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FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JULY 31, 1888.

### A Tramp Killed.

Yesterday morning, about six o'clock, a tramp was run over by the incoming C. P. train near Kelton, and killed. Matted hair, blood, and pieces of clothing were found on the brake-beam of one of the cars, which proved the unfortunate to have been a brake-beam rider. Being cut to pieces his features were unrecognizable. The sight along the track where he had been dragged and torn was horrible in the extreme.—Ogden Standard, July 31.

### Heavy Rains.

From a gentleman just up from Beaver we learn that heavy showers prevailed in that region during Sunday night and yesterday and the "dry gulches" with which the country abounds were filled with turbulent streams as a result. The crops being much later about Beaver than in many other valleys of the Territory, they are likely to be considerably benefited by the soaking they are receiving. The chinquapines are not found in the vicinity of Beaver though they are said to be quite numerous and very damaging to crops in Iron County, and it is stated that the people of Minersville have been troubled with the pest more or less for several years past. They have been of the opinion, whether correct in it or not, that the insects breed in the cedars which abound in the foothills of that region, and then swoop down upon the growing crops when thoroughly matured.

### EQUALIZATION OF TAXES.

The Territorial Board Complete Their Labors and Report.

Today the Territorial Board of Equalization completed its labors for 1888, and made its report to the Territorial Auditor of Public Accounts. This Board was created by an act of the Legislature, approved March 7th, 1888, to equalize Territorial and school taxes between the various counties of the Territory for the years 1888 and 1889. The Board was made to consist of seven members, and its first day of meeting was fixed on the third Monday in June. It was given power to visit any part of the Territory and summon witnesses to ascertain the actual and assessed value of property, and to compare one county with another. Having completed this labor the board was to give ten days' notice to the county court of any county in which it was proposed to increase the assessed valuation, that the increase might be resisted. The action of the Board in regard to the assessed valuation of property in any county was made final, and the counties are bound by its orders. A report of its labors has to be made on or before the first of August in each year.

In pursuance of the provisions of this law, the Legislature elected as members of

#### THE BOARD

of Equalization, Elias A. Smith, of Salt Lake County, who was made chairman, James T. Hammond, of Cache County, who was elected secretary, Charles C. Richards, of Weber County, Robert C. Lund, of Washington County, Jonathan S. Page, of Utah County, L. S. Hills, of Salt Lake County, and R. C. Chambers of Summit County.

On Monday, June 18, the Board met in Salt Lake City, organized and

agreed upon a course of procedure. Such of the counties as could be visited personally, the Board traveled to. These were Salt Lake, Davis, Utah, Weber, Tooele, Box Elder, Summit, Cache, Morgan, Wasatch, Juab and Sanpete. Those whom the Board could not visit were sent to. The members of the county courts were consulted, and were requested to name representative men

#### AS WITNESSES

in relation to the subject under investigation. These witnesses the Board caused be subpoenaed and their testimony was obtained. In Salt Lake County 45 witnesses testified; in Davis 15, Utah 27, Weber 23, Tooele 12, Box Elder 13, Summit 14, Cache 18, Morgan 7, Wasatch 8, Sanpete 27, Juab 9, Washington 2, Kane 2, Sevier 3, Millard 2, Beaver 2, Uinta 2, Emery 2, and Iron 1. In addition there were 13 witnesses as to general properties, making a total of 240. San Juan, Rich, Piute and Garfield counties failed to respond to the invitation of the Board, and there was not time to visit them.

After a careful inquiry as to the value of property in each of the counties, the Board drew up

#### ITS CONCLUSIONS

as to the comparative assessment in the various counties. It was found that in eleven—Box Elder, Weber, Davis, Morgan, Summit, Wasatch, Tooele, Utah, Juab, Sanpete and Millard—the valuation of property was too low, and the county courts were notified, on July 17, to appear by representative on July 28, in this city, to oppose the contemplated increase. All but Millard responded, and on being confronted with the facts in possession of the Board, acknowledged that the proposed change was just, and it was therefore ordered made.

