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DESERET EVENING NEWS  
WEATHER REPORT.  
Observation taken at 6 a. m. today for previous 24 hours.  
Salt Lake City, Utah: Barometer 27.70 inches; current temperature 31; maximum temperature 35; minimum temperature 21; mean temperature 24, which is 4 degrees above normal.  
Accumulated excess of temperature since January 1st, 164 degrees.  
Total precipitation from 6 a. m. to 6 a. m. 1.35 inches.  
Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since January 1st, 28.18 inches.  
FORECASTS TILL 6 P. M. SUNDAY.  
Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity:  
Fair tonight and Sunday; continued cold.  
Forecast made at San Francisco for Utah:  
Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight in northern portion.  
WEATHER CONDITION.  
Pressure has risen over the country west of the Rocky Mountains, the crest of the "high" extending from the Pacific northwest to the great basin. The "low" has moved rapidly eastward and now forms a trough extending from the upper lake region southward to Oklahoma. Precipitation has fallen over southern California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys. It is colder over southern Utah and northern Arizona, and warmer over Texas, the Missouri and Mississippi valleys.  
L. H. MURDOCH,  
Section Director.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE.  
10 a. m., 34; 12 noon, 35; 2 p. m., 38; 3 p. m., 37.  
SEMI-WEEKLY  
NEWS...  
CIRCULATION TODAY,  
20,855.  
Circulation Jan. 1, 1899, 10,280.  
To-day's Metals.  
SILVER, 84.62  
LEAD, 50.00  
CASTING COPPER 15 3/4 cents a lb.  
LOCAL BRIEFS.

Judge Hall has given his decision in the case of M. A. Beckstead vs. J. S. Jones, and J. C. Homer, intervenor, which resulted in the intervenor getting possession of 432 sheep, or their value, \$1,674.80.  
If the author of the story, "Once Upon a Time," who signed the initials J. L. J., or J. Q. J., for the Christmas "News" competition, will call at the "News" office, he will learn something to his advantage.  
The question of extending aid to the amount of \$800 to the Veteran Firemen towards the erection of their new home on Canyon Road came up before the municipal finance committee last night. It is believed that a favorable report will be made by the committee, and that the valiant old fire fighters will receive the assistance they so much need.  
Next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock the third lecture of the series given in the Latter-day Saints' College by Prof. Mills, will be delivered on the subject, "Book of Mormon Geographies." Mr. H. S. Engen will sing a solo. All are invited to attend. The lecturer will indicate the travels of the ancient American peoples by means of maps.  
Louis King, the 15-year-old son of Bishop C. L. King of Coyote, Garfield county, who has been at the Holy Cross hospital since January 1st, has been discharged. The operation to relieve paralysis of the lower portion of the lad's body, caused by a bullet wound in the spine, accidentally made by a young friend while out hunting, has not been successful.  
Tooele Transcript: Last week Salt Lake City broke the world's record for the longest time that a legislature, two cattle conventions, three mayors, a cattle show, a poultry show, a cowboy band, a band of cowboys, sixteen cheap sales of shoddy overcoats, the arrest of one cattle king as a Chicago crook, and a nature on Greek fables by the Tribune editor.  
The burning of the mill of the Menan Mining company at Menan, Idaho, noted in the dispatches recently, will be a severe loss to the people of that vicinity. The mill was a very large one, and is said to have been worth, with its contents, \$20,000. It was insured for \$40,000 at Boise. A policy of \$30,000, formerly carried with Grant & Co. of this city, was allowed to lapse during November last.  
President W. J. Tucker of Dartmouth college intends to visit Denver shortly, and college men here hope to be able to induce him to extend his trip to Salt Lake. President Tucker is visiting to attend a banquet given for him by the alumni of Dartmouth from Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and other Western States and Territories. He will deliver a lecture, "The Dartmouth of Today."

