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OLIVER A. PATTON, Register.

From Cache.—Bishop R. T. Burton returned on Thursday from a business and preaching tour through the settlements of Cache Valley. Bishop L. W. Hardy also started on the same trip, but was called home suddenly on account of the sickness of one of his relatives. On the tour about three meetings were held each day, and at all of them an excellent spirit was enjoyed. Bishop Burton was accompanied in his visits to the settlements by Bishop Wm. B. Preston, presiding bishop of Cache Valley.

A Genuine Social.—The large Hall of the 7th Ward new Meeting-house will be suitably arranged and fitted up for a genuine social party on New Year's Day. All the members of the Ward, of all ages, are cordially invited, and each individual who is able to do so will hand in a picnic to the committee who will before hand arrange the good things upon tables, and the invitation is more especially extended to the poorer people, who may be unable to supply anything for the table. The committee will also supply viands for the occasion, besides the contributions in that line. After dinner there will be songs, recitations, &c., and the doings of the day will wind up with a party for the grown people, commencing at six o'clock in the evening.

At Manchester.—A District meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Grosvenor Street, Manchester, England, Sunday, Nov. 21, as reported in the *Millennial Star*. Elder E. Snelgrove presiding, and Joseph Dewsnup reporting. Meetings were held afternoon and evening.

Elders from Utah on the stand.—A. Carrington, President of the European Mission; E. Snelgrove, President of the Manchester Conference; Elders E. Hanham, and E. I. Young, from Liverpool Office; T. Callister, Traveling Elder of the Liverpool Conference; Elder W. H. Maughan, President of the Birmingham Conference; Arnold Goodlife and W. W. Taylor, Traveling Elders in the Manchester Conference.

Local Elder, John Miller, President of the Manchester Branch.

The congregations were addressed by Elders Maughan, Hanham and Callister, and Prests. Carrington and Snelgrove.

Homicide near Minersville.—The following was published in the *Herald* of Saturday morning—

Beaver, 24.—Last night, on the road between Minersville and Lincoln, Martin Murphy was shot and instantly killed by W. T. Bell, commonly known as Doc Bell. The circumstances of the affair are yet unknown. One Charles S. Copp was the only witness. From what he (Copp) told this morning, it appears that himself, Bell and Murphy started from Minersville to go to Lincoln, and while on the way Copp asked Murphy if he was going to Lincoln to work, when he replied, no, he was going to kill a man, whereupon Bell drew a pistol and shot him in the chest twice. They laid the corpse by the roadside and proceeded to Lincoln, where they informed parties what had happened, who took lanterns and went in search of the body and found it about a mile above Minersville. After Bell had given information of the deed, he immediately mounted his horse and rode to Beaver, giving himself up to Marshal Stokes, in whose custody he now is. A coroner's inquest was held on the body, the jury returning a verdict that Martin Murphy came to his death by two pistol shots, fired by W. T. Bell, with felonious intent; and charged Charles S. Copp as an accessory before and after the fact. Copp was arrested by Sheriff Coombs and brought here to the county jail. It is reported that the three men had been drinking, but it is not known to be a fact.

Penmanship.—Mr. Scribner, one of the authors of the famous copy book series by Payson, Denton & Scribner, called at this office this morning, and left a specimen of their Manual of Penmanship, one of the most beautiful little works of the kind published in the country; also a specimen of their new "Primary Short Course in

Penmanship," or dime series of four small copy books, designed for children just beginning to learn to write. This set includes a new and excellent feature, which can not be otherwise than highly beneficial to very young learners, namely, the "tracing books," numbers one and two being so called. In these two books the copies, strictly progressive, and specially adapted for children, are not only written at the head of the page, as in ordinary copy books, but every line is written in full, all but the head line being very pale; and these latter the children are required to trace over with pen and ink, thus being trained much more speedily and effectually than usual in the formation and combination of the several elements of which the letters are constituted. This is an improvement which both teachers and scholars will highly appreciate, and which, we are informed, has been strongly endorsed by several of the leading schoolmen of this city and Territory.

The series is published by Potter, Ainsworth & Co., New York and Chicago.

