DESERET EVENING NEWS

TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT.

Weather report showing observations at 8 a. m. today:

Salt Lake—Barometer, 29.61; temperature, 22; humidity, 36; wind, southwest, 4 miles per hour; cloudy.

Forecast for Utah for 36 hours ending 6 p. m. tomorrow:

Local snow this afternoon and tonight.

Thursday partly cloudy.

Colder tonight.

L. H. MURDOCH,
Section Director, Weather Bureau.

NOTICE.

Subscribers to the NEWS are requested to note that the price for the daily is now $8.00 per year or by the month, 75 cents Saturday edition $2.00 per year. Semi-Weekly $2.00 per year.

To-day's Metals.

SILVER, Dec, 59 5-8
LEAD, $4 25
CASTING COPPER, 15 cents a lb.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Edward O. Howard, paying teller at Walker Bros., bank, is now manager of the Salt Lake Clearing House.

August Anderson, the old man who fell down the stairway of the Wasatch gambling house a few evenings ago, is in a rather precarious state.

The gentle efforts at snowing today caused no alarm, as it was believed this a slight fall of snow would ward off any evil auge that might be in the neighborhood.

Walter Gatchell was taken down to the insane asylum today, having been ordered committed to that institution on findings presented by Clerk Hall. Drs. Richards and Wright were the examining physicians.

The State board of equalization is preparing to serve notice on city if it does not comply with the order of the supreme court relating to the assessment of the rolling stock of the railroads.

A morning cotemporary refers to the new settlement near Deseret, Millard county, as Abraham. The proper name is Abraham, as it appears in the "News," which was correctly quoted in the remarks of the item.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Madsen were the recipients last evening of a pleasant surprise party at their residence in the Eleventh ward. Between fifty and sixty people were present. All enjoyed themselves excellently and heartily wished Mr. and Mrs. Madsen continued happiness and prosperity.

The new board of directors elected by the stockholders of the Deseret Gas Milling company incorporates the following gentlemen: W. S. McCornick, president; W. H. Wisden, vice president; R. E. Miller, secretary; C. E. McCornick, treasurer; J. R. Miller, M. M. Miller and Hugh L. Morris.

The residents of the Twentieth ward enjoyable the excellent of a free, comedious amusement hall the coming summer. The matter has been discussed in the various classes for some time past, and as many of the ward members have contributed to donate liberally, the scheme is now assuming tangible shape. The hall will be a much appreciated improvement.

Save your money, and when you get a Dollar, deposit it with Zion's Savings Bank & Trust Co., U. S. Main street. The officers and directors are: Lorenzo Snow, president; George Q. Cannon, vice president; George M. Cannon, cashier; Joseph F. Smith, Lorenzo Snow, T. G. Webber, Heber J. Grant, James Jack, Francis M. Lyman, Angus M. Cannon, George Reynolds, H. B. Clawson, L. John Nuttall.

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Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

A REMINISCENCE.

A Storm that Nearly Destroyed Two Fleets During the Crimean War.

To the Editor:

In the issue of the "News" of Saturday, Jan. 28th, the date of the storm that happened in the Crimea, is given as Nov. 4th instead of 14th. I had cause to remember the date. I was baker on board the side-wheel steamship Emperor, of Hull, England.

On the morning of the 14th of that month we left Varna, which is about half-way between Constantinople and Balaclava, with French troops for Balaclava, including their staff of officers and fifty-three horses. Shells were fitted up on the upper deck for 21 , but other six were utilized in the bulwarks. We had also two small vessels in tow also loaded with troops. We started for Balaclava about 8 o'clock in the morning. An hour after it commenced to blow. By ten o'clock it was a hurricane, and for our own safety we had to cut their cables and let the vessels adrift. The troops had to be sent between decks under battered down hatches. There was very little coal in the bunkers, which made the vessel very heavy, causing her to roll from side to side to such an extent that had it not been for her patent keel, we would have capsized. The six horses are killed pitching from side to side of the vessel and had to be thrown overboard.

There was a row of cabins for the ship's officers on each side of the upper deck, filled up with bunkers of which were occupied by myself and the ship's carpenter. The carpenter was lifted up across the decks so that with the roll of the vessel we were treated to an hourly rocking cradle of perhaps minutes, first standing on our heads, next on our feet, the whole night. We had two hatches each side. In the morning the gale lasted 24 hours.

The sights that we witnessed that morning was awful. The sandy beach from Balaclava to Cheltenia, a distance of five miles, was strewn with wreckage and dead bodies. Such was the strength of the gale that quite a number of large vessels drifted and dragged both anchors along with them. To prevent vessels that could not be towed back to sea from falling into the hands of the enemy, they were burned to the water's edge.

Respectfully,

ALEX CROLL.

LOST A LEG.

John Ravenglass was operated upon at the Rough-Rosner hospital last night, having his leg amputated below the knee. The unfortunate man, who was employed at the Golden Gate, fell between the cars and the roadway yesterday morning and his leg was badly crushed. Drs. Woodward and Cushing performed the operation and brought him to Salt Lake in the afternoon. He was resting as well as could be expected this morning.

MOTION TO AMEND CAUSES DEBATE.

Effort to Create a New Council Committee Fails.

BUCKLE'S FRIENDS TAKE IT

Report of Committee of the Whole Goes Over for One Week—Miscellaneous Matters.

Councilman Howe's motion to amend rule 11 of the City Council rules, providing for a committee to the engineer's department, caused a campus at last night's meeting, ending in its defeat.

