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LOCAL NEWS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 29

Bear Lake Valley.—E. N. A., writing from Liberty, Bear Lake Valley, says:

"The weather is fine, and there is very little snow. Our winter weather is more like spring than we have experienced here before. Marshals, etc., are very quiet in this part of the vineyard at present; in fact there are none about."

An Extraordinary Season.—We learn from Brother Ward E. Pack, of Kamas, who is in the city on a visit, that Rhoades' Valley is yet entirely free from snow and that cattle are still doing well on the range in that region—a most unusual state of things for that high altitude.

Wild game used to be very abundant in that valley and the surrounding mountains, but now it is very seldom that any of the larger kinds of game, such as antelope, are seen, the hunting parties from this city, the Park and other places who have pursued them for sport having diminished their numbers probably more than any other cause.

The Hampton Case.—The time for the sentence of B. Y. Hampton, in the Third District Court, was set for this morning. Mr. Hampton has been convicted, by an anti-"Mormon" jury, of "conspiracy," in showing up some of the immoralities of certain individuals, among them "officers of the court," and of course "the strong arm of the court" was turned against him for his detection of criminals. At the appointed hour this morning, Mr. Sheeks, for the defendant, entered a motion for arrest of judgment on an application for a new trial, and the case was set for hearing at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The case of Trim vs. Trim, however, occupied the time until 3 p. m., at which time Mr. Burmester, for the defendant, commenced his argument, which was in progress when we went to press.

Another Burglary.—The residence of Mr. Alfred Solomon, in the Nineteenth Ward, was entered early this morning, by an unknown party, while the inmates were asleep. The first indication the family had of the visit was this morning, when, on coming down stairs the two outside doors, one facing south and the other west were found to be wide open. An examination of the premises showed that the entrance had been effected through the pantry window, which had been left unfastened. The intruder stopped in the pantry long enough to take a draught of milk which he dipped from the milk pan with a cup which stood on the shelf. The floors of two of the rooms were pretty well strewn with matches, but thus far nothing has been missed except a bull-dog revolver, which was placed on the mantel-piece last evening. Some jewelry lying near by was undisturbed. The search made was probably for money, none being secured. The police will probably have an interview with the thief shortly.

District Court.—In the Third District Court to-day, in the case of John Gogan vs. J. H. Kyner et al., the motion for a new trial was overruled.

Louis Ende vs. Lydia B. Ende; fifteen days allowed defendant to file notice of motion for new trial.

George Dryburgh was admitted to citizenship.

John Coulam vs. Ann Doull; motion of plaintiff for new trial argued and submitted.

The People vs. Thomas Scanlon, Frank Mitchell and John Walters, indicted for burglary; the defendants named were arraigned and each entered a plea of not guilty.

Maria A. Trim vs. Hyrum P. Trim; suit for divorce and \$25 per month temporary alimony; on trial before the

court. H. P. Trim sets up as a defense that the marriage was illegal, on the ground that the defendant had another wife. Trim was formerly a "Mormon," but has apostatized. The ground on which divorce was applied for is cruel treatment of the plaintiff and failure to provide by defendant. The defendant had left his first wife in 1860 or 1861, and had not since heard from her. The court allowed costs and \$100 as attorney's fees, but refused alimony. The case was set for trial on Thursday next.

Subscribe for the "News."—Now is a good time to subscribe for the WEEKLY or SEMI-WEEKLY edition of the DESERET NEWS. Each of them has been reduced in price \$1 per year, so that the Weekly is now \$2.50 and the Semi-Weekly \$3 per annum. This reduction in the price of the paper ought to result in a large increase in its circulation, not only throughout this Territory, but throughout the world, for people of this region who are interested in the spread of the Gospel and the enlightenment of the world as to the true condition of affairs here ought now to subscribe for copies to be mailed to their friends elsewhere. The good that would result if this plan were generally adopted is really incalculable, and a better way to show one's loyalty to the cause of God can scarcely be imagined than by rallying to the support of the organ which defends its interests and advocates its principles. If a Latter-day Saint can only afford to subscribe for one newspaper that paper ought to be the DESERET NEWS.

Elder R. G. Lambert, of the business department of this office, has gone on a trip through the northern part of the Territory in the interests of the paper. We commend him to the kind consideration of the Saints in that region, and hope that he will meet with ample encouragement in his efforts to extend the circulation of the News.

