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Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 25.

Missionary News.—Elder D. W. Jones, now in Mexico, writes as follows, from Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, under date of April 4th—

"We arrived here on the 2nd, all well. Prospects are as favorable as we could expect.

"We will leave here next Monday the 10th. We intend to visit the settlements near the Sierra Madre mountains."

Look Out.—Look out, ye nuisance creators, or the Marshal will be after you with a sharp stick. Quite a number of John Does and Richard Roes are being mulcted in the sum of \$10, for breaches of the nuisance ordinance. Better pay a trifle to have the nuisances obliterated than be compelled to have to hand over the aforementioned sum and then have to clean up besides. The health of the populace demands that sanitary regulations be strictly enforced.

Excommunicated.—We have been requested to publish the following—

This is to certify that Thomas Henry Vincent and Martha Ann Scott were both cut off from the Second Ward Provo Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, April 23, for unchristianlike conduct.

JAMES W. LOVELESS, Bp.

JN. JAMES HARDY, Clerk.

Provo, April 24, 1876.

An Unfortunate Horse.—On Sunday morning a horse fell into the stone culvert on Jordan Street, and was swept down rapidly by the swift current of the stream. At a point in the 17th Ward the animal was observed and about a dozen men went to the rescue. The unfortunate beast had a rope round his neck, and somebody caught at it adroitly and, by main strength of the bystanders, he was finally landed on the bank, with peeled shins, bruised body, and otherwise the worse for wear.

Accidents.—Mr. George Brown, of North Ogden, being engaged in Ogden Canyon cutting wood, accidentally fell upon the edge of an axe, badly cutting his hand, but not, it is hoped, requiring amputation.

Mr. Geo. Keer, of this city, while visiting friends with his wife and child, yesterday, the latter had access to a can of concentrated lye, when a fashionable incident occurred, the little one drank a lot of the poison, with what result remains to be seen. Dr. P. L. Anderson called in both these cases, and thinks no fatal results will ensue. But the question is, why don't the ladies put concentrated lye beyond the reach of little children?—*Ogden Junction, April 24.*

Radical Cure for Piles.—Dr. A. B. Bowen, of Magnoketa, Iowa, writes—In a recent number of *The Record* my attention was directed to the treatment for *nævus* by hypodermic injection. From the similarity of the anatomical structure of *nævus* to hemorrhoidal tumors, I was induced to try the remedy. In the latter I used carbolic acid and

ergot (fl. ext.) in equal parts, injecting from ten to fifteen minims of the solution into the spongy, vascular hemorrhoidal tumor. This was repeated about once a week for five or six times, when the tumor had entirely disappeared. I have tried this in several cases, and it acts like a specific.—*New York Medical Record.*

Don't Do It.—We advise those whose who have heretofore been in the habit of placing themselves on the law-breaker's role by resorting to the Arsenal Hill and indulging in shooting practice on Sundays, not to do it any more, or they will get into serious trouble, members of the police force having been specially detailed to look after such in future, and this is to warn them that future breaches will be punished according to law. Those who are guilty of this practice make three very serious infringements of the law—

They break the Sabbath, discharge firearms within the corporate limits of the city, and endanger the lives of the citizens, all of which should be stopped short with small ceremony.

A Progressive Place.—Last evening Bishop L. D. Young returned from a visit to Payson, Utah Co., and we learn from him that the people there are alive to their true interests, having many institutions for their moral, intellectual and religious culture. There is a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, which has weekly meetings and is presided over by Brother C. Brewerton; a Ladies' Retrenchment Society, of which Sister Daniels is president; a Relief Society, which does efficient service, presided over by Sister B. J. Simons, with Sisters Douglass and Moore her counsellors; Elder I. M. Coombs is the District Superintendent of Sunday schools, and the Payson Sunday school, which has seventy teachers and five hundred scholars, is personally superintended by Bishop J. S. Tanner. There is also an excellent Bible class, under the charge of Brother H. W. Barnett.

Bp. Young was kept very busy on Sunday. In the morning he attended religious service, when himself and Elder Franklin W. Young addressed a large congregation. Besides, he subsequently attended a meeting of the Bible class, Sunday-school, a mass meeting of the Seventies of Payson, and also a meeting of the Sunday-school teachers, concluding with general religious services in the evening.

The Floods.—The damage by the overflowing of the waters of the canal in the southern part of the city increases, especially in the 4th and 5th Wards. The banks were burst in three new places during last night, causing mere land to be inundated, several additional homes of residents being completely surrounded.

A number of the citizens of the locality waited upon Mayor Little today, who received them courteously, and informed them that he would visit the scene of the damage this afternoon, taking with him a number of practical men, with a view to determining upon some remedial plan.

We learn that the waters of the same canal have also burst through its banks in the south-west portion of the 15th Ward, doing considerable damage to a number of citizens thereabout, especially to Mr. Heath, and Messrs. Brown and Duncanson have either been damaged also, or their properties are threatened at any moment.

