

THE DESERET NEWS.



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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY:

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Trip into Oregon.

Governor Young and suite returned from their northern tour on the forenoon of the 25th inst., having been absent within a few hours of seven days.

In going out the party stopped for the night at Bishop William Kay's in Kay's Ward; at Bishop Harvey E. Pierce's in the old fort at Box Elder; on the right bank of Bear river $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile above the ferry and ford on the road to Fort Hall, having crossed the river at the lower ferry $8\frac{7}{8}$ miles below; $24\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the ferry and ford, and on the Fort Hall road, by a beautiful spring run, having crossed several spring streams between the river and this most northern camp, all tributaries to the Malade. Returning the nights were passed on the left bank of Bear river at the lower ferry; at Bishop Bingham's in Bingham's Fort; and at Bishop John W. Hess' in Farmington.

On the evening of the 18th, President Brigham Young addressed an assembly of the Saints at Bishop Kay's; on the evening of the 19th, President J. M. Grant addressed the Saints in Box Elder Fort; and on the evening of the 23rd Elder O. Pratt preached in the school-house at Bingham's Fort; Sunday, 24th, there was a large meeting in and around the school-house in Ogden City, which was highly edified in the forenoon with a very instructive discourse by Pres. Young, upon the past course and present duties of the inhabitants of Ogden City and the contiguous settlements, which was followed by applicable remarks from Pres. Kimball, all tending to encourage the inhabitants of that region to make Ogden a beautiful and mighty city.

The Malade rises in the mountains of Oregon, and running a general course about south by east enters the right bank of Bear river below the lower ferry.

The Malade Valley, as far north as the company went, and for several miles further which were in plain view, is thickly covered with rich grasses, is well watered by numerous spring rivulets, in addition to the main stream, and has an abundance of fuel easily to be procured from the west slope of the mountain range bounding this valley on the east. These facilities make that valley a very choice location for numerous herds of stock, and it would be an excellent policy to drive herds to that region from settlements where the animals, grasshoppers, and drouth have ased up the grass.

In Weber county the wheat crop will be very light, the still constant destruction by grasshoppers rendering it doubtful whether even seed for another year will be saved; and the numerous large wheat fields in Davis county, which bid so fair on the outward trip, on the return were covered and blackened with grasshoppers feeding daintily upon the tender wheat heads, and many were cradling their young grain for fodder, while a dense cloud of grasshoppers rose at each stroke of the cradle.

Amid all this wide spread destruction of crops and herd range, one seldom saw a downcast or gloomy countenance, nearly all appearing as cheerful as though surrounded by the most favorable prospects, thus plainly demonstrating the strong confidence in the wise and just dispensations of Providence which pervades the masses of our population, and that too under circumstances which would pale the cheek and scatter the population of any other community but Latter Day Saints.

On the afternoon of the 21st, and at the most northern camp of the party, Prof. Pratt obtained an excellent observation for time, and in the evening took eight observations of the pole star, calculated each by Bowditch's method 'for finding the latitude by an altitude of the pole star,' the mean result of which gave a north latitude of $42^{\circ} 6' 27''$, or 7.4747 miles north of latitude 42° which is the boundary between Utah and Oregon. Early on the 22nd Surveyor General J. W. Fox, with Dimic B. Huntington for flagman and Allen Taylor and Isaac Chase, chainmen, began to chain the distance from the camp south to 42° , and by the time the balance of the party could eat their breakfast, hitch up, and drive back to the termination of the chain line, it was finished before the President's carriage reached the point where it crosses the Fort Hall road. At this

point trenches were dug on the line on each side of the road where it crosses, and a stone slab with O chiseled upon one side and U on the other was set in the ground close by the road, and on the east side of it, and near the base of one of the foot hills Prof. Pratt piled up a few stones on an outcropping rock a few feet south of the line.

Returning by way of Cache Valley was prevented by Bear river's being too high to ford with carriages, as going by way of the ferry would have delayed Governor Young and others too late for transacting important business in time for the next eastern mail.

Professor O. Pratt's observations on Polaris, with a Troughton sextant:

Apparent time.	h. m. s.	Double altitudes of Polaris.
9 48 32.5		$82^{\circ} 01' 10''$
9 54 52.5		$82^{\circ} 02' 30''$
10 00 37.5		$82^{\circ} 05' 20''$
10 41 52.5		$82^{\circ} 30' 30''$
10 46 25		$82^{\circ} 34' 30''$
10 50 24.5		$82^{\circ} 36' 10''$
10 59 46.5		$82^{\circ} 42' 00''$
11 04 16.5		$82^{\circ} 45' 00''$

Index error, $57.5''$ additive; barometer, 25.875; external thermometer, 67° Fahrenheit; mean result, lat. $42^{\circ} 06' 27.2''$ north.

Odometer measurements—readings by J. W. Fox, S. G.: Miles.