Thief Caught.—It was announced in the News a few days since that David Henderson, of this city, had lost a horse, saddle and bridle, which were supposed to have been stolen from the rear part of S. P. Teasdel's store. Brother Thomas Fowler, of Lehi, who is deputy sheriff of Utah County, with his usual promptitude in such matters, began immediately to look out for the thief in our neighboring county, and soon learned that a suspicious character had sold a horse answering the description of the one mentioned, in American Fork, to a man by the name of E. Larkins of East Cañon, Ophir. He came to this city and procured a warrant, Marshal Phillips kindly assisting him by sending a man with him, and the next morning early was in American Fork where he captured the thief, one J. W. Johnson, and on Sunday evening lodged him in jail in this city. This Johnson has figured in larceny cases before, and was released from the Utah County jail not long since, the grand jury having ignored his case because of a witness not appearing against him.

Sheriff Fowler has been keeping track of the fellow ever since, though the latter has probably not been aware of it, suspecting that he would soon be up to his old tricks, and the case against him now is so clear that it is to be hoped he will not escape the full penalty of his crime this time. Brother Fowler is deserving of credit for his capture.

From Ogden Valley.—We received a pleasant call this morning from our old friend and fellow-laborer, Brother James A. Thompson, who several years since abandoned the printing business and retired to the beautiful little village of Eden in Ogden Valley to follow the life of an agriculturist. He expresses himself as being content

with country life and by no means disposed to return to the city permanently. Ogden Valley, though so high up in the mountains as to be covered with snow a large proportion of the year, he considers one of the healthiest localities in the Territory, and in view of its salubrity, the disadvantages connected with it sink into insignificance. The crops generally throughout the valley were good the past season—the best that have been raised there for many years. Unfortunately, however, many of the farmers were obliged to dispose of their grain almost as soon as threshed to satisfy their creditors, having obligated themselves for machinery, wagons, buggies, etc., which in most instances they could easily have done without, being already well supplied as a community, if not as individuals in that line. The result of their extravagance is, that if a failure of crops should occur there the coming season, the people would be reduced to want.

The season so far has been very mild, and when Brother Thompson left the little valley there was no snow on the ground.

The affairs of the Eden Ward are now in a prosperous condition, the new Bishop having entered upon his duties with his characteristic energy. The Sunday School of the ward never was in a better condition than it is

now, and a day school with a large attendance is in successful operation. The meetings are very well attended, and as an additional attraction to them a fine new organ has recently been purchased.

Death of Mother Oakley.—On Saturday last, one of the oldest and most honorable of the residents of this city—Sister Elizabeth Oakley, of the 7th Ward—passed from this life, the cause of her death being pneumonia, superinduced by old age.

Mother Oakley was born in Staten Island, New York, her ancestors, who were of Dutch extraction, being among the early settlers of that region. Had she lived till the 26th of next month, she would have been 91 years of age. She and her husband, the late Ezra Oakley, who died about seven years since, and their children were the first persons to embrace the Gospel on Long Island, which they did in the year 1840. Indeed they were the only members of the Church in the Village of Flat Lands, where they lived, up to the time they left to migrate to Nauvoo, which was in the year 1842. She with her husband and family passed through the persecutions to which the Saints were subjected in Illinois, never faltering in their faith, and on reaching the Missouri River their son James, who was the mainstay of the family, though scarcely eighteen years of age, responded to the call for volunteers to go to Mexico, and became a member of the celebrated Mormon Battalion, leaving his parents to make their way to Utah the following year in the company of Apostle John Taylor. That son, being among the sick who were left by the main body of the Battalion at Pueblo, journeyed to Green River and there joined the Pioneers, and was one of six persons who were the first to enter this valley, which was on the 21st day of July, 1847—three days before the main body of the Pioneers arrived.

