OUR FARMINGTON LETTER.

A Correspondent Who Observes Carefully and Heralds Well.

Special Correspondence of the News

Buffalo Island is no doubt the name that the big island west of us and north of Garfield will in the future bear as the small herd of buffalo have proven that the large ranch near Garfield is the insignificant a home for the freedom-loving monarchs of the plains.

William Walker manager of the Island Improvement company, purchased the cattle shute near the Farmington salt works last week and drove the herd as far as the shute yards near beautiful lake Friday, but the fierce looking and fiercely acting monarchs convinced him that the preparations for shipment were not substantial enough, so they were corralled at the yards, and the railing around the lot has been made higher and other improvements made. They are being loaded today. One of them jumped over the fence and several horsemen are having a regular buffalo chase after him.

There are four bulls, four cows and four calves; a number of black Polled Angus cows will be crossed with them to increase the herd and hasten a supply of robes for the market. Other animals will be procured and placed on the island, and the investment will no doubt be a paying one to the enterprising company. It certainly will be an enjoyable addition to the attractions of Utah, and the public will be pleased to learn of the successful efforts of the company in preserving a few of the remnants of what was feared would soon be an extinct race of animals.

Five and a half feet of snow has fallen here winter by this time, but we have only had six inches dealt out to us up to date since the first fell 1 st November 16, and 2.25 inches of rain. All the good sleighing we have had was from December 6th to the 24th. It was freezing every night since Dec. 26th, except Jan. 27th and Feb. 5th.

WORK AT THE GAS WELLS.

The American Gas company have moved their plant from Lake Shore nearly one mile east, within about 250 yards west of the County road and only a few yards south of the Bamberger Farmington and Centerville. They began their new well on January 27th and are now down about 60 feet. They put down 100 feet of 12-inch casing, then they changed to 8-inch; it is impracticable to drive the 8-inch down to the body of gas they will use 6, then a 4-inch casing. The large outside casing is five feet in width at the top and tapers down without so much friction as would result from driving one necessary hundred or less in the earth. The derrick is 34 feet high; the fulcrum is a long bar of iron weighing about 500 lbs. Most of it is beside the pipe that is being driven; it raises about five feet and comes down 40 to 60 times a minute. The drill is about 3000 lbs. in weight. Gas is used to the engine for fuel, conveyed through a one-inch pipe from one of the wells near the Lake. The lower part of the derrick is sided up with lumber and warmed, and in the night kept lighted as well as warmed with a portion of the gas burning in a large open shoot-iron pipe. Two shifts of two men each constitute the laboring force and night or Sunday they do not stop the progress of the work. About 100 feet was sunk near the Lake, but the quick sand made it difficult working and their pipe breaking, the company concluded to move to their present location nearer the mountains.

TWO VITAL QUESTIONS.

Two important questions are confronting us that are not receiving as much attention as should be applied to them—a scarcity of health and a scarcity of money. The former question was forcibly brought to my attention a few days ago by hearing a man a little over forty years of age, who had used tobacco ever twenty years, talking to some boys about twelve to sixteen years old who were smoking. He described the pains in his chest, shortness of breath, etc., that he had acquired by using tobacco and urged them to abandon the practice before it was painfully too late to do so. Why legal measures, church discipline, or some more stringent efforts are not adopted than are now being enforced, to check this alarming danger to society, is a problem I am unable to solve. Some parents say their children use tobacco until they fairly get accustomed to it before they are aware of the fact, thus proving that they have neglected to catechise them on important subjects. Other parents are indifferent, and too many fathers find they can not use much influence in that direction, owing to the fact that they use the weed themselves. Some may say that laws enacted on this subject would be inconsistent and arbitrary, but I fail to see it in that light. It is a conceded fact that the children of parents who use tobacco are frequently sufferers on account of their parents using it, and it seems that laws prohibiting society from such physical life would be a step towards the higher civilization we are or should be aiming to attain.