The "Centennial," an almanac for 1876, issued by the Home Insurance Company, New York, is received, and it would be difficult to speak too highly in its praise. It consists of twelve cards—one for each month—five by seven and a half inches long, one side of each containing a beautifully executed colored engraving of some scene famous in the war of the revolution, under which is the calendar for the month; on the reverse side a brief history of the scene represented.

The engraving at the head of the January calendar is "Washington at Valley Forge, 1778;" February, "Arrival of Colonel Knox with Artillery at Cambridge, 1776;" March, "Cradle of Liberty"—Faneuil Hall, Boston; April, "Battle of Lexington, 1775;" May, "West Point, with its fortifications in 1780;" June, "Battle of Bunker Hill, 1775;" July, "The Announcement of the Declaration of Independence," on the opposite side a full page engraving of the principal Centennial building at Philadelphia; August, "Washington at Monmouth, 1778;" September, "General Marion inviting a British officer to dinner, 1780;" October, "Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., 1781;" November, "Entrance of American Army into New York, 1783;" December, "Washington Crossing the Delaware, 1776."

The design of the "Centennial" is tasteful and unique, and with the engravings and information it contains make it one of the gems among the almanacs of 1876.

Supplemental to the above are two cards, of the same size, one of which contains on one side, a calendar for 1877, on the reverse side a full page engraving of the Horticultural Centennial Building at Philadelphia; and the other a calendar for 1878, and on the reverse side an engraving of the Centennial Art Gallery, Philadelphia.

Keeping the Holidays.—Justice Pyper had a busy time to-day, in his court, having numerous cases growing out of persons having very loose ideas regarding the most approved manner of keeping the holidays.

An individual named Ables, for being scarcely able to keep his equilibrium, and for disturbing the peace, was fined \$10.

William, otherwise "Bill," Bean, was mulcted in \$5 for being under the influence of intoxicants and an additional \$10 for displaying his pugilistic ability on Mr. Smith, an Indian, and the latter was also fined \$5 for being intoxicated, as was also Mr. Fleming.

Charles Hanks was arrested on a charge of drawing and flourishing his pistol and creating a disturbance of the peace. He was to have a hearing this afternoon.

James McBride, James Turley and Owen Carr were also before the Justice on a charge of having engaged in an up and down genuine Hibernian fight. The evidence showed that the two first named were the pugilistic opponents to each other, and that the efforts of Owen were directed stoutly to maintaining the peace, which he did by pounding first one and then another over the head with a club, or piece of fence pole. He thought those were the most forcible arguments he could use on the belligerent parties to bring them to their senses, and for these efforts as a peacemaker he was discharged from custody, while McBride was fined \$15 and James Turley \$10.

The matter did not end here so far as Turley was concerned, for when the officers were putting another prisoner in jail he made a break to get away, and being seized by policeman Alexander Burt, he tore that officer's coat nearly off his back. For this conduct he was fined in the sum of \$15, making \$25 in all.

Lawless and Disorderly Conduct.—On Saturday night a party of nine soldiers from Camp Douglas deported themselves in a most disorderly and disgraceful manner. Early in the evening they visited a house in the Fourteenth Ward, where they attempted to break in the door, and made a great row and disturbance. Subsequently they went to the saloon of John Mahon, where they obtained beer and other drinks, and gave the proprietor the most foul abuse instead of the pay. From there they went to Louis Ordner's saloon, where they acted in a similarly outrageous manner as they had done at the establishment they had recently left; and they also afterwards repeated the same line of conduct at the saloon of H. Wagner, the proprietors of those establishments suffering themselves to be cheated and abused through fear probably of the menacing crowd.

This party of rowdies next went to the market square corner, where they attacked a man and woman, knocking both of them down, and afterwards meeting a colored man on the street they served him the same way. They also met a young man named Sutherland, whom, without the slightest provocation, they abused and knocked down.

As a kind of wind off to their programme a portion of the same party of ruffians seized Mr. Brewer's hack and drove off with it. An officer from Camp aided Mr. B. in searching for his vehicle, which they found, at an early hour yesterday morning, some distance from the eastern terminus of the First South Street branch of the street railroad, on the way to Camp, and the rowdies had stolen from the carriage the whip and a robe.