Robertson said he regarded the offering of the amendment as a gratuitous insult to Councilman Buckle, chairman of the sewerage committee, whom he had no hesitation in saying was one of the ablest members of the Council. This was the second Council Mr. Buckle had been indentified with, and the fact of his re-election was of itself a sufficient endorsement of his honesty and integrity and the manner in which he was regarded by his constituents. The amendment was offered for the purpose of ousting Mr. Buckle from the chairmanship of the committee on sewerage, and he could see no reason for complaint from certain Democratic members over other President Burton gave to the chairmanships. The act was a slight to create a committee for the engineer's department was politics and present politics was politics. It was unfair and contemptible and for one he was opposed to it.

Howe said that as far as he was concerned he had no fault to find with Mr. Buckle. He regarded him as a man who was anxious to do the right thing by everybody. As for personal politics he thought the gentleman who used the term should know more about them than any other member of the Council. He was forcibly reminded of a message in Scripture which said that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Howe said he was what prompted your remarks, I guess.

Powerson rising to the amendment and gave it as his opinion that if of the course the city engineer had received was because there was no committee to look after his department and know how things were going on. He did not see why the engineer's department should not have a committee to control it as well as other departments of the city.

Calister was opposed to the amendment for the reason there was no necessity for it. If the engineer's department should be the worst, he knew nothing about politics entering the question. As regards creating the engineer's department a third ward state where that officer had ever been removed by the Council. It was the ward members who had complained to the engineer occasionally, but the other members paid no attention to him. Hood (laughing) Shame.

Patrick said it had been represented to him that no committee of the Council ever recommended the payroll of the engineer's department, and acting under that belief had expressed himself in favor of creating a new committee. He had since learned, however, that Mr. Buckle as chairman of the sewerage committee had sign the payroll and signed it and for his reason he was now opposed to the amendment. Patrick then referred to the majority and minority reports of the sewerage committee, and took occasion to pay his respects to Councilman Powerson. Said he: "It is not the first time that he has been censured. But it has been the direct result of the misrepresentations of one member of the Council."

Powerson here arose and demanded of Patrick that he take back the word misrepresented. Said he: "I will take it back, if you take it back," he said.

"I do nothing of the kind," said Patrick. "I will repeat what I said before for your special benefit, the city engineer has been censured through the misrepresentations of one member of this Council."

Patrick further stated that politics was cutting no ice with him. He had voted for he himself had had cause to complain of it. He regretted it very much and hoped the members would bury their partisanship and work in harmony for the upbuilding of the city.

Romney paid a high tribute to Buckle and said he was one of the faithful men of the Council. As for politics it never entered his head until he heard it in the Council. He regarded the amendment as a direct insult to Mr. Buckle and the rest of the committee on sewerage. He concluded by saying: "We are a body of gentlemen, and I know we will do no one the injustice back for it. Some other are were tethered in the bulwarks. We had also two small vessels in tow also loaded with troops. We started for Balaclava about 8 o'clock in the morning. An hour after it commenced to blow. By ten o'clock it was a hurricane, and for our own safety we had to cut their cables and let the vessels adrift. The troops had to be sent between decks under battered down hatches. There was very little coal in the bunkers, which made the vessel very heavy, causing her to roll from side to side to such an extent that had it not been for her patent keel, we would have capsized. The six horses are killed pitching from side to side of the vessel and had to be thrown overboard.

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printing and binding 150 copies of the city ordinances in force at the present time, referred to committee on finance.

Holdaway introduced a resolution recommending that $200 be appropriated to repair and remodel the house in Pioneer Park, and that a competent person be employed at $50 per month, during the balance of the year that work can be done. Referred to committee on public grounds.

J. C. Jackson, chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line, in a communication addressed to City Engineer Maloney, stated he desired to know if the City would permit the work of lowering the grade on South Temple street, between Fifth West and Jordan river, would be commenced. Committee on streets.

A. H. Raleigh asked that that action be taken looking to the grading of Cain street. Committee on streets.

Ole Wilkinson, complained of the dangerous condition of his property in the City Cemetery by reason of city teams being driven over his land. He stated that the property was not intended for a thoroughfare. Committee on improvements and waterworks.

Edwin Stephens of 347 West Seventh North street, asked an appropriation of $200 or damages for injuries received on his premises, which he claimed was the result of the city in City Creek canyon. Petitioner says that on the day specified he was at work, performing the duties of a common laborer when a rock fell from a side hill, striking him on the head and inflicting injuries from which he was confined to his bed 2 days. He was now looking to the City Council to do any work. Referred to committee on claims.

TO ABOLISH COMMISSIONS.

Proposition of the Salt Lake City Council Relating to Fire and Police Departments.

The committee on municipal law of the Salt Lake City Council have formulated a bill proposing to abolish the boards of police and fire commissioners in cities of the first class, and for other purposes, and the Council will recommend the Legislature to pass the same.

Following is the full text of the proposed legislation:

An act abolishing cities of 12,000 or more inhabitants to create a police department and a fire department, making rules and control the same, and transferring the property of the present police and fire departments, and repealing an act and the act approved March 14, 1896, entitled "An act providing for the appointment and duties of the board of police and fire commissioners in cities of 12,000 or more inhabitants, and to place the police and fire departments under the control of the mayor and city council of said cities, respectively, and repealing chapter XXXII, Laws of Utah, 1896, entitles