

"10. The judges shall examine the men before each bout, to see that no oil or grease has been put upon their bodies.

"Colonel T. H. Monstrey is mutually agreed upon as referee, and his decision shall be without appeal."

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY DEC. 31.

This Is It.—The weather that the butchers and teamsters like is here at last.

Seasonable.—Last night is popularly regarded as the coldest of the season so far. Snow eight inches-deep this morning.

New Assessor and Collector.—This morning Alderman George Crismon was elected, by the County Court of Salt Lake County, assessor and collector, in place of Mr. Robt. J. Golding, resigned.

Gone From Our Gaze.—We are informed that U. S. Marshal Maxwell has gone to Washington, for the purpose of exerting himself with a view to meeting the anticipated pressure against him on account of his alleged official pecuniary defaultations.

The Sanitarian.—The number of this useful journal for January contains articles on "Sanitary Reports," "New Method of Heating," "Pollution of Rivers," "Value of Health to a City," "A City of Health," "A Baby's Soliloquy," and a number of other subjects. Published by McDivitt, Campbell & Co., 79 Nassau St., New York.

Team and Wagon.—This morning a wagon was standing on the track of the Utah Central railroad, between Wood's Cross and this City, and the team belonging to it, a horse and mule, were standing some distance away from the vehicle, from which they appeared to have broken loose. The south bound train had to be stopped till the obstruction was removed from the line. It is probable the team had run away, and its whereabouts were unknown to the owner.

Sixteenth Ward Amusements.—On Wednesday night and last night the members of the 16th Ward had their annual parties, at which the attendance was large, the poor being invited free, and a most pleasant and sociable time was spent, the time flying past almost imperceptibly. The hour of commencing those parties was four o'clock in the afternoon, closing at forty minutes past ten at night.

To-day, in the same Ward, a free party is given to all the children of the Ward, and to-morrow, New Year's Day, there will be a mixed entertainment, dramatic exhibitions, singing and reciting making up the programme.

New System of Phonetics.—To-day we were shown, by Mr. Wm. Willes, a new system of phonetics, called the Phonetic English Alphabet, invented by himself. It is a method of reading and spelling by sound, and has the advantage of great simplicity, and, we should think, children and foreigners imperfectly acquainted with English, could be taught to read and spell by it with great facility. Unlike any other modern system of that kind, in it the usual or ordinary English letters are retained, but to them and their combinations are given the different phonetic sounds. Mr. Willes has spent about nine years, studying upon and perfecting this new system, which is worthy the consideration of all who desire to see progress made in the direction of a perfect and simple method of reading and spelling, to supersede the unwieldy, not to say incongruous, system of the present.

The Old and New Years.—To-night the year 1875 makes its exit to give place to the year 1876, the Centennial Year of the United States, being the one hundredth year of their independence. For Utah the dying year has been propitious, and if its successor shall be as much so, the great majority of her people will have great reason to be thankful for what is sent them by a kind providence. In the expiring year the Territory has been blessed with abundant crops, and, withal, a season of general prosperity. The enemies of the people and their interests have sought to militate against them, but the efforts of such, as in every previous attempt of the kind, have proved entirely futile, and the circular combination,

sometimes denominated the Utah ring, composed, for the most part, of cormorants ready to pounce upon and devour, at the first opportunity, the substance of those who are infinitely their betters, is weaker at the end of this year than it apparently was at the beginning of the year, and none are more conscious of their imbecility than the parties composing the organization, if such it can be called.

To this nation and the world at large the passing year has been an eventful one, and may be rightly termed, in some respects, a year of disasters as evinced by the prevalence during the brief twelve months of destructive fires, shipwrecks, tornadoes, storms, "the sea leaping beyond its bounds," earthquakes, war, etc., from all of which evils, save perhaps a touch of the fiery element, destructive to considerable property, but not life, Utah has been exempt.

The year 1875 has indeed been eventful, but there is a prospect of the year upon which we are about to enter being more so, to the nation and the world at large, and especially to the work of God, which must, in its very nature, advance; and we do not imagine that we are at all mistaken in the opinion that, as time rolls on, each succeeding year will continue to be more and more pregnant with events of a momentous character, and of which mankind generally at present form scarcely the remotest conception.

