THE REALM OF LAW.

Miserable Wives Protected from the Attacks of Brutal Husbands.

TWO MORE DIVORCES TODAY.

Mr. William Brennan Thinks Better of Utah's Lawyers.—The Blue Jay Trouble Comes Up Again.

Cruel and inhuman treatment was the ground upon which Esther M. Wilkinson based her action for divorce against John C. Wilkinson; and that was the first case dealt with by Chief Justice Zane in the Third district court this morning. The plaintiff was a demure little woman apparently about 30 years of age, and her pale, thin and outworn face betokened a long spell of mental anguish. She was represented by Attorney Street.

Her statement on the witness-stand was to the effect that the marriage took place in this city on October 28th, 1882, she being at that time a widow. The first "heavy break," she said, made by her husband (who is a miner) was between the 10th and 15th of December in the same year. He had drawn his wages in a lump sum, amounting to $75, and witness wanted him to go with her and buy some clothing for the children. He, however, went off and failed to return. After waiting until a late hour, she started out and found him in an uptown saloon. He there cursed her "on the sly," and when outside asked her what she wanted "in a place like that." Her answer was "Money, to get the children some clothes." He began to curse her very bitterly, punched her on the shoulder, called her vile names, and said he had "got through" all of the $15 except about $5. Of this he offered her $2.50. As he seemed inclined to return into the saloon she snatched the $25 from him. Thereupon he renewed his cursing. In February last, while she lay sick in bed, he pounced on her son (a boy of fifteen) when he opened the door to him late at night and also set to assaulting certain of the household goods. He threw a clothes-horse at plaintiff and it struck her. Then he set after the boy, seized him by the throat and threatened to kill him. Witness became terrified and rushed out of the room in her night-dress. He left the boy and chased her outside the house, declaring that he would kill her. At another time defendant attacked her with a Mexican and swore he would take her life, and had repeatedly abused her on other occasions when intoxicated, falsely accusing her before people of being the mistress of other men.

A Mr. Tillett, a tenant living in the house of the parties, testified to having witnessed the defendant's rough treatment of his wife, and said he had had to step between them more than once in order to protect Mrs. Wilkinson from his violence. His language towards her had been threatening and improper.

The son Albert having given further corroborative evidence,

Judge Zane granted the decree as prayed. No alimony was asked for.

The defendant was not present, neither did anyone appear for him.

MORE CRUELTY.

Katharina Winkler vs. Jons Winkler was another divorce suit heard at the conclusion of the foregoing. Failure to provide, drunkenness, and cruelty were the grounds of the complaint.

The plaintiff is about forty years of age and she and the defendant intermarried at Copenhagen, Denmark, on December 24, 1874. There are two children, aged respectively thirteen and sixteen. Plaintiff has resided in Salt Lake some two and a half years, but her husband has never come to this country, and is still in Denmark. Mrs Winkler stated that shortly after their marriage the defendant began to illtreat her. He had amused himself by pulling her by the hair of the head, had thrown her to the ground, and choked her while he was drunk. This was given as a sample of his misconduct.

A witness who lived in the same house as the plaintiff and her husband stated also she had seen Mrs. Winkler's face scratched and her arms and body bruised as a consequence of the defendant's ill-usage. She had often observed him drunk.

Some additional testimony having been given to show that the plaintiff is a quiet, hardworking woman, and had gained a livelihood by washing and ironing during the time she had been in this country,

The court granted the decree prayed for.

The plaintiff speaks but little English, and that so imperfectly that it was with difficulty she made herself understood on the witness stand.

John M. Cannon was her attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

In the case of Forman et al. vs Pace et al., the appeal from Justice of the Peace Woodland, of summit county, was dismissed.

The case of Joseph H. Smith et al. vs Salt Lake City was referred to Abraham P. L. Williams, as referee, on stipulation filed.

Ida L. Smith vs S. T. Smith. In this matter, now pending, being a petition for the modification of a decree giving the property to the defendant, Attorney J. M. Hart was appointed guardian ad litem for the minors.

