

George to the Beaver Dam Mountains to climb, take angles, &c. Captain Dodds and two others went to Windsor Castle, to let the horses recruit. Mr. Fennamore and Hillars went up the Virgen to take views. Mr. Jones and myself went to climb the Pine Valley Mountain. From Washington we took a north-westerly direction, around to the west end of the mountain. We arrived at Blake's Mill the second day. Having received the information as desired, we hastened to ascend the mountain. We took our horses up 2,000 feet above the mill. Then we came to snow and made our camp. We found it very cold, but, which proved fortunate for us, there was a hard crust on the snow. We had no trouble in getting to the highest point of the mountain, which we found by observation to be 10,500 feet above the level of the sea, this being nearly the snow range. From this point you have a large and extended view of the country. You can see the Carson mountains, also Mount Nebo, the Beaver mountains, and a faint outline of the Wasatch Range. We also saw nearly all the towns in Dixie, viz, Santa Clara, St. George, Washington, Harrisburgh, Leeds, Bellevue, Toker and Virgen City. The thermometer at 12 o'clock stood 31° above zero. The view from this place is worth seeing, especially to any one interested in nature. This being the first day of May, Mr. Jones and myself spent our May walk in the snow from four to twenty feet deep. On top of the mountain the snow was only six feet deep, it being deepest in the gulches and side cañons.

In coming down the mountain I saw one of the finest sights I ever beheld. The snow melting during the day and freezing in the night forms a thin crust of ice on top. Then the winds blow often and strongly, and coming up from each side of the mountain make whirlwinds. We saw a whirlwind some fifty paces ahead of us that took up large and small pieces of this thin ice, into the air, and the sun shining brightly made them appear like so many flashing and glittering diamonds of exquisite beauty. This lasted for some minutes, while we stood and looked with wonder and pleasure at a sight we had never seen before and one we can never forget.

On the foothills of Pine Valley Mountain we found a great variety of flowers, rare and new. Here we found four varieties of cactus in full bloom, and beautiful they were, each trying to outvie the other in beauty and magnificence. At the west end of the mountain we found an extinct volcano, where the lava came from which now covers the Dixie Basin. We also found two small volcanoes in Diamond Valley, both of which are recent.

In St. George and Washington we find everything fresh and green, strawberries are ripe here now, apricots as large as walnuts, and grapes as large as currants.

After a tedious journey over sand rocks and dry country, we arrived at Windsor Castle, and glad we were to get where we could receive our mail and "clean up."

We have nearly finished the mapping of this country, with the exception of the river, which will be finished next summer. In ten or twelve days we shall start for the Dirty Devil River, to get that country mapped, then from there to Paharia.

Then the intentions are to proceed down the river from the mouth of the Paharia river on the 1st of July through Marble and Grand Cañons to the mouth of the Rio Virgen, when the work will be finished.

Yours &c.,
W. D. JOHNSON, JR.

Schools for women are among the new fashions adopted by the Sultan of Turkey.

Arrangements have been made to have the women hooped who "burst out crying."

"Assault with intent to commit scrofula," is what they call compulsory vaccination in Chicago.

When you go to drown yourself, always pull off your clothes; they may fit your wife's second husband.

The responsible editor of a newspaper is the man who never sees any articles until the public finds fault with them.

A writer says, "the fallow fields of fiction are ever broadcast with love-scenes." Yes, and so are the fertile fields of fact.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 21.

PEACE AND PLENTY.—C. A. Connelly writes from Leeds, Washington County, May 13th: "Crops never looked so well in Dixie as they do now. Everything seems to be flourishing; the Lord is greatly blessing us; peace and plenty prevail."

FATAL ACCIDENT.—The following special dispatch was received this morning:

COVE CREEK, May 21st.

Editor Deseret News:

About seven o'clock, last evening, as Fred. Westfall, a young man twenty-two years of age, resident of Provo, was crossing Pine Creek, his wagon, which was loaded with government freight, capsized in the stream, falling on him. Every exertion was made to extricate him, but life was extinct before this could be accomplished. His brother, who was in company with him, is returning home with the body.