The family lived in the Old Fort after their arrival in the valley until the city was laid off, when they moved to the 7th Ward, which has since been their home, the old log house first occupied by them, and which was one of the first built in the city, being still in existence. The old gentleman having served his country in the war of 1812, was a pensioner for many years before his death, and Mother Oakley has continued to draw the pension since. She was a remarkably healthy woman all her life, scarcely knowing what sickness was. She had received a patriarchal blessing under the hands of Father Joseph Smith, in Nauvoo, in which she was promised that she should live to be satisfied with life, and the promise was verified. During the last few years of her life her sight was renewed so that she was enabled to read without the use of glasses. Her powers of hearing were also quickened and she cut some new teeth; in fact, it really seemed from the renewed vigor imparted to her system that she was enjoying a period of second youth. She was always noted for her activity, vivacity and cheerfulness, and she retained all her faculties up to the time of her death. Though confined to her bed for a few weeks previous to her demise from having contracted a cold, during which time she suffered somewhat, her death was easy, almost like one going to sleep.

She leaves three sons and two daughters, about 71 grandchildren, and a large number of great-grandchildren, nearly all of whom are firm in the faith.

The funeral occurred yesterday, the service being held in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms. The speakers were Bishop O. F. Whitney, Patriarch John Smith, Elder Geo. H. Taylor, Bishop Wm. Thorn and Apostle F. D. Richards, all of whom spoke highly of the character of the deceased, and gave good instructions to the living.

The relatives of Mother Oakley desired to express through the News their thanks to all who manifested kindness and sympathy for her during her sickness or assisted in any way on the occasion of the funeral.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 30.

Beaver Court.—The following comes to us from our regular correspondent as a special per Deseret Telegraph line:

BEAVER, Utah, Dec. 30, 1885.

Editor Deseret Evening News:

In the case of Carter, accused of receiving stolen property, it being found that the indictment did not cover the offense, the prosecution stopped proceedings, dismissed the jury and put the defendant under bonds in the sum of \$500, to appear before the next grand jury.

The case of Orrick the murderer, who is here for a new trial, has been laid over till March.

All the cases under the Edmunds law have also been laid over till March. Samuel Haycock, tried for perjury, has been found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment in the penitentiary. His attorney moved for a new trial and arrest of judgment, but both motions were overruled.

David Miller, indicted for an assault with intent to kill, withdrew his plea of not guilty and substituted that of "guilty of assault," and was fined \$100 and costs.

The petit jury has been discharged, and the court last night held a session and adjourned till March.

Judge Boreman left for Salt Lake this morning.

The water is still flowing from the mountains. MOONSHEE.

McMurrin Gone.—A rumor was circulated on the streets yesterday that Joseph W. McMurrin, who was shot by Deputy Collin a few weeks ago, had been removed from his home to some unknown place. He had been subpoenaed to appear as a witness at Collin's examination yesterday, but Dr. Benedict had certified that to remove him would greatly endanger his life, so he was not brought. Last evening, however, Deputies Greenman and Smith went to McMurrin's house, where they were informed that on Monday night, at the solicitation of his friends, McMurrin had consented to be removed, the reason assigned being that he could not hope to receive justice under the present administration of affairs in the District Court. Dr. Benedict was questioned as to the result of this course, and emphatically declares it as his opinion that in going away McMurrin has taken desperate chances, and that his life has been greatly endangered thereby. When the Dr. made his statement to the Marshal as to his patient's inability to bear removal, he was under a firm conviction that the injured man was at home, having seen him Monday at noon, and when he heard the rumor of his disappearance, ridiculed and utterly disbelieved the assertion.

Inquiry among young McMurrin's friends fails to elicit further information. They all believe that a charge of assault with intent to commit murder will be made by unscrupulous anti-"Mormons," in pursuance of an infamous plan, and the history of the trial of "Mormons" in the courts convinces them that it is useless to hope for anything like justice. They consider that an arrest on any charge would amount to a conviction, and under his present condition proceedings of that nature would endanger his prospect of recovery more than his removal. As soon as he becomes convalescent he is expected to return, when it is to be hoped all the circumstances of the shooting affair will be given to the public.

