

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JULY 3.

**Fatal Accident.**—Brother Frank Pitman was accidentally killed yesterday, while assisting to remove some furniture from a house in the 11th Ward. An article fell from the top of the load upon the horses, frightening them and causing them to give a sudden swing. The wagon tipped over and fell upon the head of the unfortunate man, crushing it so badly that he died in a few minutes. Brother Pitman was an excellent citizen, peaceable and well behaved. He leaves a wife and family of children.

**False Alarm.**—There was considerable excitement on the street to-day, caused by a rumor that Alta City was on fire, and being totally destroyed. On making enquiries at the telegraph office we discovered that there was not a particle of truth in the report, which we understand arose from volumes of smoke being seen to arise from the mountains in the supposed locality of Alta, but which really appeared to issue from a point some distance north of that city. Probably the smoke issued from a patch of dry timber set on fire perhaps by prospectors.

**Fruit and Vegetable Canning.**—Mr. M. B. Shipp has completed his arrangements, in the 13th Ward, for entering upon the fruit and vegetable canning business, and expects to commence upon peas and corn on Monday. He has had a suitable furnace constructed, and also boilers in which the fruit or vegetables are to be heated preparatory to canning. Mr. Shipp is confident that he can compete successfully in point of price and quality with importations in the line, and it is to be hoped he will be able to do so, and we see no reason why he shouldn't.

**Montana.**—The *Montanian* of June 25 says the streets of the town, for a week, have been crowded with freighters, from Franklin, and "our merchants are now supplied with merchandise of every description that is required in the Rocky Mountain Avant."

The *Avant Courier* of June 26 says the grasshoppers have done immense damage to the crops in and around Bozeman. Three-fourths of the grain sown is destroyed, and hardly a fourth of a crop will be raised in Gallatin County. But the Jefferson gold mines are a "big thing" and a perfect godsend now the crops have failed.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JULY 6.

**Tabernacle Services.**—Elder Orson Pratt preached yesterday afternoon.

**Killed.**—A horse was struck dead by lightning, at Sessions' settlement, last night.

**Gymnastic.**—The members of the Fire Brigade intend to fix up a gymnasium in the rear of the City Hall, in which to develop their muscle.

**Quiet.**—Saturday was the quietest Fourth of July that Salt Lake has ever seen. A large proportion of the citizens went out of town.

**Soldiers.**—A number of soldiers, of the 14th Infantry, arrived at Camp Douglas last night, having been assigned to that post for the present.

**Water-Spout.**—During the storm last night a cloud burst over the vicinity of South Willow Creek or Draperville, causing a genuine water-spout.

**American Fork.**—The City Fathers of American Fork have had a six-foot picket fence erected around the public square of that city. The fence was put up by carpenters from this city.

**Shoshone Falls.**—Mr. C. R. Savage purposes leaving for Shoshone Falls, in the Snake River country, to-morrow, for the purpose of obtaining views of the picturesque scenery of that region. On his return himself and Mr. Geo. M. Ottinger intend visiting the famed canyons of the Colorado River, for the same object.

**Traveling Company.**—Mr. J. A. Sawtelle and a company of dramatists are about to start on a trip to some of the settlements south of this city, for the purpose of giving entertainments. Mr. S. will appear in the country places in "Rip Van Winkle," for the first time in Utah, but he has played that role frequently elsewhere.

**Terrific.**—Parties on the down train from Ogden last night state that a thunder-bolt was seen to strike the ground at Bountiful, causing the dust and gravel to fly up and the earth to tremble as if shaken by an earthquake. The part thus struck was near a two story house, the inmates of which must have felt a little queer just then.

**Hot in New York.**—A note from Elder W. C. Staines, dated New York, June 30, says that the heat there has been extreme this season, 101 deg. in the shade June 29, the hottest day known there in that month for fifty years. However, Bro. Staines' health thus far has been better than for years past. He hopes to leave New York for Utah this month.

**Picche.**—The *Record* of July 1 says Col. H. I. Thornton and Judge Temple were thrown from a buggy, a run-away case, and severely bruised.

John Lehigh was very severely injured through the brake slipping and a bucket, in which he was, being precipitated to the bottom of a deep well.

