

A UNITED STATE.—The Cheyenne Argus says:—

An exchange suggests that when Utah is admitted into the Union it should be called the State of Matrimony.

Well, is it not a happy state? and a united state? and an honorable state? Better that, than to assume the rights and privileges of the Matrimonial State, without being legally admitted; eh?

GARDENING has commenced in the city, the fine weather and drying wind of yesterday and to-day having made the ground fit for working in. If there are no frosts to kill tender vegetation, we will likely have abundance of garden products very early this season.

EXTEND IT.—We notice that Pres. B. Young and Pres. D. H. Wells have had the side walk for half a block south of Pres. Wells' corner, well graded and a thick coating of sand and gravel laid on. If this improvement were extended for several blocks down East Temple St., on both sides, pedestrians in general and lady pedestrians in particular would appreciate it in wet and sloppy weather.

COMMENCING.—The anticipated travel through this city for the Sweetwater region, which has been expected this Spring, is fairly commencing, judging by the number of strangers in town, and the business being done by establishments engaged in the outfitting business.

TENTH WARD LECTURES.—Elder Ashman will lecture to-morrow evening on "Phrenology and Astronomy," and Elder Phillips on "Rambles in the Sierras," in the 10th Ward School House. Elder Fuller delivered an interesting lecture in the same place on last Wednesday night, on "The Races of Man."

TO THE SOUTH.—President Erastus Snow, accompanied by Elder Joseph W. Young (who goes on a mission) left this city yesterday for St. George. We trust they will have a pleasant and prosperous journey. Br. Erastus will be heartily welcomed to his home by the people of "Dixie." In our visits to that part of our Territory, one of the most pleasing features we have witnessed is the entire harmony which appears to exist between the presiding authority, the officers and the people; and to the existence of this feeling, with the blessing of God, must be attributed the success which has attended operations there. In Bro. Joseph W. Young, we have every confidence Bro. Snow will find a useful and safe coadjutor.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of Bishop Cunningham took place this afternoon, a large procession accompanying his remains to the Cemetery, Pres. D. H. Wells and other prominent citizens being in the cortege. The funeral obsequies were conducted in the 15th Ward Hall.

#### FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

IN NEW YORK.—By telegram from General H. B. Clawson to President B. Young, we learn that he and company arrived in New York on Monday, all well.

LEHI.—From a Lehi correspondent we learn that the general health in that city is not so good as desirable. The winter wheat looks well, but the prospects are that it will suffer from grasshoppers or locusts, as there are indications of their being very numerous, and some have been hatched out already by the fire, until they have acquired sufficient vitality and strength to jump out of the cup in which they were placed.

STILL THEY GO.—The excitement continues in relation to the Sweetwater country, and numbers continue to leave our city in that direction. Some are intending to visit the terminus of the railroad. Money can be made at home in the midst of true friends and warm hearts, boys, without going east after it.

#### FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—Last Sunday evening one of those scoundrelly fellows to whom we have occasionally to make reference, visited one of the ward meetings with the object of decoying a young and inexperienced girl from chastity. But sharper eyes than he dreamed of were on his movements, and a couple of young men intimated to him in a polite and effective manner their appreciation of his movements, by administering to him a "sound thrashing." He has not been back there since; if he does make another visit, with a similar purpose, there is a possibility that his digestion may be injured for a couple of days, at least.

THINK NOT.—The Cheyenne Argus says:—The Mormons want Wyoming organized, and ask that Utah, Idaho and Montana be annexed to the new Territory. The Mormons beat Joe Miller.

Not if we know it. The precious memorial so recently presented to Congress, signed by "Citizens of Utah" (!) is responsible for this squib. Our Cheyenne neighbors may find the "Mormons" are not such fools, though they don't patronize "hurdy gurdy" establishments and gambling.