A Suicide.—Quite a sensation was caused this morning in the usually quiet and peaceful neighborhood of the Eighteenth Ward by the report that a young girl by the name of Mary Wilson, only a little over sixteen years of age, whose parents reside in George Saville's house in that part of the city, had committed suicide by taking strychnine. The report was soon confirmed, and Coroner George J. Taylor summoned, who held an inquest at which the following facts were developed:

The young girl, who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, came to this country with her parents between two and three years ago, and since that time has generally lived out at service. She left her last place of service on Sunday evening last, and returned home, and on Tuesday morning had some words with her mother because the latter chided her for general levity and especially for her desire to go to dances and keep late hours. She left home in a passion, declaring to her mother that she would rue having scolded her. The understanding of the family when she left home was that she was going to take another situation, and her mother did not doubt that her anger would soon subside, and leave her a feeling as well as ever. Instead, however, of this being the case, the girl proceeded immediately to the 20th Ward store and purchased a bottle of strychnine. Her brother, a youth of 18 years, is employed at the store but happened to be out when his sister called, but returned just as she was leaving and was told by the clerk of what she had purchased. He immediately followed and overtook her, and on being informed that she intended to take the poison, he obtained possession of it and talked to her until she appeared to have fully relented and promised that she would go directly to her situation.

Nothing more was heard or seen of her by her friends until this morning at about 8.45 when she was met by E. T. Browning, a neighbor, coming up the hill towards her home, apparently crying, but when he turned around to see what was the matter, she smiled and he passed on. Soon afterwards Isaac Langton was passing along the street and saw her reclining by the side of the road a couple of blocks from her parents' residence, apparently in pain, and on his enquiring what ailed her, she replied: "Help me! I am dying!" The gentleman summoned help and carried her home, in the meantime learning from her that she had taken half a bottle of strychnine. She recognized her mother on being taken to the house,

reached out her hand and exclaimed, "O, mother!" but was unable to say anything more she was so badly convulsed. Efforts were made to save her life, but all in vain. She expired at 9:10, just as Dr. Benedict, who had been summoned, arrived on the scene.

Her parents and friends are greatly distressed over her sad fate, and will not believe that she really had any intention of taking her life, but think that she took the poison more for the purpose of frightening her mother than anything else, and without any knowledge of the powerful effects of the drug.

The jurors were: Robert Patrick, D. C. Dunbar and Godfrey Leinhard, and the verdict rendered in accordance with the facts stated.]

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—On the Mojave desert among the yuccas grass is six inches high, a hitherto almost unprecedented occurrence.

—The *Sentinel* says that out of twenty cases of diphtheria in Fountain Green, Sanpete County, nine have proved fatal.

—On Monday morning last, at Preston, Idaho, Miss Rachael Thomas was accidentally shot in the arm by her little brother, while the latter was playing with a loaded shot gun. The wound is not serious.

—The three year old daughter of William Jenkins, of Newton, Cache Co., had her neck pierced with a knitting needle recently. She was holding the needle when her father came into the room with an armful of wood and his shoes being slippery, he stumbled against the child; the needle was driven through her neck into her throat. The father immediately removed the needle and no serious results have thus far followed.

—E. E. Farman, second deputy district clerk and coroner of Missoula County, Montana, skipped on Saturday last, for parts unknown. He had been gambling for months past, making heavy losses. Aside from his official trusts, he was or had been local representative of the Corbin Banking company, handling considerable money, as this company was loaning money on improvements on ranches in the vicinity. The amount of his defalcations is unknown. He is reported to have gone west, probably to Portland.

—On Monday last, about 10 p. m., C. H. Perkins, formerly of Ogden, Utah, but now of Spring Hill, Idaho, and a brakeman on the Utah & Northern, was killed at Silver Bow, Montana. As far as can be learned, the particulars are as follows: The train had arrived at the station on time, and was backing slowly toward a switch, at the time Perkins was seen with his lantern in his hand for the supposed purpose of climbing up between two of the cars. That was the last seen of him alive. The theory is that in attempting to climb up he accidentally fell and that eight cars passed over his body. After backing up to the switch, the engine was uncoupled and ran to the water tank, took on water, and was returning to catch on to the train, when the body was discovered, and an alarm given. The body was at once removed to the house, but it was so shockingly mutilated as to almost defy recognition. The skull was badly crushed, and the throat cut from ear to ear. Two of the wheels had passed over the body in the neighborhood of the stomach, nearly severing it in two. The right arm was crushed from the shoulder to the wrist into a shapeless mass of flesh and broken bone. The left arm was cut, twisted and broken. The left leg was broken below the hip. Mr. Perkins was an old railroad man, having been for some time a freight conductor on the D. & R. G. W. Railway between Ogden and Pleasant Valley Junction. He was a married man, and had just removed his family from Ogden to Spring Hill.

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