Stage-robbing is becoming the rule on the route between Pallasade and Eureka.

**Heaviest.**—It is generally conceded that the storm of last night was the heaviest that has ever occurred in Utah since its settlement, and most people say they never witnessed anything surpassing it in their lives. The lightning seemed like the fireworks of nature, extinguishing by their brilliancy the most powerful efforts of man at illumination.

A general impression prevailed last night that some damage to buildings and probably life must have been done in this city, but we have not learned that such was the case. A large number of people were badly frightened, and are suffering yet from the nervous prostration produced by the fright.

**Essence of Foolishness.**—We are informed that a party in the north-eastern part of the city has frequently laid pieces of poisoned bread and butter upon his lot for the purpose of destroying the chickens belonging to neighbors, and that where lots of children run around. Such Lucretia Borgian proclivities towards fowls should not be indulged in so dangerously open a manner, if at all. How easy would it be for a child to pick up one of those poisoned pieces and swallow it. Should such a circumstance occur and terminate fatally, it would look like little short of a case of murder in the second degree.

**A Nuisance.**—We hear of a nuisance of an intolerable kind. Boys and youths are in the habit of bathing in City Creek. This should be immediately put a stop to for several reasons, which it is unnecessary to elaborate upon. One is, however, the very serious objection that people have to drinking, or using, for culinary purposes, water in which a lot of dirty, unmannerly fellows have washed themselves. Water thus used, may do well enough to irrigate land with, but when it comes to swallowing it, the matter assumes a different color. Another objection is, that when parties go up the side of the stream for a pleasant walk, if any ladies are there, one or more of the gents have to form into an advanced guard to go ahead of the others and drive the bathers out and make them resume at least a portion of their habiliments.

**Rehearsal.**—Yesterday there was another rehearsal of the songs to be sung at the children's grand jubilee to come off on the 24th. The various pieces were executed in excellent style, under the conductorship of Professor C. J. Thomas, everything being done very satisfactorily. Representatives were present from various cities and settlements, children from which will take part in the exercises of the jubilee. The representatives were mostly Sunday school superintendents and leaders of choirs. Brother Daniels, of Provo, H. Pugh, of Ogden, R. Ballantyne and others, of Weber Co., W. Paxman, American Fork Superintendent, and the leader of the choir from that place, whose name we do not recollect, were there. Also representatives from Pleasant Grove, Lehi, Bountiful, and nearly all of the settlements of this County.

**Papers Missing.**—Here, under date of Grafton, June, 28, is the complaint of a subscriber about his

papers not coming so regularly as they ought to do—

"Since the commencement of this volume of the NEWS, on February 4th, 1874, we are short of three papers, Nos. 6, 15 and 21, and none came to hand again this week. Strange as it may appear we cannot get anything like a whole volume of papers here, and if we get them without losing a good titling of them we do well. We fully believe the papers are regularly mailed at the office and directed to us all right, but we have been made to understand that letters, papers and photographs have been carelessly laid by at some of the postoffices before coming to us, and may have been forgotten to be forwarded any further, and it may be so with some of our papers. If it be we hope it will be so no more. We hope the papers and letters and everything else that does not actually belong to any other settlement will be put into the letter sack and sent on to its proper place without being laid on one side to be forgotten or lost."

"T. B. H."

**Thunder Storm.**—One of the heaviest thunder storms that has visited this part of the country for years prevailed for several hours last night. Early in the evening the sky assumed a threatening and very strange appearance. Away to the southward the clouds were black, lowering and gloomy. As the sun was setting behind the grand old mountains, the western horizon was bathed in a golden glory, while the north-western portion was enveloped in what appeared the habiliments of fire. It looked as if the red glare with which the clouds glowed proceeded from the reflection of a vast country on fire, and that even tongues of flame could be observed. The effect of these appearances was intensified by flashes of sheet lightning, following each other in rapid succession, and illuminating not only the sky, but, as the darkness increased, the surrounding scenery. The lightning was not only sheet, but the electric fluid assumed the most fantastic forms and danced and gleamed among the clouds; now with a broad flash, again seemingly concentrating to a focus, in a chain-like or serpentine form, extending from the mountain tips high into the heavens, writhing and twisting into varied shapes, then disappearing, to be followed by the forked lightning darting hither and thither among the clouds as if in sport. After a while heaven's artillery commenced to roll and roar and crack, with peals which, in some places, shook the ground and made the buildings tremble. There were two claps in particular which were extremely loud and seemed to reverberate across the valley and through the mountains. A heavy thunder shower prevailed during a portion of the time.