MORE PAPERS.—We have the first number of a St. George fiedgeling, of the comic order, entitled the *Mineral Cactus*, published semi-monthly by G. G. R. Sangiovanni & Co. From the serious but not "solid" matter we learn that the missionaries who had gone to visit the Muddy Settlements returned on the 14th of February. They reported things at St. Thomas to be in a prosperous condition, and the brethren trying to fulfil their mission. The "Dixie Minstrels" performed at St. George on Wednesday evening, Feb. 19th, to a crowded house, and were to perform again on the next Tuesday evening.

The following refers to the new Territory which some smart politicians down there are anxious to see formed:—

#### Virgin Territory.

We want a new Territory down here, especially on that part of the Virgin that washed itself

to the gulf last winter. This being the case, we invite the lame, halt and blind to come and pre-empt all they want. The advantages of this new Territory are truly great, for we think, dream, and talk of nothing else but the iron horse, which will soon be heard whistling and seen winding his way down among the many collections of volcanic matter which have been brought here we don't know how, nor do we care.

The sun rises here the same as it does in other new Territories, but it may rise where it pleases, as to that matter. It is not the intention of this new Territory to regulate the rising and setting of the sun.

We would suggest the following true-born American citizens as candidates for the several offices to be filled (when this part of the country will be recognized as Virgin Territory), viz.: For Governor, Tutzegeabbits, of Santa Clara. Lieut. Governor, Hare Lip, of St. George. Delegate, Mokeack, of St. George. Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Tzanze, of Washington.

We wish the editor and his little paper all the prosperity he can desire.

LISLE LESTER.—This lady will give a reading in the Theatre on Saturday evening, when she will present a very attractive programme. Among the pieces which she has selected to read are "Flora McFlimsey, or Nothing to Wear," a satirical piece which leaped into immense popularity on its publication a few years ago; "The Raven," by Poe, that solemn, croaking bird, of sombre hue and ominous appearance; "The Beautiful Snow," an emotional poem, full of pathos; "The Charge of the Light Brigade;" "Widow Bedott," a most amusing Yankee character sketch; and others that will make a varied and interesting bill, calculated to afford an evening's fine intellectual entertainment. We clip the following from an exchange, as an illustration of the popularity which this lady has gained as a reader:

The Leader says: Lisle Lester, the popular elocutionist of the Pacific coast, is coming to Cheyenne. This lady is known to be without a rival in her profession, and the eastern papers speak of her as a "second Mary Kemble."

THRIVING FAST.—For a very young, though a fast city, Cheyenne keeps making rapid strides to emulate the old and mammoth cities of the world, in the popular vices. Here is what the Leader of that city says about "brute force suasion;" the point comes in with, "which is excellent," at the end:

Wife beating and man bruising seem to be very contagious complaints. Not a day passes but that some individual is before the County Justice on such charges. The fine in each case helps to swell the school fund, which is excellent.

SEVENTIES' LECTURES.—Last night, in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms, Elder Joseph Woodmansee delivered a very interesting lecture—historical, descriptive and statistical—on "The Valley of the Mississippi." Elder W. J. Silver followed in an instructive lecture on the "Principles of Mechanics." A brief synopsis of these lectures would not do justice to the subjects.

TENTH WARD LECTURES.—Elders James Ashman and James Phillips lectured last night in the 10th Ward Meeting House, the former on "Physiognomy and Phrenology," and the latter on "Rambles in the Sierra Nevada." Both lectures were highly interesting. There is a probability of the same gentlemen continuing their subjects next Wednesday evening.

#### FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

STILL THEY COME.—It is highly gratifying to receive every day and by every mail additions to the lists of subscribers for our various papers, the EVENING NEWS, the NEWS SEMI-WEEKLY and the NEWS WEEKLY. Congratulatory comments are very satisfactory, but these additions to our subscribers are more substantial congratulations. The DESERET EVENING NEWS has now a circulation larger than any other daily paper published in the western Territories.

THE SEVIER BRIDGE.—We have received a communication from Samuel Pitchforth, Esq., relative to the Sevier bridge being unsafe for travel, through some of the bents being carried away. We are obliged to Br. Pitchforth, but do not publish his communication in full, because a notice of the circumstance was received by telegraph the day after the bridge was injured, and was given to the public in that day's issue of the EVENING NEWS.

