

The oil manufactured by Blair and Thomas in this city several years ago took the first premium at our State Fair, and we are pleased to see those Brethren determined to establish the business in "Dixie," where the castor-bean, we are satisfied, will produce a remunerative crop. It will add another and a very important link to the chain of manufactures, absolutely necessary to enable us to become a self-sustaining people.

Castor-oil is rapidly becoming more popular for lubricating purposes, and the uses to which it is now applied have become so very numerous, besides its medicinal qualities, that they are not easily enumerated.

We are assured that as good, if not a sweeter and better article of oil, put up in tin cans, can be furnished our citizens for less money, by the "Dixie" Oil Company, than can be imported. If so, and we have good reasons to believe it, this alone will annually save many thousands of dollars to our citizens, that are now paid in money to the merchants in the East.

We trust the Company will find favor with the people, and that they will raise beans in such quantities that the demand for oil in Utah may be supplied. The Company have already sent ploughs, hoes, laborers, &c., to plant several acres with castor-beans, and are now getting up their presses, &c., here.

We trust our druggists and merchants will buy their oil of this Firm, and encourage so useful an enterprise. Success to the "Dixie" Oil Company.

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder George D. Watt spoke of the testimony enjoyed by those who live according to the light which God has revealed, and of the assurance which they have of the truth, the confidence they have in the priesthood, and the blessings enjoyed by them; while those who do not have this testimony, assurance and confidence, and who do not enjoy the promised blessings, have failed to comply with the requirements of the gospel, and have not kept the commandments of God. He bore a powerful testimony to the truth, and to the authority and example of the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles.

Afternoon.

Elder Brigham Young, junr., referred to the carrying the gospel to the nations and the blessings which the Saints enjoy through the labors of those who first went out as missionaries of the truth; and urged upon people here, who have been assisted to emigrate by Saints still in the old world, to help those from whom they have received aid, and pay what they have enjoyed the benefit of. He reasoned upon the folly of people who turn away from the truth, as in the gospel, and by obedience to it, every blessing that mankind is capable of enjoying can be received.

Elder Erastus Snow treated on the gospel having been carried to the poor and their receiving it more than the rich have done, not because it is not equally free to all, but because the poor, in this age, as in the days of the Savior, were more ready to humble themselves and obey the commandments of God. The haughty and high-minded will be abased, while the humble and contrite of heart will be exalted; and they who permit the perishable things of this world to turn them from the truth, will lose the very object they have in view, and be stripped of the source of their pride. The Nephites of old enjoyed many and great blessings, but they forsook the Lord, and the Lamanites scourged them until eventually they were wasted away and destroyed because of their transgressions. The Lord will preserve His people, if they continue faithful, as He has preserved them in the past; and every effort to destroy them will but recoil on the heads of those who have sought to frustrate the designs of Heaven in the establishment of the kingdom of God; while the faithful Saints will be exalted and enjoy the society of the sanctified for ever.

DEDICATION.—The new Meeting House in the 8th Ward was dedicated on Wednesday, 23d inst., a large congregation being present at the dedicatory services. Among those present were President Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells, President Orson Hyde and Elders John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Ezra T. Benson, Lorenzo Snow and George Q. Cannon, of the Twelve Apostles; Elder Brigham Young junr., Bishop Edward Hunter, E. F. Sheets, Bishop of the 8th Ward, with several other Bishops and a large number of Elders. The excellent choir of the Ward, which we learned, had been trained by br. Richard McAllister assisted by br. Joseph Keets, sang, "Come all ye Saints who dwell on earth." Elder George Q. Cannon offered an impressive and solemn dedicatory prayer. The choir again sang; and Capt. Croxall's brass band, which was present, played the good "Old Hundred." President B. Young then delivered a most interesting and instructive discourse on the principles of our holy religion, giving much valuable teaching on personal and domestic government, and the principles by which individuals, families and communities are righteously controlled. Presidents Kimball and Wells followed in brief and instructive discourses, and remarks were made by

Elders Orson Hyde, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, E. T. Benson, L. Snow and G. Q. Cannon. The choir, aided by some singers from other wards, sang between the speeches and the brass band interspersed its strains with the vocal music.

At the conclusion of the services, President Young thanked the singers and members of the band, in behalf of the Bishop and the Ward for their music; and pronounced the closing benediction.

The building is neat and substantial, being 50 feet in length by 30 in width, with a height of 17 feet from the floor to the ceiling. It has three large plain windows on the east side, the same number on the west, with one on either side of the main entrance on the south. It is neatly finished in the interior, with two fine chandeliers suspended from the ceiling, and doors in the north end designed to afford admission to a vestry and retiring room, yet to be built. The structure has a rock foundation, three feet underground, and the walls are of adobies, 18 inches through. It has been built by donations from residents in the Ward, and its cost is in the neighborhood of \$14,000. It speaks highly for the enterprise of the Bishop and his Counselors, and the liberality of the Ward, to see so fine a building devoted to, and set apart for, religious services, in a ward that is not by any means as populous, nor as wealthy as some others in the city.