There is something sublimely grand about a thunder storm in this western region, and the scene of last night could not but fill the minds of those who witnessed and could appreciate it with singular, solemn, yet withal by no means unpleasant emotions. The time will come, however, when the great Jehovah will speak to the inhabitants of the earth by the pealing thunder and vivid lightning as well as in other ways so powerfully and terribly as to make them quake.

## By Telegraph.

## AMERICAN

WASHINGTON, 1.—The comptroller of the currency has called upon the national banks for a report of their condition at the close of business on June 26.

The Attorney General has decided that under the act of June 16th, '74, no payment can be made to any railroad company for the transportation of troops or property of the United States when the railroad was constructed in whole or in part by aid of a grant of public lands upon any conditions; as to the use of said roads by the U. S. the remedy for such company, if it has any, is by suit against the government in the court of claims.

Ex-Postmaster General Cresswell stated, on leaving the Cabinet meeting to-day, that he would act as Postmaster General until his successor should be appointed, but he intended to insist upon leaving the

department as soon as possible. Upon returning to the department he directed the first assistant, Marshall, to sign some documents presented to him; declining to settle any questions or to decide any matters, except such as were necessary to keep the department in operation with a responsible head. It is said that his successor will be appointed in a few days.

It has been discovered that forged orders for certificates of pay due policemen and members of the fire department have been issued by it is supposed, some one having access to the regular stamp of the district comptroller's office. Thirteen months' pay is due the firemen, and it is thought that fifty per cent of this amount has been paid in bogus certificates.

There were seventy-five additional dismissals from the different departments to-day; the entire number dismissed is upward of six hundred. Many of those retained were reduced to clerkships of lower grades. There will be no reduction of the force in the land office, though a few changes may be made, as also in the post office department. Twenty-eight clerks in the division of records and pensions have been discharged, and from the surgeon-general's office, and from the entire department two hundred and two will be discharged by reason of the law requiring the dismissal of all the civil service men and hospital stewards; from this number, however, the Secretary of War is allowed to select such men as may be needed, and to appoint them as regular clerks in the department.

NEW YORK, 1.—The Atlantic and Great Western Railroad defaulted to-day, in the interest on the consolidated first mortgage bond; it is proposed to fund these coupons until the net rentals under the Erie lease can be applied to their payment; the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Company also defaulted, and the California Pacific on the extension bonds, though it paid on the other issues.

All the prominent Western railroads, to-day, concluded on an agreement cutting down through passenger and freight rates about fifty per cent; the revised tariff will go into operation immediately.

The default of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad to pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds, announced by cable, was not known in Wall St. until the last hour of business, but it occasioned quite a flurry in stocks, especially in Erie, which broke two and a half per cent; it is not yet known how this default will affect the Erie Co., but as the two roads are now connected, it is believed that Erie will be left to pay the interest on the bonds on its guarantee of about seven millions of rental to the Atlantic & Great Western.

A gentleman named Ames died at an early hour yesterday morning, at his home in East Orange, of hydrophobia; the family of the unfortunate man say they don't know that he was ever bitten by a dog.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., 1.—The Social Mills, in Woonsocket, running fifty thousand spindles and a thousand looms on cotton goods, was burned this afternoon; the fire caught at 2 o'clock, from the friction of the main belt, about the middle of the structure, which was a hundred feet long, and built of stone and brick. The flames spread rapidly, but the employees, 700 in number, probably all escaped safely. All efforts of the Woonsocket fire department were unavailing, and aid was asked of this city and Mayor Doyle sent up two steamers, which reached the scene twenty-seven minutes after starting, but the walls had then fallen in. The loss will probably range from \$700,000 to \$800,000; the insurance amounts to \$630,000 in eastern companies, on the mill, machinery, machines and wood shops.