The case of Jennings and Hiard vs Frank Kimball et al. was continued. It was on the list for hearing today.

Tom Ferguson vs George Nicholson. The motion of plaintiff for a continuance on affidavit was argued by Judge Merritt and Sayers, on the part of the defendant, by Attorney J. M. Zane. The motion was overruled and an exception taken.

JUDGE SIMMS, OF DENVER.

Judge Simms of Denver was, on application of Judge Judd, admitted to practice at the bar of this court, he being of counsel in a case shortly to be tried here.

THAT'S BETTER.

Yesterday afternoon, when William Brennan, the alleged Bountiful horse-stealer, was arraigned to plead, he could not think of one solitary attorney in the wide Territory of Utah who possessed the required legal acumen to conduct his case. After sleeping on the subject last night he seems to have arrived at a modified conclusion. Upon being brought down from the penitentiary today he induced Assistant District Attorney Stephens to go and inform Judge Zane that he would like to secure a lawyer, with a view to the prosecution of his defense. Attorney Hailey Ferguson had been appointed to do service for Brennan at his trial some time ago (before the indictment was presented to the grand jury) and the court did Mr. Ferguson the honor of again naming him. It was clear, however, that the gentleman did not take kindly to the job for the court "pleased," and there was no very clear way of getting out of it.

CRIMINAL TRIALS DEFERRED.

It had been previously arranged to take up the trials of criminal cases this morning, but it was now decided to let them go over until the cases mentioned next below have been disposed of.

BOLTON VS GROSSBECK.

The apparently never-ending litigation in which for months past the Blue Jay Mining trouble has cut such a prominent figure came once more to the surface this morning on the trial of the suit of Jack Bolton against H. Grossbeck, which opened just before noon.

The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys Kane and Miller, for the defendant Judge Bowman and Attorney J. L. Rawlins appeared.

The action is brought to recover $953.50 on a promissory note, with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, the said note having been executed and delivered on December 16th, 1891.

When the case was called counsel on both sides expressed their readiness to waive a jury and have the matter tried by the court; but when it was stated by Colonel Miller that counsel for the defense charged fraud and misrepresentation on the part of the plaintiff, in their answer, his honor said under these circumstances a jury should be empaneled to try the issue. Judge Zane likewise remarked upon what he termed the serious conflict of evidence upon a former trial, and now ordered the calling of a jury.

Twelve jurors having been secured without much difficulty the plaintiff was called to the stand and proceeded to detail the circumstances attendant upon the negotiation.

The decedent insists that the note was given in part payment of the purchase price of 45,000 shares of capital stock of the Blue Jay Consolidated Mining company, that he was induced to enter into the purchase of such stares by misrepresentation and fraud, that plaintiff, in making the sale, represented that he was well acquainted with the mining property owned by them, that it was free from all liens and incumbrances, and that the title was "clear as a bell;" also that the company was organized under the laws of the territory. All of which defendant declares to be false, states that the property was at that time incumbered for upwards of $15,000—much more than it was or is now worth—and that the consent is nonsuit.

A bitter legal fight seems probable and it is most likely the case will not be concluded today.

COURT NOTES.

Jeremiah Keith appeared before Commissioner Greenman yesterday afternoon to answer a charge of disturbing the peace. Keith went to the house of his divorced wife while under the influence of liquor. She insisted upon his departure but he refused to go and an officer was summoned who took him into custody. Commissioner Greenman sentenced him to two months in the county jail. Later the sentence was suspended pending the good behavior of the defendant.

Aaron Keyser filed an action against John Morgan and Helen M. Morgan, in the Third district court last evening, to collect $4000 on a promissory note.

In the case of Joseph Cobbents et al vs the Denver Mercantile company et al, Alison B. Smith filed a complaint in intervention to collect $962.80.

REAL ESTATE AND MINES.

Exchange Meeting.—Land Contests.—Notes.