In justice to the officers of Camp we may say that they deprecate the conduct of a number of the men belonging to the garrison who are bringing it into disgrace. Extraordinary as it may appear to people outside of Utah, the police authorities are debarred from interfering in such matters, and those characters from Camp, who band together and insult and abuse people, have consequently an idea that they can do it with impunity, which is too frequently the case, the provost guard being often worse than useless in such emergencies. Some measures should be adopted to prevent a repetition of such conduct, which is becoming much too prevalent.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, Dec. 22—

A smart shower of rain fell last night.

Alderman W. Thompson returned last evening from his trip to Scotland, and was met at the depot by a number of his personal friends. He has had a rapid journey, having visited his birth place and many of his connections in "Auld Reekie," and has arrived at home in time to spend Christmas in the mountains with his family.

We learn from the *Evansville Age* that a sixth attempt to burn Evansville was made on Monday evening last, but fortunately it was again unsuccessful. A bottle that had contained kerosene, and a pile of kindling wood on fire, were found in an empty building and extinguished just in time; and some Bear Lake men, sleeping on a pile of hay, woke up in time to tramp out a fire kindled within a few feet of them, with the assistance of Sheriff Hinton.

The reason of the detention of the eastern bound C. P. train yesterday, was two accidents on the line, which, fortunately, were attended with no serious consequences. Two engines on an emigrant train ran off the track on Monday, twenty miles east of Toano, in consequence of misplaced switches, and on Tuesday morning at four o'clock, the engine of No. 7 freight train jumped the track, five miles east of Terrace. No one was injured, and the trains were not damaged, although the line was blocked for a time, hindering the progress of the passenger train.

Monday evening's train from the east brought in Elder Lorenzo Snow, Jr., of Brigham City, who recently departed on a mission to the States. A sad accident happened to him in Texas on the 5th inst., hence his return. While taking a handkerchief from his pocket it became entangled with a pistol in the same pocket, and the weapon was discharged, the ball cutting one of the main cords of his thigh, and entering the left leg of Elder Alphin just above the knee, where it lodged. Elder Snow has gone to Brigham City, where, under careful nursing, it is hoped he will soon recover. At present he is unable to walk.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Weber County Co-operative Stock Herd Association was held at the City Hall yesterday, Monday, commencing at 1:45 o'clock, p. m.

From the financial report of the Secretary, it was shown that although the Company has sustained heavy losses, through the depreciation in the value of live stock, delinquent herd accounts, paying for lost stock, etc., etc., the capital stock of the company was worth at present seventy-five per cent, with a fair prospect of coming up to par within the present year.

The following were elected to office for the coming year:

Thomas Etherington, re-elected President; Wm. P. Jones, re-elected Vice President; Thomas D. Dee, Wm. Geddes and Wm. Brown, elected Directors; G. W. Turner re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Utah County Times, Dec. 21—

The late cold foggy weather was succeeded on Sunday by a snow storm, which continued nearly all day.

Ogden Junction, Dec. 23—

Mr. William Beardsell Black is anxious to learn the whereabouts of his father who emigrated to Utah from England, three years ago. Address Alfred Cook, at Colins' boarding house, Fifth St., Ogden.

At Greenwell & Wright's, the butchers, is a monster hog, which has caused much dispute and betting among persons having the organ of "weight" prominently developed. *Pro bono publico* we announce that it kicked the beam at 863 pounds. It was raised by Messrs. Greenwell & Wright themselves.

Ogden Junction, Dec. 24—

Last Wednesday morning the flour mills at Farmington, the property of the Richards, caught fire. Damages \$4,000; insurance, \$2,000. Nobody knows the cause of the conflagration.

The *Pioche Journal* says: "About five miles from Toquerville, in Kane county, Utah, comes the report that an immense discovery of silver ore has been made. Bob Reves has already made some thousands in a few weeks, and has another lot of ten tons on the way to the terminus of the Utah Southern railroad for further shipment to Sandy to be tested. Everybody in that section is excited, and what few Gentiles are there are rushing to the mines. The ore resembles the Eberhardt at White Pine; the essays have went 'away up.' Uncle Billy Mathews, who is in every way reliable, says it is the richest thing ever found in Southern Utah. The ore is much of it decomposed and has to be sacked before shipment. The mines are near a small settlement called Leeds, and but a short distance from Toquerville."

