

filled with joy when the testimony of the truth came to them; and when other principles were taught unto them, O, the joy that filled them in listening to them, and they knew by the testimony of Jesus and by the spirit and power of God that rested upon them that these things were true! They could get up in their meetings and testify "I know this is true." When they heard the gathering preached they had the testimony that it was true; and some had it before it was preached. They knew it was from God and that God established His Zion, and their hearts burned at the thought that they would soon be with the Saints of God in Zion. They yearned for the land of Zion and for the society of the people of God. This was their testimony, and they had it in the States, Europe, Africa, Asia, Islands of the Sea, and in every land where the gospel has been preached and the people have been prepared to receive it.

This has been the testimony, and if this spirit has continued to rest upon them, every principle that has been taught has been plain and delightful to them. Is not this our experience, brethren and sisters? We can all bear testimony to it. Then whence comes this darkness and these doubts respecting counsel? Whence comes this query about co-operation? Whence comes this distrust about other counsel in relation to temporal matters? Why, it is very easy to understand whence it comes and what its origin is. It can be traced to neglect of duty, to the hardening of the heart, to the indulgence of a spirit of unbelief, to the neglect of prayer; to becoming selfish and sordid, and to the commission of sin. There are causes for all this, for let me tell you, and testify to you today, that the Latter-day Saint who lives near to God, and has the spirit of God constantly resting upon him or her, never has any doubts about any principle that God has revealed. When the gathering was taught they were prepared for it; when the payment of tithing was taught they were prepared for it; when consecration was taught they were prepared for it; when the move South was taught they were prepared for it; when the move back was taught they were prepared for it; when celestial marriage was taught they were prepared for it; when the word came "Cease to trade with our enemies," they were prepared for it; and when Co-operation was taught they were prepared for it. There was no doubt in their minds, because the same spirit that taught them that this was the truth in the beginning, and that God had spoken from the heavens, taught them also that all these things were true. But when you have doubts respecting counsel given by the servants of God then be assured my brethren and sisters, there is room for repentance. We are not living as near to God as we should do; we have not the spirit of God as we once had it, and we should seek unto God with full purpose of heart, that the light of His spirit may be bestowed upon us again. Then, when the servant of God stands up and teaches us concerning the things of the kingdom, his words will find a lodging place in our hearts; his counsels will be clear and sweet unto us, and there will be no dubiety, no distress, neither any disposition to repel these counsels or to feel offended at them. And if the word come to us to go on a foreign mission, to go to "Dixie," to Bear Lake or any other place to perform this or that labor, we shall be ready to obey, for the spirit will reveal to us beforehand what we have to do and prepare us for its performance.

These are the privileges of the Latter-day Saints. I talk not something that is theory, or away off, or that happened years ago; I talk not of that which is out of our reach; but I speak of that which is within our reach, within the reach of all: it is practical. We can obtain and possess and enjoy it; and if we do not, we do not live up to our privileges as Latter-day Saints. O! I feel sometimes, I wish I had the tongue of an angel to proclaim to the children of men the glad tidings of salvation that God has revealed to us in the day in which we live. This blessed time! This time of times, when God in His mercy has restored His church to the earth, and has given us prophets and apostles and the Holy Ghost and its gifts; and in His great mercy has brought us to this land where we can dwell in peace, where we can go out and in before the Lord without any to molest or make us afraid.

My brethren and sisters what blessed privileges we do enjoy when compared with the Saints in former days; and even when compared with our own circumstances in the early history of the church what blessed privileges God has given us in this glorious land! We have rulers of our own choice,—men whom God has chosen; we have the voice of God in our midst, so that we need not walk in darkness and doubt. There is no uncertainty in all the land of Zion concerning the purposes of God. It need not be said of us as it was said of Israel, "There is no Urim and Thummim; there is no dream or vision, and no prophet in the land." We have the prophet of God; we have the visions of the Almighty; we have the spirit of God descending upon us like sweet dew; we have the gifts of the spirit of God; we have the gospel in the fullness and plenitude of its power. We have all this, and we have the promises of God concerning us and our posterity; and as I have said, we have this glorious land of freedom and liberty, where we can build up the kingdom of

God in power and great glory; where we can be a free people, if we so choose. If this is not the case, if it is because we are wicked; because we disobey counsel; because we harden our hearts and have placed ourselves in a position to be scourged. It is not God's will that we should be, or that our enemies should have power over us. It is His good will and pleasure to give unto us the kingdom and dominion, and to strengthen and uphold us.

