

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

SANPETE.—We were pleased to receive a visit, yesterday, from President Orson Hyde, of Spring City, Sanpete, who arrived here the evening previous. He is in the enjoyment of excellent health, and gives in a good report of the Sanpetes, they being, as a general thing, in good standing spiritually and temporally. There will not be many from that district of country at Conference, the people being too busy farming. Storms continued so long that agricultural operations were delayed in the early part of the Spring, but when Bro. Hyde left, the weather was propitious and the soil in fine condition, and the farmers in every direction were taking advantage of the opportunity to complete their spring work. They were rather afraid to leave for ten days to come to Conference, fearing if they did so that they would be unable to get their grains own in good season. Every team that could be used for ploughing was engaged in turning up the soil, and the feeling throughout the valley is to put in all the grain they possess, and trust, for food till harvest, to potatoes, of which they have plenty. Many families are out of bread now.

Grasshoppers are numerous at Moroni and Ephraim, at the first named place, probably as numerous as they have ever been known; they have also made their appearance at Gunnison, Fountain Green, Spring City, Mount Pleasant, Fairview and Warm Creek; but they are not very numerous at these latter places.

A beautiful meeting house has been finished at Fairview; it is painted and grained, and is a very fine structure. The people of Ephraim have resumed work on their large meeting house; rock sufficient to finish it is hauled, and when completed it will be one of the finest buildings in the Territory. The people of Manti are also engaged in erecting a Tabernacle of the same size as the one at Ephraim.

TWENTIETH WARD Z. C. M. I.—A meeting of the Stockholders of the Twentieth Ward branch of Z. C. M. I. was held in the school-house last evening. The financial report for the half year, ending on the 4th inst., showed that the business done during that time was considerably larger than for the half year previous. A dividend, of 15 per cent. was declared, on stock. This dividend not consuming the entire profits made during the six months, it was resolved that the balance be applied to increase the value of shares, making each share now worth \$7. The original value of shares being \$5; an addition of \$1.50 having been added to their value at the end of the previous half year and 50 cents now.

We are pleased to learn of the progress and prosperity of this little Co-operative Institution. It is one of the most flourishing in the Territory and reflects credit upon those under whose management it is conducted.

The half yearly dividends would have been considerably larger, were it not for the rule observed at this institution of allowing to all cash purchasers, five per cent. discount, in goods, on all accounts spent there.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

THEATRE.—In "The Lancashire Lass," last evening Mr. Waldron made a character of "A party by the name of Johnson." It was in his usually excellent taste. Mr. Graham, as "Spotty," was spirited and made several fine hits, causing good humor in the house. Mr. Margetts, Miss Adams and others, rendered their parts in a very creditable manner, but the house ought to have been better filled, the audience more appreciative and some of the playing with a little more sprightliness.

To-night, the thrilling drama, "Lonely Man of the Ocean," and "Make your Wills," bespeak a crowded house.

SEVERE ACCIDENT.—On Monday last, as we are informed by Bro. Thomas Rasband, as Bro. William McDonald, of Heber City, was going to his farm near that place, to roll a piece of land, his horses took fright and ran off; the lines broke and he, being caught by the rollers, revolved with them several times before he could extricate himself. He received two deep gashes on the head and his right ear was torn out by the roots. He was also severely bruised in various parts of the body, but no bones were broken. His injuries are not considered fatal.

HANDSOME.—Our excellent binder, Bro. John B. Kelly, showed us yesterday a design he had originated for the new hymn book, now being issued from this office. We readily conclude that where work can be done in a style so creditable there is no longer a necessity for having our standard publications issued from outside establishments.

DESERET UNIVERSITY.—The winter term closed on Friday last. The spring term will commence on Monday the 17th inst. Changes highly conducive to the efficiency of the institution, we understand, are in contemplation.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Charles Goldridge would like to learn of the whereabouts of Br. Lewis Lane, who crossed the plains, to this Territory, in 1862. Address P.O., Salt Lake City.

CHANGE.—C. W. Penrose, Esq., editor of the Ogden Junction, has been appointed business manager of the establishment, succeeding James McGaw, Esq. We bid the new management good speed in recruiting the finances. The Junction, mechanically, is a neat sheet. Editorially it has made its local mark.

CONFERENCE AT NEPHI.—Hon. Samuel Pitchforth, of Juab Co., informs us that a conference of that Stake of Zion was held at Nephi on Sunday last, Prest. J. G. Bigler presiding. Representatives were present from Levan and Mona. Prest. Orson Hyde was also present and addressed the conference. The general church authorities were sustained. Branch conferences had been held at Mona and Levan the previous Sunday.

A new Court-House is in progress at Nephi, 37 by 47, the basement to be built of rock, with cells.

Prospecting for mineral continues vigorous; but the settlers, as usual, give their attention to their farms.

The Co-operative stores are prosperous.

FROM MANTI.—Hon. Geo. Peacock, of Manti, county seat of Sanpete county, informs us the settlers are busily occupied putting in their spring grains. A few grasshoppers have made their appearance, but not in such numbers as heretofore. The eggs seem to have been deposited in gravelly patches.

