

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY DEC. 17.

**Organic.**—An itinerant musician is grinding out tunes from a hand organ, for the delectation of the musical ear of the passing pedestrian on the streets of Salt Lake.

**The New Foundry.**—The work on the new machine shop of Davis, Howe & Co. is progressing. The walls of the first story are up, and the flooring joists of the second laid.

**Practical Christianity.**—Now is as good a time as any for the well-to-do to exercise a little practical Christianity, in the shape of substantial donations to the poor, that they may be in a position to join in the general rejoicing that is supposed to specially belong to the holiday season.

**The Handel and Hadyn Society.**—We learn that the above society have in contemplation the reproduction of Handel's "Messiah" which was rendered by them in June last with great success. The Theatre has been secured for Sunday evening, the 26th inst., and the public are promised a musical treat. The reputation of the society has been already established by their previous efforts to introduce the works of the old masters.

**"Cherry and Fair Star."**—That beautiful fairy piece, "Cherry and Fair Star," will be reproduced at the Theatre. It will be performed on Christmas afternoon, and every child who attends will receive a present of about the value of the price of admission. The presents will consist of toys, which Mr. Harris recently purchased in New York, at wholesale, for the purpose indicated. He is prepared with presents for 2,000 children.

**Can't Get Her Papers.**—The following came in to-day—

"ALTA CITY, Utah,  
December 16.

"Editor Deseret News:

"Please see the postmaster of your city, why he can't send my papers. We have not had a paper for a week. Yours truly,  
"CAROLINE JOHNSON."

Our subscriber's paper is mailed regularly every day of publication, so that the fault lies elsewhere than in this office.

**Attempted Jail Breaking.**—Seven of the prisoners at present confined in the County jail made an attempt to escape last night. Shortly after eight o'clock Mr. Newton, the jailer, gave them their supper, locked up securely and went home to get his own. It appeared, from subsequent events, that no sooner had he left the building than the men piled their bedding together, and set to work cutting through the ceiling into the room above with large jack-knives, which must have been handed to them by parties from the outside.

Fortunately they were heard by the night watch, who immediately communicated with Sheriff Taylor, who soon arrived, and stationed a man in an eligible position to prevent the prisoners getting away, while he descended to the cell, with pistol cocked, where the men were at work. Finding they were discovered the prisoners surrendered at once, without resistance, and were marched, one by one, by the sheriff, to another part of the building.

On examination several large pocket knives, and some pieces of iron were found, and it is strongly suspected that those implements were handed to them by Hardwick and Wilson, a couple of prisoners lately released, who were the only parties seen around the outside of the building lately.

The parties engaged in this attempt to escape were Patterson and Sherman, horse thieves; Archer, burglar; Shaffer, charged with murder; Kelley, cattle thief; also the party lately committed for attempted rape on a woman at Sandy, and one other. They had cut through the ceiling and commenced on the flooring, and if they had not been discovered in good time, would soon have been through into the room above, where the county court holds its sessions.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 18.

**Released.**—On account of failing health, Elder Richard Warburt n is released to return to Utah.—*Mineral Star*, Nov. 29.

**Postponed.**—The judgment of the Court in the case of the United States vs. Geo. Reynolds, convicted of bigamy, was not pronounced this morning, as expected, but is postponed until Monday morning.

**Dangerously Ill.**—We regret to learn that Brother William Ashman, Counsellor to Bishop Adam Spiers, of the 10th Ward, is dangerously ill, his friends having but little hope of his recovery.

**Gone East.**—E. W. Tullidge, Esq., left this city this afternoon, expecting to leave Ogden to-morrow for New York, where he expects to attend to the publication of his "Life of Brigham Young," also to the production of his drama of "Ben Israel."

**The Temple.**—A dispatch from St. George states that work on the Temple there is progressing finely. All the carpenters necessary, good hands, are on the building, and Bishop Hunter has made arrangements to forward six plasterers, who start south next Wednesday, which will make a full complement of workmen in that line.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 20.

**Utah Evening Mail** is the name of a new daily, published in this city.

**The U. S. vs. George Reynolds.**—The passing of judgment on the defendant in this case was, this morning, deferred by the court for the present.

**A Change.**—Last week was the foggy week, and rather chilly. Yesterday the fog lifted a little, and this morning there were two or three inches of snow.

**In Minnesota.**—Elder B. P. Wulfenstejn writes from Ianti, Minnesota, that he is holding a great many meetings and preaching to the people in that locality, and desires us to state, for the benefit of his friends that he is in excellent health.

**Departed.**—It will be seen by an obituary in another column that Elder William Ashman, Counsellor to Bishop Adam Spiers, of the 10th Ward, departed this life yesterday morning. This will be an unwelcome intelligence to the numerous friends of Bro. Ashman, who held him in much esteem, as an unostentatious and amiable gentleman. He was for a number of years, until recently, employed in Z. C. M. I., in the shoe department.

**Belligerent.**—On Saturday a man named Adams visited the store of Louis Reggel to make some purchase, when, the customer and proprietor disagreeing on some point, Adams went out and called upon Mr. Reggel to follow and fight. The latter followed, but was not fightishly inclined, when his opponent used some disreputable epithet towards him. Mr. Reggel's son took the matter up on the part of his father, when Adams knocked him down, and seconded that motion by knocking the father, Mr. Reggel, sen., down also. The pugilistic Adams was arrested, and this morning Justice Pyper assessed a fine of \$10 against him for each of the knocks down.

**A Veteran Gone.**—Yesterday Father John Snyder, of the 17th Ward, a well known and much respected member of this community, appeared to be in his usual health during the fore part of the day, and ate his dinner as usual about noon. At two o'clock he was seized with a sudden illness, which terminated fatally in about two hours, he expiring about four in the afternoon. He attended his work, on the Davis, Howe & Co. building, up till Saturday night.

Deceased was a veteran in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having been connected with it in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith and ever since. He was a man much respected, being true to his convictions of right. He was born in the year 1800, and consequently was about 75 years old.

**Demanded the Money.**—On Saturday night two miners purchased a couple of tickets of admission to one of the circles of the Theatre, and after going there and sitting a while they got a couple of checks from the doorkeeper, which one of the two took to the ticket office and demanded that the money be immediately returned to him. Mr. Campbell, the ticket seller, said if the party would take the checks to the doorkeeper, get the tickets

from him and bring them along, the money would be forthcoming. The belligerent miner then got on his high heels, swore considerably, and put his hand behind him as if to draw a pistol for the purpose of perforating Mr. Campbell's physiology, and making several other inmates of the office feel slightly uncomfortable. Manager Harris, who happened to be there at the time, told Mr. Campbell not to allow himself to be shot for a dollar, and the money was given to the unreasonable miner, who was subsequently arrested for an assault on Mr. Campbell, and this morning Justice Pyper fined him \$15.