

SALT LAKE HERALD.

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BRIEF AND BREEZY.

Mr. Walter Wiscomb and Miss Thora Peterson, daughter of Mrs. Wilhelmina Peterson, were married at the home of the bride's mother Thursday evening.

H. H. Millett will give an illustrated lecture on divers subjects at the Fourteenth ward meeting house tomorrow night.

Rabbi Jacobson, of the Temple B'nai Israel, will leave on the Salt Lake ferry for Fort Wayne, Ind., to be absent a few weeks.

Judge Colburn, the newly elected secretary of the chamber of commerce, will convene on Monday morning and take charge of the office.

A marriage license was issued by the county clerk on the 22nd inst. Ferguson, of South Cottonwood, and Sarah Sanford, of Butterville, Salt Lake county.

In the matter of the estate and guardianship of Harry E. Low, minor, Judge Merritt yesterday issued an order setting Friday, February 2, as the date on which petitions for letters of guardianship will be heard.

The Church University Theology class will meet as usual in the assembly hall at 12:30 p. m. today. The class is open for the attendance of all who are within the outline of the day's lesson will be provided each one who attends.

There are now forty-seven prisoners confined in the county jail and a number of citizens would be hard to find. The jail is crowded and the prisoners are held under close surveillance.

The wool men of Salt Lake county will represent the chamber of commerce at the western convention of wool growers which will be held on February 23rd, at Ogden. The wool men will be held yesterday but the rest of sheep failed to make connections.

At 10:30 A. M. C. rooms tomorrow evening will be given a social, under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a parlor, musicals, games, gymnastics, etc. The public is invited.

The fire department was called out last night at 11:30. A fire broke out in a small building in No. 8, Girard block, which had started from a box of matches. The cause was traced to Wallace & Co.'s tailors. The damage will be considerable and the building is a fine building. Nothing but the chemical was required to extinguish the blaze.

Jacob Merritt has gone to San Francisco to represent the local branch of B'nai B'rith at the convention of the grand lodge in that city today and tomorrow. Mr. Merritt will also represent the grand lodge a memorial requesting the adoption of the option and the benefit of the widow and orphan's beneficiary fund of that order.

The Utah Democratic club held an interesting meeting last evening. Dr. P. Danaher made a very able address on the monetary question. The address was a most interesting and timely one. The speaker showed deep research on the subject and his remarks were full of solid substance. A strong expression of the difficult position.

The number of contagious diseases reported to Health Commissioner Beatty last week was five, viz: Diphtheria, 1; scarlet fever, 1; measles, 1; whooping cough, 1; and one of the scarlet fever cases proved fatal. Eight burial permits and three burials, all of females, were reported. Fourteen complaints of various kinds were received and attended to.

The regular services at the Jewish temple Friday were unusually interesting. Rabbi Jacobson delivered a sermon on "The Characteristics of the Talmud," which was highly entertaining. The services were held at the temple, and the choir sang the Hebrew prayer book. The services were well rendered.

At 6 a. m. yesterday the thermometer registered 21. At 10 a. m. it was 32. At 2 p. m. the maximum temperature being 38, and the minimum 22. Observed Salinarity of the Great Salt Lake, 23.500. The observer's comparative report for yesterday was as follows: Salt Lake, 23.500; Cheyenne, 22; Helena, 22; Miles City, 22; Winnemucca, 22; Idaho Falls, 22. At 9 a. m. Salt Lake, 22; Cheyenne, 22; Helena, 22; Miles City, 22; Winnemucca, 22; Idaho Falls, 22; Provo, 22.

It is announced that an assembly of women under the auspices of the Woman's association of Salt Lake city, will be held in the ladies' parlors of the Knickerbocker Trust company on Saturday, February 1, at 3 o'clock p. m. There will be brief addresses from some of the most eminent ladies and gentlemen of the city. The program is as follows: Hon. J. F. Booth, Mrs. Emily S. Richards and others will take part in the program. The meeting promises to be one of the most interesting of the kind ever held in the city.