The worst of the matter is the waters are by no means at their highest now, but will be likely to increase daily for some time. For instance, a gentleman, who resides at the mouth of Mill Creek Cañon, informs us that, from his knowledge of the amount of snow in the mountains, he is led to the belief that the waters of Mill Creek are only about one-sixth in volume of what they will be.

Case of Drowning.—This morning Coroner George J. Taylor and a jury held an inquest at the residence of Charles Dumas, in the Whitney property, opposite East from the north-east corner of the

Temple Block, over the remains of Charles Dumas, whose body was found at the mouth of the City Creek culvert, North Temple Street.

James Hunter, yardmaster at the railroad depot, was the first witness examined. He testified to having found the body of deceased at five minutes to five o'clock this morning, across the mouth of the City Creek culvert, face down, with the head and shoulders under water and partially covered with sand, and there were some bruises on the head and face.

James Jeffery, foreman of the *Evening Mail* printing office, testified to being in company last night with the deceased, who was under the influence of liquor, and of bringing him home. On the way they called at Hale's saloon, where they had some drink. Deceased acted peaceably till they got inside the gate of Dumas' house, when the latter suddenly tripped witness, and they fell together. After witness regained his feet he remonstrated with deceased, when the latter went at him again, both going to the ground, witness getting uppermost and holding Dumas down by the throat and one arm. Witness called for help, as he did not want to hurt deceased, and Mr. J. K. Whitney appeared and separated them, and succeeded in getting Dumas into the house. Witness went into Mr. Whitney's room, where he stayed about half an hour, where he could hear a noise proceeding from Dumas' room, as if the children were frightened, and shortly after Mrs. Dumas appeared at Mr. Whitney's room and handed the latter a pistol, which she said Dumas wanted to shoot somebody. The time of these occurrences was about ten o'clock. Witness never saw deceased after he left Mr. Whitney's room.

Joshua K. Whitney made a statement, which sustained, as far as it went, the evidence of the previous witness, and in which he said that Dumas was excited and angry, but that Jeffery was quiet and appeared not to be excited or angry. Dumas left the house while his wife was bringing witness the pistol.

Mrs. Dumas, wife of deceased, also testified similarly to the two previous witnesses, and, in addition, that deceased had once before appeared much excited when under the influence of liquor. Had spoken previously on the subject of committing suicide, but had said he would never do that, as he was "too big a coward for that." Witness never saw deceased after he left the house during her temporary absence when taking the pistol out of his way.

Charles Dumas was a native of Canada, of French parentage, and was about thirty-eight years old, and had been in this city about five months. He was a printer by trade, and had latterly been engaged as paper carrier for the *Evening Mail* office.

The jurors, Messrs. L. D. Young, Seth Ford and Joshua K. Whitney, returned a verdict to the effect that the death of deceased was caused by drowning.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 26.

Carelessness.—Several times we have received registered letters, containing money, the envelopes of which have apparently never been closed, coming to hand open. Parties sending letters enclosing money should be more careful about sealing them up. The fact that these letters have come safely to hand is creditable to the post office clerks.

Water Lower.—This morning Mayor Little and watermaster Hyde visited the inundated district, in the south-western part of the city and found that the water in the canal was considerably lower, being now about a foot below the top of the banks, and the water on the adjacent lots along the north side is settling, the gaps in the north bank having been repaired. The decrease in the volume of water in the canal is probably owing, partially at least, to its having been turned into another canal, located south of that.

It is the opinion of Mayor Little, the watermaster and other gentlemen who have visited the locality, that a present, effectual remedy for the evil is almost impossible, and the best permanent preventive would be to dig a new canal directly from the Sugar House Ward as near due west as practicable to Jordan River, so that the waters could be divided between that cut and the one that is now overflowing.

Most of the people injured by this flooding in the lower portion of the City are poor, many of them having no other possession than their little homes, and they are therefore in a situation calculated to elicit general public sympathy.

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

Petition of F. Turnbow and 59 other residents of the south-east portion of the city, representing that the canal which runs through the 5th Ward, being insufficient to carry the amount of water running into it from various creeks, is overflowing and inundating the lots and farms and destroying much property, and asking that the Council protect the citizens from this destruction by strengthening the canal banks and employing day and night guards to prevent persons from tampering with the gates; referred to the watermaster, with instructions to confer with the County Court or County watermaster.

Petition of James Marsden, representing that a certain slough, in the southern part of the city, is filled with stagnant water, and asking that the same be drawn off, by connecting, by drain, with a certain canal, those immediately interested being ready to do the work, and have credit on their taxes; referred to the Watermaster.

Petition of Wasatch Engine Company No. 2, for the privilege of playing base ball on Washington Square on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week; granted, under the direction of the Marshal.

Petition of S. L. Ensign, for the transfer of the unexpired term of his job wagon license to John Sheppard; granted.

Petition of John H. Picknell, asking the Council to fix the age at which dogs are required by law to be registered; tabled.

