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HOT SPRING SIDING,

U. P. R. R., May 27, 1869.

Editor Deseret News:—From this enchanting view of lake, valley, Promontory and Wasatch range, we descry the jostling cars flying upon their iron way towards the Orient. They bear us tidings of trade and commerce; of gigantic schemes for the concentration of wealth; of growth in art and science; of the inception of a homogeneous Christianity the antipodes of Puritanism, and the rising of the star of empire in the West.

Who linger now for fortunes upon the confines of unsettled State lines, or railroad termini, or junction speculations, are but day dreamers. Opaque visionaries, they scramble about on all-fours for some glittering prospective, totally oblivious to the world of wealth unfolding from the quickening laboratories of commerce in the West. With fitful tenacity they grasp at the shaggy Bear river goat, as if persistent to ignore the golden fleeced Cotswold of the Pacific. Or, can it be that these deluded civilizers cajole themselves with the phantom of a "sheet anchor of Christian civilization for the Mormons" with golden flukes? How many draughts of such sheep-heads have been brought to land in these parts, time would almost fail me to enumerate. From "Kirk" and "Pete" to "Tuck" and "Saul" the sequel of depleted wallets and donation slips have ruled the fates of them all, however elated at first, by specious assurance of support, or pampered by the shallow featured apostrophies of cliques and clubs. A word to the wise, &c.

The nomads of the terminus and junction baubles, like a gipsie horde, wander about knowing not whether to go hence or come hither. For the major part of them, unquestionably, in the words of St. Paul, "to depart hence would be far better" for any community they might infest, if not for their own future comfort. But somebody has mouthed it that a round-house, etc., is to be built at Deseret Station; and the vagrant tribe are on the rush hitherward, a herd of porkers with Old Nick at the helm. Kicked "on end" and knocked "into a cocked hat" is understood to be the finale of the performance.

Wells, Fargo & Co's stage will make connection with the trains at Deseret on or about Monday next, or as soon as their new bridge over the Weber near that station is ready. It is under rapid headway. The commodious stabling at Belmont, their station one mile from the mouth of Weber cañon, is to be removed across the river to Deseret. This will shorten the stage route from the railroad to Salt Lake City to a run of about 30 miles.

The counter-march of mails from Salt Lake via Bear River, thence to Brigham and Willard causes some dissatisfaction. The schedule runs thus: Leaving Brigham City every morning at 7 o'clock, arrives at Corinne at 8.30.

Leaves Corinne at 9 o'clock, or on the arrival of the mail train, and arrives at Brigham City one hour thereafter. Leaves Brigham City at 1 p.m. and arrives at Willard at 2 p.m. This time I am assured is punctually observed, except in case of detention at Corinne. This route is carried by Wm. C. Thomas, Esq., in new and handsome express hacks, with fine well-fed American horses. When but a small sack of mail, as is sometimes the case, it is conveyed to Willard on horse-back. When a hack is required one is always in readiness. Whether "color" is a defect in the qualification of a mail carrier, I shall not now assume the province of determining; but that "Philis" is no ignoramus; that he is polite and, above all, in mail matters, attentive to business, none will deny who know him.

I have listened to serious complaints to-day concerning the non-arrival of the super-excellent "NEWS" at Brigham City, as well as Willard. I believe none are more annoyed in this than friend Thomas himself. A feeling is on the gain to trace the failures to some inadvertencies on the mail trains. The responsibility, be assured, rests elsewhere than upon the "49 Express" and "colored driver."

Dissatisfaction being the theme, I will enlarge upon it sufficiently to state that I am just informed by an experienced U. P. engineer that the Government Commissioners have refused to accept the line through Weber Canyon, on the ground that a good and feasible road cannot be built there. It is quite possible the line may yet be constructed through Cache Valley, up Blacksmith's Fork to its head waters, thence following a creek, across Bear River, to the Muddy, thence to Granger's, on Ham's Fork, connecting with the present line. This, it is said, ought to have been the route of the U. P. R. R.

