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Local and Other Matters.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 27.

Bishops' Meeting.—Bishops' meeting, at the Council House this evening, at six o'clock.

Shooting Scrape.—Le Bot Wing, a Chinaman, shot a man at Alta last night. We did not learn whether the wound was fatal.

District Court.—Thursday, December 27th.

C. D. Ford, vs. L. E. Holden et al; hearing on the motion herein continued until Monday, Dec. 31st.
Helen Tarbet vs. Flagstaff S. M. Co.; hearing resumed, demurrer, sustained by the Court.

No Passengers Killed or Injured. The following refers to the accident which occurred near Cheyenne, on the U. P. R. R.:
Omaha, Dec. 27.

John Sharp:
There were no passengers killed or injured in our accident yesterday.
J. T. CLARK.

Gifts.—On Christmas the children of the Sixth Ward Sunday School, with their superintendent and teachers, met for the distribution of prizes to the pupils. The gifts numbered 180, and some of them were quite valuable and useful. The little folks had a good time.

Runaway Accident.—We learn from the Junction that a serious accident occurred at Ogden on Monday forenoon. As a runaway team and wagon were dashing past the residence of Dr. P. L. Anderson, his little daughter, four years old, being unable to get out of the way, was run over. She received two scalp wounds, and was bruised about the head, arm and shoulder.

Young and Old.—On Christmas day the children of the 21st Ward had a social party at the meeting house. Santa Claus appeared in costume and distributed good things among the little ones.

On New Year's Day the heads of families and the poor people of the same ward will meet together in the same place, when they will surround tables that will groan under loads of the bounties of life.

Phoenix.—From a private letter from a resident of Brigham City, we learn that it is intended to replace the lately burned woolen factory there with a structure of an improved pattern, to send east for new and improved machinery and to have it in running order by the 4th of July, 1878.

In commenting upon this intended action and the determination to find employment for the operatives thrown out of work by the fire, the writer of the letter says: "Thus we will prove to the heavens, the Saints and the world that we practice what we preach, showing our faith by our works."

Speaking of Elder Lorenzo Snow, he says: "The same master spirit who, under God, has guided us for so many years is still master of the situation. Under his wise direction and being true and faithful to the principles of union, placing our reliance in God, who has never forsaken his people, we are confident we will overcome every difficulty and be in a better condition, both spiritually and temporally, in the near future, than ever before."

Beaver Murder Case.—The Beaver Square Dealer is after several officials on account of certain developments in the case of "The

People, etc., vs. J. B. Francis," who shot and killed a man named Chinn. At the time of the homicide Francis was arrested and had a preliminary examination before Justice Tyler, Presley E. Denny, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, appearing in behalf of the people.

These proceedings resulted in the defendant being held in \$3,000 bonds to answer to the grand jury. However, Francis failed to put in an appearance before that inquisitorial body and the Square Dealer asserts, with an apparent good showing to sustain it, that the crime being plainly murder in the first degree, the fight of the Justice to admit the prisoner to bail is a matter of grave doubt, that the amount was, to say the least, absurdly small, and, as if to cap the climax, the bonds are discovered to be "straw," the sureties having nothing that the law can touch. The paper mentioned, in assigning a reason for the course of Presley E. Denny in the premises, asserts that he was counsel for Francis in an important civil suit. It gives a probe all round, District Attorney Howard being also charged with official obliquity and culpable dereliction of his plain duties in other cases besides the one in question.

Weather Report.—By courtesy of the Deseret Telegraph Company, we are enabled to publish the following weather report, received over the wires to-day:

Logan.—Clear and cold; sun shining brightly; snow about one inch deep.

Paris.—It is nice and fine; very little snow.

Pine Valley.—Snow is about six inches deep; cloudy; looks like more snow.

Cove Creek.—Cloudy and stormy, with about five inches of snow on the ground.

Cedar City.—About four inches of snow and still snowing.

Parowan.—About three inches of snow and still snowing.

Fillmore.—Cloudy; sun shining now. The snow is about eight inches deep; looks like clearing off now.

Hebron.—Cloudy and cold; sun shining at intervals; four inches of snow.

Nephi.—Clear, snow about five inches deep.

Payson.—Clear; about half an inch of snow on the ground.

American Fork.—Very fine; 14 inches of snow on the ground.

Wood's Cross.—Very fine and warm; about 13 inches of snow on the ground.

Ogden.—Clear and calm; seven inches of snow on the ground.

Sandy.—Lovely weather; about four inches of snow.

Manti.—About 1 1/2 inches of snow; fine.

Springville.—Clear; sun shining; snow about five inches deep.

Mount Pleasant.—Sun shining; warm and beautiful; snow about one foot deep.

Moroni.—Cold; snow about two inches deep.

Fairview.—Clear and very cold; about six inches of snow on the ground.

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

Petition of Kimball & Lawrence representing that they wished to build a powder magazine, but as the land where the present magazines are located is claimed by private individuals, who are opposed to the erection of buildings for the storage of powder, and asking the Council to provide or designate some suitable place under the control of the Corporation, where said magazine could be built; referred to the committee on public grounds.

On petition R. N. Russell was granted the privilege of erecting a platform in front of his store.

Dr. John R. Park, in a communication on the subject of the public schools of the city, set forth the necessity of certain improvements in their organization, and requested a conference with any standing or special committee upon the subject, for the purpose of laying before them plans and suggestions for the better organization, support, and regulation of the city schools; referred to the committee on municipal laws, with authority to call upon such other persons as they may deem fit.