The storm this morning, or some other cause, had the effect of bringing out a large attendance at the meeting of the Real Estate exchange today. The members had a very interesting time in a conversational way, but the volume of business transacted was small. There were a number of offers and wants listed, but no sales were negotiated.

LAND CONTESTS.

The case of C. S. Kinney vs F. H. Johnson has been decided in the land office. It involved desert land entry No. 2763, made June 1, 1889, covering section 23, township 3 south of range 2 west. The case arose on the affidavit of C. S. Kinney, corroborated by Jas. F. Nelson and E. W. King, charging non-compliance with the law and failure to reclaim. The case was heard April 13, 1893. The ruling of the register and receiver was that the applicant introduced no testimony in rebuttal of the allegation set up by the contestant, but chose to rest his case upon the brief filed by his attorney. The substance of the brief was that the contest was prematurely brought in that, not counting the day of entry, the statutory period of three years had not elapsed. If it is said that the statutory period did not expire until midnight of June 1st, it has been shown that the affidavit was not filed until June 2nd, and notice was not served on the applicant until February 8th, 1893. The decision is that the contest was not prematurely instituted, that this office properly acquired and exercised jurisdiction, that the allegations set forth in the complaint were clearly proven, and that the entry made by Johnson should be canceled.

The case of James W. Neill, owner of the Ten-Forty and Gold Dust lode mining claims, vs F. H. Shaw, applicant for the silver Star lode claim, was also decided. The contest rose on the affidavit of Neill that the assessment work on the Silver Star, which is situated in Camp Floyd mining district, Tooele county, has not been done for the years 1891 and 1892, and asked that the application for the Silver Star be canceled and the application for the Ten-Forty and Gold Dust claims be received. The case was heard April 20th, 1893, but Shaw did not appear. The decision of Register Hinton and Receiver Sherman was that Shaw had failed to do his assessment work, that he had abandoned the claim for many years, and that his application for patent of the Silver Star should be cancelled.

COPPER IN SANPETE.

Ephraim *Enterprise*: J. N. Jacobsen says he has found a copper mine in the hills west of town and that it is his intention to work it during the coming summer, as the prospects look very favorable. We hope it is true and that the results will be a good thing for the finder.

NOTES.

Though the snow is yet very deep at the head of Clear Creek canyon, says the Richfield *Advocate*, prospecting outfits are almost daily seen going into that country. The prospects are that valuable finds will continue to be made in that part and that some of these mines will be heavy producers this summer.

The tunnel in the Baby McKee mine, Big Cottonwood, which is in 250 feet, is still in F. T. Mayne, who is working the mine, to be nearly to the ledge, the footwall having been encountered. Mr. Mayne thinks the ledge at the point will contain a large amount of ore. Regarding the asbestos find made last fall, Mr. Mayne says that as soon as the snow gets off the ground he will commence operations for development.

The reservoir near Deseret is nearing completion. Many thousands of dollars have been expended already and many more will be spent in the completion of this, the largest reservoir in southern Utah. There are many farmers who have taken land near it, says the Reporter-Enterprise, and expect at some future day to reap a large profit for their labor. That tract of land heretofore been wiost might be called a desert, but its future prospects are bright indeed.

SALT LAKE CLEARING HOUSE.

Today's clearing house exchanges amounted to $228,871.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

New York—Silver, 85½c; lead, $3.75. London—Silver, 37½d.

ORE AND BULLION.

Wells, Fargo & Co. received today: Mingo bullion, $8934.

McCornick & Co. received today: Silver and lead ores, $1498.

T. R. Jones & Co. received today: Bullion, $2963; ores, $3709. Total $6672.

W. H. Steward had in for assay today 47 tons of lead ore, 25 tons of Old Telegraph ore, 250 tons of Ophir Hill ore and two lots of New Highland ore, 47 tons.

