

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 20.

A Daughter.—On the 15th inst. a daughter was born to the wife of Dr. William Ferguson, late of Illinois. Since removing from St. George they have been residing in Provo.

At Work.—The Twentieth Ward residents have commenced to work out the appropriation of their taxes made by the City Council for the repairing of the streets, sidewalks, &c., in that locality. The supervisor supplies the foot-bridges where they are needed to span the water ditches.

New Office.—Brother C. J. Thomas, superintendent of the Temple Block, will soon be ensconced in a neat little new office, the old building having been taken down, and a snug adobe structure being nearly completed on the same site. He is at present in temporary quarters a short distance south of the east gate.

More of It.—More stolen property, found at the Stockfish den, Emigration Cañon, has been claimed by its owners; among it a set of harness belonging to Mr. Daniel Grenig, a plow belonging to Mr. Peter Sorenson, from whom it was stolen last July, and some portions of harness belonging to Mr. James Johnson.

Improvement.—By letter from Malad City, Idaho, we learn that a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association was organized there on the 6th inst., with the following officers—

President, John L. Roberts; Counsellors, James P. Harrison and Richard T. Owens; Treasurer, Fred. E. Jones; Secretary, Richard E. Jones.

Those Watches.—The stolen watches referred to yesterday were not found in an outhouse belonging to the premises of a second hand store. The outhouse was at the rear of the premises alluded to, but was attached to other establishments. The proprietors of the store had previously reported to the police that one of the watches had been offered there for sale.

Entertainment.—The musical and dramatic entertainment given last evening in the Sixth Ward School House was a decided success. The programme was an excellent one, and all who took part in the same acquitted themselves admirably. The amateurs are deserving of great praise for the manner in which the several characters entrusted to them were performed, all seeming to be well up in their parts. The audience, which was a large one, showed its appreciation by frequent applause.

Not Enough.—Unless considerably more snow shall fall before summer weather fairly sets in, there is a prospect of a scarcity of water for irrigating purposes. In the mountains surrounding this valley the deposit is not half so great as it was last year at this time. In Sanpete and other portions of the Territory the condition is the same. It is to be hoped that we shall have a few more falls of the "beautiful," that the crops may be insured against suffering from drouth.

St. Nicholas for March will contain Cathern, a sequel to the story of the Ash-Girl; Professor Griffiths talks of the Golden Fish of Owari Castle; Mr. Hopkins will illustrate the Seven Ages; A Mexican Pocahontas story will be given; Curling will be described by Mr. Russell; Professor Proctor will talk about the Stars; Mrs. Winthrop Johnson will give an extract from the journal of a Blue-Coat girl.

Scribner's Monthly for March will contain a sketch of Princeton College, by Rev. S. D. Alexander, with portraits of Dr. McCosh and others; Miss Stuart commences Anecdote Biography of her father, with portrait of Gilbert Stuart; General McClellan has another of his interesting papers on Egypt; Clarence Cook has another of his papers on furniture; Bret Harte has a poem on General W. F. Bartlett; Farmer Bassett's Romance will be concluded; The New York Aquarium will be described and illustrated; Mr. McKay will have a story, Stella Grayland; Miss Hopkins will have Celestial Peas; and there will be other interesting articles.

Weber Stake Conference.—According to the Junction, the conference of the Weber Stake of Zion, held in the Ogden Tabernacle, was

addressed in the afternoon of Saturday by Elders L. W. Shurtliff, Daniel F. Thomas, C. H. Wheelock, S. F. Halverson, Gilbert Belknap, Andrew Bowman, Josiah Ferrin, David Moore, John Allred, and John Taylor, and President F. D. Richards. It was stated that Weber County had contributed \$4,000 of the \$63,500 donated to the building of the Temple, had thirteen men at work on the building and two on the quarry. Five courses had been laid on the Temple last year and it was desired to lay twenty courses the ensuing year.

On Sunday the congregation was addressed by Elders Richard Balauntyn and John Taylor, President F. D. Richards, and Bishop Lorin Farr. It was stated that there were about 2,000 children attending Sabbath school in the county, and 250 teachers.

The Trap Case.—The case of Mr. M. Edwards, of the 15th Ward, charged with setting a trap, of a loaded pistol, in connection with his newspaper box, for the purpose of injuring certain parties, was tried before Justice Pyper yesterday. The evidence showed that the weapon was placed at an angle pointing inwards from the fence, towards and within a short distance from the ground. It was not clearly established that the pistol was loaded with leaden bullets, so the defendant received the benefit of the statement from his side that it was only loaded with wads. The fact remains, however, that, even admitting that the trap was not set there for the purpose of inflicting personal injury, it was plain that such injury could have been inflicted even with a wad, under certain circumstances, was thus calculated to do mischief, and was a highly improper method of preventing annoyance to himself from other parties. He was fined \$25, and gave notice of a motion for a new trial.

