

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

**TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**—This certifies that Benjamin A. Norris, of this city, was cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for unchristian-like conduct, by the High Council of this city, the 21st day of February, 1870.

Jno. W. Young, President.  
Wm. Dunford, Clerk.

**RETURNED.**—We had a very pleasant interview yesterday afternoon with his Honor, Chief Justice Wilson, and Col. Wickizer, special mail agent, who have returned from the East in the enjoyment of excellent health. The Colonel feels very much interested in the complaints concerning postal irregularities, and is desirous to have the evils remedied; and we believe from his energy, and determination to have the mails in his extensive district properly and faithfully attended to, that a decided improvement may be immediately looked for.

**WHY IS IT?**—"Inquirer" says "an examination of the new time table, issued by the U. C. R. R. shows that the residents of Ogden, or others desirous of taking a trip from the Northern terminus of the U. C. R. R. to this city, can do so at half the price required of persons who may wish to take a trip from here to Ogden. We are gratified to observe this favor granted to our friends in the north, but are curious to know why the same privilege is denied to the people of Salt Lake City."

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.**—Patriotic feeling was manifested outwardly and very generally to-day by a liberal display of bunting, in honor of Washington's birthday. The people of Utah revere the memory of that great man, and love the principles for which he led his half-starved, half-armed and badly-clothed troops to victory over the veteran soldiers of Europe. That is why they so heartily celebrate his birthday.

**UREKA.**—It has often been asserted, that the precious metals abound in Utah; never having seen anything to warrant a belief in such an assertion we have remained dubious. That dubiety, however, was considerably shaken this morning by the sight of a piece of the genuine article—gold, obtained from Bingham Canyon. It was a nugget weighing about a quarter of an ounce, and worth four dollars; it cost in labor and other expenses, to mine it, three hundred dollars. The treasure now adorns the Deseret Museum.

**FOUNTAIN GREEN.**—Rees R. Dlewellyn, Esq., writing from Fountain Green, Sanpete county, on the 18th inst., says, the choir of that place, under the conduct of Brother Samuel Jewkes, had given a concert three nights in succession, each one being crowded, for the benefit of the Sunday school. The satisfaction and pleasure of the audience were very great.

Some of the citizens had discovered good coal and very fair fire clay and iron ore not far from the settlement.

**FEMALE SUFFRAGE IN UTAH.**—The New York *Globe*, of the 18th inst., contains the following in relation to female suffrage in Utah:

"A morning dispatch informs us that the women of Utah vote to-day, since female suffrage has become a law in that Territory. We expect they will go to the polls in a quiet, orderly, lady-like manner, and deposit their votes without any jeers or opposition from the gentlemen. If this thing can be done in the 'wicked and immoral' city of Salt Lake, where women are supposed to be held in less estimation than they are in the high-toned and healthy cities of New York and Boston, why may it not be accomplished in every town and hamlet in the Union? That the women of Utah will to-day vote to abolish polygamy, we do not expect. They are as much in favor of that system as the men. It is wrong to expect this of the women of Utah, and it will be unfair to call female suffrage a failure if they do refuse to abolish polygamy. That question, however, is not up for decision."

**FORT MADISON.**—Elder Alma Pratt, writes, on the 10th inst., from Fort Madison, Leo county, Iowa, that he and Elder Richard Maxfield reached that place on the 28th of January, since which date they had been traveling from house to house. They had held no public meetings; the people are kind to them, but do not want to hear any preaching. Elders Pratt and Maxfield would be glad to hear from their friends and to receive copies of the *Deseret News*. Letters or papers, directed to the above address will reach them.

The following is an extract from Brother Pratt's letter:

"Last Saturday we crossed the Mississippi river, and for the first time walked the streets of, and beheld the once beautiful and blessed city of Nauvoo. I cannot describe the feelings that filled my heart on that day. I never can forget that my mother carried me in her arms when she and thousands of others were driven from their beautiful homes. Oh, how I wish that I could speak to my young friends at home and make them realize the importance of the work that rests upon each and all of them."

