

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

News has reached this city of the death in Logan, Cache county, on Monday, the 24th inst., of Mrs. Rebecca W. Riter, relict of the late Levi W. Riter. The deceased was in the eightieth year of her age, was highly respected and was the mother of W. W. Riter of this city.

Appropriate resolutions of respect to the memory of Edwin Holden who departed this life December 11th, 1894, aged eighty-seven years, six months and seven days, have been adopted by his fellow members of the Forty-fifth quorum of Seventies; deceased held the office of a Seventy fifty-one years, and was a president of his quorum thirty-four years.

Elder J. E. Bunting, of Kanab, Kane county, returned to Utah Sunday from a mission to West Virginia, for which part of the world he left his home on October 11, 1892. Elder Bunting enjoyed himself extremely well during his labors and returns home in good spirits, with the consciousness of having performed a good work.

Hon. Brigham Young returned Sunday from a somewhat prolonged and altogether exciting visit to the southeastern part of the Territory, the scene of the threatened Indian invasion. He reports the trouble as seemingly past—the Indians moving out with their stock, but slowly of necessity, by reason of the deep snow. His health is good, and the statement that he has had a fine time is fully borne out by his looks and cheery talk.

Thursday evening a reception tendered to Elder Jabez W. Dangerfield, of the Eleventh ward, of this city, in the assembly room, at the corner of Eighth East and First South street, previous to his leaving on a mission to the Samoan Islands, for which part of the world he will leave San Francisco on the 10th of January next. There was a very large audience and an interesting program of speeches, songs, recitations, etc., and a neat sum of money was contributed to the worthy young man to help him reach his field of labor.

The case of Gerald J. P. Jackson, charged with assault and attempted murder on the person of Thomas Ferguson, his law partner, was, after numerous postponements and delays, taken up before Justice Smith in the police court at 11 a.m. today. The hearing had proceeded long enough for Mr. Ferguson to relate his story of the altercation and the particulars which led up to the same and to undergo a searching cross-examination at the hands of Judge Dickson, counsel for Jackson.

At one o'clock an adjournment was taken until Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Tuesday, shortly before 11 o'clock, the second hold up of a street car within thirty days occurred at the western terminus of the Agricultural park line, near the Jordan river.

At that time and place three masked highwaymen, armed to the teeth, surprised Conductor John Lambourne and

Motorman Billy Eckman in precisely the same manner as the two other hapless victims were surprised in the former hold-up. "Hands up—quick, and shell out!" was the command which they reluctantly obeyed with revolvers thrust in their faces. The car men were searched in short order, and when the hold-ups took their departure they were wealthier by \$30 and two silver watches.

The following mythical beast and storm story from a late issue of *Lloyd's* (London) *Newspaper*, which went the rounds of the European and American press a year ago is being revamped and repeated as an actual fact of right recent occurrence:

Salt Lake City has had some very unwelcome visitors lately. A few days ago a storm of unprecedented violence swept over Utah. Mountain lions, coyotes, and other wild game have been driven from the mountains by the snow, and are prowling about the streets of the city in large numbers. On Wednesday two mountain lions killed a horse within the city limits, and another trotted through the residential part of the town. Two days ago a couple of hunters killed a mountain lion in the city, which measured 9 ft in length and weighed 800 lb.

A telegram was received Thursday by H. J. Grant & Co. brought news of a large fire in Brigham City, at the co-operative store. This is the second time the fire fiend has visited that institution this year.

The fire broke out early this morning, and was not subdued until damage had been done to the extent of about \$15,000. No cause is assigned for the blaze, whether it be of incendiary origin or not.

The insurance is ample to cover all loss, as the institution carries \$50,000. Of this amount \$41,000 is with agencies represented in Brigham City, and the remaining \$10,000 with insurance companies for whom H. J. Grant & Co. are agents.

The following advertisement in a morning paper attracted a young Salt Laker named George McCubbin to the place named:

Wanted—A steady man; \$15 weekly; \$50 cash required; 119 Main street room.

He was hunting work but got none. He, however, found two very obliging men in charge of the office and in a short time they had \$10 of his money. They gave him a receipt for that amount and he left with the positive promise given him that he had secured a good situation. As he was going out of the door a man named Evans, from Sugar House ward who had been beaten out of \$50 by the same game and by the same men, entered and recognized them. Their arrest by Officer Leavitt followed. They were taken to jail and \$500 in green backs was found in their possession.

Patrolman Fitzmaurice this Friday noon arrested at the home of Isaac Hunter, in the western part of the city, Wesley Amersat, aged 18, and Wm. Farren, 21, as the suspected hold-ups

of the Agricultural Park street car a few nights ago.

When taken to the police station and searched, Conductor Lambourne's pocket-knife and Motorman Heckman's watch, a mushie mark, a bunch of skeleton keys and between two and three dollars were found in their possession. The young men came here, they say, from California about a month ago. Both of them were positively identified by the car men as the thugs who assailed and robbed them. The police are of the opinion that they are the same fellows who held up a car there thirty days ago. The third man is said to have gone to Denver on the Rio Grande train which left here on Wednesday night.

The fact that last night was Christmas did not deter the festive house breaker from plying his vocation as on other nights. At a late hour after the office in the Sisters' Hospital had been vacated and locked a back window was pried open and entrance made by burglars who, it would seem, were either frightened off or whose unparried believing they had made a thorough search for valuables when they had done their work in a bungling manner.

From a drawer where cash, jewelry, etc., was kept they took a sum of money aggregating more than \$200. In the same receptacle farther back and deeper down, however, was between \$400 and \$500 more and a silver watch and chain and two gold ones, all the property of patients. The money stolen belonged to the hospital. The case is in the hands of the police, who have a clue which they think will lead to the apprehension of the robbers.

On Saturday evening about 6:30 Frank Whitehead, while making his usual examination of No. 6 freight train, was suddenly confronted by two men who presented pistols at him and ordered him to hold up his hands. He did so, and they relieved him of his watch and revolver. The train was just pulling out, and the hold-ups jumped aboard and rode out of the yard. A telegram was sent to Corinne to have them arrested but word was sent back that they had been put off just outside of the yard at Ogden.

About 1:30 this morning the same Frank Whitehead, W. H. Thompson, night clerk in the U. P. freight office, and M. Chamberland, night watchman, was all three held up in the freight office. The robbers, three in number, entered the office and covered the above named persons with their pistols and went through them to the amount of 55 cents. The police have not made any arrests up to the present time.

A circular has come to hand giving information concerning an old and valued friend on the other side of the Atlantic—Mr. George Ramsden, of Liverpool, well known to many residents of Utah. It is from the firm of Guion & Co., the noted shippers, who have carried on their steamships many of the emigrants who have come to Utah to cast their lot with the Latter-day Saints in this Territory. They publish the fact that Mr. Ramsden, who has managed their passenger trade for forty-two years, will in future carry, on the business