The committee on claims reported as correct the bill of the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron Mining Co., for coal supplied the insane asylum and hospital \$36 38; also the DESERET NEWS Office bill, for printing and advertising, \$139.50; reports received and amounts appropriated.

Bill of Salt Lake Gas Company, for 102 rods of portable fence, supplied the waterworks, \$300; referred to committee on claims.

A contingent fund of \$1,000 was appropriated, to be drawn against by the supervisor of streets, and \$500 to be drawn against by the superintendent of water works.

Adjourned till next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Proceeding Extraordinary.—On Monday the gentleman who succeeded Colonel Wickizer, as mail agent, accompanied by postmaster Moore, visited Justice Pyper and asked the latter a number of questions relative to a boy named Wilson, who, associated with another lad, named Brunner, was arrested for robbing a postoffice box which was used by the Legislature, and of which the messenger of the House kept the key. The evidence against the boys, who had been on numbers of previous occasions arrested and found guilty of stealing, until they were considered almost incorrigible, was most conclusive, having been caught in the act of taking the mail matter out of the box, besides confessing to having stolen therefrom letters and money. There being no house of correction Justice Pyper sentenced Wilson to six months imprisonment and a fine of \$100.

The queries of the mail agent were courteously answered, and he concluded his interrogatories by asking the Justice whether he knew that he had transcended his jurisdictional bounds in the case, the offence being against the U. S. and not the local laws, the Justice

merely replying that he had no desire to argue the point at that time.

Subsequently, at the instance of the mail agent, a warrant was issued by a U. S. Commissioner, and the boy Wilson, by that authority, was taken before that functionary, Generals Maxwell and Phillips appearing in behalf of the accused, and the latter was discharged, without being returned to the city authorities.

Whether, after all, the offense, of which the Commissioner appears to deem Wilson innocent, but of which he had previously been clearly proved guilty, is one against the United States is rather doubtful. Parties rent the boxes at the post offices, paying Uncle Sam for the same. Now when those boxes are rented and paid for, are they then the premises still of the United States or of the parties renting? If of the latter, then when the mail matter is placed in the boxes it is delivered to the parties to whom it is directed and is therefore beyond the jurisdiction or rather responsibility of the U. S. If an offence like the one in question is against the United States then the latter are responsible not only for the mail before delivery but also after it is in the boxes.

We understand that the city, by its attorney, has made a demand for the return of Wilson, and that the parties have mutually agreed to abide whatever decision Judge Emerson will render on the point as to whether the offense is or is not against the United States law.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Beaver Enterprise, April 22—

Litigation is the order of the day in Beaver.

Father White, the model gardener of Beaver has taken in hand the laying out and ornamenting of this piece of public ground [Square]. The gates on the north and south side are each to be moved a few feet further east so as to come in line with the platform in front of the meeting house. From these entrances a graveled walk is to be laid out with a row of trees on each side. We learn from Father White that the design is to plant it in corn the present season. This is no doubt an improvement on weeds, but corn, particularly in the fall, is not a highly ornamental crop.

At Washington, Washington Co., April 14th, 1876, of putrid sore throat, HANS PETER IVERSON, Jun., son of Hans Peter and Annie Iverson, aged 6 years and 4 months.

Bro. Hans Peter Iverson, Sen., is now on a mission to Denmark. This is the second son that has departed this life since Bro. Iverson's departure on his missionary labors, and the only son of a numerous family.—*Com.*

Scandinavian Star, please copy.

At Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, April 27, 1876, of old age and debility, JORGEN JENSEN SWANER, aged 68 years, 2 weeks and 3 days.

Deceased was born at Brardrop, Denmark, April 9, 1803. Joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1854; left Denmark the same year with his wife and family; arrived in Salt Lake City, Sep. 7, 1855 and was a firm advocate of the principles of the gospel. He was the father of eleven children, and had ten grand-children.—*Com.*

In the 6th Ward, Salt Lake City, April 27, 1876, ELIZABETH, wife of Joseph Burton. Deceased was born in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, April 15, 1813.

At Taylorsville, West Jordan Ward, Salt Lake Co., April 20th, 1876, at 11 o'clock p.m., JOHN FIELD, aged 67 years, 5 mo. this and 2 days.

Deceased was born at St. Peters, Green Kington, Herefordshire, England, Oct. 25th, 1808; baptized Dec. 14th, 1833, by Elder William Richards; was ordained a Priest, at Liverpool, Aug. 4th, 1839, by Elder John Taylor; emigrated to Nauvoo the same season and was ordained a seventy; thence to Council Bluffs, in 1846, and to Utah in 1850. He resided at Taylorsville, where he remained until he died, leaving a wife and five sons to mourn his loss. He was ordained a High Priest, by Patriarch John A. Young, Dec. 11th, 1855. Bro. Field was a good and honest man, and lived truly the life of a Latter-day saint, and gained the friendship of every good person acquainted with him. He had been afflicted for some time, had no desire to live any longer, and finally fell asleep.—*Com.*

Millennial Star, please copy.