Let us then be faithful! Let us live day by day, from morning until night, in the moments of business and when perplexed with its cares, with our thoughts on the Kingdom, and our prayers ascending to the God of our fathers, yea, unto our Father, for His blessings upon us; and that He may fill us with His spirit and prepare us for the things that await us, and help us to be faithful even unto the end.

That we may all be thus faithful and overcome, and be counted worthy to sit down with our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and with all the holy ones in the presence of God and the Lamb, and be crowned with glory, immortality and endless lives, is my prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

SUICIDE.—On the morning of the 13th inst., Mr. John S. Burnett, one of the proprietors of the stage between Austin and Battle Mountain, suicided by shooting himself through the head, in his room at Slusher's hotel at the former place. From the evidence produced at the inquest, it appears that he had been laboring, for some time, under great depression of spirits. He had been lately engaged in a shooting scrape with one of his drivers, named Black, for which he and Black were held in \$3,000 bonds. The idea that his bondsmen were about giving him up and that he would have to go to jail had preyed upon his mind and, it is supposed, caused him to commit the rash act.

VENISON FOR CHRISTMAS.—The Messrs. Voorhees Bros., of Manti, Sanpete, yesterday, brought into the city a wagon load of the finest deer, ever seen in the Territory, shot by them in Sanpete County. They were of the black-tailed variety, and one or two of the animals were above two hundred pounds each, with antlers not far from a yard long.

SMALL POX AT BURCH CREEK.—The small pox at Burch Creek has, up to date, attacked sixteen persons, all members of the Stephens family. "Doctor" Ryle who has them in charge, pronounces them all, with the exception of Father Stephens whose death was announced last week, in a state of convalescence, and expects that in a few days they will have entirely recovered.—*Ogden Junction*, Dec. 14th.

ACCIDENT AT ST. GEORGE.—The following telegram was received this morning, per Deseret Telegraph line:

ST. GEORGE.

Deseret News:—Mr. Loughery, the machinist, who is putting in operation the factory at Washington, was seriously injured in the right arm yesterday, by having it caught in the machinery. Doctor Higgins, of St. George, is in attendance; the wound, though serious, is not considered dangerous. Yesterday President Young and a party of citizens visited the cotton farm at Heberville, which has not been cultivated for several years, in consequence of the loss of the dam in the Rio Virgen; much of the land formerly cultivated has been washed away by the floods. Arrangements are now making to rebuild the dam and enlarge the field for the cultivation of cotton. The party was caught in a snow and rain storm. Jos. W. Young and R. Bentley started with Mr. James to see the south-west corner of the Territory determined. In the evening I delivered a lecture before the St. George lyceum, on the study of history.

GEO. A. SMITH.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Mrs. L. Chapman, of No. 4 Prince's Court, Tyson street, Bethual Green, London, England, is very anxious to obtain information of the whereabouts of her daughter, who, she says, emigrated to Utah sometime during the past season. Address to or leave information at the tin store of William Harrison, East Temple street.

