

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 12.

[Per Deseret Telegraph.
New Office.]

* SALT LAKE, Dec. 11th, 1872.

Editor Deseret News.

A telegraph office is now open at Monroe, Sevier County, Miss Annie Irons as operator. Monroe is a few miles north of Bullion City.

A. M. MUSSEY.

ROBBERY.—A man, named Canin Lewis, alleges that he was robbed of a pocket book containing something over \$83 in U. S. currency near the Theatre the other night, and makes affidavit that he believes a certain "champion swearer," who is not a baker by trade, committed the robbery.

MORE SMALLPOX.—From Bishop Smith of Centerville, we learn that two more cases of smallpox have developed themselves there, making three persons in that settlement now suffering from that disease. The Bishop states that every precaution possible under the circumstances, to prevent the spread of the disease, has been adopted. Two of the sufferers are progressing favorably; the condition of the other is regarded as more critical.

UTAH COUNTY.—A gentleman just in from Utah County informs us that he never knew such a time of general prosperity and good feeling among the citizens of the settlements he visited. He visited Camp Floyd, or Fairfield, in company with Elders George Halliday, Lewis Harvey and Wm. M. Frampton, home missionaries. A meeting was held there, which was fairly attended by the people of the settlement, who listened attentively to the spirited remarks made by Elders Halliday and Harvey. The missionaries held a meeting in the evening at Cedar Fort, which was well attended, two wagons loaded with citizens of Fairfield having followed the Elders there to hear further from them. The missionaries named are doing a good work.

A DEPLORABLE CASE.—Yesterday a man was picked up by the police officers and taken to the City Hall, who, by his strange conduct, was thought to be afflicted with delirium tremens. He was placed in the city jail, which he imagined was the Arizona diamond fields, and he would crawl around on the floor in search of the precious stones and would occasionally flatter himself that he had found one of immense value. Besides being *non compos mentis* he was in a most horrible condition physically, being a mass of corruption. Dr. Ormsby was called in to see him, and this morning he stated that the unfortunate being could not survive more than a few hours. When first taken to the City Hall he said his name was George Saul, and that he had come from Cottonwood Canyon.

STILL ANOTHER CASE.—It having been reported that a case of small-pox had appeared at the house of one of the Pettit Brothers, on Jordan, Dr. Clinton, quarantine physician, visited the place this morning and found a young man, whose name we could not learn, suffering with the malady, in a mild form. The patient, who is from Bear Lake and a relative of Mr. Pettit, was removed to a house some distance from Mr. Pettit's, and a man will be at once dispatched from the City to take care of him. The patient does not know how he caught the disease, as he is not aware of ever having been exposed to infection. We understand that a number of persons, living in the north-eastern portion of the city, were exposed to contact with the disease through being in the company of the patient before the nature of the disease with which he was affected was fully known. It is to be hoped that those parties will take precautions which will naturally suggest themselves, on the general principles of common sense.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The fire department of this city held a meeting in the room over the engine house at seven o'clock last night, which was well attended, about one hundred persons being present, among whom were Messrs. N. H. Felt, J. F. Smith, H. Grow, and John R. Winder, of the City Council committee on fire department. After the usual opening ceremonies several matters of business were attended to. About twenty-five new members were enrolled, and it was decided that from twelve to eighteen members of the department should sleep in the room over the engine house each night, that they might be on hand and on the spot in case of emergency. Some general instructions were given with regard to the duties of the department by Chief Engineer J. D. T. McAllister, and remarks were also made by Messrs. N. H. Felt and J. R. Winder.

The department then adjourned to the engine house, and in order to demonstrate whether the steam fire engine could be moved about with sufficient activity on the streets without the aid of horse power, it was run down comfortably by about thirty men to the Clift House corner, Third South street. The hook and ladder implements and the hose and carriage were also taken out.

The department adjourned till next Monday night. Besides special meetings the by-laws stipulate that monthly meetings will be held.

On Saturday night a hose company w

organized, with Richard J. McAllister as foreman, whose duty it is, in case of fire, to see that there is a supply of water at the desired points and to manage the hose.