We are indebted to President Young for the following dispatch received on Saturday night by the Deseret State Telegraph Line:—

St. George, Jan. 26.

Pres. BRIGHAM YOUNG:—

Captains Pearce and Andrus, with a party of men, left here on the night of the 18th on an Indian expedition. They came upon some Indians seven miles south, trying to stampede a herd of stock. The night was very dark, and the Indians being on good horses escaped. Forty miles south-east, near Maxwell's ranch, they came on more Indians about midnight. The Indians ran to a grove of cedars, and the command, fearing an ambush, had to give up the chase. Signs of Navajoes being in the country are plain.

Pearce and Andrus are men who fear nothing in that shape. We may soon look for another brush. Friendly Indians from the scene of the fight three weeks ago, report that only one Indian of the thirteen Navajoes escaped; seven bodies were found in the rocks; three were shot dead where they stood; and two died from their wounds before reaching the Colorado. The weather is mild; overcoats are seldom seen; and people are putting in their crops.

JNO. C. CLOWES.

FROM ENGLAND.—Through the courtesy of Elder George A. Smith, we are favored with the perusal of a letter from Elder C. P. Liston, now on a mission to England, and laboring in Kent. By it we learn that the cause of truth continues to progress there. Much distress prevails in many parts of Britain, and the Elders have considerable to endure in preaching the gospel, still, the additions to the church by baptism continue. Elder Liston was well at date of writing, as were all the American Elders as far as he was aware at the time he wrote. He makes a powerful appeal in behalf of the poor Saints in that land, for means to aid them to emigrate, being deeply touched by the poverty he has witnessed among them.

GOOD.—On Thursday last the 10th Ward schoolars to the number of 100, under the charge of their teacher, Br. Harrington, and headed by Bishop Proctor and Counselor Spiers, made a fine sleighing party in a dozen of sleighs, with banners bearing the following mottoes:—"We give our aid to noble deeds;" "Wisdom is better than riches;" "Tenth Ward School.—Knowledge is power;" "Zion's sons.—God and our Country;" "Victory follows the brave." One sleigh bore the National flag. All were jubilant, enjoyed themselves highly, and presented a very interesting appearance. Such care in the part of the authorities of a ward for the enjoyment of the scholars, at this season when everybody wants to go sleighing, cannot fail to have a beneficial effect upon the juveniles, and is highly commendable.

THE WEATHER.—By Deseret State Telegraph Line we learn the state of the weather, at the points named, on Monday morning:—Logan, fine, four inches of snow; Provo, very cold, ten inches of snow and prospects of more; Salt Creek, dull and cloudy; Fillmore, fine, sun shining brightly; Beaver, beautiful, sky unclouded, sun shining brightly and ground almost bare of snow; Tokerville, fine as a summer day, the cottonwoods almost in foliage; St. George, mild, peas and onions two inches high.

CORRECTION.—Article vii, sec. 5, of the Constitution of the State of Deseret, published in No. 9 of the Semi-Weekly, and in the present issue of the News Weekly, should commence:—"The first general election under this constitution shall be held in March next (1887) instead of '1887' as printed. The election was held in 1863; and the error, as it stands in the amended Constitution, is a typographical one.

THEATRICAL ITEM.—We have learned from that portion of our theatrical company now traveling north, that they played at Farmington on Friday evening and the house was unable to contain those who sought admittance. They played again in the same place on Saturday night, to another crowded house. They designed playing in Kaysville on Monday evening.

ROUGH SLEIGHING.—Sleighing is much more amusing to spectators than pleasant to those assumingly enjoying it, at times, these days. A few inches of snow on the ground looks temptingly inviting; but when the runners cut down to gritty mud, and drag over rough boulders without a coating of frozen snow, it is quite another thing. A nice little "cutter" was cutting by our office on Saturday evening, as an example, and cut into the mud, against a rough spot on the road, and over into the—well, it was snow with a mixture. If there were no cut heads, there might have been. Don't send that sleigh around for "us" till the sleighing is hal decent.

PEN PAINTING.—The most elaborate and beautiful piece of pen painting that we have ever seen, has been exhibited for a few days past in the City Hall. It was executed by Br. Daniel Graves of Provo, for the Paris Exhibition.

COMMISSION AND FREIGHTING.—The Messrs Shipp and John R. Murdock have entered into a partnership in the commission and freighting business. Mr. Shipp is an old and experienced buyer; and Bishop Murdock is known as one of the most reliable freighters in the Territory. We have no question but they will do a big business. See their advertisement.