The lands of townships 18 and 19 south, including the towns of Manti, Gunnison and Fayette, have just come into market and the people are awake to the importance of securing their titles.

An Indian reservation, twelve miles square, established same years since. This reservation, according to the law, will be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds distributed among the tribes in that vicinity, soon to be removed to the Uintah reservation. A party of government surveyors are now running the boundary lines of the reservation, that the settlers outside of it may know the limits of the lands subject to pre-emption.

Bishop Andrew J. Moffatt and Mayor Luther S. Tuttle, of Manti, are also in the city, the other gentlemen on special business with the Land office.

The co-operative store at Manti is doing a good and paying business, with no competition.

A very commodious stone building, 25 by 35, two stories, for county purposes, the lower story being used for a jail, with strong cells, has been erected. The court-house lot has also been inclosed with a double fence and handsomely ornamented by shade and fruit trees, greatly adding to the attractiveness of the grounds.

The perseverance and enterprise of the people of Sanpete does not appear abated, notwithstanding the heavy losses they have suffered for successive years, from grasshoppers and Indians combined.

Sevier Valley, evacuated a few years since, on account of Indian hostilities, is being re-settled and is filling up rapidly. Good opportunities are offered for new settlers. Judge M. Morrison has recently re-organized the county, and there is now a fair prospect of success. The Indians of that region are peaceably disposed.

Correspondence.

SILK CULTURE.

The California State Board of Agriculture, in their report for 1870, speak thus of silk culture:

"As a consequence of the war between Germany and France, this promising industry has met with a very unexpected loss. Orders were received from Paris early last Spring for large quantities of eggs, but when the war commenced these orders were countermanded. The sale of eggs has thus unexpectedly been cut off. The silk manufacturing machinery of France, being nearly half that of the world, has heretofore been able to consume nearly all the silk produced in Europe, and has also required large importations of silk from Asia. This machinery is in effect now most entirely idle. As a consequence manufactured silk goods are rapidly appreciating in value and are likely to go very high. The silk crop of France for the next year will necessarily be very light, if not a total failure. Capitalists in our own country and heavy manufacturing houses in Lyons and other portions of France, seeing the promise of certain large profits, are seeking investments in extended silk factories. Thus, the temporary loss to our silk culturists is accompanied with the promise of almost certain compensation in the immediate future of a hundred fold.

There are more mulberry plantations being set out this season than at any planting season heretofore, and on the whole, the industry is in a most promising condition. If our farmers generally would plant a few mulberry trees about their buildings and on the lines of the highways and division fences, they would answer the double purpose

of ornamenting and beautifying their places and laying the foundation for the general introduction of a pleasant and valuable industry."

Brother Cannon, I think it highly important that our people—who are engaging to a considerable extent, in this profitable industry—should know that the profits for some time to come may not be so much in egg making as in the raising of silk, which a reliable Frenchman tells me, is much the easiest produced. I have only given a few extracts from the work, fearing to tire your readers, which certainly contains data on this and other subjects very valuable. Respectfully, etc., A. MILTON MUSSER.

TOOELE CITY, April 3rd, 1871.

Editor Deseret News:—On the 24th of last month the members of the Female Relief Society, held their annual party in the Court House. During the evening several prizes were drawn for, which caused a considerable amount of mirth to those present. The party was quite a success, and good feeling was the order of the evening.

On the 28th a concert was held in the Court House in aid of Bro. John Utley, who met with a serious accident by a fall from a wagon, which has entirely disabled him from all use of his limb. The concert was well patronized, the best talent in our little burgh being before the public on that occasion.

On the 1st and 2nd inst., our annual county conference was held in the new meeting house; the general business of the conference was attended to and good instruction was given by the brethren who spoke; it was altogether a good time.

We are all as busy as bees in plowing, sowing and planting and believe we shall reap a good reward for our labors, there being good prospects for plenty of water and no signs of grasshoppers.

Our theological school is well attended by the brethren from the different settlements in this county. NESTOR.

PATENTS ISSUED.—The whole number of Patents issued for the week ending March 28th, amounted to 236, besides 9 Reissues-14 Designs; 8 Trade Marks; and 3 extensions. Ohio heads the Western States, having received 21; Illinois 17; Indiana 12; Wisconsin 4; Iowa 4; Michigan 5; Missouri 6; Minnesota 1; Kansas 1; and California 8.

For the above information, as well as the list of more important Patents issued to the West, during the week named, given below, we are indebted to Messrs. Peck & Miatt, of the Western Union Patent Agency, 135 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

Mechanical Telegraph Instrument, James Gamble, San Francisco, Cal.; Bean Harvester, J. A. & T. Wood, Chenning, Ill.; Lighting Rod, D. A. Foot & G. S. Knapp, Winona, Minn.; Machine for turning Axles, Arthur F. Moore, Florence Ind.; Marine Propeller, Geo. B. Cocks, Cincinnati, Ohio; Coloring and Staining Marble, John Zengler, Chicago, Ill.