There was a general desire manifested by those who attended the meeting last night to be prompt and energetic in performing the various duties required of them.

We understand that the room over the engine house will shortly be fitted up in comfortable style by the city.

It is doubtless gratifying to our citizens generally to know that such efficient measures are being perfected for the subduing of fires, and if the requisite amount of energy continues to be displayed in this direction, Salt Lake City will be as forward in this respect as any other city of its size in the Union.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 12.

THE EVENING STAR is a brilliant sight every night now.

FINE.—Did the oldest inhabitant ever see a finer time for the season than the present?

GAMBLING.—There was a large number of cases of gambling before Justice Clinton last evening. A fine of \$100 was imposed in each case.

EDWIN FORREST DEAD.—It will be seen by our latest telegrams that the great American tragedian, Edwin Forrest, died suddenly, this morning, at his residence New York.

DEAD.—George Saul, mentioned by us yesterday as having been picked up on Commercial Street in an insane condition, and who engaged in the pastime of hunting for Arizona diamonds on the floor of the City jail, died at a late hour last night.

PROVIDENCE, Cache Co.,

Dec. 5th, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir: We are now being blessed with beautiful mild weather in this valley, the frost is out of the ground and everything has taken a favorable turn for the grading of the U. N. R. R. The people here are sanguine that the "iron horse" will be smoking through the streets of Logan this winter, which looked rather doubtful a short time ago. The authorities of this valley are alive in this matter and the people are responding to the call made upon them to make the road. Our Bishop and a good company are out on the grade doing their best to help on the work, so you see Providence is lending a helping hand.

We are in a progressing condition in this settlement. We have good meetings which are well attended, good preaching, good health and in good spirits regarding the present and future. We are trying to live at peace with each other. Respectfully,

JOHN BULLOCK.

PRESIDENT SMITH AND PARTY.—By letter to the editor of the News, from President George A. Smith, dated S. S. Minnesota, Nov. 17th, we glean the following:

The party were then within 180 miles of Queenstown. The trip had been slower than usual, owing in part to the prevalence of headwinds and rough weather for several days, which also caused a good deal of rocking and unpleasantness to the voyagers. During the trip on the ocean Miss E. R. Snow composed a poem, "Crossing the Atlantic." While at Washington President Smith and Elder F. Little had a very pleasant interview with President Grant.

By the kindness of President Young we glean the following from a letter from President Smith, dated, Liverpool, Nov. 20th:

"The party, all well, arrived in the Mersey at 1 a. m. on the 19th. At 4 past 7 they were joined by President Carrington and Elders J. G. Bleak, G. F. Gibbs and B. W. Carrington. Then breakfasted together on board the *Minnesota*, they landed and proceeded to the North-Western Hotel, in Lime St."

President Smith says:

"My reflections reverted to the 6th of April, 1840, when I landed penniless with you in this town, to commence our mission in a foreign land."

They expected to leave for London on the 21st, to attend conference there on the 24th. On arriving there they would make final arrangements for their tour in Europe and Asia. The following are the names of those who are going to Palestine. President George A. Smith, Elders Lorenz Snow, Feramorz Little, George Dunford, Paul A. Schettler, and Thos. W. Jennings, Miss E. R. Snow, and Miss Clara Little.

COMMITTED.—Charles W. Baker, the swearer and counter-swearer of last winter, was examined before Justice Clinton yesterday afternoon on a charge of stealing, from Canin Lewis, a pocket book and \$83.50. Lewis swore positively that he saw Baker take the pocket book, and Mr. Clements R. Horsely testified that he saw the prisoner run away after Lewis charged him with the theft.

Baker was bound over to answer to the Probate Court, and, in default, was committed to jail.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 11.

[Per Deseret Telegraph.]

PAYSON, Dec. 13th, 8:45 p.m.—President Young and party reached here this p.m.,

all well. In the evening Elders L. D. Young, W. C. Staynes, E. F. Sheets and A. M. Musser addressed a large and attentive assemblage of the people, in the fine new meeting house, on the every day duties of life.