There were a number of matters in relation to

#### GENERAL PROPERTIES

that the Board had not sufficient time to deal with fully, though steps were taken to remedy any evil that existed in the way of unequal taxation. It was found that sheep were assessed uniformly at the rate of \$1.50 per head. Cattle and horses, however, were differently treated. In some cases blooded stock was assessed separately from the common kinds, while in other instances all were put in at the same valuation as that of the common breeds. In relation to other properties there was sometimes a great disparagement. These facts were called to the attention of the county courts, with a recommendation that the discrepancies be rectified.

Five of the members of the board have attended to its business regularly, and almost without interruption. The two members selected as "Liberals" were not as attentive. Mr. Chambers being able to attend on one occasion only, and that when Summit County was visited. Mr. Hills was with the Board at the meetings in Weber, Davis, Morgan and Utah counties.

The effect of the Board's action will be to slightly increase the income from Territorial and school taxes in the counties where the assessment is increased. The Territorial tax is three mills on the dollar, the school tax is the same, and in all of the counties except Summit and Utah the county tax is six mills. In Summit the county court has fixed the rate at four mills, and in Utah at five.

The increase made is on the present assessed value, and not on the actual value. That is, where property has been valued at \$1,000 in a county where an increase of 25 per cent is ordered, it will be listed on the assessment roll at \$1,250. The effect of this really is to take property that is assessed at about 35 per cent of its market value and bring it up to 49 per cent; or throughout the Territory the average is brought to a little under 50 per cent.

#### THE REPORT

of the Board of Equalization, made before its adjournment today, in regard to the increase in the eleven counties named, is as follows:

SALT LAKE CITY, July 31, 1888.

To the Honorable Nephi W. Clayton, Auditor of Public Accounts for Utah Territory:

Dear Sir: In pursuance of law, the Territorial Board of Equalization of Assessment of Territorial and Territorial School Taxes for the Territory of Utah hereby report that said Board has made the following changes in the assessed values of the different classes of property, for the year 1888, as hereinafter enumerated, in the following named counties of this Territory, to-wit:

In Box Elder County, the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 25 per cent.

In Weber County, the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 25 per cent. The assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 25 per cent. The assessed value of all money loaned, on hand or on deposit has been changed by increasing the same 25 per cent.

In Davis County the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent. The assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

In Morgan County the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

In Summit County the assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

In Wasatch County the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent. The assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 50 per cent.

In Tooele County the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent. The assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

In Utah County the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 25 per cent. The assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

In Juab County the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent. The assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

In Sanpete County the assessed value of all real estate has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

In Millard County the assessed value of all merchandise has been changed by increasing the same 40 per cent.

Very respectfully,

ELIAS A. SMITH, Chairman.  
JAS. T. HAMMOND, Secretary.  
ROBERT C. LUND,  
CHARLES C. RICHARDS,  
JONATHAN S. PAGE,  
LEWIS S. HILLS,  
Members of said Board.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, AUG 1, 1888.

### Out of Prison.

This morning Thomas Pierpont, of the Fifteenth Ward, who has served a six months' term in the penitentiary for living with his wives, was set at liberty, his fine having been paid. He received the benefit of the "copper act" for good behavior.

### Cut His Throat.

Last night Nels Brown, an inmate of the County Infirmary, obtained a razor and cut a horrible gash in his throat, in an attempt to commit suicide. He did not succeed, however, and a surgeon was summoned, who dressed his wounds. He will probably recover.

### Small-pox in Park City.

PARK CITY, August 1, 1888. [Special to the DESERET NEWS.]—There is one case of small-pox in this city, in the family of George Blackburn. A six-year-old child is the afflicted person. The disease is in a mild form. The house where the child is has been quarantined. The family came here from Philadelphia about two weeks ago.

### For Grand Larceny.

John Boyle was arrested by the police last night, on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of having stolen \$115 worth of watches, etc. He was before Justice Pyper this forenoon and his bail fixed at \$1,000. In default of that amount of security he was taken back to jail.

### To Our Weber County Patrons.

For the benefit of our Ogden subscribers the DESERET EVENING NEWS will be mailed hereafter so as to leave Salt Lake City on the 5-40 D. & R. G. train, and arrive in Ogden each evening at 7 p. m., thus enabling our Ogden patrons who have postoffice boxes to get their papers at 8 o'clock on the evening of their publication.