## THE WARD PASTURE AND THE WATER.

We understand that the water which has been running in what is known as the Lambert ditch, in the 7th Ward pasture, has been stopped because of the injury which it is doing to the lands below. The intention, we are informed, is to keep that ditch closed until the land holders shall take the necessary measures to secure the water by leveeing, or adopting some other plan to carry it off into the slough. This overflowing water should be controlled. Holders of property in that neighborhood should meet together, and agree upon some effectual remedy for this evil. Too long has this business been neglected; but, if they desire to have any benefit from their land, now is the time to take active steps to reclaim it from overflow. The land is near to the city and is worth the labor required to redeem it. What is wanted is concert of action; the difficulty heretofore has been that the efforts in that direction have been spasmodic. Who will propose a meeting, and when and where shall it be?

## FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY

**THE BALL LAST NIGHT.**—The grand ball at the Theatre last night, in honor of Washington's birthday, was a scene of enjoyment and festivity in which about a thousand ladies and gentlemen participated, including a large number of the most prominent citizens of the Territory. We saw leading men there from Bear Lake Valley and Cache county in the North, our "Dixie" in the far South, Tooele county in the West, and Summit and Wasatch counties in the East, as well as from intermediate points including nearly every county in the Territory. Presidents B. Young and Geo. A. Smith; Lieut. General D. H. Wells; Acting Governor S. A. Mann; Chief Justice Wilson; Judge Hawley; Dr. Latham, of the U. P. R. R.; Brigadier Generals C. C. Rich, Erastus Snow, H. B. Clawson, B. Young, Jr., W. B. Pace and A. K. Tharber; Honorables Orson Hyde, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, Geo. Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith and Joseph A. Young; Bishop Edward Hunter; several officers from Camp Douglas; a large number of Colonels, Lieut. Colonels and other officers of the Nauvoo Legion; with leading gentlemen of this city, were among those present. The dancing was kept up with spirit until a late hour, to excellent music; and the happiest mood of enjoyment seemed to animate all present.

As we remarked yesterday, the decorations were extremely tasteful, and among them must not be omitted, as appropriate to the occasion, a portrait of "the father of his country," surmounted by the "stars and stripes," the emblem of the freedom which he fought so gloriously to maintain. Excellent arrangements were made for supper, which was served up in good style in the new supper hall constructed in the basement at the rear of the stage.

Much credit is due Mr. Peter Reid and his corps of assistants, under the direction of Mr. Caine, for the expeditious manner in which the Theatre was prepared for the ball.

**DEPOT BUILDING.**—The buildings at the Depot of the U. C. R. R. are progressing rapidly. The frame of the passenger waiting rooms and ticket office is up and the roof nearly completed; the engine house is also being pushed ahead. The depot block wears quite an air of readiness.

**MORE LAMPS.**—We note that a row of lamps is being extended along the north side of South Temple St., from East Temple St. to the railroad depot. Every body who has to travel that way after dark, and the passengers by late trains, will bless the happy thought. All that is wanted now is the street graveled and a good sidewalk made.

**RETURNED.**—Elders E. W. East and Theodore McKean reached this city last night from their mission East; they are very much pleased to reach their homes and friends once more. Elder East has labored in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Virginia, and though there is little chance of spreading the gospel, he would have stayed longer if ill health had not prevented him.

**CHANGES.**—The *Millennial Star* of the 1st instant says: "Elder M. B. Shipp is released from the duties of Traveling Elder in the Sheffield Conference and is appointed traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference. Elder Theodore W. Curtis is released from the Norwich Conference and appointed travelling Elder in the Sheffield Conference. Elder Stephen Taylor is appointed travelling Elder in the Durham and New-Castle Conference."

**WILFUL DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.**—Bro. Marten Lenzi informs us that, while going in the direction of his home in the Fourteenth Ward last evening his attention was drawn to a number of youths about 18 years of age, who were tearing up foot bridges and taking off the paper receiving boxes from the front of private residences, and throwing them over the fence into the yards. On calling to them to desist, they ran away. He says they live in the lower wards of the city.

This kind of conduct is, to say the least, reprehensible. We fail to see any joke in such acts of wilful destruction of property, and young men of eighteen must be weefully lacking in intelligence to be guilty of it.

Let them be found out and then make them pay for all the damage done.