A COMPLETE SMASH.—Yesterday a man attached a span of horses to a wagon, on Third West Street, near the Utah Southern railroad, for the purpose of testing the animals. In crossing the track the horses balked when the wagon was on the line. A freight train, with passenger car attached, backed from the North and the result was that the wagon was smashed into "smithereens," the wood work being knocked into splinters. The passenger car also sustained some damage from the collision.

FROM WYOMING TERRITORY.—Mr. Morrison, Deputy Sheriff of Uintah County, Wyoming Territory, is in town, having arrived a few days ago armed with a requisition from the Governor of Wyoming for the arrest of one Sheppard, against whom there stands a charge of embezzlement. The Wyoming authorities had received information that Sheppard was in these parts and they sent Mr. Morrison after him. Mr. Morrison, accompanied by a son of Mr. R. J. McAllister, a Deputy Marshal, brought the prisoner to town yesterday evening, having caught him in one of the mining camps in the vicinity of Park's Park.

PIOCHE MATTERS.—Here is a dispatch from that place:

PIOCHE, 13.—The case of James Woods, charged with killing Wm. McCarthy, was investigated by the grand jury and the prisoner discharged.

There was an excursion yesterday on the Pioche and Bullionville R. R., around Spring Mountain. The road will be completed to Bullionville in January.

It is reported that rock assaying \$3,500 per ton was struck yesterday in Pioche, in the Phoenix Mine.

The bullion shipments for the past three days, by Wells, Fargo & Co's express amounted to \$115,905.

BRITISH MISSION.—We learn the following from the *Millennial Star* of November 12th:

A Conference was to be held in London, November 24th, at which President George A. Smith and party were expected to be present, the Elders from Utah in the British Isles were expected to be present on the occasion, so far as possible.

Elder Charles H. Wilcken, President of the Birmingham Conference, had completely recovered from the smallpox, and had resumed the duties of his appointment. Elder Erastus W. Snow, who had nursed him in his illness, had, so far escaped being attacked by the disease.

Elders John Bennion, Luke Syphus and Mark Burgess arrived from Utah Nov. 3rd on a visit to their relatives and friends, and were authorized to labor in the ministry as they might have opportunity and feel disposed.

LOOKS BAD.—In our Thursday's issue we stated that a case of alleged swindling or embezzlement would shortly come up in the Justice's Court for investigation, and that the defendant in the matter was a gentleman of some influence and standing in society, having come to this Territory bearing letters of recommendation and introduction from a number of influential men of the nation. The investigation was to come off before Justice Samuel W. Richards at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The defendant, both in person and by counsel, appeared at the time appointed, but no one appeared on the other side. Neither the person who made the affidavit charging the defendant with the grave crime, nor any of four other complaining witnesses who had been subpoenaed, was there. The Court was kept open one hour after the appointed time, when counsel for the defendant asked for the discharge of the latter, which of course was at once acceded to. The Court announced its intention to have the person who made the complaint and the other witnesses who had been subpoenaed brought before him and required to show cause why they should not be fined for contempt. Of course the Court could not do otherwise, but if the case is as bad as it looks it is to be regretted that steps a great deal more stringent than that should not be taken. The defendant and his counsel are emphatic in asserting that the case was got up by the complainants for the express purpose of levying blackmail. We are, of course, not prepared to say definitely that such is positively the case, but there is no doubt whatever about appearances pointing very strongly in that direction.

It is very certain that a person who prefers so serious a charge against an individual as that of embezzlement, must either do so because he is convinced the party defendant is really guilty, or he must have some ulterior motive, and if that motive be the levying of blackmail, it is the complaining party himself who is the criminal, in fact the embezzler, whether he accomplishes his object or not, for it is the malice aforethought and intent which in reality constitutes the offence against the laws.

Whether or not the case in question was one concocted for blackmailing purposes, one thing is certain, and that is, that blackmailing is one of the most cowardly, cold blooded systems of robbery ever resorted to by the cormorants of society, and the

laws and the enforcement thereof cannot be too stringent on matters of that kind.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 16.