AN INVENTION.—Bro. John Pea of the 6th Ward, dropped in to see us lately, with a very ingenious door or gate fastener, patented by his son Ezekiel Pea who resides east. The fastener is a simple but effective spring, which holds the latch with the utmost security. Bro. Pea has the right to dispose of the invention in this Territory, and we believe it will come into very general use as it becomes known.

RETURNED.—President B. Young returned from Provo yesterday, arriving in the city shortly after five o'clock. He is in good health.

STORMY.—Yesterday was quite stormy, sleet, hail and snow coming down at intervals fiercely and furiously.

CANALING.—We take the following from the Idaho Statesman of the 20th ult:

"It is contemplated by a considerable number of the citizens of this city and vicinity, to carry the water of the Boise out on the west side of the river for irrigating purposes. There is a large body of land lying all along the Boise, from this city to the mouth of the river, extending back from the river from three to five miles, in some places even more. The tract is covered for the most part with sage brush, but there is a good depth of soil which only needs water and tilling to make it produce as well as any land in the valley. In many places bunch grass grows rank among the sage. This kind of land in Utah and Colorado has been found as good as any for most purposes, and the best for some. The irrigating canals of those Territories have caused a large outlay of capital, and

are works of considerable magnitude and of great importance to the prosperity of those Territories. We hope the present plan will not end in talk. We do not see why the enterprise should not receive aid from Congress in the shape of a liberal grant of land. The land as it lies now is totally worthless for any purpose. In its present condition it will never be settled. The work of building a canal is too great to be undertaken by private enterprise. It would be an act of economy on the part of the government to give half the land that would be benefited by the work to a corporation which will do it. The remaining half would then be quickly sold for more than the whole will ever bring without improvement."

The idea advanced that the enterprise referred to should receive aid from Congress, in the shape of a liberal grant of the land, is a good and sensible one. The labor expended in making such lands valuable add to the national treasury, by preparing them for being brought into the market, and the public exchequer is directly benefited thereby. To extend this aid to the industrious and hardy citizens of this Territory, who have reclaimed and made valuable so much of the wilderness by extensive irrigating canals and ditches, taking the water out of numerous rivers and streams through the Territory and carrying it many miles to the land to be irrigated, would only be a simple act of justice. We commend the suggestion of our northern neighbor to Congress, and invite their attention to the subject.

CHANGED HANDS.—The Boise Democrat has changed hands in proprietors and editors. Walton Browne, the late editor, and S. R. Buchanan, the late proprietor, have retired from the field, having been kindly but plainly told by friends of the paper that they were "in the way," and rather "injured" it. Bail and Carlton are now the proprietors and editors. They place their platform before the people, and ask the support of the Democracy, and of others who may differ from them in views, to buy their paper and advertise with them, if they so choose; and candidly admit a truth, which most newspaper men shirk now-a-days, that they intend to publish the paper for a living. We hope they may secure it.

#### FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

PARDONED.—Thos. Jose was released from the Penitentiary on the 4th inst., on pardon from Gov. Durkee. It may be remembered he was sentenced for killing an Indian in Iron county. He still maintains he is innocent.

"LUCKY DAY."—An old codger, known as Charley by the police, when they had him in custody early in the winter, on account of his numerous swindles, is driving quite a business amongst the ignorant and superstitious, charging a dollar to tell them when they will have a lucky day. He is a man that could do good if he was kept at work digging on the roads or sawing wood, instead of gulling the unsuspecting about discovering diamonds, &c. Give him something to do that will enable him to eat the bread of honesty.

FOUNTAIN GREEN.—Through a letter from Bro. Llewellyn, Sanpete Co., we learn the whooping cough is prevalent among the children of Fountain Green, as in other parts. The day and Sunday schools are progressing finely and the dramatic association is furnishing amusement to the people, who feel well and are doing their utmost to assist to gather the poor.

