

will come to a proper understanding of this fact. Pestilence usually follows war, and famine often comes after pestilence. The cost of these is not taken into account, but the figures of war expenses are generally calculated when the strife is over. The Russians have figured up the cost of their late war with Turkey, and find that their expenditures were about \$750,000,000. The number of deaths of Russian soldiers during the campaign, is officially stated at 200,000. The cost therefore, which the people must pay for the killing of each Russian soldier is \$3,750.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH IN THE COUNTRY.

—OGDEN CITY.

The celebration of the 32nd anniversary of the Pioneers in this valley commenced on the night of the 23rd. As darkness set in, the Ogden Brass Band and the Fire Brigade formed a grand torch-light procession; starting from the Council House lot, they proceeded up Fifth Street to Main and paraded through the principal street, the band discoursing excellent music.

To-day the celebration was held at the groves of Farr, Jones and Kay—the latter being the principal resort on this occasion. The exercises consisted of procession, music, speeches, dancing, swinging, tight-rope walking, target shooting and other recreations at Kay's Grove. The brass band furnished music for general public purposes, and the Browning quadrille band for the balls in the spacious bowery. Our "band boys" to-day were the "observed of all observers" and the "admired of all admirers." They certainly make a splendid appearance in their new uniform.

About nine o'clock commenced a grand pyrotechnical display which illuminated the sylvan retreat, and made the heavens brilliant with their various hues. There were refreshments in abundance, all of which could be obtained seasonably; many, however, took their picnic with them, which they shared and enjoyed with their friends. The military band from Fort Douglas went to Jones' Grove, where they spent the day and entertained the guests with national airs and popular selections which were executed in an excellent style and was one of the chief features of the day's enjoyment at that popular resort.

Thus far I have neither seen nor heard of any accident to the pleasures of the day. Neither have I seen any person intoxicated on this, to us, one of the most memorable days in the history of our great nation. The weather has been very warm, but all present appeared to enjoy the day we have celebrated with the "spirit and the understanding also." Peace, concord and a spirit of reciprocity prevailed throughout the day.

SEMPER.

SOUTH JORDAN WARD.

Improvement is the order of the day in this Ward. A little over two years ago we received a ward organization. Since that time the people have prospered wonderfully, both temporally and spiritually. We have 80 families; number of Saints 422, and there is a steady increase from other wards. The settlers divide up their lands with good people, which makes the once barren waste blossom as the rose. Our worthy Bishop, Wm. A. Bills, with a band of good brethren around him keeps the people alive and united.

This week has been the most enjoyable time of all. Last Spring a brass band was organized and good instruments obtained through D. O. Calder, of which our young men feel proud.

On Wednesday, the band met at our Bishop's with some of our brethren and sisters and was presented with a good band wagon by Bishop Bills for and in behalf of his ward. The Relief Society presented them with a beautiful flag. The 24th Pioneers' Day, was celebrated in good style. At 9 a.m., the people assembled at the ward house and formed procession in the following order:

1. Brass band.
2. Bishop and counselors.
3. Committee of Arrangements.
4. Pioneers.
5. Fathers in Israel.
6. Mothers in Israel.
7. Hope of Israel.
8. Daughters of Zion with mottoes.
9. Citizens.

The procession marched to a beautiful meadow owned by Bro. James Oliver, where a comfortable bowery had been put up. Singing, speeches and music being the order until noon, then sports, music, etc., until evening; then a ball closed the 32nd anniversary of the Pioneers.

E. D. H.

MORONI CITY.

At sunrise the stars and stripes was unfurled to the breeze under the command of Daniel H. Cook, Marshal of the day. One hour after sunrise the martial band and choir serenaded the citizens under their respective leaders, George P. Simpson and Nathan Faux. At half past nine the meeting was convened in the bowery, and called to order by the marshal, singing by the choir, prayer by the Chaplain, Lars P. Anderson, singing by the choir. Very interesting discourses were delivered by the Orators of the Day, Jens C. Nielsen, and Peter Lauritzen, showing from the commencement of the gospel up to the present day the many incidents the people have been called to pass through, encouraging the people to serve God with full purpose of heart. Music by the band, songs and toasts, singing by the choir, prayer by the chaplain.

At 2 p.m. foot and horse races, also a dance for the Sunday school children, and other amusements and exercises, the day's proceedings concluded with a grand ball at the city hall.

Committee of arrangements—Aaron Hardy, John Olsen, Joseph L. Jolley, Jabez Faux, James Yorganson.

JOHN H. HOLT, Reporter.

NEPHI.