NEW INVENTION.—We were shown yesterday a new hay and straw cutter at Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, which pleased us, and which, we think, superior to any machine of the kind that has been offered for sale in our market. We are the more gratified in alluding to this cutter from the fact that it is manufactured at the City Creek Foundry, and is the invention of Mr. Ivar Isachsson, the superintendent of that foundry. Mr. Isachsson is one of our most ingenious mechanics, and is an inventor of considerable ability. He manufactured machines of this description in his native country, Norway, and they were so well liked there that the old machines in use were discarded. It appears to be a very strong, durable machine, and can be kept in repair, we should think, very easy. The hay and straw are cut by two knives, which revolve on a large wheel; and by an arrangement of cogs, the feed can be cut fine or

coarse to suit the animals to be fed, whether horses or cows. The only danger about this machine is, that children, playing with it when fitted for use, might do themselves serious injury with the knives; but the inventor has provided for this by reversing and fastening the handle when the machine is left by the person who has it in charge, so that it cannot be turned. We understand Mr. Isachsson has made application to have the machine patented.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

A "MORMON" ROBBED.—The *Ely Record*, published at Pioche City, of last Sunday says:

"On Monday or Tuesday evening a Mormon was stopped on the Salt Lake road, near Deseret Springs, and robbed of \$30. He is now in town and claims that he can at least point out one man."

DEFECTIVE MAIL CARRYING.—The following was received per Deseret Telegraph Line, to-day:

"ST. GEORGE, Dec. 17.

Deseret News:—The Salt Lake mail arrived punctually at eight o'clock last evening, but contained no mail matter from Salt Lake. Cause: failure to connect at Cedar City. This is the third failure of the kind in two weeks. Mr. Lougherty is improving. GEO. A. SMITH."

DEDICATION.—Yesterday at one o'clock the members of the Female Relief Society of the 14th Ward, met in their new hall, recently erected on the west of the Assembly Rooms, in that Ward, for the dedication of the building to the Lord for the uses for which it is designed. Besides the members and their husbands, there were present a number to whom invitations had been extended to attend the dedication. Among the latter were the Bishop of the Ward, Brother Hoagland; President D. H. Wells, and Elders Wilford Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith.

After singing, the dedicatory prayer was offered by President D. H. Wells, and well-timed remarks were made by him and Elders Woodruff, Cannon and Smith.

A very satisfactory statement of the financial condition of the Society for the past quarter, and for the year, was read before the meeting by the Secretary, Mrs. George H. Taylor.

After the services a number of the visitors and the members of the Society, went, by invitation, and partook of refreshments at the house of the Presidentess, Mrs. Horne. The affair throughout was most pleasant and enjoyable. The business of the 14th Ward Co-operative Institution will be conducted henceforth, under the auspices of the ladies of the Relief Society, in their new building; it being the intention to remove the goods from the store now used by the Co-operative Society to the new location next Monday.

We think the ladies of the 14th Ward Relief Society have done a good work, and are deserving of high commendation; they have proved themselves capable as well as industrious, and in the management and control of the Co-operative Store which they are about to assume, we hope they will meet with a large share of patronage from the ward. They well deserve it. We should think that ladies behind the counter will be an additional attraction to customers; we are satisfied that gentlemen purchasers will think so, and if the ladies, who do the most marketing, are of the same way of thinking, and they should be, the success of the new management of the 14th Ward Co-operative Store is sure.

Z. C. M. I. BAZAAR.—The Great Christmas Bazaar at the Eagle Emporium will open on Monday evening, when there will probably be the finest display of seasonable goods ever seen in this city. The large sale-room will be brilliantly illuminated and the various classes of articles will be arranged in true artistic style by David Candland, Esqr. As the Bazaar will present the finest appearance when lighted up, it will be kept open till eight o'clock each evening. There will be a cabinet of articles all at one dollar each.

CALL AND GET IT.—There is a message at the Deseret Telegraph Office for John Wickie. John, call and get it.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

NEWS FROM SOUTH.—We have received the following dispatches per Deseret Telegraph Line:

ST. GEORGE, Dec. 18.

"Ten inches of snow fell at Dameron Valley, ten miles from St. George; eighteen inches in Grass Valley, thirty-five miles from St. George, north; and ten inches twenty miles south-west of St. George. The mountains to the east are covered with snow; a few flakes fell in St. George, but not enough to measure. The thermometer stood at 27 at 9 o'clock this morning. President Young is well. The morning meeting was addressed by Elder B. Young, jun., and this afternoon by myself. The congregation was large and the weather fine. GEO. A. SMITH."

ST. GEORGE, Dec. 19.