Beaver Enterprise, Dec. 26—

The petition of the creditors of the Lincoln Mining and Smelting Co. to have the company thrown into bankruptcy, was, on last Monday, denied by Judge Boreman, who rendered his decision after several days spent in hearing the arguments of the attorneys.

A petition for a land office in Beaver is being circulated and everybody of course is signing it. There is a great deal of land to be entered in Southern Utah and we do not see why the people should be compelled to travel to Salt Lake City in order to get patents to the same. Let us have a land office and a mint.

Utah County Times, Dec. 23—

A dispatch from Beaver announces that Deputy Marshal A. J. Stokes has been arrested in St. George and locked up.

UTAH MATTERS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, December 12, 1875. One of the most important measures that will be presented for the early consideration of Congress will be that for the suppression and punishment of polygamy in Utah, and a thorough revision of the Jury law, so as to exclude Mormons from the jury altogether as incompetent because of their unlawful practices. Assistant District-Attorney R. W. Baskin, who is contesting the seat of Delegate Geo. Q. Cannon, an Apostle in the Mormon Church, has prepared two bills to the above effect, and will have them introduced in the House on the assembling of Congress after the holiday recess. In addition to this Delegate Cannon will introduce a bill asking for the admission of Utah as a State. These, together with the contest for the seat of Delegate from Utah, which must be decided on its legal and moral merits, and has no political bearing whatever, will present the whole Mormon question before Congress in full force—both aggressive and defensive. This will afford a better opportunity than ever for a full and thorough discussion of this much-mooted question, and an outraged American people are anxious to learn whether Congress intends longer to tolerate this criminal nuisance. The Southern members, especially, Republicans and Democrats alike, unite in denouncing this "twin relic" as far worse than negro or even Chinese slavery. The Mormons are greatly mistaken in counting the Southern people as friends to or even sympathizers with their cause. The Mormons base their idea of affinity on the grounds that the South rebelled, and, like themselves, yet entertain animosity against the Government. But they prophesy wrong—they will see that the Southern members will be even more warlike on this "peculiar institution" than those from any other section of the Union.—*S. F. Chronicle*.

President of the Senate.

At the death of Vice President Wilson it was suggested by the *Times* that the Senate would need, on its reassembling, to elect a President *pro tem*. We suggested this on the very good authority of Jefferson's Manual, which says that the office of President *pro tem*, "is understood to be determined on the Vice President taking the chair or at the meeting of the Senate after the recess." The Senate, however, thought an election unnecessary, and Mr. Ferry has continued in the chair; and now the idea has been started at Washington that the Senate is without a legally chosen President, and that if Mr. Grant should die the Speaker of the House would succeed him. As Mr. Ferry is recognized by the Senate as its presiding officer, its President *pro tem. de facto*, this idea does not seem to us to have much practical weight. It is probably the conception of those who wish to get rid of Ferry. Still, it would be just as well, to avoid any possible dispute, for the Senate to go through the form of electing a President, as it should have done a week ago.—*Philadelphia Times*, Dec. 14.

—"L'Homme Obus," a Parisian trapeze performer, allows himself to be shot out of a mortar about forty-five feet before he catches the swinging bar. The mortar is charged with gunpowder, fired as usual, and makes a loud report. The explosion loosens a spring, which gives the gymnast a vigorous send off. At first the spring was too strong, and the performer was projected six feet too far, resulting in a dislocated shoulder and a broken rib. But perseverance and practice have reduced the arrangement to the required perfection.

—Duelling does not answer on Delaware soil, for the reason that principals, seconds, and lookers on, all render themselves liable to punishment by thirty lashes, one hour in the pillory, and three months imprisonment.

—The New York *Sun* says the Beecher scandal may break out again in six or eight different places at once. Mr. Moulton says it does not matter much what course Beecher may take in reference to the trouble, he will be d—d anyway.