

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 20.

Dangerously Ill.—Yesterday morning, Mrs. Sarah Thompson, relict of the late Ralph Thompson, of the Sixth Ward, was taken suddenly ill. Last evening the lady appeared to be gradually sinking and but slight hopes of her recovery were entertained. Sister Thompson is Counselor to the President of the ward Relief Society and is very much respected.

A Stray Cheese.—It was not a gristlestone that was found by J. A. Truelson as he was coming up the County Road on Saturday, but he might readily be excused for supposing so, as it very much resembled it. It was a cheese which would probably weigh between fifty and sixty pounds. He left it at the house on Bishop S. A. Woolley's farm, where the owner can obtain it.

Funeral Services.—The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Marinda Y. Conrad were held at her late residence yesterday. The opening prayer was offered by Elder H. P. Richards. The speakers were Counselor D. H. Wells, Bishop L. D. Young and President Angus M. Cannon. The benediction was pronounced by Elder Feramorz Little. The services were conducted by Bishop Atwood, of the 13th Ward. At the grave the dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder Seymour B. Young.

Lost Bundle.—John Mathews informs us that he and family came to Utah with the company that left Liverpool June 20th, and arrived in New York July 1st. They had the misfortune to lose a bundle, without address, containing the following articles: Two white bonnets, one trimmed with pink, one small woolen shawl, two pairs men's stockings, two medium-sized pinafores, two pairs children's stockings, several towels, sponge, soap, a quantity of baby's changes, pinafores, night dresses, flannels and napkins, hair brush and comb, clothes brush, some groceries, etc. Address—care of D. E. Williams, Benson, Cache County.

Accidentally Drowned.—A lamentable case of accidental drowning occurred at Georgetown, Bear Lake County, Idaho, on the 12th inst. Sister Louisa Hayes permitted her little two-year old girl to go out to play with some other children. The little one was engaged picking service berries near the house when she fell down the bank of the creek a distance of ten feet, and was carried down the stream about 150 yards. When found, life was extinct, all efforts at resuscitation proving of no avail. She was very much bruised from the fall, but drowning was supposed to be the direct cause of death. Much sympathy was felt for the parents, Alma and Louisa Hayes, upon whom the accident was a severe blow.

The Eleventh of the Series.—The Eleventh Book of the "Faith Promoting Series" is just issued. It is a work of 104 pages, and is entitled "The Myth of the Manuscript Found." It is from the prolific pen of Elder George Reynolds, is well written, gives a great deal of information on a subject of much interest and upon which there has been any amount of controversy. It relates entirely to the Book of "Mormon," makes a hurried hubbub of the Spaulding story theory of its origin, and shows what the record really is. It gives a very interesting relation of the incidents of the early life of the Prophet. Information is given concerning the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, gleaned from various authentic sources, and the subjects of internal evidences and prophecies of the record are very intelligently treated upon. The price of this exceedingly interesting work, just issued from the Juvenile Instructor office, is 25 cents. It should have an extensive sale. It can be had at the Instructor office, or from Brother Walter Reynolds, who is soliciting subscriptions for that and a number of other books.

Impression on Visitors.—It is sometimes interesting to note the effect made upon different classes of visitors who spend a few hours, days or weeks in this vicinity. Some good, free-hearted, honest people are delighted with the beauty of this city, its unsurpassed surroundings, and the general peace and quiet prevailing, together with the endless fruits of intelligence and in-

dustry everywhere apparent. Some again see the same things but instead of creating in them a feeling of pleasure, having come filled with bitter prejudice against the "Mormons," they are charged and disappointed at finding such evidences of worth and virtue in a people concerning whom they had formed an unfavorable view. They go off filled with bitterness, and from that time their warped souls become fountains of falsehood about the "Mormons," and they couldn't tell why if they were requested to explain.

Some who come receive very favorable impressions concerning the "Mormons," judging them from the infallible standard of good works. They admit having their former prejudices removed, and assert that wherever they go they will be able to depict things in a very different light. A few have the manhood to stand to their convictions, while much the larger portion, finding their statements of truth received not only with coldness, but even with suspicion which almost amounts to "Art thou also one of them?" and they quickly recede under the shell of silence or turn and swim with the tide of popular prejudice, in buffeting which with sturdy and unflinching strokes the "Mormons" present the sublimest spectacle of human stability, in standing by conviction, of the age. Even their bitterest enemies know this and the knowledge of the fact gnaws at their vitals like an undying worm.