We do not believe in people making fitful resolutions and breaking them, but the making and keeping of good resolutions is always in order, and it will be well for every Latter-day Saint to commence the incoming year with a renewed purpose of being valiant for truth and honesty, setting his face as a flint against all things that lead in any other direction. The work of the Lord is destined to roll on, the efforts of its enemies to the contrary notwithstanding, and all will have ultimate as well as present reason for gratitude and congratulation who keep pace with its progress.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JAN. 3.

Favorable.—The three first days of the New Year have come along with a tolerably mild aspect. This afternoon, for instance, is quite pleasant.

Assault and Battery.—Robert Riley, for assaulting and battering one Cunningham, had to hand \$5 over to the City treasury, in the Police Court, this morning.

Twentieth Ward Institute.—The members of the above named mutual improvement association will observe that Brother Rudolph Krause, who was a member of the organization from its commencement, has departed this life, and that his obsequies will be held at the 20th Ward School-house to-morrow afternoon, and those who can do so are specially invited to attend.

A Runaway.—About half past 4 o'clock on the afternoon of New Year's day, a horse with empty buggy behind it dashed furiously eastward along First South Street, passing the Eagle Emporium corner at break-neck speed. Some dozens of men rushed into the middle of the street, in the hopes of stopping the animal, who, however, treated their efforts with contempt. He kept on his career along the street railroad track till lost to sight.

House Breaking.—Yesterday Mr. Bailey happened to enter his store, on East Temple Street, when he discovered the presence of an intruder, Joseph Barnard, a deaf mute, who had gained an entrance to the premises by the back way, for the purpose of securing plunder. Young Barnard was before Justice Pyper to-day on two separate charges of trespass and housebreaking, which were proved, and he will have to stay in jail two hundred days, the punishment being equally divided between the two cases.

Change.—The resignation of Brother Nathan Davis, as Bishop of the 17th Ward, went into effect with the close of the old year, and the installment in the office of his successor, Bishop John Henry Smith, with the beginning of the new year. Yesterday afternoon the people, in meeting assembled, voted unanimously to sustain the new incumbent. Bishop Davis leaves the position with the full respect and confidence of the people he has labored among, and Bishop Smith

enters upon his new field with excellent prospects for making a good record.

Nearing Completion.—The new machine shop, replacing the one destroyed by fire, of Davis, Howe & Co., 17th Ward, is nearing completion; the putting of the roof on will be finished to-day. It is a considerably larger structure than the one that was burned, and is two and a half stories high, of adobe. The chimney is, we believe, the first built in conformity with the lately enacted ordinance in relation to fire limits, being the required height.

The building is removed some distance from the foundry and boiler shop, which are constructed of wood, so that should the latter, by any chance take fire, the new building would not be liable to be caught. Business in the new machine shop has been going on for some time. The firm has shown its usual amount of enterprise in its efforts to recover from the effects of the recent loss.

Doings in the Nineteenth Ward.—Last Wednesday the Sunday school teachers and children and their friends had a social party, for the little ones in the afternoon, and the adults in the evening. The hall was crowded on each occasion and order and decorum prevailed. All present appeared highly delighted. The early closing movement was strictly adhered to.

On Friday evening the usual weekly Sunday school social came off, at which many good songs, dialogues, recitations and readings were delivered. With the proceeds of these "ten cent socials" the committee have purchased over one hundred dollars' worth of presents, in the shape of books and pictures for the scholars, and a handsome chart and books for the use of the school.

Yesterday (Sunday) morning these presents were distributed, making the little ones especially happy.

The Tooele County Mails, Some thing Wrong.—Mr. William Powell, of Pine Cañon, Tooele Co., called to-day, and made a statement, the truth of which is beyond question, and which shows that the attention of the postal authorities is necessary.