Very liberal additions have been made to the Ogden Hotel. It now sports the most commodious and elegantly appointed bar-room in the Territory. To "taper off" a Mammoth Mirror, 5 feet by 7, has been imported from the East, the express charges alone on which were somewhere in the region of \$300. It is truly a magnificent ornament. The frame is of black-walnut, massive, but simply varnished, showing the native elegance of the wood. It is surmounted by a gilded eagle, perched over a bee-hive, the emblem of Deseret. The spacious interior is richly oak-grained; the bar is grained with a delightful variegation of sienna, black-gold, curled oak, bird's-eye maple and Egyptian, by W. V. Morris, Esq., of Salt Lake City. Other improvements—such as extensive enlargement of sleeping-rooms, sitting-rooms, etc., are in progress.

A Jew in this region recently let a Gentile have goods on time. Gentile sold the goods and was making for California with the proceeds, when he was overtaken on the Promontory, brought back and incarcerated in the cotton calaboose of Ba-ar-town. On Monday night last, some 40 persons took him from the calaboose and turned him loose. The Jew arrested and shipped him to Brigham City, where he was arrested on a charge of felony; when, after a week in court, the prosecution failing to sustain the charge, Gentile was discharged, the heavy costs falling upon the unfortunate little Jew, and losing his goods into the bargain. Technicalities are something in law. He will probably be arrested again to-night, on a charge of fraud, on which, possibly, he may be convicted.

ANON.

TAYLOR'S MILLS,

May 27th, 1869.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir, Mr. Watson was the hero of rather a perilous adventure on the railway this afternoon. A car loaded with coal was switched on the main track by the conductor and left standing. The grade near the mills here happens to be somewhat sharp and the lone car with its cargo of coal started for Ogden, Corinne, or some western port, gradually accelerating its speed until it ran at the rate of about 25 miles per hour. Mr. Watson, Baggage Master, observing the nature of the case, ran, mounted

the flying car and endeavored to stop it. Finding that the brake was broken, he signalled an engineer close at hand who started his engine after the runaway at a pretty lively rate of speed, which was gradually increased until it assumed the appearance of quite an interesting and exciting chase. It was known that an up-train was due in a few minutes, and if the car was allowed to proceed alone there was danger of a collision.

After running some distance, endeavoring vainly to couple to the locomotive, Mr. Watson caused the whistle to be sounded and raised a red handkerchief as a signal of danger to the approaching train, which he rightly supposed must be near at hand. It was too late. Just then the car rounding a curve came full upon the train at too close quarters to avoid a collision. Mr. Watson having done all that could be done under the circumstances to prevent the occurrence, which he now plainly saw was inevitable, made a bold spring from the car over the embankment, and had the remarkably good fortune to escape, after performing sundry eccentric evolutions, without breaking his neck. "It is better to be born lucky than rich." The cars collided and the cow-catcher was "knocked into a cocked hat." Some other damage resulted, in all, estimated at about \$100.

Respectfully,

G. J. TAYLOR.

P. O., WILLARD,

May 24th, 1869.

Editor Deseret Evening News:—Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 22d inst., I was pleased to read a note from Postmaster Street, showing that he is not to blame, for the lack of regular mails to this office. I have never once laid blame upon the Salt Lake office, as I was satisfied that the trouble was in another quarter.

Your correspondent, "Improving," told the truth, when he said that we told him that "the mail sack came again empty." Our sack has arrived minus contents, a number of times; still, hoping for immediate improvement, I have said but little. P. M. Street sent notice to us to "return tags," which we thought rather strange, as we return all tags which come on our sacks; however, when we consider that our sacks do not come as they are sent—direct, it is no difficult matter to account for the loss of the tags.

By to-day's mail, Thursday, May 13, and Saturday, May 22d, of "The Evening" came, with letters bearing Salt Lake post-mark of the 22d inst. I believe we are yet lacking the 15th, 18th and 19th of the EVENING NEWS; how much transient matter we cannot tell. I think that there has been some good done by ventilating the matter.

