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Local and Other Matters.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 31

The Lee Case.—The case of John D. Lee, on appeal from the Second District Court, was being argued before the Supreme Court to-day.

Petty Theft.—Ah Fung, a Chinaman, fancied a pair of pantaloons, belonging to John Johnson, and stole them. For this transaction he was arrested and fined \$20, last evening, by Justice Pyper.

Broke Her Leg.—Last evening Mrs. Dickinson, wife William Dickinson, of the 20th Ward, accidentally fell, at the door of her residence, breaking her leg, between the knee and hip joint. She was attended by Dr. Anderson.

Seventies' Meetings.—The general meetings of the Seventies are held at the Council House in this City on the first and third Wednesday evenings in each month, consequently the next meeting will be next Wednesday, Feb. 7th.

Robbery Case.—Yesterday Joseph Reynolds and James Swanson were taken before Justice Pyper on a charge of assaulting, beating, and robbing Thomas Jenkins of \$165. Reynolds pleaded guilty, Swanson waived an examination, and both were committed to await the action of the grand jury, in default of \$1,200 bonds each.

Cleaning Them Out.—The streets in the central part of the city were lively to-day by the flying around of picks and shovels, the Marshal having notified the occupants of property to clean out the water sets in front of their premises, in anticipation of a thaw.

In Nauvoo.—The Nauvoo Examiner of Jan. 26 says—

"A Mr. Winters, who resided in this place many years ago, and who emigrated west with the Mormons in 1847 where he has lived ever since, was in the city during the early part of the week and gave us a friendly call. He is quite a sociable gentleman, and during his conversation with us said that he recognized many of the buildings which he knew in his boyhood, and which are yet standing apparently as good as new. He said that he found but two or three persons whom he remembered as living here at the time he left, only one of whom he mentioned—Major Bidamon. There are quite a number of others here who were living here at the time, but he had forgotten them in the long lapse of time."

Mail Complaints, etc.—A. L. Siler writes from Osmier, near Ranch, P. O., Kane Co., Utah, Jan. 17, as follows—

"I am a subscriber to the DESERET NEWS. Every fifth paper, on the average, I do not get. They too often come together. Why is this? Why does our mail matter often come via St. George, when it should come via the Sevier route? We are now having our first snow storm of the winter. It is blowing and snowing, fearfully to-night. The weather has been cold and dry since October. The ground had cracked open in many places for hundreds of yards. Peace and good will to all prevail, health and happiness abound, and we start the new year with renewed intentions to do better and to live closer to our God."

City Council.—The Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Petition of Henry Snell, for the right of way to haul lime rock over public lands, north and east of the Warm Springs; referred to the committee on public grounds.

The financial committee reported that, in accordance with instructions from the Council they had destroyed Auditor's redeemed warrants for the year ending November 30th, 1876, amounting to \$188,723.22; report adopted.

The committee on municipal laws reported a bill for an ordinance relating to vehicles of various kinds; bill passed and ordered published.

The water tax, to March 31st, on St. Mary's Hospital, was remitted. Annual report of the Superintendent of Waterworks was presented, read, and referred to the committee on waterworks.

Mr. Thomas W. Ellerbeck, Superintendent of Waterworks, tendered his resignation of that position, which was accepted, and the Council tendered him a vote of thanks for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office.

The Mayor was appointed superintendent of waterworks, and the committee on that department were instructed to report their cost to the present time.

Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at half past seven o'clock.

In Wisconsin.—The Wausau Central Wisconsin of Jan. 17, has the following—

"J. H. Freeman, E. Standing and James Armitstead, Mormon Elders, from Salt Lake City, Utah, are in the city and are stopping at the Winkley House. These gentlemen are on a two years' mission through parts of the country, and are anxious to lecture to an audience in Wausau. John Huckbody Freeman is a brother of Mrs. Chas. Winkley and Charles Huckbody of this city, and some 20 years ago, with his family, resided in Wausau, residing two years. While here he was associate editor of this paper, which had just then made its appearance. From here, he and family went to Utah, where he has remained ever since."