SNOW.—There was a light fall of snow yesterday morning extending southward from a short distance north of Sandy, there being about two inches on the ground between the point named and Lehi.

SMALLPOX AT MORGAN CITY.—A letter, dated December 13th, from a gentleman residing at Morgan City, says there are one or two cases of smallpox in that place. It was introduced by a young man who came to live with a family there. He had it very light and soon after his arrival one of the children of the family fell sick of the same disease.

NOT THE RIGHT NAME.—A report of the proceedings in the Police Court a few days ago said that a Mrs. Morris was fined for stealing \$20. The party's real name was not Morris, although that was the one given by her. We make this statement in justice to a lady named Morris, and at her request, in case any of her friends should imagine it was she who was fined.

STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION.—It is rumored that work will commence immediately, grading two additional blocks of the street railway, extending it eastward to the south-east corner of the 13th Ward. The cost of the work to be done on this extension, we are informed, will be \$800, and up to Saturday night the residents of the locality had subscribed \$600, with quite a number more anxious to give their quota towards making up the amount required. It is said that the Drs. Benedict and C. H. Hempstead, E. q., each contributed \$100.

TWO DAYS' MEETINGS.—The two days' meetings held at Draperville on Saturday and Sunday were well attended, and the time was spent in a most profitable and enjoyable manner, an excellent spirit prevailing. Elder Reuben Miller presided. The following were the speakers—R. Miller, A. Gardner, Geo. Swan, A. Smith, J. Groo, Geo. Teasdale, J. D. T. McAllister, Nicholson, R. F. Neslen, and I. M. Stuart. The every day duties of life, the nature of the latter day work, the proper training of the young and the second coming of the Savior, were the principal subjects treated upon.

FOURTH WARD.—There will be a concert in the Fourth Ward school house, for the benefit of the Sunday school of the ward on the evening of the 23rd. The entertainment will commence at 7 o'clock, doors open at 4 past six. The object of the concert is good and it should therefore be well attended. A party, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the same purpose, will be given in the same place on the evening of the 27th.

Yesterday evening the new meeting room of the Female Relief Society of the ward was dedicated, Bishop Jenkins offering the dedicatory prayer, after which refreshments were partaken of by those present. The participants included most of the families of the ward. An enjoyable evening was spent, until ten o'clock, when the party dismissed.

HOME MISSION.

Two days' meetings will be held at South Cottonwood (Rollin's Ward), Dec. 21st and 22nd. Elders R. Miller, D. Candland, N. H. Felt, A. Smith, M. B. Shipp, Milo Andrus, and Wm. McMaster, and Bishop A. Gardner will attend.

Meetings will commence at 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

The Saints living at a distance should come prepared to stay until the close of the afternoon meetings. The Saints living in Draperville, Big Cottonwood, West Jordan, Sugar House and those in adjoining wards, are cordially invited to attend the meetings to be held at South Cottonwood.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd, Elders George Teasdale and John Nicholson will preach at Farmington.

Elders appointed on these missions are requested to be prompt in filling them.

L. D. YOUNG, per R. F. N.

OGDEN.—We glean the following from the *Journal* of Saturday:

The reports of the Bishops and Presidents of the various wards and settlements of the stake at the conference at Ogden were generally very encouraging, showing a great deal of material prosperity and of advancement in educational matters.

"An accident occurred on Monday night on the U. P. R. R. at Weber quarry." All the information we have received, is to the effect, that as an emigrant train reached the quarry, two cars and a caboose were thrown off the track, and completely destroyed. One man's arm was severely injured, and a few bruises were suffered by some of the passengers.

"Last Wednesday evening a young man twenty-six years of age," named Thomas Smith, who is considered to be of weak intellect, was coming down Logan canyon when he fell from his wagon to the ground, the wheels passed over the right ankle breaking the bone. The wheels passed over his heel, and if both his legs had been of equal length, he would have had two broken limbs instead of one. Dr. Lamoreaux was sent for, who soon set the bone, and the patient is progressing favorably."