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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 5.

**SPLENDID** and pleasant weather just now. The most agreeable time in the year as to temperature.

**COAL**—We were reliably informed to-day that some splendid coal croppings had been found within a mile or so of this city.

**PROGRESSING**.—Mr. W. H. Attwell, whose leg was amputated a little over a week ago, in consequence of an accident, continues to progress favorably.

**RESIGNED**.—In consequence of press of other business Mr. Joshua Midgley has resigned his position as contra-bassoon in Prof. Thomas' theatrical orchestra. The vacancy will be filled by Mr. Broughton.

**COVERING THE WALLS**.—This morning the covering of the walls of the Temple for the winter was commenced, under the supervision of Mr. Henry Grow, the rock laying work having terminated for the season.

**RETURNED**.—Mrs. Henry Grow returned on Monday night from a visit to her relatives and friends in Philadelphia. She was absent four or five months, and enjoyed a pleasant time.

**FINED**.—John Risley was fined \$10 to-day for being intoxicated and creating a general disturbance, and, as a plain drunk, Alexander Gilchrist was fined \$5. Both are soldiers, and, in lieu of the cash, will furnish the City with the amounts in labor.

**NOT FOUND**.—Up till this afternoon, Alfred Case, for whose arrest a warrant was issued yesterday, on a charge of aggravated assault on Mrs. Heber Case, his sister-in-law, had not been found by the police.

**FOR THE END OF THE TRACK**.—President Brigham Young, accompanied by a number of other gentlemen, left this city at half past two o'clock this afternoon, on a visit to the end of the track of the Utah Southern Railroad.

**TABERNACLE CHOIR CONCERT**.—We learn that Prof. George Careless is actively engaged with the Tabernacle Choir in rehearsals for a concert, to be given some time during this month.

Lovers of music, may anticipate an excellent treat.

**GUY FAUX DAY**.—The fifth of November is somewhat of a gala day in England, being the anniversary of the day on which the "gun powder plot," to blow up the English Houses of Parliament was discovered. It is generally celebrated in Britain by displays of fireworks, bonfires, &c.

**THE LIQUOR QUESTION**.—Two saloon keepers were fined \$100 each last evening for selling without licence, and two more were fined similarly this morning. Three of the parties paid the amounts assessed, and the other, Patsey Mar-

ley's partner, was, in default of payment, locked up in jail. A fifth case was set for trial at four o'clock and several other arrests were to be made this afternoon.

**STILL THE SAME**.—We are informed that the road about a mile and a half west of Jordan Bridge still remains in the same disgracefully miry condition as it has been for a number of weeks. The damage to the road was caused by water from the Brighton irrigating reservoir. If a man's cow breaks into a neighbor's field and destroys the crop, the owner of the animal is amenable to the owner of the field for the damage done. If this principle be correct the owners of the reservoir should repair that road. At all events somebody should do it, and the sooner the better.

**CLEANING OUT THE 14TH WARD**.—Bishop Taylor comes to the front on the water seet business. About this time of year, the grass grows and filth accumulates rapidly in those "beautiful crystal streamlets" which add such a charm to the descriptions of Salt Lake City by travelers. The Bishop saw that the current of the water was raising and has, with his customary promptitude, set men at work to cleanse and straighten the ditches, preparatory to the advent of "Jack Frost," Esquire, who expects to spread himself on our streets this winter, as usual.

**FAST DRIVING**.—Our reporter was accosted by Mr. George Anderson, herdsman, to-day, and requested by him to utter a word of caution and admonition to fast drivers. In alluding to the subject George got off a speech something like the following—

"There appear to be numerous descendants of Jehu around here at present, who frequently drive along the public thoroughfares with exceeding great speed and impetuosity and dash recklessly through hapless herds of cattle, heedless of disastrous collision with the limbs and other portions of the physical structures of the latter, to their great damage and to the detriment of the interests of herdsman and cattle owners generally."

We agree with George that there is altogether too much furious, reckless driving, in this City now-a-days, and that it should be stopped, as not only cattle are liable to serious injury thereby, but also the lives and limbs of human beings are in danger.

**A NEW INVENTION**.—Mr. Samuel Hamer, the other day, brought into our office a model of an invention of his, a self-coupler for railroad cars, which he thus describes—

"It is simple, durable, and perfectly reliable in every way. It will not cost more than two dollars and fifty cents more than the ordinary hand couplers. It will couple with any car that couples with a link coupling, even if there is a difference of six inches in height in the cars. When once uncoupled it sets itself for coupling again. It is almost impossible to dislodge the coupling pin until the link is inserted by the cars coming together. What I claim is simplicity, durability, cheapness and perfect reliability, besides perfect immunity from all danger."

Mr. Hamer's model is simple, self-acting, and appears to be valuable. We see no reason why it should not be all he claims for it, when properly made and affixed.