He says that Salt Lake newspapers seldom reach Pine Cañon on time, and, instead of going from this city direct, they often go to Ophir, sometimes to Dry Cañon, and sometimes to Johnson's Settlement. Mr. Powell says he has only had his paper on time once in three months. He also stated that letters sent from this city to Pine Cañon are sometimes a week or ten days in transit.

This matter needs some correction on the part of the postal authorities, and we respectfully call their attention thereto.

Mortuary.—Sexton's Report for December:

Males 19; females 19. Of these, adults 23; children 15. Causes of death as reported: Old age 6; lung disease 4; scarlet fever 4; typhoid fever 4; teething 3; inflammation of bowels 2; killed by explosion 2; inflammation of brain 1; convulsions (infantile) 1; injured spine 1; erysipelas 1; heart disease 1; Bright's disease of the kidneys 1; alcoholism 1; died at birth 1; chronic rheumatism 1; dropsy 1; not reported 2. Total interments 38.

Summary for the year. Males 229; females 223. Of these, adults 229; children 273. Total 502. Brought from outside settlements for interment 105; transients 6; would leave resident mortality at 391. Showing a decrease of resident mortality as compared with 1874 of 46.

Note.—There is a noticeable yearly increase of adult mortality, as also a decrease of juvenile mortality. 1874, adults 190; 1875, 229. Juveniles, 1874, 331; 1875, 273.

The Waterworks.—The construction of the City waterworks has progressed with commendable rapidity during the last few months. On the 22nd day of July last the first installment of pipes was unloaded, and from that time to the present the excavating and pipe-laying has been completed as follows—

From the works, in City Creek Cañon, to the Eagle Gate, thence west to the gasworks, west side of the railroad depot, and from there northward about one block; from the residence of Hon. George Q. Cannon northward three blocks and west to Union Square. This

work has also been done on East Temple street from the NEWS Office corner five blocks south, to Mrs. John Kimball's corner. The same has been done from the Eagle Emporium corner around that entire block, and around the block east of it, on the other side of East Temple Street, and also along Commercial Street; also from the Theatre corner north to the Eagle Gate; also along First South Street eastward to Fifth East Street, thence north to South Temple Street and from there west to the residence of Bishop John Sharp, altogether a distance probably of somewhere between five and six miles. Owing to the liability of the occurrence of severe spells of frost in Winter, the pipes have been laid at a sufficient depth to provide against the contingency of freezing. There being no more pipes on hand the work of excavating and laying will cease till Spring, but the work in other branches will proceed, such as the arrangement and placing of hydrants, which are being manufactured by Messrs. Davis, Howe & Co., and are pretty well along.

Swearing and Obscenity.—For swearing and using obscene and disgusting language a man named Thompson was fined \$10 this morning, by Justice Pyper.

Correspondence.

Wants Information.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—Would you be kind enough to forward me a copy of your paper? I saw an account of it in one of the papers here lately. I have been reading a good deal about your religion lately, and would like to learn a little about it from a correct source. I see some of our writers and speakers inveigh loudly against "Mormonism," but they ought first to banish polygamy and prostitution from among themselves. I wish I had a powerful pen, I would tell those would-be pietists and reformers what I think about them. Hoping you will forward a copy or two of your paper, I am very respectfully yours.

MRS. D—B—

Geological and other Specimens from the North.

MUSEUM, Dec. 30, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

Bro. Barfoot suggested the propriety of sending you a detailed statement of various specimens obtained by me in my visit to the north, as it may be interesting to your readers.

The various specimens of oolitic limestone, which you saw, on further examination leave no doubt upon the mind that the deposit from which they were obtained belongs to recent geologic times. It is probable that Dr. Hayden refers to these very rocks, when alluding to the fossil remains of that district, as belonging to the Pliocene period. Some of the rock in the quarry from which I took these specimens is very compact, easily quarried, and valuable for building purposes, for which it is used in Ogden and other cities.

My visit to Logan Cañon was especially interesting, as in one of the quarries there I was fortunate enough to break off specimens of sandstone which contain organic remains that we believe we have identified as belonging to the Upper Silurian. Other fossils that I obtained were not "in situ," therefore little importance attaches to them beyond the fact that they show the proximity of probably the Lower Carboniferous. Of course the presence of snow prevented further researches being made. I received much valuable aid from our brethren, and permit me to say from the sisters too, in the fair city of Logan.