The Los Angeles Post, with commendable enterprise, has issued a "Salt Lake City edition," generously illustrated with views of a local nature. A considerable number of copies have been received here and will be read with interest. The Post says many kind things of Salt Lake and Salt Lake people, and trusts that the union of the City of the Angels and the City of the Saints will be made speedy and complete.  
Master Commissioner S. H. Lewis, of the Union Light and Power company, yesterday turned over the title to the property and franchises of that company to the Utah Light and Power company, which was recently sold at auction under a foreclosure order of court, and bought in by the latter company, who are the successors of the Union Light and Power company. The consideration of the deed was \$100,000, which was filed with County Recorder Alston yesterday afternoon for record.  
Only five new cases of smallpox were reported to the health board yesterday. The names of the afflicted parties are as follows: Carl A. Carlsberg, living at 321 south, Fourth West street; Doris Mansfield, at room 3 Harrows block; Anna T. Taylor, at 4 south, at north street, and Mary Emery, at 41 north, Eighth West street. There were no children that presented themselves yesterday for vaccination. The day previous only three were treated, all of

which indicates that the rash is over and that vaccination is about ended.  
Robert Fowler has bought the horse that Vice President Roosevelt rode while in Salt Lake last fall, for \$350, from Perry Clark of Wood's Cross, an animal, a Kentucky thoroughbred, is acknowledged to be one of the best-trained and best-gaited saddle horses in Utah. Holger, the standard-bred eight-year-old bay mare owned by H. M. Brown, was sold yesterday to Mrs. M. A. Dunsen, of the Walker House, for \$300. Holger is exceptionally gentle, and yet has a record of 2:23 3/4.  
The Microscopical Society of Utah and many members and visitors were present in the offices of Dr. Wilcox. Dr. Wilcox delivered an illustrated address on microorganisms and disease. Prof. Howard of the University followed with an illustrated address on cells and cellular structure, and Dr. Talmage concluded the meeting by commending the microscopists to the use of all intelligent persons. He also gave a little talk with illustration on microscopes. The addresses were all interesting and instructive, and the interest manifested by the presence of the society is more appreciated than ever before.  
Thursday evening Salt Lake Valley, Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W., had its annual meeting for the installation of officers and at the conclusion of the ceremonies, which were open to the public, there was a smoker at which public speeches, as to the good of the order the fine condition of the lodge were made. These are the officers of the lodge installed last evening: Past master, W. H. Armstrong, pres., P. W. Madsen, vice pres., J. E. Cain, cash.,  
UTAH COMMERCIAL AND SAVINGS BANK  
Interest paid on savings. W. F. Armstrong, pres., P. W. Madsen, vice pres., J. E. Cain, cash.,  
UTAH COAL.  
Castle Garden and Clear Creek—Lump, \$5.00 per ton. Winter Quarters Lump and all nut coal, \$4.75 per ton. Anthracite all sizes, \$9.50 per ton. 73 south Main St. Telephone, 429.  
D. J. SHARP, Agt.

THE NEW SUGAR FACTORY.  
It will be built by the Oregon Sugar Company.  
Hop David Eccles was in the city this morning arranging with the railroad for the shipment of the iron and steel for the new sugar factory contemplated near Logan. In answer to a "News" representative, he stated that the new factory would be built by, and from part of the property of the Oregon Sugar Factory, which already operates a plant at La Grande, Oregon, principally owned by Mr. Eccles. The capital stock of that company is \$400,000, and another \$400,000 in \$1000 bonds will be issued to build the new factory in Logan. Mr. Eccles was asked whether the stock subscription books would be opened to the public, and his answer was no. He stated that the stock was practically taken now. It is understood that Mr. Eccles and his associates have taken the larger part of the stock, but that some subscriptions will be received for the balance. Mr. Eccles stated that the precise location of the factory had not yet been determined upon, but he would go to Logan Monday when that point would be settled. The intention is to break ground for the factory in January, and have the factory in full operation by the time the beet crop of next year is ready.