The following items of interest in regard to patents are reported to us by Peck and Miatt, solicitors of patents, corner of Clark and Madison streets, Chicago:

The number of patents issued for the year 1870, inclusive of reissues and designs, was.....13,321
Number of patents extended.....111
Number of patents expired during the year 2,543
Number of trade marks registered.....131

Of these, the number of patents issued to New York, was 2,962; to Pennsylvania, 1,481; to Massachusetts, 1,448; to Ohio, 982; to Illinois, 835; to Indiana, 452; to Iowa, 208; to Wisconsin, 223; to Missouri, 210; to Minnesota, 70; to Michigan, 401; to California, 216; to Kansas, 46.

The amount of receipts by the Patent Office for the year was.....\$689,456 76
Expenditures for the year.....557,147 19

MARRIED.

On Monday, April 3d, by President D. H. Wells, Miss S. E. Taylor, eldest daughter of Thomas Taylor, Esq. and Mr. John Cutler; both of this City.

DIED.

At St. George, Washington Co., Utah, of measles, fever and canker, after a severe illness of four weeks, Joseph Hyrum, son of John G. and Susannah Smith, aged 7 years 10 months and 5 days.

At Rockville, Kane Co., March 21st, 1871, of lung fever, ARTHUR D., son of John and Mary Splendone, aged 7 months and 18 days. Mill Star, please copy.

At Rockville, Kane Co., March 15th, 1871, of measles, DON CARLOS FISK, son of A. J. and A. M. Stout, aged 1 year, 4 months and 15 days.

At Notting Hill, England, March 1st, Elizabeth Robinson, aged 49 years, 11 months and 3 weeks.—Millennial Star, March 14.

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

FOREIGN.

The Times special dispatch says a great battle was commenced at six o'clock this morning, by the nationals under the command of Bergeret, who, at ten, asked for reinforcements from Paris. There was great animation in bivouacs on Sunday night. The men are singing the "Marseillaise."

VERSAILLES, 4.—A circular was issued to-day, by Picard, to the Prefects of Departments. It announces the victory of the Assemblists in the conflict before Paris. The redoubt at Chatillon held by the insurgents, was captured this morning by the forces of the government, with two thousand prisoners, including Gen. Henry. Gen. Duval was shot. No fighting has occurred to-day on any other part of the line. The troops are becoming more than ever exasperated at the resistance shown by the insurgents.

A dispatch from Marseilles says order has been restored and that the troops have entered the town.

BERLIN, 4.—It is positively denied that the French have as yet paid anything on the indemnity accorded to Germany by the preliminary peace convention, and it is explicitly stated that, on the contrary, France, in addition, still owes forty-eight millions of francs for provisioning the German troops.

LONDON, 5.—The rumor that twenty thousand nationals have entered Versailles is considered doubtful. The effective strength of the Communists is a hundred and twenty thousand men and two hundred guns.

The Times' special dispatch from Versailles, says: "Fifteen thousand insurgents have been taken prisoners and that Paris is in consternation and the people of Versailles are greatly irritated against the insurgents."

The Telegraph's correspondent says the first Prussian army corps is ordered to hold itself ready to march to Paris. The reign of terror continues.

Dr. John Swinburn, of the American ambulance corps, is seriously ill.

The Daily News' special dispatch says the nationals attacked the government troops on Tuesday, near Mendon, and suffered a complete route. Garibaldi declines the command of the insurgents.

The following details have been received from Paris: Bergeret commanded the right wing, Flourens behind, Duval the centre and left. The left and centre suffered worst. The forts protected their retreat. The nationals are badly disorganized and out of ammunition, many tried to return but found the gates shut, and the men on the ramparts threatened to shoot. There was a bloody contest at Bas Meudon.

VISITING OUR CITY.—Among the names of arrivals at the Townsend House yesterday, we notice that of W. H. Seward, jun., son of the Hon. ex-Secretary Seward, accompanied by a small party on their way to the Pacific coast.

OBITUARY.

"A. C.," our Brigham City correspondent, sends us the following obituary, under date of the 4th inst:

"DIED.—At Brigham City, at the residence of Bro. J. T. Packer, from the effects of canker, Mary Champlin, aged 77 years, on the 3rd instant.

Deceased was born at Old Salisbury, Essex county, Mass.; embraced the gospel with her husband at Brooklin, Susquehanna County, Penn., in 1832, while Martin Harris and his brother were preaching there. On their journey to Far West they were stopped by a mob and survived the memorable scenes at "Haun's Mill." Of those who remained at the blacksmith shop, Bro. Champlin was the only one who escaped death, and was saved by the brethren falling on him. One of the mob, however, discovered him, and said "by h—l there is yet one man who is not killed, let us finish him;" while another said, "It is time we were off," which created a panic, and all fled. He guarded off the guns of the mob which, through the shop walls, were aimed at the little boy of Bro. Warren Smith, who was at last so brutally murdered by them. He subsequently lived in Nauvoo, Ill.; was with the Saints in the general exodus from there and, with his family, reached Salt Lake Valley in 1849, and died ten years ago. Sister Champlin, the deceased, was without the sight of her eyes for the last five years of her life. The interment has just taken place to-day, at 3 p. m., and has been largely attended.