California State Geological Society.—A circular connected with the above institution says—

"The California State Geological Society has been incorporated under the laws of the State of California for the purpose of making a collection of mineral products of the Pacific Coast. The collection will be donated to the State of California when it shall become worthy of acceptance, upon the conditions that proper care shall be taken of it, that it shall be placed on exhibition free to all, and that it shall not be removed from the City of San Francisco.

"The second purpose of the Society will be to encourage the study of Geology in all its branches.

"The Manager of Wells, Fargo & Co's. Express has kindly consented to transport all packages addressed to the Society free of charge. As it would be unfair to take any advantage of this generosity, all persons sending specimens should send only such as are characteristic and worthy of a place in the collection."

The directors of the Society are Henry G. Hanks, President; H. A. Cobb, Vice-President; S. Haydenfeldt, jun., Secretary.

Miners and others connected with mines are requested to send specimens of such wall rocks, interesting minerals, fossils, etc., as they may have access to, as it is desired that every mine on the Pacific Coast be represented in the collection.

Getting Numerous.—Second-hand stores appear to be multiplying in this City. We do not think this can be rightly considered a good sign, for several reasons.

For instance, they are everywhere frequently made the repositories of stolen goods, and thus are the means of encouraging dishonesty, as affording a channel for the disposal of plunder. We do not state that they are made such intentionally on the part of the proprietors by any means, although there have been instances of that kind in this City, but those having such establishments are not always able to discriminate between property that has been stolen and that which has not when it is presented to them for sale.

Numerous instances have occurred in various parts of the globe where people purchasing articles of clothing, bedding and even furniture at such establishments have bought more than they bargained for by having thrown into the transaction a contagious disease, from the goods having been previously worn or used by persons af-

licted with the most loathsome complaints.

It is also a fallacy to suppose, as some people do, that an article is really cheaper than when obtained new, because perhaps it may be a trifle lower, after having been used from one to ten or even fifteen years. Perhaps in no other article is this delusion more acted upon than in the matter of stoves. Suppose a person buys one at five dollars cheaper than at its present market value, when new, and it has been used say five years, the fact of the transaction is then similar to the purchaser having loaned the article out to the original owner for the small consideration of one dollar a year, or eight and a fraction cents a month. This principle holds good in nearly every other class of goods, the plain fact being in the great majority of cases that people purchasing old goods, instead of getting bargains, as they suppose, are paying a much larger proportionate price than they would for the same articles fresh from the manufacturer.

Obituary.—The columns of your interesting paper, devoted to the encouragement of all that is good and estimable in woman character and life, seems to be a place most suitable for the names of those who have been successful in leaving behind them an unexceptionable life's record. There are a few who live in this world in a manner to secure the esteem and respect of all who know them, and whose memory it is a pleasure to cherish. Such was the life of her whose name appears in this communication, Mrs. Ann Cash Richards. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Hayward Jones, and was born May 29, 1803, in Tilley, Shropshire, England. She embraced the Gospel in England in the early days of its history there, and in 1852 took charge of the house department in connection with the Liverpool Office, where she had an opportunity for many years to become acquainted with and entertain, as hostess, many of the Elders who visited and labored in that mission, hundreds of whom remember the name of "Sister Cash" as one who always took pleasure in doing what she could to administer to them the comforts of life, and encourage them in their labors. In 1855 she came to this city, gathering with the saints and leaving children and relatives behind, where by her uniform goodness of life, without aspirations, or aims for distinction in this world, she secured the esteem of all who knew her.

It was always her pleasure to do for and encourage the Relief Societies and all other organizations for the good and prosperity of the Saints, especially the poor among them.

For years she was afflicted with an asthmatic cough, especially during the winter months, which of late proved too severe for her, and the dropsy terminated her life, Jan. 30, 1877, having experienced, especially in her early history, many trying changes and vicissitudes incident to a life of more than seventy-three years, and has passed away with every assurance which integrity and faithfulness to the Gospel and its ordinances can give to a worthy sister in Christ.

She was followed to her last resting place by a goodly number of those true sisters and friends whom she had esteemed in life, and to whom she was grateful in the hour of death, which hour to her had no sting, nor shall the grave have victory.—*Com. in Woman's Exponent.*