**GOING TO ARIZONA.**—The latest item of Utah news, received by telegram from the East, and said to have been furnished by a "Utah correspondent," says that Brigham Young had sent a party of men to Arizona to pick out a place, suitable for location to which the polygamists of Utah might at once repair and so avert the threatened trouble.

**"CULTS" IN THE OMAHA "HERALD."**—"Cults," a Utah correspondent of the Omaha *Herald* of the 20th inst., says:

"I see that it is the opinion of the *World* that the Cullom bill means war. If it does and if it was enacted and war ensues, it does not need the wisdom of a Seer to foretell that the result will be a deserted land, orchards cut to the ground, dwellings in ashes, the work of twenty years and more demolished in a day, and an industrious, harmless people flying once more before a persecuting foe, and probably in the distant future, a mighty host of Mormons arising because of the persecutions which they will at least claim to have suffered."

LET IT ALONE.

"Whereas, if let alone, I am free to say it is not improbable that ere long the objectionable feature in their social system will die out, or very nearly come into disuse. Advice to radicalism is, 'Better let it be.'"

**BRUTAL ASSAULT.**—On Saturday night as a young man named Manning, a resident of the 11th Ward, was going home from the theatre, he was followed by several soldiers. He waited till they passed him some distance, and then went on. They had halted for his coming up, however, and when he came to where they were they attacked him, one of them stabbing at his breast with a knife, cutting through his clothes. They then knocked him down and beat and kicked him in a brutal manner; and finally left him on the ground, probably believing he was dead. It is supposed that he was so attacked on the belief that he had assisted in the capture of the soldiers who had been arrested on Thursday night, for knocking down an Indian boy and shooting at the police.

**FOUND.**—Last night, in Faust's omnibus, a gold ring. The finder, on applying to H. J. Faust, and giving a true description, can obtain it.

**"PRAYER MEETING AT TWO."**—A gentleman from Ogden called in to-day, and during conversation he related a circumstance which came under his own notice, illustrating the fervor of certain seceders from "Mormonism" residing there. Business called our friend into a place where spirits are retailed and where tipplers frequently congregate. Among the customers present were several apostates busily engaged in imbibing the "ardent." A prayer meeting of their co-religionists was set to take place early in the afternoon, and as the time drew near, one of them remarked to the others, "Come, let's be quick, the prayer meeting begins at two o'clock."

## FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY

**LOOK AFTER THE BURGLARS.**—On Sunday night last as Mr. Burns, who resides on the bench East, was in bed, his door being locked with the key on the inside, the lock was opened by some means and he was awakened by the noise made by some person in the apartment. On looking up in a semi-sleeping state he saw a man take up some things and make off. He immediately arose and found his clothes gone as well as some belonging to his family. He went around the house but saw no one, and returned in again. After some time he heard a peculiar noise at the door, when he got up and spoke sharply to those outside, opening the door to see who was there. Two persons commenced throwing rocks at him and broke the window. The family shouted and cried, which brought some neighbors, when the unwelcome visitors could not be found. Mr. B's hat was found next day where it had been dropped a little distance from the house. Lead pills make good physic for such visitors.

**THE COMPLIMENTARY BALL.**—Last night the theatrical company, attaches, auxiliaries and others who have assisted Messrs. Clawson and Caine during their Lesseeship of the Theatre, with a few invited friends, enjoyed an excellent time together in a social dance in the Theatre. There were about seven hundred present, which caused the building to be anything but crowded, and gave ample opportunity to every one who desired exercise in the cotillion. Presidents B. Young and D. H. Wells, Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon, President Joseph Young, Dr. Latham and other gentlemen with their ladies were among the invited guests.

One great feature of the balls now being given in the Theatre is the excellent arrangements made for supper in the basement, entered by a stairway at the back of the stage. An extensive cooking range has been put up, and the cuisine, under the management of Mr. J. R. Clawson, is excellent.