Gathering of the Dickinsons.—Some time since Hon. D. H. Wells received an invitation to attend, at Amherst, Mass., a gathering of the Dickinson family, with whom he is connected by his grandmother, Experience Dickinson. He was unable to be present, but wrote a letter to those who were arranging for the meeting, which occurred on the 8th and 9th inst., acknowledging the invitation. Brother Wells' daughter, Miss Louie, being in the East, was in attendance, and was received and treated with much cordiality. The Mr. Dickinson who presided on the occasion, before proceeding to read the letter of Hon. D. H. Wells, made a brief speech, in which he alluded to his visit to Salt Lake City, four years ago, when he formed his acquaintance. He spoke of him in terms of the highest respect. The meeting was held in the Amherst College, Hull, and was largely attended, the occasion being the 223d anniversary of the settlement on the estate of Nathaniel Dickinson, whose grave is at Mount Holyoake, at which place the second day, the 9th, was spent by the party, Mrs. Belle Sears being also a guest during that part of the proceedings.

An Atrocious Murder.—The latest issue of the *Orion Era*, of St. Johns, Apache County, Arizona, contains the following: "On Saturday last, towards evening, a cold, cruel, cowardly murder was perpetrated at Mr. Roman Lopez' ranch, about 15 miles north of St. Johns. It appears that Mr. Lopez had let both the parties, the murderer and his victim, have cows on shares, and some person had informed Mr. Lopez that Roman Ortiz had sold one of his cows without permission, and Ortiz was told he must get the cow and bring her back to the ranch, which he did; and after doing so, he then went to Concho, procured two bottles of whisky and returned to Mr. Lopez' ranch. On his arrival he went into the house where two Mexican ladies and his victim, Mr. Robert Ruiz, were engaged playing cards. Ortiz then said to Ruiz, 'You are the man who carried the tales to Mr. Lopez, and this stops you from repeating any more stories about me,' and immediately fired five bullets into the body of Roberto Ruiz, killing him instantly. The murderer then fled toward New Mexico. Two officers are now in pursuit, and it is to be hoped he will be captured, and that in this case the law may be vindicated."

The sheriff of Apache County offers \$200 reward for the arrest of the murderer.

BURGLARY NEAR KAYSVILLE.

TRAMPS SUSPECTED OF DOING THE DEED.

Mr. George Swan, Jr., resides at the farmstead, at Summit Station, north of Kayville, on the U. C. R. R., formerly owned by Bishop Layton, but lately purchased by the Swan family. Last evening he and

family locked up the place and went down to Kayville on a visit. During their absence the house was broken into by burglars, who, from the way things were strewn about, must have stayed an hour or two and had a good time. They carried off all the money they could find—we are not advised as to the amount—two pistols and other articles of value. A couple of tramps who had been seen on the railroad track were suspected. Mr. Swan set out at once in pursuit, and had he caught the culprits he would doubtless have given them a hard time. He was at Ogden this morning, where he got another clew to the suspected parties, who will doubtless be captured if they have not already been taken into custody.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

AMERICAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, 19.—News of an atrocious murder supposed to have been committed last Monday was suddenly revealed to-day. The murdered man was Nicholas Skerrett, a real estate dealer, and a well-known resident of this city. His body was unexpectedly discovered in a closet of an empty house, 1129 Ellis street, belonging to deceased, by a person who went in for the purpose of renting it. The stench on opening the door disclosed suspicions of a crime having been committed, and without proceeding further the party reported the case to the police authorities. Search was made and the corpse found lying on a small bench in an advanced state of decomposition, but nothing to indicate by what manner he came to his death, beyond the marks of blood on the stair-case. Skerrett has been missing since last Monday, but it was supposed he had gone to Sacramento on business. This supposition was confirmed from the fact that two telegrams were received from there bearing his signature, one addressed Samuel Dixon, stockbroker, the other to Donohoe, Kelly & Co., bankers, to the effect that he was engaged in selling some property, and would not return for several days. The only information so far obtained is that on Monday last he was seen to enter the house with three men from Nevada who were negotiating for the purchase of the house and two others adjoining, belonging to Skerrett. Shortly after the neighbors saw the three men come out of the house, but not accompanied by Skerrett. This fact did not excite suspicion, and the matter was forgotten until it was disclosed yesterday by a person who sought to rent the premises. The deceased was possessor of considerable wealth, aged sixty, with no relatives here except a young nephew. Expert detectives have been detailed to work the case up.