TENTH WARD BRASS BAND.—The Tenth Ward with commendable enterprise, organized a brass band last summer, which has made very considerable progress towards proficiency under the tuition of Cap. George Parkman. For some time we have understood that an effort would be made this spring to obtain a set of new instruments for them, the band being attached to the 1st Regiment of Infantry as well as belonging to the 10th Ward. We learn that our leading merchants will be solicited to aid in procuring their instruments, and have no doubt that with their accustomed liberality they will do so.

Cap. Parkman, the teacher and leader of the band, has obtained a celebrity in his profession, as the teacher of the Ogden, Kaysville, and other brass bands, that is a sufficient guarantee for the 10th Ward band becoming one of the finest in the country, a source of delight to the city, and a pleasure to those who aid them to procure the instruments.

A LEAP YEAR BALL.—Last evening the 7th Ward Female Relief Society had a very pleasant party at Dinwoodey's Hall—a large room over the Cabinet Shop of Bro. Henry Dinwoodey. We are not naturally in favor of Leap Year Balls, as, in our opinion, they are dangerous institutions unless judiciously managed. But this party was every way unexceptionable, and passed off most pleasantly. The ladies conducted the affair in an admirable manner, the principal Floor Manager—Mrs. Browning—discharging her duties with great ease and promptitude. Bishop McLellan was present, and did all he could to make the party a success. A most excellent supper was served up at 11 p.m., Bro. Dinwoodey's facilities for furnishing tables and chairs answering an excellent purpose on the occasion.

#### FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Wm. H. Shearman spoke in the forenoon on the fulfilment of prophecy, citing predictions of the Prophet Joseph and pointing to their plain accomplishment.

Afternoon.  
Elder A. Carrington quoted a remark made by Elder Shearman in the forenoon, that people are either the servants of the Most High or the slaves of sin, and reasoned that our agency is given us to determine which we will be. True freedom is guaranteed by the gospel, and consists in doing the will of God; and the only real freedom or real slavery that the speaker was aware of, either individually or nationally, depended upon being faithful or recreant to the will and behests of the Almighty.

President Young followed in a very interesting discourse, which was reported.

THE READING.—On Saturday night Lisle Lester gave her reading in the Theatre, and we are sorry to record, to a slim house. The present scarcity of money, the rest after a prolong-

ed theatrical season, and the immense house on the occasion of Mr. Caine's benefit, all had an effect in making Saturday night's audience a thin one. Of the lady's abilities we have heard but one opinion,—that she is a beautiful reader and a finished elocutionist. Her voice is flexible and sonorous, though in the higher compass of the pathetic it is not so effective as in the medium or lower, but she has it in remarkable control. Some of the pieces read were exquisitely delivered; such was "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "Beautiful Snow" and others. Her "Widow Bedott" was a most natural and amusing performance, combining much of the theatrical with the less showy demands upon the reader.

We can conscientiously speak of Lisle Lester as a reader of great ability and an elocutionist of a high order.

#### OBITUARY.

ANDREW CUNNINGHAM, who died in this city at 4 o'clock, a.m., on the 2nd inst., was born the 21st of Oct., 1816, near Clarksburg, Harrison Co., Va. He gathered with the Saints to Missouri in 1838, and was baptized into the Church after his arrival in Mo., by Elder Winchester. He shared the persecutions of the Saints in that State, afterwards moved with them to Nauvoo, Ill., where he remained until the Spring of 1846, when he started west and arrived in this valley in the fall of 1848. In 1853 he was called to be the acting Bishop of the 15th Ward, which position he filled for two years, when he was called to take a mission to Texas. Upon his arrival at St. Louis, Elder John Tyler appointed him to labor in the western states, and assist in the emigration. In the spring of 1855 he took a company and located what was afterwards known as the town of Genoa, on the Loup Fork, 100 miles west of the Missouri river. He labored in the neighborhood of Genoa and Florence until the summer of 1857, when he returned to the valley and was appointed to take a company and found a settlement on Snake river, north. As a military man he acted as Captain and afterwards as Major, having raised the Battalion known as the 2d Life Guards. He also, for four years, acted as a City Councillor for this city. Two years ago Bishop Cunningham was kicked by a mule. A swelling afterwards commenced on the back of his neck, which gave him great inconvenience. Ten days before his death a seton was inserted in the swelling. It discharged very freely at first; but it afterwards closed up. This was supposed to be the cause of his death. He was a man of an iron constitution. The night he died he remarked to the brethren assembled: "I have been thirty years in the Church, and during that period have never required the Elders to lay hands on me until now."