Brother Joseph Hall is appointed subscription agent for THE DESERET NEWS COMPANY for Ogden City and Weber County, and we commend him to our friends.

### The Northern Excursion.

This season's excursion to Cache and Bear Lake valleys will leave on Wednesday, August 15th, and will be the only opportunity for a low rate trip to the north this year. The tickets to Cache are good for ten days, and to Bear Lake for thirty days. The rates are: Salt Lake to Brigham City and return \$2 35, Logan \$3 75, Franklin \$4 50, Oxford \$5 75, Soda Springs \$8, and Montpelier \$10. Tickets, particularly for Soda Springs and Montpelier, should be purchased by noon on August 14, to secure ample accommodations. The tickets will be on sale at the Utah Central office, Dwyer's and Coaster & Snellgrove's.

Rates are also given from Ogden, at the following figures for the round trip, those to Bear Lake, Soda and Montpelier being good for thirty days, and the others for ten days: Brigham City, 90c.; Logan \$3 30, Franklin \$3 10,

Oxford \$4 25, Soda Springs \$6 75, Montpelier \$9 00.

Tickets for sale at the railway office at Ogden and by the committee on August 14 and the morning of the 15th.

### Commenced Work.

The municipal authorities are doing some rustling to get a more abundant supply of water for the city. It will be seen by the Council minutes of last evening that the exchange for Parley's Creek water has been made, and the matter of the construction of the ditch to bring it to this city, placed in the hands of Mayor Armstrong and the Council committee on canal. Bright and early this morning the Mayor, several of the committee and others, started out, and the work of construction was commenced forthwith.

The Council also authorized the Mayor and canal committee to construct a new canal from the Big Cottonwood flume, on the large canal (the old channel to be deepened to the forty-two foot drop), to this city, a distance of about ten miles. The understanding was that at no place would the descent to the mile be less than four feet, the excavation to be ten feet wide at the bottom and two feet deep. This will carry more water than the 20-foot canal does at present. This morning some of the committee on canal, the surveyor, watermaster and workmen also left with a view to commencing operations today.

In addition to this a committee went south to the point of the mountain to attend to the further opening of the channel there, that a greater flow of water through the canal might be secured.

### The Storm North.

Monday night's storm north of this city seems to have been pretty heavy, especially in the neighborhood of Ogden. The Standard says that in consequence of the rain several landslides occurred in Ogden Cañon, and from the mass of water which came down, carrying with it boulders, gravel, dirt, brush and ties, many supposed there had been a cloudburst. The cañon road was washed out in places for a distance of 1,000 feet. In one place the amount of dirt from the steep cliffs covered up the road and shot half way across the river bed. Torrents in a number of the ravines contributed to the foaming, rushing stream which was created in a few moments. The flashes of lightning and the heavy reverberations of thunder made the scene one of wild terror. The road in a few moments became impassable. A wash was made on the dugway just east of Coldwater, and several places further up the road were made almost impassable. The road will be badly damaged. Mr. Wilson, who has lived in the cañon for years said, last night, that he had never seen such flashes of lightning nor heard such heavy thunder before. The elements seemed to be in a perfect uproar, while torrents of rain descended. In Weber County the storm was general, and it extended east through Morgan and Summit counties, and as far south as Layton.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 2, 1888.

### A New Comer.

The wife of A. J. Higgs, of the Tenth Ward, gave birth to a fine boy on Tuesday evening. The father is now laboring as a missionary in West Virginia. Mother and child is doing well. The new arrival is, grandson of Mr. Rodney Hillam, and great-grandson of Mr. Wm. Grimsdell, a veteran employee of this office.

### The Edmunds Law.

Hans J. Peterson, of Smithfield, was before the U. S. Commissioner at Logan, on Saturday last, for an alleged violation of the Edmunds law. The outcome of his examination was that he was placed under bonds to await the result of a prosecution on a charge of adultery with his plural wife. The lady was also placed under bonds.

### Raiding Deputies.

On Monday Snowville, Box Elder County, experienced a raid for persons accused of unlawful cohabitation. The deputies started in between 3 and 4 a. m., and among the places they visited were Bishop Goodliffe's and Wm. Bunderson's. The former was not at home. The latter got out of the house before the officers came and started across lots. He was followed and a shot fired after him, but without effect, so far as known. No arrests were made.