An important factor in accounting for the scarcity of money I think is the craze for insuring both life and property. I understand that over $20,000 per month is being sent out of the Territory by men who have taken out life insurance policies. If one-fourth of that amount would come back by reason of death losses being paid, the loss to the Territory would not be so heavy; but I don't believe we get that much back or anything like it. It may be wise in some cases to insure, but a great many of our towns are semi-insurance of millions to hard earned cash more every year now than they ever did by fire.

JUNCTION CITY NEWS.

Proposed Business Men's Association.—The Combine Dies.—Accident to a Fireman, Etc.

[Sevier Standard.]

Particulars reached Ogden yesterday of the first snowslide of the season which occurred on Sunday morning in Middle Fork canyon. The avalanche caught in its course and carried three of Billy Wilson's logging teams and their drivers and buried them under from five to twelve feet of snow. It required several hours' work of the combined loggers to liberate the men and two of the teams. The horses of the other were dead. David Porter and Reuben Winslow, both drivers, had extremely close calls and were very near death's door when uncovered. The snow on the mountains and in the canyons is very deep and a great many more slides will likely occur before spring.

At the county court yesterday the county attorney notified the court of the suit which had been commenced in the district court against the county by Sheriff Sullivan for back salary. He was instructed to fight the case to a finish. Moriah Hall and ten others petitioned the court to appoint John W. Heder road supervisor of Hunterville district. The petition was granted. An appropriation of $100 was made to be expended for the construction of the West Weber ditch from Mill water to the mains. The petition of William H. Compton and others, for the opening of a joint county road on the line between Weber and Davis Elder counties, was tabled indefinitely.

After nearly two years of wrangling the ice combine went to the wall yesterday and this summer will probably witness an lowsen's war. Every company in Ogden was a member of the trust and at the close of the last meeting was fixed three or four months before the season commenced the consumers were made to suffer by reason thereof. The cause of the break was a disagreement between the members of the company, which was known as the Union ice company. The several dealers in fruit state that they have larger crops housed this season than has been the case any previous year, and the price of ice will probably be way down this coming summer.

John Ahern by his attorney, C. B. Pratt, yesterday filed a petition in the district court for a writ of habeas corpus compelling his wife, Margaret Ahern, to produce in court the bodies of Helen M. Ahern, aged 16, Gertrude A. Ahern, aged 13, Clifton J. Ahern, aged 10. This action on the part of Ahern is the outcome of a quarrel of long standing between himself and his family. In his complaint Ahern alleges that his wife is not a fit person to have charge of the children.

A movement has been placed on foot for the organization of a Business Men's association, the objects of which are to be the inducement of manufacturing enterprises to come to Ogden, the harmonizing of the commercial interests of Ogden and the maintenance of this city's supremacy as a manufacturing and jobbing center. A call for a meeting on Tuesday evening has been circulated.

On Monday morning a fire destroyed a large store building and its contents at Pleasant View. The loss will not be far short of $4000 on the property carried $1200 insurance. The stock belonged to James Jensen while the building was the property of Willard Crapen. The efforts of the entire town were of no avail and flames consumed everything in reach.

Commissioner Perris was yesterday engaged in hearing a case which involves about forty acres of land near Willard City, now used for cemetery purposes. The suit was commenced by the city to quiet the title and to secure a new and more specific deed to the land from John M. Barker. The decision was in favor of the plaintiff.

After being out all night the jury in the damage case against the city reported having failed to reach a verdict and was discharged. The suit was commenced by Albert E. Emerick to recover $5,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by him through falling upon a defective sidewalk in January, 1892.

R. S. Morton, one of the firemen at the Central station, met with an accident yesterday afternoon, while assisting at a test of a newly patented nozzle and holder, which will probably confine him to his bed for several days.

Probate Court.

Judge Blair held a brief session of the probate court this morning, and made the subjoined orders:

Estate of Peter Hoffman, deceased. Petition for sale of real estate, and order made as prayed.