In my visit to Ogden Cañon I obtained specimens of a fine hematite iron ore from the mine of Seagers & Co. Mr. Seagers also gave me specimens of valuable silver ore from Lake Side District, 140 miles west of Ogden. I also obtained specimens of a curious insect that seems to enjoy life very well upon the surface of the snow. They are a species of flea beetle, and make another interesting addition to our insect fauna. One valuable contribution was presented by Chas W. Penrose, Esq., editor of the Ogden

Journal, to whose kindly notices in his paper I am indebted for much of my success. The contribution I allude to is a bone of an extinct vertebrate of enormous size; it is probably part of the spinal process of a huge animal known as the Megalosaur.

Yours, &c.,

W. D. JOHNSON, JR.

Holidays and Progress.

GRANTSVILLE CITY,
December 28th, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

We are now enjoying our holidays. Summer's toll and Autumn's labor being completed, we are now able to devote at least a portion of our time to mental culture. Our meetings are well attended and a spirit of reformation broods over our settlement. The general topic of the day is, "Home Industries." Organizations to that end are being established, the majority among us concurring. In a short time we expect to have a county tannery in full operation; other institutions will not be far in the rear. Our dances this season are meagre compared with the past, whilst our societies, "Literary" and "Reform," are receiving special attention. Last night (the 27th) the young men of the Literary Institute held a concert at the school-house. It was a complete success; talent heretofore hidden displayed itself in original productions with vividness and force that would not disgrace the sacred pages of Milton. Among these were "Dollars and Dimes," by Bro. Joseph Everitt; "The Preacher's Soliloquy," by Bro. Aroet L. Hale; and the "Bar of Justice," by Prof. Robert Orr. In addition to these, each one acted nobly his part. Success, then, to enterprising young men, and may their light shine unobscured. R.

Mortally—Fatal Accident—The U. O.—Education.

MT. PLEASANT,
Dec. 28th, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

The people here enjoy very good health. There is but little sickness among us, and consequently but few deaths, two or three from old age, a few from whooping cough, and one by accident, which cast a gloom over the entire city. It was the daughter of Bro. Nels Johansen. She was in the act of stepping over the tumbling shaft (I believe it is called) of a thrashing machine, and her clothing was caught by one of the knuckles of the shaft or rod and were wound up with it and she was crushed to death immediately.

The United Order is still progressing in this place, the present members thereof preferring it to stewardship. We feel to go on under the same laws that we were first organized under, for we believe that these laws, if properly lived up to, will save and exalt us in the Kingdom of God. In fact I know they will, and in breaking up in order to take our stewardships we would sustain great losses in the way of public corals, stock yards, making roads to the cañons, etc.

The several schools will commence again after the holidays are over. There will be four schools in operation this winter—one by Bro. Page and Miss Delean, one by Sister S. J. Hutchison, one by myself and Miss Peel, and one by Miss Dela Snow. The total number of pupils enrolled will be about four hundred and fifty or five hundred.

Yours respectfully,

J. T. HENNINGER.

DIED.

At Holden, Millard Co. Sunday, Dec. 12th, at 4:30 p.m., of inflammation, etc., EUPHENA, wife of Henry Chesnut.

Deceased was born in Johnston, near Glasgow, Scotland, March, 1834; embraced the gospel when young; emigrated to Utah in the Fall of 1868, and from that time until her death resided in this place. She was a kind and affectionate mother, a true hearted Latter-day Saint, and beloved by all who knew her.—[COM.]

Millennial Star, please copy.

At Pinto, Nov. 29th, of inflammation of the bowels, CLARA ELLEN, daughter of Charles and Eliza A. Westover, aged 2 years, 9 months, and 19 days.

On December 19th, 1875, of diphtheria, a daughter of Bishop O. N. and Line Liljenquist, of Hyrum, Cache county: Deceased was born Aug. 15th, 1869.

Scandinavian Star, please copy.