MRS. FORD'S FUNERAL.  
Will be held from St. Mary's Cathedral Tomorrow Afternoon.  
The funeral of Mrs. John D. Ford, who died yesterday after a two weeks' illness, will be held from St. Mary's cathedral on Sunday, at 2:30 o'clock. The end came after a severe struggle with the grim destroyer and the news of her demise will bring sorrow to the hearts of all who knew the lady who has known her through the many years she has lived in the west. Mrs. Ford was born in Ireland in 1837, and came to America as a mere child. In 1860 she made her home in Salt Lake City, where she lived in harmony with her husband, whom she subsequently married.  
In 1883 they came to Salt Lake and engaged in the hotel business and since that time the name of Ford's has been a synonym for all that was excellent in house management and hospitality. The exceptional business ability and energy of Mrs. Ford making the different establishments over which she has presided among the most popular in the city. Mrs. Ford was well known for her traits of sympathy, charity and kindness, her heart being ever open to the call of the needy or distressed.  
She was the dispenser of innumerable charities, and her good deeds of which others told are enough to make her life remembered with affection and esteem by those who best knew her. Her relatives she loved as a husband and son to mourn her loss.  
The hotel, it is said, will pass into the hands of her son William Ford who will conduct the establishment as before.  
PAINFUL INCIDENT.  
University Instructor Develops Signs of Temporary Mental Derangement.  
The students at the University yesterday afternoon were considerably startled by Alfred T. Bond, instructor in manual training, while conducting one of his classes in shop work, developing symptoms of mental derangement. As a consequence the painful news spread over the city that the professor had suddenly become demented. The incident happened during a session of one of the classes. Mr. Bond was addressing the pupils upon a subject, when all of a sudden he started out to talk incoherently to some mechanical devices in a manner that startled his auditors and had the effect of creating an incipient panic in the ranks of the class. Later he talked in a rational manner, and to all intents and purposes was apparently as well mentally and physically as usual.  
In explanation of the unfortunate event it is stated that Mr. Bond has been fasting for several days, and that at different periods he has been at different times upon a mechanical contrivance in which he is interested. The two together, it is thought, have been too much for his delicate constitution and nerves, and have had the effect of resulting in temporary exhaustion, which will undoubtedly be overcome just as soon as the patient has had rest and recuperation.  
Mr. Bond was born and reared in Heber, Utah. He is a graduate of the University Normal school and the Chicago normal school. He has taught manual training at the University for four years and has always been in his specialty in the State. His wife and infant child are at their home in Heber, and Mr. Bond, following the advice of Dr. Bond, following the advice of Dr. Weber for a few days' change and rest.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF MERCUR  
The story of Mercur, Utah, is a striking illustration of the ups and downs of a typical mining camp, says Eugene B. Palmer in Ainslee's. Many years ago the Indians there were supreme. Arrowheads and other relics picked up near the site of Mercur indicate that the tribes have at times contested among themselves for that supremacy with these hills as a background.  
In 1870 silver was discovered on this site, and two years later the Carrie Steele mine took about \$30,000 in three months, and the Camp Floyd boom reached to its height. Lewiston sprang up almost in a day where Mercur now stands. The town was in a fever. There were rich strikes, shootings, wild carousals and claim jumpings. The Mormon Chief mine was transformed into a fort and battles for its possession were frequent.  
Then the bottom dropped out. The camp withered. The sounds of pick and blast were gone from the deep recesses. Bats fluttered unmolested about the rotting timbers. Coyotes slunk into the tunnels and from the vantage ground howled defiance at the herds of wild sheep. For a time the several buildings stood gloomily on their stilts, their paneless windows staring vacantly into desolate heaps, to be swept away later by fire.  
In 1880 only one house was left in the entire canyon. There lived solitary Moses Manning, keeping up an assessment work on a few claims. In 1881 Arle Pineda thought he had found quicksilver in the old camp. He staked a claim and named it Mercur. But the mercury never paid to develop the claim. In 1883 gold was found in assays, but it could not be extracted. A few men became interested and carried on mining in a desultory way

without success. The Mercur claim was sold as a "gold brick" to a party of Nebraska "tenderfeet." For years they worked away. Ore was to be found in plenty and the assays showed large amounts of gold. But every process they tried brought no results in extracting the precious metal. They exhausted their capital, and in 1893 they were \$20,000 in debt and at the end of their rope.  
William Peyton, one of the owners, who was a Nebraska druggist, visited the mine. Going through the drawers of the office desk he came upon a pamphlet which had been sent to a foreman. It was a brief description of the cyanide process, then new in America. With his druggist's experience, Peyton had no difficulty in mixing a cyanide solution and testing it in a cupel with some pulverized ore. The solution did not seem to be of much value. Sick at heart, Peyton left in the cupel a solution with which he had been making tests until it was nearly diluted, and But every process they tried brought no results in extracting the precious metal. They exhausted their capital, and in 1893 they were \$20,000 in debt and at the end of their rope.  
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