Ed. Deseret News:—The Salt Lake mail arrived here last evening, containing the

DESERET NEWS of the 10th and the *Herald* of the 11th, seven days from Salt Lake—schedule time four and a half days. Elder Brigham Young, jun., preached in the 3rd Ward School House last night and John H. Smith in the 4th Ward School House.

GEO. A. SMITH.

ARRIVALS AND APPOINTMENTS.—We extract the following from the *Millennial Star*, of November 29th:

Elders John I. Hart and Wm. L. Payne left Ogden Nov. 7th, and New York per steamship *Europa* Nov. 12th, arriving at Greenock Nov. 26th and Liverpool the next day. They were in good health and spirits.

Elder Charles Lambert has been appointed to labor as Traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference.

Elder John I. Hart has been appointed Traveling Elder in the Durham and Newcastle Conference.

Elder Wm. L. Payne has been appointed Traveling Elder in the Liverpool Conference.

Elder E. M. Caste left Liverpool, Nov. 24th, for Copenhagen, via Hull and Hamburg, on his mission to Sweden.

DIED. at Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, England, Nov. 1st, 1870, Elizabeth, wife of John Scratcher, aged 73 years, 3 months and 9 days.—*Millennial Star*.

INFORMATION WANTED. of David Selby, who emigrated from London about twelve years since. Address, Henry Selby, Duke of Richmond, Earl's Court, Old Brompton, London.—*Mill. Star*, Nov. 29th.

THE LATE DISCOVERY OF MARBLE.—We have received the following note relating to the marble discoveries near American Fork:

"AMERICAN FORK, Dec. 17, 1870.

EDITOR NEWS:

Dear Sir:—In your issue of the 15th, of the Daily News, you give information to the public that Mr. Arza Adams had discovered three varieties of marble. All you publish is correct excepting about Mr. Adams being the discoverer. Mr. Josiah Nichols and Mr. Robert Cunningham were the discoverers, and Mr. Adams has never been within five miles of it, and makes no pretensions to being the discoverer. Please publish this, and oblige.

JOSIAH NICHOLS,
ROBT. CUNNINGHAM."

WINE GROWERS CONVENTION.—We received by mail this morning, a circular which contains the following notice:

"A general wine and fruit growers' convention will be held in St. George, on Thursday, December 29th, to which all interested in Wine and Fruit growing are invited. It is desired that samples of wine and fruit both fresh and cured should be present.

Questions of vital importance to the fruit interests will be presented and discussed, and it is hoped a general attendance will be given.

By order of the R. M. Pomological Society and St. George Gardeners' Club.

J. E. JOHNSON,

President.

M. P. ROMNEY,

J. Oakly,

Secretaries.

Died:

At Fairview, Sanpete Co., Dec. 16th, 1870, of canker, Samuel, son of Elam and Martha Cheney, aged four years, one month and ten days.

Special Notices.

DOCTOR PHINEAS H. YOUNG has been very successful in the treatment of Cancer, and some cases of a very obdurate and even dangerous character have been successfully cured by his medicine. He has just received a large quantity of his medicine from the East, and is again prepared to attend to cases which may be brought to him. His residence is in the Second Ward. d22 3 w46 2

LOST!

A **SORREL MARE**, with a spot in forehead and on nose, with heavy bushy tail, which strayed off from its dam when the latter was killed near my farm, Centreville, Davis County, about September, 1869. Whoever has got the Colt and will send or bring her to me, in the 16th Ward, shall be rewarded. Any information about the Colt will be a favor to
d21 1 w46 2 SHADRACH ROUNDY.

DANISH BOOKS.

THE following Danish Books (Danske Bøger) are for sale at the HISTORIAN'S OFFICE:

Adværsls Røst (Voice of Warning).....	75
Psalmebog (Hymn Book), 1st quality.....	75
2nd do.....	50
Det Celestiale Ægteskab (Celestial Marriage).....	75
Pagten Bog (Book of Covenants).....	1.00
Mormons Bog (Book of Mormon).....	1.00

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