MORE JUDICIAL MALIGNITY.—How is this after the late decision of the U. S. Supreme Court? Defeated in one direction, the Federal officials who wish to rule this Territory with the despotism of tyrants are trying to accomplish their ends in another direction, as will be seen by the following—

BEAVER, May 21st.

J. D. T. McAllister, Territorial Marshal:

Hawley will not accept my services. He holds that you have not the color of office, and will not sustain you. Also that no officer in the Territory is authorized to serve a venire. I await instructions.

WM. J. F. McALLISTER,

Deputy Territorial Marshal.

CHOICE FLOWERS.—We had the pleasure of seeing, to-day, some beautiful geraniums and pelargoniums, in flower, just received by Mr. Richard Matthews, of this office, from San Francisco. Mr. Matthews is an enthusiastic amateur botanist and floriculturist, and spends the very little leisure time he has, in the cultivation of choice beautiful flowers, shrubs and small fruits. To gratify himself and the taste of friends he has occasionally imported, during the last year or two, rare specimens from celebrated nurseries East and West. And in this way he has opened up a connection which will enable him to fill orders promptly for any of our citizens who may desire to gratify their taste for the beautiful by investing means in this direction. Mr. M. can always be found in the DESERET NEWS building, and from an extended acquaintance with him, we are enabled to state that he is thoroughly trustworthy, and will be found to merit the confidence of any who may favor him with their orders.

MORE OF THEM.—Here are more cards repudiatory of that infamous petition:

SALT LAKE CITY, May 20, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

We were astonished and mortified beyond description, to see our names published in connection with a memorial in the EVENING NEWS. The facts are these: Miss Sarah Cannon, daughter of Marcena Cannon, and another young lady that we are not acquainted with, called at our house some months since and presented a piece of paper, ostensibly to oppose the admission of Utah and prevent the old settlers from ruling the State. We signed it on this information, being influenced by those who ought to have known better, but had no idea that such base falsehoods and lying misrepresentations as are contained in that memorial would be inserted against an innocent people. We accordingly wish publicly to withdraw our names, and denounce the actions of such persons.

Margaret J. Foreman, Eliza A. Sprouse.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 20, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

I am the daughter of Mrs. Margaret J. Foreman, and only fourteen years of age. I was not aware that my name had ever been attached to the before mentioned infamous document until I saw it in print. I never can endure to see my name attached to such a vile slander without declaring that I never consented to such misrepresentation of my best friends on earth, no matter who took the pains to use my name.

LAVINIA FOREMAN.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 21, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

I wish to say to the public that I did not know the contents of that document presented to me until I saw it in your paper. I was surprised and indignant, and were I to let it pass unnoticed I should not be true to myself. I did not read the paper. The lady who presented it read a part of it to me. I presume she had not time to read the whole of it. It is untrue and bitter in the extreme, and I wish to withdraw my name from said petition, and I also desire to have no connection with it, or with those who framed it.

MARY GODBE.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 22.

LARD AND OIL.—We were shown to-day specimens of lard and lard oil, from the lard and oil manufacturing company's

works, Fourth Ward. The lard appears to be of good quality, being of quite solid consistency and pure white. It is manufactured expressly for the Utah market, and is put up in two, four and six pound cans. The oil is also excellent, being measurably free from the exceedingly disagreeable odor which generally accompanies imported lard oil.

ANOTHER CARD.—The following has been handed in for publication:

SALT LAKE CITY, May 22nd.

Editor Deseret News:

As my name has been brought before the public in the News in connection with a memorial against the admission of Utah as a State, I wish to correct some errors in the statement of Mrs. Foreman and Mrs. Sprouse. The memorial was sent for, for Mrs. Sprouse to sign, and when it was returned a request was forwarded for it to be sent to Mr. Foreman's house, as there were those there who would sign it. Acting in accordance with that request I, with another young lady, went to Mr. Foreman's, and Mrs. Foreman read a part, at least, of the memorial, and remarked she had not time to read it all, but believed it all true and signed her name, and she also signed the name of her daughter Lavinia.