President Chambers and Secretary M. Daniel, of the Utah World's fair commission, returned yesterday morning from their trip to the east, where they had been on business and the latter for pleasure. Some days during the trip the commission was in connection with the Utah World's fair commission of the legislature and go over the record of the commission and the members of the latter will be given an opportunity to make the most searching investigation of the commission's record in connection with Utah's display at the exposition.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

F. Lawrence, Portland, is at the Templeton. Emory Drake of Mercur, is at the Walker. Ed Quize, of Evanston, Wyo., is at the Cullen.

E. M. Allison, Jr., of Ogden, registered at the Cullen yesterday. D. H. Perry, Jr., of Provo, was a guest at the Cullen yesterday. J. J. McDowell and wife, of Bluffs, Tex., are at the Templeton.

John C. Haggard of Park City, was a guest at the Walker yesterday. J. F. Jones and sister were registered at the Walker yesterday. George Robertson of Springville, registered at the Walker yesterday.

Ed Burgoyne, the richest merchant in Montpelier, Idaho, was quartered at the Templeton yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCutchen, and Miss A. C. of the same city, were guests at the Knickerbocker yesterday.

S. H. Herbeson, a prominent attorney of Chicago, was in the city yesterday on his way to the east. He had a number of acquaintances here.

W. H. Matthews, special agent of the general land office, headquarters at Cheyenne, Wyo., was in the city yesterday, and visited the local office. John S. Hamilton, of Boston, F. Eugene Gale and Elmer Underwood and wife, of New York, were tourists guests at the Templeton yesterday.

E. K. Huddleston, a prominent wholesale merchant of Rochester, N. Y., was in the city yesterday in company with his wife. They are en route to San Francisco.

William J. Harvey, justice of the peace, removed to rooms 23 and 24, O'Meara building, No. 8 West Second street.

Men's \$3.00 shoes for \$5.00. Spencer & Lynch Co., 124 Main.

School shoes, 8 to 12, 85c. Spencer & Lynch Co.

Suits made to order, \$20. C. W. Hubl, 21 West First South.

MERRITT TAKES HIS SEAT.

The Chief Justice's Commission Arrived Yesterday Morning.

HIS FIRST CASE A DIVORCE.

IT IS GRANTED TO MRS. NELLIE MAY FOSTER.

Business in the Third District Court Greatly Heavily—A Scheme to Catch Up—Attorney Nelson's Boldness Withdraw—Arrests for Molesters Mischief—Attachment Suits Against Goldsmith & Co.

The commission of Judge Merritt as chief justice of the territory of Utah arrived yesterday morning. The judge having previously qualified by taking the oath of office before Judge Barlow in chambers, he was enabled to take his seat on the bench of the Third district court at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. There was a large attendance of members of the bar and a big day's business was transacted.

His honor during the course of business suggested to the attorneys that as the trial of cases on the civil docket had fallen behind that it would be a good thing for the attorneys to meet with him and devise some means to relieve the pressure. He had no desire to shirk work, but for the convenience of clients and lawyers alike it would be desirable to expedite matters by the reference of some of the cases to a referee by consent of the parties. As the supreme court will be in session this week it is not likely anything will be accomplished in that direction until next week. Meaningless ways and means may be considered to catch up with the business which has accumulated during the past few weeks' unavoidable delay.

SEVERED BONDS. Nellie Foster Gets a Divorce on the Grounds of Cruelty.

The first case taken up was the divorce of Nellie May Foster vs. William N. Foster. The plaintiff asked for relief on the ground of her husband's cruelty.

The parties intermarried in this city on February 23, 1893, and there is one child issue, Raymond W., who is between three and four months old. Mrs. Foster is apparently about 22 years of age, and on the witness stand stated that since her marriage the defendant has continually abused her, and in July, 1893, she alleged, he used vile language towards her and slapped her in the face. Again, on October 23, while under the influence of liquor, he exposed her throat violently upon her bed, placed his hands upon her throat and threatened to take her life.