J. W. Currie had in for assay today 180 tons of Horn Silver ore and 105 tons of Sampson ore.

W. A. Hodges had in today for assay one lot of Sampson ore, 105 tons, and four other contracts.

E. R. Cluff's Little Bill.

In the Third district court this afternoon judgment was entered, by default, in the case of E. R. Cluff vs. the Driver Mercantile company, a claim of $1500 for services rendered by the plaintiff as managing clerk and superintendent, at an agreed rate of remuneration of $150 per month, between August 1, 1892, and April 1, 1893.

She Wielded a Pistol.

A woman who calls herself Mrs. C. Simmons was arrested this afternoon and taken to the police station on a charge of discharging a revolver in Victoria alley, off State street between Second and Third South streets. She was released on "putting up" her wages and chain as security. The case will be called tomorrow.

Notice to the Choir.

The Tabernacle choir meets tonight, Thursday, instead of Friday, at the usual place.

E. STEPHENS, Conductor.

Fireproofing Bill.

The joint city and county building company expect to wrestle with the claim of Architects Meehem, Bird and Proudfoot tomorrow for the sum of but even $3000 and 4000 for preparing the fireproofing plans which were never used.

VISITING THE "BLACKHOLE."

The Grand Jury Behind Prison Bars This Afternoon.—What They Saw There.

The grand jury at 3:15 this afternoon, headed by Foreman Conklin, suddenly presented themselves at police headquarters and demanded that Chief Paul admit them to the city jail being desirous of inquiring into the capacity and sanitary condition of that oft condemned building.

"Get out your keys," said Chief Paul to Assistant Jailer Burbidge, "and show the boys around."

Johnny promptly obeyed the order of his commanding officer, and soon twelve good men and true" had passed the portals of the little, old prison house. They first visited the dining room, where they found everything in apple-pie order. An inspection of the kitchen found it in the same condition.

"This way, gentlemen," said Johnny Burbidge as he led the inquisitorial body upstairs to the woman's ward. Only one inmate was found in this part of the building, and she was a negress sent up for petit larceny. She was busying herself with a needle, and glanced aloof with ill-assumed curiosity when spoken to.

Adjacent to this ward a man with delirium tremens by profession upon his bed and numerous questions were asked regarding his case and the treatment he was receiving. A step across the hallway and a heavy iron door was swung on its hinges and admission was obtained into the presence of the hardest criminals in the custody of the city. With these the jurors were mingling at press time.

While no audible expressions reached the News reporter's ears as to what the conclusion of their report will be enough information was gleaned to make the statement safe that the jail will be condemned as it has been for twenty years past.

More than this, if what Councilman Horn says is correct, the City Council may be indicted for the maintaining of a public nuisance and disgrace.

WITHIN OUR GATES.

Joseph S. Peery and J. D. Jarvis took a run down from Ogden yesterday and spent the greater part of the day looking around through the ever-present mists.

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George E. Newsum, who resides in the burg which contains the sugar factory and a good many other enterprises, is here for the time being and feeling as well as the weather will permit.

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E. J. Raleigh, who holds forth at Stockton when at home and engages in mining, is here and presumably enjoying the sensations of our tropical springtime as much as we do.

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A. R. Emery of Park City came down and took up a station at the Knutsford for the time being. The same is true of W. V. Hoe. If they came to get into an improved temperature they will probably return on the first train.

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W. H. Pike, M. D., of Provo, let the asylum for the insane and his patients generally get along without him for a spell while he took a complete rest. The doctor is a confirmed Democrat and says he is at present industriously engaged in looking on.

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Jesse Watson, one of the members of the Williamsburg City Investment company, one of the leading financial organizations of the country, is in the city. He is being shown around by Hon. H. J. Grant, who represents Mr. Watson's company in Utah.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

THE CULLEN—S B Groves, Kansas City; Jos H Nowell, San Pedro; C C Wilkinson and wife, Henry Sewell, San Diego; Miss Minnie Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Nellie Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Ida Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Lizzie Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Ella Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Mary Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Esther Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Ethel Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Ruth Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Ada Wilkinson, San Diego; Miss Ruby