SARAH CANNON,

Daughter of Marsena Cannon.

SUCCESSFUL SURGICAL OPERATION.—At one o'clock to-day a critical surgical operation was commenced in this city, by Dr. J. M. Benedict, assisted by Dr. F. D. Benedict, Dr. Vollum, U. S. surgeon at Camp Douglas, also Drs. Anderson, Crain, Hamilton and Fowler. The subject was Mrs. Janet Hardie, the well-known and skillful midwife; the task to be performed was the extraction of an abdominal tumor. The operation was successful, and was completed in fifty-five minutes, the operator being complimented by all present for the skill displayed. The tumor weighed twenty-five pounds, and although twisted around ten times, there was not a single adhesion. On the 10th day of last month—the 62d birthday of Sister Hardie—she underwent the operation of tapping, and was freed from five gallons of fluid on that occasion. As the operation she has to-day undergone was considered the only chance of saving her life, she consented to it, and although her case was considered desperate, hopes are now entertained of her restoration to health.

THE FAULT NOT AT THE S. L. P. O.—We have had numerous complaints for some months past from some of our Sanpete subscribers, about the irregular manner in which their papers reach them. R. R. Llewellyn writes from Fountain Green, May 18th:

On February 29th I wrote to Mr. Moore, P. M. of Salt Lake City, inquiring whether he knew anything about the Sanpete mail. He answered, on April 1st, as follows: "The Sanpete mail left this office all right and properly tagged, but came back last night, having never been opened."

Brother Llewellyn concludes by stating that numbers of our subscribers are inclined to discontinue their papers on account of not receiving them until the news they contain is old. Here is the finishing sentence: "Send us some papers by the first teams coming this way."

The discrepancy is evidently not caused by any dereliction on the part of the P. M. or clerks of the post office in this City, as will be seen from the extract from Mr. Moore's letter of April 1st. Such delinquencies are certainly very annoying to all parties concerned in the proper carrying of the mails, and the gentleman having the oversight of that department will greatly please a large number of citizens if he will see this matter righted at his earliest convenience.

MURDERER CAUGHT—JUDGE HAWLEY'S COURT.—The following dispatch was received yesterday afternoon, as we were going to press:

BEAVER, May 21.—A murderer named W. W. Hawkins, alias "Green River," was arrested on Saturday by James Hunt, Sheriff of Beaver county. It appeared that Hawkins, and George Reid, the man he murdered, were teamsters in Stansfield's train, and on the 28th of February, while at St. Thomas, on the Muddy, Nevada, he shot the man without any provocation. There being no authorities at St. Thomas to take cognizance of the affray, the desperado managed to have the matter concealed, by threatening the other teamsters who were eye witnesses, if they let the truth be known; so the matter passed off as an accident until the arrival of J. D. Dunlap, deputy U. S. Marshal, from California, who was informed of the murder there and took the proper steps to bring the matter to light. The Sheriff of Lincoln county, Nev., will be here in a few days to take the prisoner to Pioche.

Judge Hawley's court has been in operation for the past week, and is now adjourned till the 27th inst. The people being generally busy, his majesty's court was poorly attended. His honor still weakly clings to his little naturalization catechism, and runs his court with a deputy U. S. Marshal, the decision of the Supreme Court notwithstanding. The Judge remarked the other day, in the presence of several gentlemen, that he would strictly adopt the rulings of the Supreme Court, but that the Supreme Court was entirely mistaken in its late decision on Utah affairs. He is going to write an opinion on it shortly.

DAVIS COUNTY MISSIONARIES.—Elder Job Wellings writes from Farmington, May 20th:

"In accordance with previous arrangements the home missionaries of Davis Co., commenced their labors by holding a two days' meeting at Kaysville on Saturday and Sunday, May 18th and 19th.