Estate of Harriet Howard Eldredge, deceased. Order made appointing appraisers.

Estate of Thomas A. Tate, deceased. Proof of publication and decree.

Estate of Mary Ann Cuffell, deceased. Demurrer to motion to counsel and order made for hearing of petition for letters of administration on March 2nd.

Estate of Ann Openshaw. Petition for final account dismissed on motion of counsel. March 2nd set for the rehearing.

Utah Music Company.

Articles of incorporation of this company were filed in the county clerk's office this morning. The life of the new organization is placed at twenty-five years, unless sooner dissolved by process of law. The object of the company is to do a "general mercantile business," and the principal depository will be in Salt Lake City.

The capital stock is $24,000, divided into shares of $10 each. The individual property of the stockholders will not be liable for the obligations of the company, and no assessments are to be made against the paid up stock.

The incorporators, with the number of shares subscribed for by each, are: Wm. T. Cannon 100 shares, Lawrence C. Mariger 500, S. L. Mariger 500, A. T. Christensen 500, E. V. Hardy 100, and John T. Young 100.

Diphtheria in Sugar House Ward.

Diphtheria has broken out in Sugar House ward, and information to that effect having reached the members of the county court, County Physician Worthington and evening, at the request of Selectman Hammerger, paid a visit to the infected locality with the object of taking the necessary steps to prevent a further spread of the disease.

SALT LAKE AND OGDEN.

Consolidation of the Gas and Electric Light Plants.

The gas and electric light plants in the cities of Salt Lake and Ogden have been consolidated under the name of the Salt Lake and Ogden Gas and Electric Light Co.

This insures for both the city of Salt Lake and Ogden very great advantages, as the parties forming the consolidation have abundant means to carry out such improvements as the development and progress of the two cities will require. The names of the incorporators are: W. S. McCornick, George M. Scott, P. L. Williams, V. M. Cobbles, J. Elliot Cameron, George F. Pennoyer and James Moffett.

The consolidation represents financial interests of parties in Salt Lake, Ogden, San Francisco, Denver and New York, together with London interests, giving an influence which will redound greatly to the benefit of the two cities.

It is the intention of the new company to extend the plant the coming season, which will lead to a large expenditure of money, in the neighborhood of two hundred thousand dollars in the two cities. It is apparent on the face of things that the price of light will decrease from time to time as the growth and prosperity of the two cities may justify. There will be special arrangements the coming season by which the gas mains in both cities will be extended and it is promised that gas will be used for cooking and heating purposes as well as for light.

Sanpete Stake Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the Sanpete stake was held on the 11th and 12th of February, 1893, commencing at 10 a. m. on the 11th.

There were present at the opening, C. J. Fjelsted of the presidency of the Seventies, Lorenzo Peterson and counselors of the stake, members of the High Council, Bishops of wards, etc., and of the Apostles, F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund. Elder Webster came in during the afternoon session of Saturday.

After the usual opening exercises the Bishops reported their wards, each giving an exceedingly good report of his ward, the majority of the members thereof manifesting an increased desire to show their faith by their works.

Elder Peterson said he believed the Bishops had reported the wards as well as could be done in the time they had occupied, and he was satisfied with their reports.

The statistical and Sunday school reports were read.

The general and stake authorities of the Church were sustained by unanimous vote. The names of twenty-one seventies were presented and they were sustained to be ordained High Priests.

Elders C. J. Fjelsted, F. M. Lyman, Webster, and H. Peterson addressed the conference in the order as above.

After the 10 o'clock Sunday meeting for the day, conference adjourned to 10 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday, 10 a.m.—Elder A. H. Lund read from the Doctrine and Covenants, fifty-ninth section, and said none would receive the promised blessings set forth in it who labor with an eye single to the glory of God. He exhorted the saints to cultivate charity for each other.