The superintendent of water works submitted a report of his operations for the six months ending November 30th, 1877. Forty-seven water services had been furnished during that period, at a cost to the city of \$1,208.43. The watering troughs and drinking fountains ordered by the council had been completed, costing as follows: two watering troughs at \$95.29 each; six drinking fountains at an average of \$65.95 each. The castings of five of these fountains were furnished respectively by Z. C. M. I., William Jennings & Sons, Walker Bros., N. Groesbeck and H. S. Eldredge, the corporation setting them up and making the attachments. The amount expended on water works for the six months was \$2,105.88, while the amount realized for water supplied was \$1,781.65. The report was received and expenditure approved.

The assessor and collector, to whom was referred the petition of John Napper and others, submitted a list of names of persons, residents of the 18th and 20th Wards above, the water ditch, who had paid their taxes for the year 1876, previous to said tax being rescinded, amounting to \$175.77, and recommended that this amount be appropriated, to be applied on this year's taxes. The report was accepted and amount so appropriated.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the supervisor's report for the quarter ending November 30th, 1877, reported that they found the expenditures correct, and recommended the appropriation of \$3,284.90, to balance the accounts of the quarter. The report was accepted and the amount appropriated.

The committee on cemetery, to whom was referred the report of the city sexton for the year 1876, reported that they found the report of the sexton correct, and recommended that his bill for sundry repairs, labor and records, amounting to \$81.80, be allowed. The committee further reported that they did not find any practical way to supply the cemetery with water for irrigation. The report was accepted and amount appropriated.

The committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Kinnersley and others, asking for the repair of a certain place on Centre Street, reported favorably, and recommended that the supervisor be authorized to make the necessary repairs; report adopted and the supervisor instructed accordingly.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday, Jan. 1st, at 6:20 p. m.

Correspondence.

Appleton & Co's New Cyclopædia.

SALT LAKE CITY,

Dec. 27, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

I notice in the local column of your issue, of the 24th inst., a letter from a correspondent, whose only object appears to be to advocate the great value of Appleton & Co's new American Cyclopædia in any library, "public or private," and to present to the citizens of this Territory the great advantages of subscribing for it. It is not my intention, at this time, to enter into an argument regarding its general merits, or to discuss the question, if it is or is not "the most valuable acquisition possible to make to a good solid library," which your correspondent claims in its favor; although I contend his statements are open to argument. My object is simply to ask the writer, and the people of this Territory generally, if they are prepared to support a work which maliciously falsifies the faith and lives of the far greater portion of our citizens, and falsely traduces and maligns the character of their most honored leader? Again, is it wise, is it justifiable to introduce such a work into our homes with such high recommendations, for our children to peruse, and study from, with the understanding that it is a standard, reliable work upon all subjects upon which it treats.

able work upon all subjects upon which it treats.

That my assertions are sustained by the facts, I will say that since reading Mr. Lewis' encomium of this cyclopædia, I have carefully examined the articles therein, headed "Mormons," "Joseph Smith" and "Brigham Young." The first I find to be a tissue of falsehoods, by direct statement or implication, from beginning to end, and the others are not much better. The whole tenor and spirit of the first named article is to prove the Book of Mormon a fraud, and that those who believe in it are outlaws, vagabonds and assassins. It elaborately reproduces the old Spaulding story, the whole of which has long since been exploded and disproved. It makes the direct statement that the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon having renounced "Mormonism" in after years, "avowed the falsity of their testimony." Hundreds of living witnesses know that this statement is utterly false, as is also another that, "in 1838 (Joseph) Smith had persuaded several women to cohabit with him calling them his spiritual wives." It also states that polygamy is "repeatedly denounced" in the Book of Mormon, and maliciously misquotes passages from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants and other Church works to sustain their arguments. In endeavoring to explain the doctrines believed in by the Latter-day Saints it becomes considerably confused. Amongst other things it affirms that "the Mormon Church teaches that Joseph Smith is now the god of this generation."

In the article on President Brigham Young, it there states that he "grand arch" of the secret order was of Danites, the pretended history of this fabulous order being given in the usual style in the article on the "Mormons."

Many other instances might be given of the animus which has dictated these articles, but I fear to make this communication of too great length. My simple question is, are we, as Latter-day Saints, prepared to accept and patronize a work that thus maliciously misrepresents us? Respectfully,
BRUFORD.

Gambling Extraordinary.

A little game has been played in Los Angeles of late which is an immense advance upon the primitive card tactics depicted by Bret Harte in his short-card Celestial sharper. For something over a month past a heavy poker game has been going on in the card-room attached to one of our popular saloons. An unprecedented run of luck settled upon the banners of the experts who were running the game in the interest of the saloon management, or, at least, in the interest of those who controlled the card room of the saloon. A number of the most experienced card-sharps in Los Angeles set themselves to unravel the mystery and to turning the tide of fickle fortune the other way. Still the luck stayed with the house and the confraternity were worsted to the tune of about \$1,500. Now a professional gambler is prepared to encounter a pretty severe run of bad luck, but here was something that put the sagacity of the oldest of them at odds. "Twas strange, 'twas passing strange," that no outsider could, under any circumstances, win a game in that room, try they ever so hard, but so it was. At last two proficient took possession of the apartment, ostensibly for play, and locked the doors. They at once began a diligent search of the premises and unearthed a regular system of wire telegraphy, by the aid of which a stool pigeon, who saw the cards of the outsiders, telegraphed their hands to the manipulators of the skin game. A flood of light was poured in upon the mysterious run of luck, and curses, both loud and deep, filled the modest apartment. We understand that those who have been fleeced have taken legal advice, and that every means will be tried to recover the money. —Los Angeles Herald, December 22.