**CITY COUNCIL**.—The City Council convened last night, Mayor Wells presiding.

Petition of J. O. Dewey, U. S. army paymaster, asking that a street lamp be placed in front of his office on West Temple Street and between Fourth and Fifth Streets; referred to committee of ways and means.

Alderman Clinton's report for October was presented. It showed the number of cases tried during the month to be 107, and the amount of fines \$2,021.50, \$1,649.50 of which was paid in cash and the balance, \$372.00, in labor. The report was adopted.

The committee on municipal laws, to whom was referred peti-

tion of B. Y. Hampton, asking for an ordinance in relation to vehicles, reported a lengthy ordinance, which covers a great many points. It was read, but no action was taken upon it.

The superintendent of the water works reported proposals from Edmund Wilkes, John Sloan & Co., and Harrison & Co., with a view to supply water pipes for the works.

The quarantine physician asked in what manner the furniture of the smallpox hospital should be disposed of. The matter, by decision of the council, was left in his hands.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 6.

**RAIN**, a trifle this morning, fine and beautiful afterwards.

**DISTRICT COURT**.—The Third District Court met at 10 o'clock to-day, J. B. McKean, C. J., presiding. After the disposal of a few *ex parte* motions the Court adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

**SWITCH FINISHED**.—The extension of the Wood's Cross switch, on the Utah Central, is finished, and the evening mixed trains, north and south bound, pass each other there daily.

**ANY INFORMATION** from her son-in-law, Charles H. Alexander, a machinist and engineer, and of his family, will be thankfully received by Jane S. Gabbott, Salt Lake City, Utah Ter. Eastern and Western papers, please copy.

**DROWNED**.—It will be seen by a dispatch that Seth Greene, the famous pisciculturist, was lately drowned in the St. Lawrence River, Canada. He died "at his post" or while engaged in his chosen and favorite pursuit.

**TOOELE**.—Deputy Marshal Richard W. McAllister returned yesterday from a trip to Tooele. He says all is quiet there, and that, notwithstanding the general dullness, the co-operative store of that place is doing a brisk and remunerative business.

**THE FIVE MILE TROT**.—Yesterday "General Lasher" and "Granger" trotted five miles for \$1,000, on Faust's half mile track. For the first half mile the horses kept well together, but after that "Lasher" took the lead, kept it, and won the race by a quarter of a mile. Time 14:32. Very few people were out and very little money changed hands.

**ACCIDENT**.—James McFarlane, 16 years old, son of Mr. Andrew McFarlane, of Z. C. M. I. clothing department, was turning the corner opposite the Clift House last evening, on horseback, when his animal slipped on the rail of the street railroad, and fell on the lad's leg. It is believed that no bones were broken, but the limb, as might be expected, is badly bruised.

**THOSE CROPPINGS**.—Yesterday we stated that we had information to the effect that coal croppings had been found quite close to this city, in fact almost in it. We are now informed that those croppings are of the same nature as those which were found on the Weber before the immense deposits of that locality, and the cropping finders feel encouraged, and intend prosecuting their investigations.

**A SWINDLER**.—To-day, G. C. Jones was arrested on a charge of fraudulently personating an officer of this city, for purposes of blackmailing. It appears that when he has heard of any robberies being committed, he would go to the parties robbed and offer to restore their property for a consideration, and it is alleged that he has been guilty of several petty thefts. In assuming the disguise of an officer he actually adorned his vest with the official star.

**THE FIRST**.—Forward comes the Fourteenth Ward, the first to dispense with illuminating oils and to light their handsome Assembly Rooms with gas. Mitchell and James have been engaged for some time arranging and fixing up the necessary fittings, which will be completed in time to admit of the rooms being lighted up with gas,

for the first time, to-morrow night, when a party will be held there.

The gas mains are within reach of the more central school and meeting houses, and, seeing that the Fourteenth Ward people have led out in this direction, who is going to follow suit and be the next?

**PORKERS**.—This morning Col. Jesse C. Little took a couple of splendid specimens of the genus porcine to the Tithing office scales to get them weighed. They were of the White Chester breed, one of them imported and the other home raised. A small crowd was attracted towards them and speculations were indulged with regard to the combined weight of the two, one gentleman guessing it at 1,148 pounds, while the scales said 1,145, the home raised one being 555 and the imported one 590. The latter was not very fat, had she been so her weight would have been tremendous, being a sow of very large proportions.

**SUPPOSED CASE OF SMALLPOX**.—Mr. John Smith, of the Seventh Ward, has a child sick, supposed to be of smallpox. As soon as Mr. Smith's suspicions were aroused as to the character of the disease he made them known to the quarantine physician, who visited the patient this morning. If the disease be smallpox, it is merely in its incipient stages, so that the physician could not tell definitely whether it was or not. In the meantime the child will be taken care of, by its mother, in an upstairs room, and no one be permitted to enter the house, although there is no danger from contagion until the disease is fully developed. It is to be hoped that it is not a case of smallpox.