From Bishop Wm. Kay's to north line of Davis county	7 7-8
" north line of Davis county to President L. Farr's in Ogden city	7 1-8
" President Farr's to Mallory's	5 1-2
" Mallory's to the warm red springs	4 1-4
" the red springs to Willow creek	5 1-8
" Willow creek to L. Snow's mill at N.E. corner of the new Box Elder fort	7 3-4
" the old Box Elder fort (just west of the new) to Bear river lower ferry	11 7-8
" lower to upper ferry by right bank of Bear river	8 7-8
" upper ferry and ford to first spring run	11 5-8
" first spring run to the rivulet at last camp north (crossing several beautiful runs)	13 1-8

Returning, Miles.

From last camp north to lat. 42°	8
" lat. 42° to first spring run	5 1-4
" first spring run to upper ferry and ford	11 1-2

Thus making the travel distance on the Fort Hall road 16 3-4 miles from Bear river, where that road crosses it, (or upper ferry and ford) to lat. 42° , or the boundary between Oregon and Utah. Miles.

From center of Willow creek fort to Bishop Bingham's house in Bingham's fort, by bottom road	11 3-4
" Bishop Bingham's to Pres. Farr's	3
" President Farr's to Weber river	4 1-8
" Weber river to north line of Davis county	3 1-2
" county line to Kay's creek, by middle road	7
" Kay's creek to Farmington, in road east of the court house	7
" Farmington to P. G. Session's tavern	6 1-2
" Session's tavern to Gov. Young's office	10 1-8

Or 38 1-4 miles from the Governor's office to President Farr's; thus making the travel distance from the Governor's office, by the middle road north of Farmington and the bottom road north of Bingham's fort, to lat. 42° , 98 1-4 miles, and to the last camp north, 106 1-4 miles.

GRASSHOPPERS, &c.—Hon. Calvin G. Pendleton, arrived in this city from Iron co., on the 24th; general health among the people; the grasshoppers have destroyed all the grain at Paragonah, nine-tenths at Parowan; all the wheat at Fort Johnson, and about one-tenth of the grain at Cedar city; the grain at Harmony is uninjured.

The bursting of a cloud on the mountains about the first of June, washed away the house of Elder Benjamin R. Hulse in Cedar city, and injured several others. The fields look like a desert and every separate bench appears to be hatching out fresh crops of grasshoppers. Several companies have started to the 'Pangwitch' lake, on fishing excursions. The water is lower than has ever been known before, and but a small portion of the land resown can possibly be watered. A small party has also started to the Santa Clara mission to plant corn. The people of Iron co. are in first rate spirits. The Public Square at Parowan city (10 acres) has been planted with potatoes in the hopes that the united efforts of men, women, and children, chickens, ducks, turkeys, &c., &c., may save a sufficiency to have occasionally a little potato soup next winter.

Nine tenths of the wheat crops are destroyed at Fillmore. Chalk Creek very low, fresh recruits of grasshoppers hatching on the benches. The fields at Nephi city look like the seat of desolation.

G. S. L. CITY.—On Saturday and Sunday the grasshoppers filled the sky for three miles deep, or as far as they could be seen without the aid of Telescopes, and somewhat resembling a snow storm, which latter would have been very acceptable to the parched grass, and cattle.—Drouth very severe—the creeks low, and the weather hot, the common house flies are very thick, and are as troublesome as they usually are in September.

STILL THEY COME!—The five and ten acre lots South of this city were visited with another legion of grasshoppers within the last few days, devouring the third planting of young corn. By letters from different parts of Utah County, we learn that fresh arrivals contrive to destroy the young crops nearly as fast as they appear. We regret also to learn that a bug, heretofore unnoticed by the farmers, is doing considerable damage among the potatoes.

GREAT SALT LAKE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.—The contract for the building of this edifice was let by the County Court on the 12th May last to Robert T. Burton and Andrew Cunningham. The basement is to be finished in rooms 9 feet high in the clear, and fitted up with suitable accommodations to answer temporarily the purposes of a County Jail. There will be 3 offices and 2 jury rooms on the first floor above the basement; on the second floor will be a Court room 38 ft. 9 in. by 41 ft. in the clear, and 15 ft. high, and is to be elegantly finished. There will be a good room finished in the attic. The roof is to be surmounted by an observatory, the height of the dome from the foundation being 70 ft. A beautiful site for the House has been procured in the 14th Ward. The contractors are bound to have the building enclosed, before winter sets in, for \$10,000, and the finishing is estimated to cost \$10,000 more. A large amount of materials is already on the ground, and the work rapidly progressing. The design was drawn by T. O. Augell Architect. The prospect is that our County will soon be provided with comfortable halls and offices for the accommodation of the Courts.

Upwards of \$3,000 have been expended from the County Treasury for Roads and Bridges the past year.

MUSIC HALL.—Capt. Ballo's band have commenced the building of a Music Hall, in the 14th Ward, 60 ft. long by 35 ft. wide. It is designed to accommodate the band for practising music, teaching classes, or for concerts. The foundation is completed ready for the adobie work. It is building by subscription from the members of the band, and their friends; by the articles of agreement the Hall will become the property of the Church should the band dissolve. As a sufficient sum has not yet been subscribed to finish the building, lovers of music can have the opportunity of contributing to aid in the completion of the Hall. Success to the enterprise!