### Probate Court.

The following business was transacted in the Salt Lake County Probate Court yesterday:

Estate of Helenora Symons, deceased; order made appointing time and place to hear petition for probate of will.

Estate of Thomas Sadler, deceased; order made allowing final account.

Estate of Louise Lange, deceased;

order made appointing time and place to hear petition for probate of will.

In the matter of the petition in relation to Mrs. Emma Bird, asking that she be committed to the insane asylum, order made allowing the petitioner, Mrs. Dr. Pratt to, withdraw the petition.

### Horrible Crime.

News from Genoa, Nevada, says that a terrible tragedy was enacted there on Sunday last. A band of Washoe Indians who had been working in the hay fields got some whisky and soon engaged in a drunken quarrel. One of the band was knocked down with a club and then trampled to death. His head was beaten in with bricks and nearly every bone in his body broken by the infuriated savages. While he lay begging for his life half a dozen were jumping up and down upon his body, until he was a shapeless mass of blood and bones. The murderers fled to the hills, and have not yet been captured.

### The Kramer Case.

There has been considerable talk in some quarters regarding the case of Albert Kramer, who was fined a few days ago for insulting a young girl at Garfield. Kramer is now in jail in default of the fine, and it is alleged that he was improperly tried. The facts regarding the trial are that when the case was called the girl was not present. Kramer stated what he expected to prove by her testimony, and the prosecution admitted the facts claimed. The hearing was proceeded with, and Kramer admitted that he had attempted to take improper liberties with her, and against her protest. He was charged with indecent conduct, and on his own statement was convicted. The evidence which Kramer claimed the girl would give would go to deny the crime of assault, which was not pressed against him, although two witnesses gave strong evidence in that direction.

### Washout on Utah & Northern.

During the heavy rainstorms late on Wednesday afternoon, a cloudburst occurred on this side of Birch Creek, somewhere in the low mountains. The water, a volume about the size of the Mississippi River, swept down the long dry ravine which the track of the Utah & Northern crosses between Dillon and Apex station. The flood of water swept away or partially washed out the railroad bed for about a half mile in length. Parties who witnessed the flood of water say that it was very large, and that when it collected in the dry gulch it formed a large and rapidly running river. As soon as the damage to the railroad track was made known, Roadmaster Tom. Douglass gathered a large force of men, and commenced repairing the damage done by the washout. The crew of railroad men worked all night, and until after noon the next day before the track was put in condition to admit of the passing of trains over it. The north-bound passenger train was delayed a few hours, but the passenger train from Butte to Dillon was only delayed about half an hour.—Dillon (Montana) Tribune.

### BOLD CRIMINALS.

John T. Buckle the Victim of Garroters.

About 9 o'clock last night a bold robbery was committed on Third South Street, a few feet east of East Temple, and within a stone's throw of three large hotels. Mr. J. T. Buckle, of the firm of Buckle & Sons, merchant tailors, was on his way home, and had just turned the corner at the St. Elmo Hotel and gone a few feet eastward, when he was assailed by two men, who sprang out of the alley. One of the ruffians seized him by the throat and made an effort to get him into the passage way. Mr. Buckle resisted, when one of his assailants called to the other "Hit him!" The next instant Mr. Buckle was struck a heavy blow on the head with a sandbag, which felled him to the ground. Half stunned, he was dragged into the alley, where he was searched and his gold watch and chain—all the valuables he had on him—taken. The thieves then released him and started across the street south, and Mr. Buckle staggered to the St. Elmo, from where he was taken to Sharp & Yonner's drug store and his injuries attended to. The right side of his head and face showed that the blow was a severe one.

As soon as Mr. Buckle was able to talk he stated what had occurred. An investigation revealed the fact that in the struggle the sleeve had been torn out of the coat one of the robbers. This was turned over to the police, who have taken the matter in hand. Mr. Buckle had very little opportunity to see his assailants, and therefore cannot give even a fair description of them. This morning the coat from which the sleeve had been torn was found in the Eighteenth Ward.