The same paper, of January 23rd says—

"The three Mormon Elders who have been sojourning in our city for some weeks past, held forth at the Court House on Monday and Tuesday evenings to large audiences. They seem to be zealous advocates of their peculiar doctrines, and enunciate them with an unction that would shame a camp meeting. On Thursday evening these Latter-day Saints will discourse upon the 'Second coming of Christ and the judgment preceding his appearance.' Friday evening they will discourse upon the Mormon theory of plurality of wives or polygamy. Let's all go and hear how they'll handle the subjects."

January.—This is the last day of January, 1877. This month will be held as memorable in future history for several reasons. The most notable event that has transpired in it, was the dedication on its first day, of portions of a Temple, at St. George, Utah, reared to the name of the Most High God. There are but few people who fully realize the importance of such an occurrence, as it has a bearing upon the interests of the whole human family, including those who have been here and have passed to the other life, those who are still living and the untold myriads of intelligent beings who will follow. This being the last dispensation of the fullness of times, in it the Lord purposes, without abolishing the agency of mankind, to establish his supremacy upon the earth, and his work is gradually but surely developing toward the attainment of that object, and the time will come, as has been prophetically declared, when he shall have a "willing people," even if he should have to choose them from among those whom he has called, when the "day of his power" approaches, which, according to inspired predictions, can scarcely be very far off.

Another event that will probably occupy a significant position in history, of a national character, that has transpired in the month about expiring is the enacting by Congress of the famous compromise bill for the counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice-President of the United States, with a view to patching up the political difficulties ensuing from the late presidential election. It may have the desired effect and then again it may not.

During the month the conference of the European powers on the Eastern question has deliberated and dissolved without being able to patch up that gigantic muddle, not finding the Turks of that pliant material necessary to cause them

to be brought to accept the Conference proposals, and if this unsatisfactory termination of the proceedings of such an august body does not lead to a bloody issue it will be something of a marvel.

From India, in the present month, comes the intelligence that many millions of people of that far-off land are in a starving condition, the distress being horrible beyond the power of description.

During January several millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed by ice gorges on the rivers of this country.

Coming to matters of a more local character, the partial dedication of the Logan Tabernacle, last Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th, one of the finest buildings in Utah, is a matter of no small interest.

Several casualties have occurred in various parts of the Territory during this month of a more or less serious character. George Russell, aged thirteen years, committed suicide, by hanging himself, in the 7th Ward of this city, on the 8th inst.; on the 12th, Mrs. Winn dropped dead, in her home, surrounded by her children, in the 13th Ward. A couple of shocks of earthquake were felt in Sevier County, on the 14th. Samuel Holmes, of the 19th Ward, was accidentally crushed to death, by a railroad train, near the depot, on the 19th. Elizabeth Betts, of Nephi, was found dead, some distance from that place, on the 18th. On the 23d Bishop E. D. Woolley, of the 13th Ward, accidentally fell and broke his arm. On the 29th John Lees, aged seventeen, of the 19th Ward, accidentally had his leg broken, by the falling of a horse, upon which he was riding. On the 30th, William Rowe, of Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, died from the effects of having his hand accidentally cut off in a planing mill. On the 30th, Mrs. Dickinson, 20th Ward, accidentally fell and broke her leg.

On the 27th Joseph Reynolds and James Swanson attacked Thomas Jenkins, engineer of the Germania Works, at Little Cottonwood, beat him over the head and robbed him of \$165.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 1.

Fog.—More fog again this morning.

Returned.—President John W. Young has returned from St. George.

Lively.—The weather being mild, the street corners have been lively to-day.

Wading.—Owing to current thaw and overflowing of water ditches, people need not go far along the streets to find all the wading they want.

Fourteenth Ward Seminary.—The third quarter of this institution closed yesterday, when the principal, Mr. George J. Taylor, presented each pupil with a neat chromo. Miss Josephine Taylor ably conducts the primary department. The seminary is in excellent condition. The new quarter commences on Monday next.

Improvement Association.—By letter from Brother Joseph Standing we learn that a Young People's Improvement Association was recently organized at Deweyville, Box Elder County, the meetings of which were well attended and the exercises instructive and interesting.