**TWO RECENT ACCIDENTS**.—Joseph Goddard wrote from Logan, Nov. 3, concerning the recent accidents to a boy named Hoagland, and a young man—Andrew Nelson, both of which have been already noticed in the News. Mr. G. says the boy Hoagland is recovering rapidly, and continues—

"The Logan branch of the Z. C. M. I. is doing a good business, mostly in grain, which is being shipped as fast as the U. N. R. R. can take it away. The weather has moderated considerably during the past week, and it is now quite pleasant during the day. The wholesale department of this branch of Z. C. M. I. have moved their goods into the new building, where the facilities for doing business are much greater than in their former cramped-up quarters."

**ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED**.—This morning a deplorable accident occurred at a place on Jordan River, a short distance from Mr. Pettit's farm. A young man named William Flint and another named John Mullett, both residents of the 16th Ward, were at the above named place in a boat, and were engaged in shooting wild ducks. The last named of the two was sitting in the middle of the boat and the other in the rear. While Flint was in the act of firing, Mullett rose up, bringing the back of his head in a direct line with the muzzle of the other's gun, and he received the whole of the charge, causing the skull to be battered in so that the brains oozed out, and killing him instantly. The body was taken to the house of his brother, C. J. Mullett, 16th Ward, where an inquest was held by Coroner George J. Taylor and a jury.

**WILLIAM FLINT**, the young man who fired the shot which terminated the life of the deceased, was the first witness sworn and examined. His testimony was that this morning, November 6th, the deceased and himself hired a boat from Mr. Pettit and went to Rush Lake, for the purpose of shooting ducks. Witness was pushing the boat from behind, with an oar. Deceased was sitting in the middle of the boat with his back towards witness. The latter told him to keep still on his seat and not rise up, and he said he would do so. Witness made this request that he might not be in the way of his (witness's) gun if he should fire. A flock of ducks flew up and deceased fired, while sitting. Witness then took up his gun and as he pulled the trigger

deceased rose up and the charge entered the back of his head. There was no difficulty between witness and deceased. They had been on hunting expeditions before. It was purely an accident.

**CHARLES J. MULLETT**, brother of the deceased, testified to having been notified of the accident by William Flint and to seeing deceased leaning over the side of the boat when he arrived at the spot. Deceased would have been twenty-three years of age on the 11th day of the present month. Witness did not know of any difficulty existing between Mr. Flint, the previous witness, and deceased.

The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury:

SALT LAKE CITY,  
Territory of Utah.

An inquisition holden at Salt Lake City, 13th precinct, on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1873, at one o'clock p.m., at the house of C. J. Mullett, upon the body of John Mullett, there lying dead, before George J. Taylor, coroner of said county, by the jury whose names are hereto subscribed.

The said jurors, upon their oaths, do say that deceased died from a gunshot wound from a weapon in the hands of William Flint, and, from the evidence before us, we believe it to have been the result of accident.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

THOS. THOMAS, Foreman.  
MARK EARNshaw,  
LEVI WOLSTENHOLME,  
GEORGE J. TAYLOR, Coroner.

William Flint, the young man at whose hands John Mullett inadvertently came to his death, came to town and gave himself into the hands of the officers, who took him in charge. He appeared to feel deeply grieved at the sad accident.

There was a most affecting scene near the house where the inquest was held. The deceased's aged and widowed mother's grief was indescribable. She wailed and moaned and begged and prayed to be allowed to see the body of her boy, but she was held back and taken to a neighbor's house by kind friends. The grief of the sisters of the deceased was also intense.

The family came to this Territory five years ago, from Wales, and were originally from England. There are two brothers and two sisters living in this City, besides others who are still in the old country.

William Flint was taken before Justice Clinton, and, after a brief examination, was discharged, there being not the least shadow of evidence to show that the affair was other than purely the result of accident.

**WINTER**.—How often the remark is heard, "I believe we are going to have a very severe winter," or "I think the coming winter will be very mild." When the parties making use of such expressions are interrogated with regard to their reasons for entertaining their weather views, as a general rule they have none to give. It looks as if people judge this matter pretty much as many other things are considered, according to the peculiar idiosyncrasies or dispositions of the parties giving expression to them. Persons inclined to look at the wintry side of life, generally look for terrible storms, and *vice versa* with those who generally look at the summery side of existence.

If it be correct that after a storm there is generally a calm, and that after an extreme of any kind there is generally a subsequent reaction the other way, it would be reasonable to expect, after the extreme severity of last winter over the country generally that the one upon which we are just entering would be proportionately devoid of the elements of severity.

Fred Lightner tried to put Frank Jopp out of his saloon, in Chico, Nov. 1, and in doing so had his leg broken above the ankle, and the ankle dislocated. Jopp agreed to pay the doctor's bill.