St. John, N. B., 18.—News is received here that the schooner *Charles A. Samuels* from Santos Brazil via Penedo for New York had become a total wreck. No particulars have been received.

Boston, 18.—The Glenn House, Watertown, containing about 400 rooms, is burned. It was chiefly patronized by cattle men.

News' Waco special: Information has just reached Waco that on Thursday afternoon a cyclone struck Ogleby, demolishing a station-house and a store, scattering the goods all over the prairie. One man was blown a distance of two hundred feet.

A young man named Harris, at Pecan Grove, in Carreyell County, this afternoon, was struck by lightning. He and his horse were instantly killed.

CAMP ARTHUR, Gros Ventre River, Wyo., 17, via Fort Washakie Aug. 19.—At 6.30 o'clock this morning the President and party mounted their horses and started from Camp Isham. We marched down the valley of the Gros Ventre, crossing that stream to the north side about 10 miles from our camp of last night, thence the trail diverged from the river passing through canyons, and over mountains of considerable elevation, although the grades were not very steep. After marching about 15 miles we arrived at a low mesa on the river which was so attractive that the whole party voted we should remain here to-night. In honor of the President, Gen. Sheridan has called the camp "Camp Arthur." Shortly after our arrival, rods and reels were gotten in shape and the entire party went fishing. Gen. Stager made the largest catch, Senator Vest the next

and the President third. Captain Clark came in this morning from a two days' hunt after elk and deer. He had but little success. All the party are well and enjoying the fishing, hunting and mountain air with the keenest zest.

SAN FRANCISCO, 19.—From the description given of the three men who visited the house of Nicholas Skerrett the real estate broker found murdered yesterday evening, the detectives have succeeded in arresting one of the murderers. He proves to be an ex-convict named W. Light Leroy, formerly a shrewd well-read attorney of Oakland, Cal. While residing there he forged a number of deeds to town lots hypothecating them for considerable money. Being detected he was sent to San Quentin prison for seven years. He was discharged only last May. When the detectives had made sure of their man, he was at once charged with the crime, but denied everything. Being confronted with some of his own handwriting showing how he had been implicated in designs upon Skerrett's property, he finally acknowledged that he had been engaged by two men, John D. Townsend and Wm. Miller, who claimed to have large mining interests in Denver, to act as broker for the purchase of Skerrett's property. After making this admission the prisoner was confined in a solitary tank and a few hours later sent word to the chief of police that he had something to communicate, stating that what he had previously said was all lies and that he now wanted to tell the truth. He thereupon confessed to being implicated with Townsend and Miller in a scheme to obtain possession of Skerrett's money, but denied having anything to do with the murder. The plan concocted was to propose to Skerrett to purchase his empty houses and while viewing them, Townsend and Miller should choke him until he had signed checks on Donohue, Kelly & Co., for the money he had on deposit. On the day appointed Skerrett accompanied the men to the house where the body was afterwards found. Leroy says he refused to go with them and knows nothing of what took place and refused to make any further statement. The chief detective believes the deed was unintentional; that not being able to force Skerrett to sign the check, the men kept choking him till death ensued. Skerrett, the murdered man was a California pioneer who arrived here in '49.

WASHINGTON, 19.—Judge Jere Black died at 2 o'clock this morning.

New York, 19.—A dispatch from Washington says: The report of Judge Black's death was received, but not thought to be correct. Dr. Garner, consulting physician, had heard nothing during the day and discredited the rumor when first reported to him this evening.

York, Pa., 19.—The immediate cause of his death was toxæmia, produced by absorption of retained urinary deposits superinduced by constriction of the bladder. Prior to the operation of Thursday, Dr. McKenna, of York, who had spent the day with the patient noticed the appearance of unfavorable symptoms about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. Meisenholder, who relieved Dr. McKenna also noticed the change for the worse, and from that hour the increasing gravity of his symptoms indicated a gradual failure of the vital forces. Judge Black suffered greatly during his illness, but his last moments were without acute pain and he passed quietly away, retaining consciousness until within a few minutes of his death.