READ.—The notice of the Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition should be read by everybody; and all who have specimens of the desired kinds, or can procure them, should do so immediately.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE "JUVENILE INSTRUCTOR" THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY:

An explanation is due to our agents and readers for the delay which has occurred in issuing the First Number of the Second Volume of the INSTRUCTOR. We expected, as we stated, to have been able to have published the First Number on the 15th of this month. We sent a drawing of a new head for the JUVENILE INSTRUCTOR to New York to be engraved; and we expected to have received the engraving in time to have used it in the first number on the 15th instant; but we have been disappointed. We are informed by letter that it will not be likely to reach here before the 12th of February. Should it reach about that time, we hope that we will be able to issue the First Number by the 15th of February. We regret this delay exceedingly, and feel much disappointed at it; but we think this explanation is necessary to our agents that they may be able to satisfy our subscribers.

GEORGE Q. CANNON.

G. S. L. City, Jan. 20, 1867.

[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

New York, 24.

The excitement in Wall Street continues; additional failures are reported; there is a general lack of confidence on the street. Prime & Co., leading stock brokers have failed.

The War Department is sending troops to protect the overland route.

Annapolis, 23.

The Maryland Legislature has passed an Act abolishing the sale of negroes into slavery as a punishment for crime.

New York, 25.

The panic movement in Wall Street continues. The exhaustion of margins by the decline of yesterday caused a heavy realization movement on leading stock at both boards this morning, and a further heavy decline in prices.

The President has signed the bill providing that the net proceeds of internal revenue in Territories of Nebraska, Washington, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Arizona and Dakota, during the next three years, be appropriated for erecting under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, penitentiary buildings in said Territories.

New York, 25.

One half of the town of La Grange, Ga., including the business portion, has been destroyed by fire; also eighteen business houses in the town of Stambula, Miss., including the warehouse of Champonier and Sons, whose losses alone are \$45,000.

The bill amending the acts organizing the several Territories and conferring suffrage without regard to race or color, has become law without the President's approval, not being returned in the ten days allowed by the Constitution.

The bills repealing the amnesty and pardon authority given to the President became law in a similar way.

New York, 26.

The Boston anti-Slavery Society last night unanimously resolved that the

safety and honor of the nation demand the immediate removal of the President, the displacement of the State governments south, and the remodelling of the Supreme Court; that no rebel Territory is to be recognized as a State until the Federal Constitution guarantees to every loyal citizen the ballot and education, and to the negro land besides.

Governor Swann was yesterday elected Senator from Maryland, for six years.

Washington, 26.

Both Houses of Congress have, by report of a Conference Committee adopted a bill concerning the appointment of pension agents appointed since January last, and require new appointments subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Paris, 23.

Information is received that workingmen are riotously assembling in the streets of Madrid, clamoring for bread. A serious outbreak is anticipated. The Government is taking measures to remedy it.

London, 24.

It is officially announced to-day that the British Government has accepted the plan submitted by the Provincial Delegates for the union of the Provinces.

Advices from Paris state that France is disgusted with the measures put forward by Emperor Napoleon.

Paris, 24.

The French, Russian and Prussian Governments have resolved to negotiate in common with the Porte on the eastern question.

Berlin, 25.

The Duchies have formally been annexed to the German Confederation. The German Diet is to meet the first time on the 24th of February. Count Bismark declines a seat in the German Diet.

London, 25.

Quite formidable bread riots have occurred at Greenwich.

The Cretan war has ended, and the volunteers have gone back to Greece.

Boston, 27.

A severe snow storm was raging in Maine last night, and snow in the woods is reported five feet deep.

New York, 27.

Rev. Joel Lindsay, who has been on trial at Albion, Orleans co., for whipping his child to death, has been found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree.

St. Louis, 27.

The *Republican's* St Joseph special says, advices from the plains and mountains report a great body of Indians moving southward. Old Indian fighters say this means war. The Indians have a knowledge of the troops which are being sent out, and so they are moving southward to open war in that less protected region, but when troops are sent after them they will give them the slip, dash north again and speed murder and devastation upon the region thus uncovered.

New York, 28.

The *Times* says a proposition that will meet favor in the House is that of recognizing the validity of the ratification of the constitutional amendment by three fourths of the states now represented in Congress. Some of the ablest constitutional lawyers regard this as the only way to settle the reconstruction question, and that, if contested, the Supreme Court would not take the jurisdiction of it.

Baltimore, 27.

The revenue steamer *Casswood* was this morning burned to the water's edge at the ship yard where she was repairing; loss \$20,000.

The Patasco Chemical Works, on Locust Point, were burned this morning, with 3,000 carboys of sulphuric acid and 30 tons of sulphur; loss \$80,000. It was the property of Davidson, Simonton and Co.

New York, 28.

The *Herald's* Ottawa special says orders have been issued for the removal of Lynch, McMahon and the other condemned Fenian prisoners to the Kingston penitentiary.

The *Herald's* Washington correspondent says a bill has been formed for introduction into the House, providing for the appointment of Gen. Grant acting President, in case of the impeachment or removal of Johnson.

McGinnis, whose nomination as Minister to Stockholm was rejected on Saturday, sailed for his destination a week ago, thinking his confirmation sure.

READ County Clerk East's notice of Special Election.