#### Died:

In American Fork city, Feb. 17th, 1868, Stephen Chipman, aged 62 years, 6 months and 10 days. Deceased was a native of Johnstown, Leeds Co., Canada West, where he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, October, 1836, and emigrated to Caldwell Co., Mo., as the Church moved from Kirtland to Jackson Co.; thence he moved to Nauvoo, Ill., and at the exodus of 1847, he followed the Pioneers, arriving in Salt Lake Valley in September of the same year. In the fall of 1850, he settled in American Fork, where he has since resided. He lived and died a Latter-day Saint.

*Lines to the Memory of Bro. Stephen Chipman.*  
With sorrowing hearts, we bid a last adieu,  
To one whom God saw fit to take from earth,  
Who in the walks of life was ever true,  
And always proved himself a man of worth.

He lived respected, honored and revered,  
He died regretted by his many friends;  
To wife and children, he was soul-endearing,  
But now he leaves them, life's long journey ends.

For him will many a bitter tear be shed,  
And oft 'midst praises, shall his name resound,  
Angels shall weave a garland for his head,  
He being with the righteous always found.

Time-honored father, sleep thou sweetly on!  
And with the just made perfect thou shalt rise,  
When from the east, the resurrection dawn,  
In golden tapestry adorns the skies.  
ROBT. G. ECCLES.

In Panaca, Washington Co., Feb. 20th, 1868, Harriett Larima, daughter of Hammon Groun, aged 29 years.

*Mill. Star please copy.*

At Fountain Green, Feb. 21st, 1868, Ellen Sophia, daughter of John L. and Rebecca Jewkes, aged 2 years, 2 months and 14 days.

In Harrisburg, Washington Co., Feb. 10th, 1868, Mary Ann, wife of Nephi Jolly, aged 16 years, 11 months and 16 days. She was the daughter of John S. and Nancy Harris; was born in Sessions Settlement in 1851, and was baptized when eight years of age. She was a loving sister, daughter and wife, and lived the life of a Saint.—[Com.]

In Heber City, Wasatch County, Jan. 30, 1868, WILLIAM MANNING, aged 67 years, 4 months and 18 days.

He was baptised March 30, 1835, in Huntsburg, Geauga County, Ohio; moved to Kirtland in 1836; in 1837 moved to Coles County, Illinois; remained there three or four years; and then moved to Nauvoo, where he resided until the Saints left. Crossed the Mississippi River to Lee County, Iowa; in 1847 moved to Winter Quarters; and in 1852 emigrated to Utah. He died in full faith of a glorious resurrection, having spent a life of usefulness in establishing the Kingdom of God, and was much respected by all who knew him.—[Com.]

At Fountain Green, Feb. 23d, 1868, Christain Christiansen, son of Christian and Hannah Christiansen, aged 2 years, 5 months and 22 days.

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In Fillmore City, Jan. 29th, 1868, of whooping cough, Mary E. M. Kelly, daughter of John and Margaret M. Kelly, aged 3 months and 29 days.

At Richmond, Feb. 28th, 1868, Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew F. and Jane Bell, aged 1 year and 11 months.

In Hyde Park, Feb. 21st, Laure Louisea; daughter of James and Louisa Hancey, aged 2 months and 6 days.

Also, Feb. 25th, Aloin David, son of James and Rachel Hancey, aged ten days.

At Nephi, on the 12th ult., of inflammation of the lungs, WILLIAM HENRY, infant son of Samuel and Sarah Ann Pitchforth, aged 1 month.