Her testimony as to the cruelty was given by the petitioner's mother and another lady witness. Upon the filing of the suit Judge Zepheron B. White, in disposing of the household goods, which were now stated to be worth about \$80, and for the possession of these Mrs. Foster asked for a \$1000.00 settlement.

She also prayed for the custody of the infant, \$25 per month alimony, and attorney's fee, \$100.

The defendant had put in a written answer, but was not present during the hearing of the case. He is by trade a wood turner and scroll sawyer, but says he is unable to employ himself for some six months. He declares he is in indigent circumstances and entirely without means. His earnings in other states, average only \$10 per day.

Judge Merritt granted the decree, awarded petitioner the custody of the child, and gave her the household furniture, but she was ordered to pay \$25 per month, his honor said if the defendant afterwards showed that he was unable to pay the order in that regard would have to be modified. Just after the matter had been disposed of the defendant, accompanied by his attorney, J. H. Harris, came into court, and by consent of the other side, Foster took the witness stand. He stated that he was without means and was unable to pay the order. He was previously made, remarking that \$25 per month is a great charge. Mr. Attorney John M. Cannon appeared for Mrs. Foster.

THE UTAH CENTRAL RAILWAY.

J. H. McGregor and Clarence Carey Appointed Receivers.

In the case of the Knickerbocker Trust company of New York and the Utah Western Railway company and the Salt Lake and Eastern Railway company et al., the receivers appointed by the court were not opposed. They are James H. McGregor and Clarence Carey.

In the case of the Central Trust company of New York vs. the Central Railway company, leave was given to the receiver to sell the Knickerbocker Trust company of New York.

The petition filed by the Knickerbocker Trust company stated that in 1888, by an indenture of mortgage and deed of trust made between the Salt Lake and Eastern Railway company and the petitioner, the former, in order to secure a loan of \$1,000,000 of the railroad property an issue to the aggregate amount of \$1,300,000 of the bonds of the company for \$1,000 each with interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, granted to petitioners its line of railroad extending from Salt Lake to Park City. Petitioners being about to file in this court a bill for the foreclosure of such first mortgage, desired to make James McGregor and Clarence Carey, who are receivers now in possession of the property embraced in that mortgage—parties thereto.

In connection with the case Clarence Carey of New York filed a bill on the motion of Attorney P. L. Williams, admitted practice at the Utah bar.

SURRENDERED BY HIS BONDSMEN.

M. Marcellus Nelson's Bondsmen Withdraw—Bench Warrant Issued.

The bondsmen of Attorney M. Marcellus Nelson, who was tried some little time ago for embezzlement, and in whose case the jury failed to agree, and who is now awaiting a new trial, gave notice that they wanted to withdraw from the bond, and Chief Justice Merritt ordered a bench warrant for his arrest to issue.

Short Orders.

Martha A. Coombs vs. The Utah Paint and Oil company et al.; George P. Goodwin substituted as referee and all matters referred to him.

J. H. Moyle vs. A. M. Whitehead et al.; decree of foreclosure modified as to immediate possession; motion for receiver to collect rents overruled.

S. W. Morrison et al. vs. Salina School district No. 10; leave granted to amend answer.

J. C. Royle vs. Burton-Gardner company; judgment for plaintiff.

P. H. Hays et al. vs. F. N. Uthraub et al.; judgment for the plaintiff.

Morris Goldberg vs. William Groesbeck et al.; E. D. R. Thompson appointed to try issues and report.

Guita Percha company vs. Thompson et al.; two days allowed to amend answer.

National Bank of the Republic vs.

John A. Groesbeck, the York Mining company et al.; demurrer to complaint overruled and ten days to answer.

National Bank of the Republic vs. Hyrum Groesbeck et al.; demurrer to complaint and ten days allowed to answer.

Alice M. Rablows vs. John Rablows; demurrer to complaint granted on the ground of desertion.

Walter P. Read vs. William Dean; leave granted to amend complaint.

Ann Jack et al.; motion for execution to issue against plaintiff for referee's fees of \$125 allowed.

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