York, Pa., 19.—Judge Jeremiah Black died at ten minutes past 2 this morning. Though not unexpected, his death was a sudden shock to the community. On Saturday morning he seemed better, but the improvement was too slight to justify hopes of recovery. An unfavorable change began about 4 in the afternoon and he gradually grew worse, but remained conscious almost to the end and died peacefully. From the beginning of his illness Judge Black believed he never would recover and was perfectly resigned. Mrs. Black, Lieut.-Gov. Channey, T. Black and wife, Henry Black, Mr. and Mrs. Hershby, A. B. Farquhar and Dr. Meisenholder were present. Many telegrams of condolence have been received. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 5 p.m. The remains will be interred at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Dr. Powers of the Christian Church, Washington, will

probably officiate at the funeral. Shortly before Judge Black died he said to his wife:

"How can I fear to cross the river when my father waits for me on the other shore," and added, "Would I were as comfortable about all I leave behind undisturbed in this world," and then breathed the following earnest prayer:

"Oh thou most beloved and merciful and heavenly Father, from whom I had my being, and in whom I have ever trusted, if it be thy grant that my suffering end, that I be called home to thee, Oh my God, bless and comfort my Mary."

NEW YORK, 20.—Wall St., 11.15 a.m.—The week opens with a decided pressure to sell Denver & Rio Grande stock, which closed at 28½ on Saturday, opened at 28½ today, and fell off to 26½; and this affects the whole list unfavorably, and prices have declined ½ to ¾; Wabash & Oregon Trans-continental especially weak.

Bar silver, 10½; Central Pac. 67½; Northern Pacific, 43; Western, 23½; Burlington, 22½; New York Central, 16½; Pacific Mail, 31½; Panama, 98; St. Louis & S. F., 28; Texas Pacific, 27½; Union Pacific, 88½; Wabash, 10½; Wells, Fargo Ex., 15; Western Union, 77.

Wall Street, 12.25 p.m.—Among the rumors used to depress Denver this morning was one to the effect that a receiver had been asked for, and another that a fresh issue of stock was contemplated.

CHICAGO, 20.—Secy. Folger, accompanied by Collector Spaulding, left the city for an excursion to Lake Superior, on board the United States cutter, *Andy Johnson*. The Secretary will go to Pictured Rocks, return to Detroit, and thence to Geneva, N. Y.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., 20.—Secretary Chandler arrived this morning and has taken the *Talapaosa* this afternoon for his summer trip, extending it at pleasure.

NEW YORK, 20.—Supt. Humstone of the Western Union Telegraph Company was kept busy this morning receiving applications for re-employment from the striking operators. About 100 male operators have been taken back since the strike ended, four more were employed this morning. Sixty ladies went out on the strike, and of this number only 20 were taken back. It is expected that 25 more will be taken this week. All line-men who apply for reinstatement are rejected with the answer that their places are filled. Nearly all the branch offices were open this morning. Jay Gould has expressed great satisfaction with Gen. Eckerts' management during the strike and the success resulting from it. It is expected that the company will be able to find positions for nearly all the strikers within a couple of weeks. It is emphatically denied that there is any disposition on the part of the company to punish the strikers by refusing them employment.

A Western Union line has been completed to Cinabar, Montana, 50 miles south of Livingston, on the Northern Pacific railroad, from which point messages to the Hot Springs Hotel, Yellowstone Park, are delivered free by pony express. The President and party will be the first to use the line.

Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Co., is at his office to-day, after several months' trip abroad. His health is much improved.

CHICAGO, 20.—The dramatic season, which is about to open, gives promise of being in many respects one of the most remarkable on record in this country, both as regards the importation of exceedingly strong foreign attractions, and in respect to the extraordinary attractions which are being made for the particularly important local season. This promise is none the less remarkable for the reason that up to six or eight weeks ago, scarcely any of the leading New York managers knew which way to turn for material with which to work against their rivals dealing in foreign stars and combinations. Within a few weeks, however, there has been such an accumulation of theatrical goods in this city as is not seen in the course of an entire season, and managers of the largest theatres are now in possession of more plays and stronger plays than are often brought to light in the course of a whole season. There are no less than 13 dramas, comic operas and farces ready for production in New York at various theatres, and some of these have been already very largely successful on the other side of the water, and only one of