

Correspondence.

Conference—Death—Accident.

OGDEN CITY, UTAH,
January 17th, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

The two days' annual conference meetings of the Weber Stake, held in the Ogden Tabernacle, were concluded yesterday p.m. Considering the weather and the state of the roads, the meetings were well attended both days. The addresses by the numerous speakers were well delivered—the subjects well chosen and appreciated by the audiences.

Yesterday the worshippers at the Episcopal Church were called together, for the first time in this city in this way, by the

"Sound of the church going bell."

The tones of the bell are rather sharp, but clear, yet not exactly like those mellow tones to which we used to listen with delight in other days and in other lands.

The new Methodist church in this city was dedicated and opened for worship yesterday. It is built in the half gothic style of architecture. It measures inside 32 by 50 feet, and the height from floor to ceiling is 18 feet.

On Friday night Mr. D. P. Barnes, accompanied by his brother from Camden, New York, arrived here by the U. P. train, en route for South California, for the benefit of their health. They put up at the Union Hotel. D. P. Barnes was a consumptive, and on Saturday he succumbed to that fell disease. He was twenty-eight years of age, was traveling with his brother in the hope of recruiting his health in the Golden State. Unfortunately his journey of life was cut short, and his remains were interred this morning in the Ogden Cemetery.

This morning James Taylor, Esq., city recorder, of Ogden City, was on his way from his residence to his office, when his palfrey stepped upon a sheet of ice, which broke; the animal plunged into a hole and fell down upon his side, bruising his rider's knee somewhat roughly. No bones were broken.

Ogden always had the name of having the muddiest streets of any town in Utah, and at the present time they are muddier than usual, though I hear they are not so bad as the streets in Salt Lake City.

L. P.

The Codling Moth.

St. GEORGE, Utah,
Jan. 8th, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

Observing an inquiry in a late number of the NEWS, in regard to the insect that destroys so great a portion of the apples in Salt Lake City, and a request for information, I haste to respond.

The trouble is caused by the codling moth, or apple worm of the Tortrix tribe. The moth, with expanded wings, is about three quarters of an inch across. It is a beautiful insect, at a little distance its wings resembling lustrous watered silk. It has large oval brown spots, edged with copper color, on the hinder part of the fore wings, and by close observation may be found in the latter part of June and through July, every evening, about the apple trees and sometimes in the windows inside the house.

The codling moth has long been known in Europe, whence it has been imported to America, and may easily be distinguished from all the moths by the above description—the head and thorax are brown, mingled with gray, and the hind wings and abdomen are of a light yellowish brown, with the lustre of satin. It is seldom seen in the moth state.

During the last of June and through July, these moths lay their eggs in the blossom end of the growing apple, the thin-skinned summer apple suffering the most. In a few days after, the egg hatches and a tiny worm works its way into the centre of the apple. Cutting through the aperture makes a brown powder. The insect is whitish, head heart-shaped and black. The first and last ring or collar is black, with little black spots in pairs along its back. In about three weeks it comes to its full size and is then of flesh color, and generally makes a passage through the side of the apple to "throw out the chips" or fragments.

When the injured apple falls, and often before, the matured insect crawls out, and hiding under the

scales of bark, in cracks or other covert places, winds for itself a white silken cocoon, and sometimes a few days changes to a moth and again lays eggs for the destruction of later fruit, but usually the cocoon remains unopened until the following June. The chrysalis is of a bright mahogany color, and has across each of the wings on hind part of the body two rows of spines or prickles.

These insects have doubtless been imported in fruit from California or the older States. They soon breed to an infinite number if not checked or destroyed, and will not only ruin all the apples, but attack pears and some other fruits. People who enjoy the delicious apple should guard with a jealous care that apples are not carried from an infected district to one that is free, and I think the Legislature would be justified in passing laws to protect districts not infected, by making it a penal offence to transport the infected fruit to such places, for let there be a pair of moths from the worms carried in the apple, and there is enough seed to ruin the apples of a whole district.

There are various means of decreasing the number of moths, but no sure mode of radical extermination. An open-mouthed bottle, containing sweetened water, hung to the limb of an apple tree, will entrap some. Fires at night (evening) in the orchard will destroy many. Scrape your rough barked trees, when the cocoons are formed. Trim in your trees well, and let in all the sunlight you can, and, better than any perhaps, hang plenty of old rags about the limbs and forks of the trees, at the time the worms are about matured, and in crawling down the limbs they will take covert and make cocoons under the rags, where they can easily be captured. All the injured fruit that falls early or immature contains worms, and should every morning be gathered up and destroyed, or the worm will pass out and find a place among the weeds or rubbish to make its cocoon. Wind a rag around the body of the tree, and place scraps of boards under the tree. All these traps and rags examine daily and destroy the insects.

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W. H. HOOPER, Superintendent.

NOTICE.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Salt Lake City, January 5, 1874.

A DEFINITE location having been recently made by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the boundary lines, under the grant of lands to the U. P. and C. P. Railroads in Utah Territory, it is ordered that certain parcels of land formerly included within the limits under the temporary line heretofore established, but now outside under the definite location, be open to Pre-emption and Homestead Entries, from and after the 8th day of February, 1874, said lands being situated in Townships—

1 S 2 E, 18 5 E, 18 6 E, 18 7 E, 28 5 E, 1 N 1 E, 1 N 7 E, 1 N 8 E, 7 N 3 E, 8 N 5 E, 9 N 2 E, 9 N 6 E, 9 N 7 E, 9 N 8 E, 10 N 2 E, 10 N 7 E, 10 N 8 E, 11 N 2 E, 11 N 1 W, 1 N 2 W, 14 N 4 W, 14 N 5 W, 14 N 6 W.

It is also ordered that certain lands heretofore included outside of the temporary line as aforesaid, but now falling inside under the definite location be withdrawn from entry except the even numbered sections being held at double minimum price. These lands being situated in Townships—

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APPLICATION FOR A PATENT.

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GEO. R. MAXWELL,

Register.

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