The officers chosen were as follows—President, Joseph Standing; Counsellors, Walker Howard and John Dewey, jun.; Secretary, Wm. Southwell.

Vehicles.—Some time since the proprietors of job wagons petitioned the City Council for the privilege of paying their license quarterly, instead of yearly as heretofore. It will be seen by an ordinance, published in to-day's NEWS, that the ordinance in relation to vehicles has been so amended as to enable owners of hacks, job wagons and other vehicles to pay their licenses quarterly, at yearly rates and fifteen per cent added to the quarterly amount, and half yearly with ten per cent added.

All Wright.—Pears have been

entertained for the safety of Mr. Joseph Wright of this city, as he was known to have left England, and no news had been received of his arrival in New York. But a letter has been received in which Mr. Wright announces his arrival safely at New York, after a stormy passage of twenty-seven days. This is a long time for a steam passage across the Atlantic, but Mr. Wright is O. K. and may be expected to arrive about Friday next, when he will be welcomed by his many friends.—Ogden Junction, Jan. 31.

Mortuary.—Sexton's report for January—

Males, 20; females, 18. Of these, adults, 15; children, 23. Causes of death as reported—Lung disease, 8; diphtheria, 4; premature birth, 3; old age, 3; heart disease, 3; dropsy, 2; spotted fever, 2; water on the brain, 2; still-born, 1; puerperal fever, 1; scarlet fever, 1; typhoid fever, 1; erysipelas, 1; inflammation of the bowels, 1; killed accidentally, 1; suicide, 1; marasmus, 1; paralysis, 1; not reported, 1. Total interments, 38.

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, Sexton.

A Pleasant Visit.—To-day we were pleased to receive a visit from J. T. Wilshire, Esq., of Sydney, New South Wales and J. G. Morrison, Esq., of London, England, and formerly of Scotland. Those gentlemen have been in the city several days, and have been making good use of their time, in the matter of observing and noting matters of interest hereabout. They express themselves well pleased with their visit. They both go as far as San Francisco, whence Mr. Wilshire continues his journey to Japan, China, and Australia, and Mr. Morrison returns across the continent.

Fertilizers.—Brother J. H. Russell, of the 13th Ward, has commenced a branch of business which we consider very necessary, the manufacture of phosphates for the purpose of supplying the farmers with fertilizers. Much of the land in this part of the country, though naturally rich, has become exhausted of phosphate material, on account of the continuous raising from it of cereal crops.

Farming, like every other business, to be successful must be done well and thoroughly, and it is much more satisfactory when the operator makes the most, by good cultivation, of a small tract of land, than in scratching over the surface of a wide extent of ground. The idea that anybody, independent of experience and intelligence, can cultivate the soil successfully is erroneous. It requires intelligence as well as physical effort. We are convinced there are many poor farms the poverty of which is the result of not being intelligently cultivated. There are certain constituents taken out of the soil with every crop raised and unless replaced by suitable fertilizers, containing the same elements, the land is absolutely starved and, as a natural consequence, refuses to yield in abundance. The farmer should understand sufficient of chemistry to know the constituents of the different crops, and in proportion as they are raised those elements taken out should be replaced, by a judicious changing of crops and the application of fertilizers.

There are plenty of materials in these parts for the manufacture of fertilizers, old bones for phosphates abounding, and there being no lack of silicates.

DECEASED.

In this city, February 1st, 1877, of croup, RICHARD WILLIAM, aged 2 years and 9 days, son of Charles M. (deceased) and Elizabeth Tresedor.

At Smithfield, January 11, 1877, ROBERT GARDNER ALTHAM, aged 5 years 2 months and 18 days; and MARY ELIZABETH ALTHAM, aged 2 years, 9 months, and 11 days; both of diphtheria.

Deceased were the youngest son and only daughter of the late John Altham.

Millennial Star and Carlisle papers, please copy.

At Hyde Park, Jan. 21, 1877, of diphtheria, ISAAC HYDE, son of Isaac and Ellen M. Woolf, aged 1 year and 20 days.