distribution, in the matter of the Estate of Elnathan Eldredge, deceased, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 28th day of December, A. D. 1885.

JOHN C. CUTLER,
Probate Clerk.