A Good Tanner will find constant employment, or can rent an establishment on reasonable terms, by applying to Mr. Joseph Cain at the Post Office, or to Bishop John W. Hess, Farmington, Davis County. Materials on hand to carry on the tanning, and every opportunity to do an extensive business, the proprietor being sick and not able to attend to it.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT.—Messrs. Thomas and Pugh have recently purchased a valuable stock of goods and commenced the mercantile business in the store house formerly occupied by Holladay and Warner on South Temple street. Success to the enterprise! (See advertisement.)

BRUSHES!—Our friends who wish to procure an excellent article of brushes, will do well to call at Gilbert Clements's Brush Manufactory, on East Temple street, near Mulliner's. The proprietor manufactures a substantial article for use, from materials produced in the mountains.

Butchers and swine raisers save all the bristles.

VALLEY MADE SOAP!—About half a ton of soap, manufactured in Sanpete from saleratus found on the soil, was brought into this city last Friday, and is now for sale by George Goddard. Its appearance is excellent. Friends of home production purchase and try for yourselves.

SUMMARY.

[A few items gleaned from broken files.]

Don Carlos, of Spain, died at Trieste on the 10th March last.

Lately at a masquerade ball in New York, when the party sat down to supper and the masks were removed, "several gentlemen found they

had been flirting with their sisters, making love to their mothers; and for once, playing the agreeable to their own wives!

—The recruiting for the British army in New York and Philadelphia has come to a dead halt, the officers or agents having been arrested.

—It is said a new Territory is proposed to be organized out of the southern portion of New Mexico, to be named Pimeria.

—There is now a city called Hoboken, recently incorporated opposite New York.

—A piece of land was recently sold in London at the rate of two millions of dollars an acre!

—P. V. Schenck, a peach-grower of Brighton, near Rochester, N. Y., says that not only the buds, but the trees also have been destroyed by the late cold weather.

In cutting the limbs from one thousand different peach trees he found no exception—all had perished.—[Boston Statesman.]

—A meeting has been held in Manchester, England, in favor of the reconstitution of the kingdom of Poland.

—Hugh Harris, a soldier of the Revolution, died on the 13th February last, at Jonesboro', Tennessee, aged one hundred and ten years.

—The following appears as an advertisement in the Cape Town Mercantile Advertiser of the 10th February last:—"LOST, Two GOLDEN HOURS, set with 60 DIAMOND MINUTES.—No reward will be given, as they will never be recovered."

—Professor Lepsius, the well-known linguist and antiquarian has completed an alphabet containing the sounds and letters of all the languages in the world.

—The Crystal Palace at Munich, built for a world's exhibition, is ordered to be emptied and converted into an exercising-ground for drilling and parading troops. Truly peace is taken from the earth, and the temples of peace are converted into those of war, and manufactures of plowshares and pruning hooks into arsenals for the manufacturing of every destructive weapon that the ingenuity of man can bring forth, to waste the earth and make it desolate, fulfilling the prophecies given the former and later times.

—The market price of lions at Natal is about \$35 each.

—The late Emperor of Russia just before his death, ordered a general arming of the people throughout the whole extent of the Russian Empire, the population of which is near 60 millions of persons.

—The winter in Palestine was of unusual severity: snow covering the mountains to a depth of nearly four feet.

The French intend erecting in Constantinople steam-mills and a baking establishment with twenty ovens, which will be able to supply 30,000 rations of bread a day.

—The national debt of England is four thousand millions, or 150\$ per head of her population; that of France, twelve hundred millions, or over 30\$ per head; that of Austria, one thousand millions, or 25\$ per head; that of Russia, seven hundred millions, or 10\$ per head; that of the United States, forty five millions, or \$1 75 per head.

—Great numbers of monkeys are said to be dying of the cholera in the woods near Trinidad de Cuba. Hundreds may be seen lying dead on the ground, where they have fallen from the trees.

—Cholera in Sardinia last season caused 18,872 deaths out of 37,079.

—Sebastopol has 43,000 inhabitants.

—The Californians are sinking artesian wells to procure water for irrigation.

—The United States Treasurer's statement shows \$26,500,000 in the Treasury.

—Professor Mapes asserts that not one tenth of the oil sold in bottles as olive is genuine, but made by pork-merchants in France from the overplus lard. Cannot we get some genuine from the regions of San Bernardino? there are olive trees growing at the San Gabriel Mission and other places.

—Mrs. Sarah W. Karus, nearly 118 years old, died lately at New York; she was born five years after Washington.

—At Vera Cruz great quantities of dead fish have been cast up from the sea. So great was the quantity that serious fears were entertained lest disease should follow from such a mass of putrefaction. Bodies of troops were turned out each day to gather and bury them, and a general order was issued commanding the inhabitants to turn out and assist.

—The Rev. Joseph Owen Parr, vicar of Preston, England, seized two hams, a copper kettle, a warming pan, three brass pots, a canister of tea, and two loaves of sugar, from some Quakers, to pay the "Easter dues," amounting to sixpence half-penny (about 13 cents), and expenses of auction. Woe to them that "preach for hire, and divine for money."

—It has been tested by gardeners and proven that plants covered with colored glass mature much quicker than in any other way.