Elder Lyman said we had been edified in listening to Elder Lund, and were also edified yesterday in listening to Bishop Reid, who remarked that the veterans in the Church were passing away. But, said the speaker, there will always be plenty of veterans to carry on the work—as one body of veterans pass away a more numerous body will have arisen to take their place. He spoke upon the difficulty sometimes experienced in filling the office of Bishop, as a Bishop is always with the people, hence the people become fully acquainted with him. In relation to the veterans passing away, he said that there was no cause for sorrow when they had been faithful till death. When he died he wished that all Israel could rejoice that he had kept the faith, and that it should be the same with him as it was with Elder Brigham Snow—the feeling was we could not spare him. As a counselor, as a colonizer, as a legislator, his services were of the greatest value; yet this is the work of God, and as one man passes away another is prepared, and he arranged it that this shall be so. The place of our birth and the locality in which we should be born was no accident. All are under the control of our great Head. He exhorted the Saints that if difficulties arise breathe them themselves, as that is the only way that difficulties are really settled.

2 p. m.—The Sacrament was administered. Elder Fjelsted said the saints are always commanded to build temples, hence no new revelation is needed on that subject, for it is a standing law to the Church. In the days of Moses Israel was commanded to build an ark, and they carried it about with them. When they kept the commandments of God it was a protection to them; when they did not, it was no protection to them, and on one occasion when they went to war, their enemies prevailed against them, took the ark from them, and took it south to their cities; but it proved a curse to them, and they were more anxious to get rid of it than they had been to obtain possession of it. He referred to the calling of Samuel and the duty of the High Priest to counsel the body of ladies, the preparation necessary, etc., and exhorted the saints to prepare themselves for the blessing the Lord designs to bestow upon those that are worthy.

Elder Lyman said in all meetings of this kind the Lord knows what the people are promised with such as far as possible and especially the ladies. He said in blessing the bread it is not necessary that all the brethren engaged in breaking the bread should kneel or stand as the case may be but only the one who engaged in prayer. He said the meeting house should be finished before it falls to decay. He observed that it is common to refer to the young women as being very sweet; how this should be so, more than the young men, he did not know, unless the young men defile themselves with liquor, tobacco and profanity. In our families the boy babies are considered just as sweet as the girl babies. The laws of health should be carefully observed; the young women should learn to be good housekeepers, to cook, to darn, and mend, this is necessary. He related his own experience, and said the young people should not allow any courtesying or kissing; they should keep their kisses for their fathers, and brothers. Strict modesty and morality should be taught to the young people's meetings, in order that purity of life may be maintained, for herein lies that strength of character that it is desirable should obtain among the Saints. He condemned promiscuous mixing up in the dance, and requested the young people to take warning and shun the evils named. Referring to the filthy habit of smoking, he said it always seemed strange to him how nice young women could endure the presence of men addicted to such a habit.

Elder Peterson endorsed the remarks made during conference much very good instruction had been given and he hoped we would profit by it.

After benediction by Elder A. H. Lund, conference adjourned for three months to meet in March.

Conference was well attended as usual, all seemed to enjoy themselves and anxious to hear the instructions given. GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

AWFUL SKIN DISEASE

Covered Head to Foot with Scales. Could not Work. Could not Sleep. Wished Herself Dead.

Head of Cuticura. Got the Remedies. Relief Immediate and Cure Speedy and Complete.

I feel thankful for your wonderful Cuticura Remedies. My trouble began when I was about three years old. When I arrived at the age of ten years it had spread over my face and then which I scratched in my sleep. I could not write. My hands were covered with sores and when I dressed my self blood would come from my head. My hair came out. I was so ashamed that I could not go to school. I was so bad that I could not go to church. I was covered with sores from head to foot. I was a sight to behold. I was so bad that I was ashamed to go out in the town. I had tried all the medicine I could hear of but it did me no good. I was so bad that I was ready to give up in despair. I had read in the Cuticura Resolvent. I had my father write to you for me. I took the Cuticura Resolvent, and before I had taken one bottle I was well. I was well, and I soon began to grow smooth. I am now a healthy girl. I can go anywhere I want to. I am well now