Yours respectfully,

A. CORDON, P. M.

OGDEN, May 29th, 1869.

Editor Deseret News:—The unusually heavy fall of rain during the week now closing has had a chilling effect here on business as well as on the atmosphere. But little has been done, and quietude has been the prevailing characteristic of this city during the week. The absence of a class which presents such strongly marked peculiarities to draw the attention of the police, is abundantly evident in the plentiful lack of that recklessness of all law and order which it delights to indulge in. The sounds of the mechanics' labor, as fresh additions to the habitations of the city are being reared, greets the ear of the passer along the streets; but while they play the part of wise men and build up, the citizens are spared the presence of those who like all fools would pull down and destroy.

Business has been tolerably brisk to-day, with the return of pleasant and comfortable weather, though the roads are yet, in many places, of a waxey consistency which makes traveling more tedious than pleasant.

Sundry and various rumors connected with the future plans of the Railroad Companies, have been current here and have obtained more or less credence on the part of those whose inclination or interests disposed them to place confi-

dence in them. The "switch" was to be removed from Taylor's mill to Deseret; then, again, it was to be lifted and brought to Ogden without delay; then, it was to be moved north of here; and so it has been moved and removed a sufficient number of times, and to so many locations that all might be satisfied it was at some period of the rumors exactly where they desired it to be. Meantime it remains at the mill. The coaches from Salt Lake city continue to leave passengers at that interesting locality, who sometimes are allowed the pleasant task of trying to find bottom in the mud north of the "switch" as they pedestrianate to Ogden—unless they wait indefinitely for a hack; and at other times they are courteously driven in on the coach.

The crops around this city are looking beautiful and promise an abundant harvest. The people are lively and hopeful; and peace, prosperity and good feelings abound. URSA.

## THE INHABITED WORLDS.

In the whole sidereal system we see a series of suns resembling our own in all essential respects—many of them falling short of it, perhaps, in splendor, but many of them certainly surpassing it. And around these suns there circle worlds of every variety of magnitude, many of which, doubtless, form centres of systems as varied in character as are those of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. On these worlds subsist, we doubt not, myriads of forms of life, animal and vegetable. Thousands of these systems are probably utterly unfit for habitation by the races which subsist upon the earth or upon the other members of the solar system, and it is equally probable that the races subsisting in thousands of these systems would perish if subjected to the conditions prevailing in any part of the solar system. But on one point we may well rest assured: Whatever be the nature of the races subsisting in any of these worlds, and whatever may be the peculiarities of the conditions to which they are subjected, the most perfect adaptation undoubtedly exists between these unknown living creatures and the structure of the worlds on which they live. This lesson is taught by all that we see around us. If on our earth there were the most perfect uniformity in the conditions of habitability which prevail in different lands and seas, or if we could even detect no traces that in past ages the world had been less well adapted to support the races which at present subsist upon it, and that accordingly former terrestrial races differed from the present, yet, even then, the perfect adaptation of the limited number of races which we should know of to the conditions under which they lived would afford to the thoughtful mind the most striking evidence that this adaptation is a fundamental law of nature. But when we find that the most striking peculiarities distinguish the climate and habitudes of one country from those of another—that animals which thrive in one country would perish if removed to another, and yet that no part of the world remains uninhabited—and not only so, but that the creatures which live in each part of the world are adapted in the most perfect and wonderful manner to the circumstances in which they are placed, we are at once impressed with the universality of the law of adaptation.—Ex

## ESTRAY.

CAME to my place, about the 21st of April, a Dark Brown MARE, about 5 years old, two white hind feet, star or spot in forehead, no brands. The owner will please call, prove property, pay charges and take her away.

JOHN TIMS,

Portage, Box Elder County, Utah.

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## ESTRAYS.

I HAVE in my possession, at Cove Creek, Millard county, Two HORSES—one Iron Grey, 3 years old; the other Pinto, 2 years old. Both branded something like a w on left shoulder. The owners are requested to prove property pay charges and take them away.

JOHN R. KING.