WASHINGTON, 2.—The act passed June 18th, amendatory of the pension law, provides that all persons who are now entitled to pensions under the existing laws, and who have lost an arm at or above the elbow, or a leg at or above the knee, shall be rated in the second class, and shall receive twenty-four dollars per month, provided that no artificial limbs or commutations therefor shall be furnished to such persons as shall be entitled to pensions under this act. This law by its terms was to take effect from and after June 4th, 1873. General Baker, commissioner of pensions, to-day announces that the persons embraced within the provisions of

this act can secure the benefits of the same without a formal application, and without the intervention of an attorney. A power of attorney will not be recognized in an application for the increase of pension provided by this act. A letter of the pensioner addressed to the commissioner of pensions, enclosing his pension certificate, and giving his post office address, will be a sufficient presentation of his claim.

CHICAGO, 2.—A Washington special says that General Wm. Myers, of the quartermaster's department, and Col. H. Lyford, of the ordnance corps, left here this evening for San Francisco, where they will take the steamer of July 11, for Japan. These officers will have in charge, with instructions to present in person to the Mikado, a complete assortment of all the uniforms, arms and equipments in use by the various corps of the army. The Springfield and Remington rifles, Spencer and Remington carbines, Colt and Remington pistols, and a Gatling gun will represent the fire-arms in use. The object of this mission is to return, in some degree, the many presents sent to this government by the Japanese authorities. Some years since a large number of presents were sent to Japan, and the result has been that many of the improvements adopted in our service were also adopted by Japan, and an extensive traffic in these articles with the manufacturers resulted just as the specimens presented to our government led to a large trade in Japanese curiosities. These officers expect to be absent about three months.

NEW YORK, 2.—Dr. Hammond, after a careful and thorough investigation of the pathological changes in the case of Entwistle, the compositor, who was bitten by a dog two weeks ago and died yesterday, says that no peculiarities could be found, nor were there any changes that would not be observed after death from *delirium tremens*, except a thickening of the blood vessels, which had probably been going on for years. The cause of Entwistle's death was hard drinking. The patient had a fear of hydrophobia, before him, induced perhaps by the bite of the dog, and the fear of water had been very prominent with him, when in true hydrophobia the patient does not fear it, but cannot drink it. Entwistle could and did drink it when he really tried to do so.

It is now stated that the representatives of the leading railroads have only discussed the question of a new schedule of freight charges, and thus far they show a disposition to lower freights somewhat; all the railway lines to the Pacific have reduced through freights from New York to San Francisco.

YANKTON, D. T., 2.—The motion for a new trial for Wintermute for killing General McCook, was denied yesterday, and the prisoner was sentenced to ten years in the Iowa penitentiary.

NASHUA, N. H., 2.—The wife of Major Geo. Daniels was killed, and the Major and his grandson probably fatally injured, at Milford, to-day, while crossing the track in front of an approaching train.

FONDA, N. Y., 2.—Three men were struck by lightning near here to-day; one was killed and the others probably fatally injured.

WASHINGTON, 2.—The grand jury of the criminal court to-day returned a true bill of indictment against A. C. Buel, correspondent of the *Detroit Free Press*, for libel, in publishing a statement to the effect that Senator Chandler was drunk in the Senate; the case will be tried in September.

ST. PAUL, 2.—Governor Davis has issued a circular to the State Grangers, asking their prompt and liberal aid in relieving the distressed in the southern part of Minnesota, where the grasshoppers have ravaged the crops and brought misery, poverty and starvation upon the people in that section.

CHEYENNE, 2.—An incendiary fire in the rear of McDaniel's theatre, this morning at two o'clock, burned Whipple's grocery store, Candan's meat market and damaged Murrin's wholesale liquor store; loss \$15,000.

Another fire here, this evening, caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, in a China house, burned three small dwelling houses on Eddy Street, and two business houses on Sixteenth street; the loss will not exceed \$10,000.

PITTSBURG, 3.—Ernst Ortwein, convicted of the murder of the Hammett family, was sentenced to death this morning; he manifested no signs of emotion.