"On Saturday the people were addressed in the forenoon by Elders A. Call, B. Nobles, J. C. Wright, and Bishops John W. Hess and Christopher Layton; and in the afternoon by Elders Job Wellings, Joseph Argyle, Thomas S. Smith, Joel Parish, Roswell Hyde, Lot Smith, Anson Call, and Bishop W. R. Smith.

"On Sunday morning besides all the missionaries, Elder A. M. Musser, and Bishop John Sharp were present. In the forenoon Bishop Sharp and Elders Musser and Porter addressed the meeting. In the afternoon, Elders Noble and Stayner, Bishop Stoker, Elders H. C. Haight, A. M. Musser, Joel Parish, and Anson Call spoke.

"Much valuable instruction was given, embracing a great variety of subjects. The singing of the Kaysville and Farmington choirs was excellent."

FARMERS' PROSPECTS.—HOME MISSIONARIES.—MINES.—Subscriber, writing from Nephi, May 15th, says:

"The prospects of the farmers and stock raisers of Juab county, this season, are good. Our crops look excellent and stock of all kinds have wintered well, but, from reports, a few of the people will have again to contend with grasshoppers. In some sections of the fields of Nephi and Mona they are hatching out, but not in sufficient numbers, we think, to do much damage. From the appearance of the snow clad mountains there will be a full supply of water for irrigation purposes, and if we are not troubled with late frosts we will have an abundance of choice fruit, as fruit trees of all kinds are in full bloom.

"President Grover and the 'Home Missionaries' have held meetings in Nephi, Mona and Levan, laying before the Saints the subjects taught at conference. On the 27th and 28th of April a conference of this Stake of Zion was held, at which all the authorities of the Church and this Stake were duly presented and fully sustained.

"On the evening of May 13th we had the pleasure of hearing from Bishop E. F. Sheets and Elders Joseph A. and William G. Young, who gave instructions on important subjects."

"Juab county is becoming somewhat noted for rich deposits of minerals. The mines in the districts of East and West Tintic are looming up in importance and attracting the attention of foreign capitalists. We also hear good reports from Nebo district, formerly known as Timmin's district. The miners in the latter district are developing the rich galena deposits of Old Mount Nebo, which are said to be very extensive and to contain considerable silver."

Democratic Territorial Convention.

The Territorial Democratic Central Committee of Utah held a meeting at 7 o'clock last evening, at the office of Gen. E. M. Barnum, at which it was decided to issue the following call for a Territorial Convention, which we have been requested to publish:

The Territorial Democratic Central Committee of Utah, hereby request their fellow Democrats in the several counties of the Territory, to select delegates to meet in convention, at the City Hall in Salt Lake City, on Saturday, June 15th, 1872, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent Utah in the National Democratic convention of July 9th, 1872, in Baltimore. Also to choose a permanent central committee for the Territory, and to transact such other business as may be deemed proper.

We suggest that each county send the following number of delegates, viz:

Salt Lake County, 19; Tooele, 6; Wasatch, 4; Summit, 3; Utah, 10; Davis, 7; Juab, 3; Morgan, 2; Sanpete, 7; Cache, 9; Sevier and Piute, 2; Rich, 1; Box Elder, 6; Millard, 4; Beaver, 3; Iron, 4; Washington, 4; Kane, 2; Weber, 8.

And that the county conventions be held at the several county seats on Saturday, the 8th of June, at two o'clock p. m.

H. D. JOHNSON,
E. M. BARNUM,
LEVI E. RITER,
JO. GORDON,
WM. BRINGHURST,
Committee.

Salt Lake City, May 21, 1872.

The eccentric Dr. Byles had at one time a remarkably stupid Irish girl as a domestic. With a look and voice of terror he said to her in haste: "Go and tell your mistress Dr. Byles has put an end to himself." The girl flew up stairs, and with a face of horror, exclaimed at the top of her voice: "Dr. Byles has put an end to himself!" The astonished wife and daughters rushed into the parlor, and there was the doctor, calmly walking about, with a part of a cow's tail that he had picked up in the street tied to his coat or cassock behind.