**MORE MAIL COMPLAINTS.**—The letters of E. J. Davis, Postmaster of Malad city, and "Billy the Mail Boy," at Portage, published in to-day's *News*, contain some loud complaints about mails and the former

asks the press to grumble for him. We have done considerable of that business lately in relation to postal matters, and shall continue it until the evils complained of cease. We are satisfied that nine-tenths of the complaints made of late, in relation to the mails are caused solely by wilful and intentional collusion on the part of those whose business it is to forward the mails, and think it is a shame and a disgrace that the public should be compelled to endure such evils. We believe, however, that a remedy is at hand. Col. Wickizer, the special mail agent has just returned from the East, and he has expressed a determination to have postal matters seen to and conducted properly, so that all cause of complaint will soon be removed. We await, with attention and patience, the result of his personal supervision and interference.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—T. P. Tracy Esq., representative of Wells, Fargo & Co. in this city, has received a letter of inquiry concerning two young men named Walter Scott and Mark Tracy, said to have resided in Salt Lake city last Fall. Any information concerning them will be thankfully received, especially concerning Scott, whose mother, living in Cleveland, Ohio, is almost crazy about her son, fearing he may be dead.

**RETURNING.**—Hon. Orson Hyde started yesterday for Sanpete; Hon. C. C. Rich leaves in the morning for Rich county. The other members of the Legislature have gone, or are about starting for their respective homes. Pleasant journeys and happy times to you gentlemen.

**TENTH WARD LECTURE.**—On Tuesday evening Elder J. L. Barefoot delivered a lecture in the 10th Ward School House, on the various unseen influences liable to afflict the mind prejudicially by contact with wicked and designing men, and exposed some of the devices of the exponents of electrobiology and kindred "sciences" to bring the will into subjection, treating on the evil effect of yielding ourselves to the will of mesmerists, &c. He related some interesting and amusing anecdotes of personal experiments in the early days of spiritualism.

He showed that thoughts may be impressed upon the minds of others by will-power, and by spiritual aid; that "clairvoyance" and similar phenomena are the result of cerebral action caused by spiritual pictures presented to the mind. After explaining the various modes of communication from the spirits, by "rappings, mediums, planchette," &c., he showed the evil tendency of spiritualism by reading extracts from spiritualistic "inspirational" teachings and revelations—one of which called spiritualism "a new dispensation of religion, fast flowing in upon this world like a great wave from the ocean of spirit life, entirely free from all course, vulgar, gross and material rites and ordinances." He stigmatized it as a religion which denies the personality of God, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the existence of the Holy Ghost, the doctrine of the resurrection, and the necessity for all or any of the ordinances of the Gospel.—[Communicated.]

**BELLEVUE, KANE CO.**—Brother W. D. Johnson, Sen., writing from Bellevue, Kane county, on the 13th instant, says he has been traveling in various portions of Southern Utah; that the weather has been mild through the winter, and he has not seen the ground covered with snow the whole season. The people, for the last month, have been trimming their vines, pruning their fruit trees and preparing to put seed grain in; and a general spirit of contentment prevails notwithstanding the ravages of grasshoppers last season, and the incursions of Navajos since then.

**MORE OF THEM.**—The *Ogden Junction*, of Wednesday, says two wolverines, a male and a female, caught some days previously in Ogden Valley, one by Mr. A. Richardson, the other by Mr. J. Coffin, passed through Ogden on Tuesday for the Museum and Menagerie of J. W. Young, Esq. This institution is rapidly increasing its attractions, and deserves a large share of public patronage. See it, and agree with us.

**Died:**

In Chicken Creek, Juab County, February 14, 1870, of pneumonia, Christopher Peter, infant son of James V. and Eda Williams, aged 8 months and 15 days.—California, Minnesota and Wisconsin papers please copy.

In New Harmony, Kane county, February 8th, after three days' illness, Sarah Malvina, youngest daughter of Julia Anah and William W. Taylor, aged 2 years and 7 months.

At Brigham City, February 17th, of typhus fever, Margarette, wife of James Hansen, aged thirty years.

Deceased embraced the gospel at Jetsmark, Denmark, in 1852, and emigrated to Utah in 1857. She leaves three children, two having died before her. Her funeral took place on the 20th and was largely attended.

**FOR SALE.**

In Richmond, Cache Co., One third interest in a Grist Mill; 50 acres of Farm and Grass land. The above are offered at a low price for Cash or stock. For particulars apply to

G. HOUGHEN, Richmond.

Or, to Joseph Kingsbury, Genl. Tithing Store.