We had a very pleasant time yesterday in celebrating the 24th. An assembly of our citizens, a procession of the various quorums, societies and schools meeting in the Tabernacle. The choir sang "Lo the Gentile chain is broken;" Father C. H. Bryan, chaplain of the day, offered prayer; our brass band played in their usual good style, and Elder M. McCune, the orator of the day, delivered an interesting oration; the Sabbath school choir sang "White Lilies," an address from Elder George Kendall was followed by a pleasing song by Sister E. Grace, then Patriarch J. G. Bigler delivered an address, and the band again made lively music; Bro. C. Morris sang "Slavery's Day;" President Teasdale and Elders D. Cazier and K. H. Brown delivered short addresses; a song "There's a rainbow in the clouds," was sung very sweetly by Sister Grace. A vote of thanks to the committee—Bros. K. H. Brown, T. Crawley, B. Richas, L. A. Bailey, Silas and Samuel Jackson. After singing, the assembly was dismissed by the chaplain.

In the afternoon to the Sabbath school scholars afforded amusement and pleasant associations at J. S. Hawkins' Bowery, which he kindly placed at the service of the committee.

In the evening the grown folks had a pleasant gathering in the Social and Union Halls, and enjoyed themselves in the dance. We had a quiet, pleasant day.

L. A. B.

CEDAR CITY.

Salute of musketry and hoisting of the stars and stripes at sunrise, and music from the brass band. At 8 a.m. the people assembled on the public square. At 8.30 a.m. the vast gathering were called to order by the marshal when the procession was formed in the following order: Colors, brass band, pioneers of Iron County with banner and implements indicating the part they took in exploring, mechanics with banner, Zion's workmen, in the centre a beautiful picture of the St George Temple, with motto, "Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob," each trade having symbols representing their several branches of industry, next 24 aged fathers with appropriate banners, 24 aged mothers with banners, next authorities of this ward, committee of arrangements, 24 young men in uniform with appropriate banner, 24 young ladies in uniform with appropriate banner, Sunday School children, citizens generally, the rear of the procession was brought up by the Lamanites with the following inscription on their banner, "The battle axe of the Lord."

The procession moved off with lively music from the brass band, and after marching through some of the principal streets of the city, returned to the Social Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Called to order by the marshal, when the choir rendered "The Earth is the Lord's."

Prayer by the chaplain, singing by the choir. Orator Richard Aldridge delivered an excellent oration. Songs, music by the string band, short addresses, toasts, regular and volunteer, with a few closing remarks from Priest. Lunt.

The afternoon and evening were taken up the juveniles and adults in dancing. Much praise is due the choir, brass and string bands, together with the various committees. Nothing transpired to mar the enjoyment of the sojourners.

D. S. McFARLANE,
JOS. H. SMITH,
BENGT NELSON,
SAMUEL WOOD,
Committee.
JOS. H. ARMSTRONG, Marshal.

GUNNISON.

Artillery at sunrise, after which the martial band played national and appropriate airs. The people gathered and formed in procession at the schoolhouse at 9 a.m., the band taking the lead, they marched through the principal streets and returned to the schoolhouse, which had been decorated to suit the occasion. The marshal of the day, Moroni Childs, called the attention of the audience; choir sang, "Lo the Gentile chain is broken;" prayer by chaplain, Thomas Jones; choir sang, "O come, come away." The oration was given by Bishop A. C. Madsen. "All are talking of Utah," was sung by two little girls, Fanny and Frances Kearnes, chorus by the choir. The time was pleasantly spent in songs, toasts, speeches and sentiments till 12 m.

In the afternoon a free dance was given to the children who showed their appreciation by the sparkling delight that beamed from their eyes. In the evening the adult population also enjoyed themselves in the dance, and thus closed another Twenty-fourth of July.

THADDEUS.

DESERET.

At 9.30 a.m. the people assembled at the residence of our worthy Bishop, and formed a procession in the following order, under the superintendency of Brother Wm. W. Damson, Marshal of the Day: Deseret band with music and flag, representing the Wards in Millard Stake; Bishop and two Counselors, bearing motto, "In God We Trust;" 12 fathers in Israel; 12 mothers in Israel, with motto, "Honor Thy Mothers in Israel Forever;" 12 young men with banner, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall;" 12 young ladies, with banner, "Polygamy For Ever;" the Deseret Sunday school, with citizens in the rear, when they marched to the bowery at the school-house, where the time was taken up with appropriate speeches, songs, recitations, etc. In the afternoon the children enjoyed themselves with dancing, while in the evening the older people assembled and tripped the light fantastic to the enlivening music of the Deseret band; all went off peaceably and quietly, and a friendly feeling seemed to exist among the people.

Your Brother in the gospel,
JOSHUA BENNETT.

Correspondence.

PROVIDENCE, Utah,

July 8, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Dear Sirs.—By inserting the following in your valuable paper, I think you will benefit suffering humanity in many cases:

I have been sorely afflicted, (as many can testify), for 11 years past, with a skin disease, breaking out in my forehead at first, and finally spreading all over my body, generally blinding me entirely through the hot summer months and causing most terrible misery. I have resorted to many means and taken all kinds of nauseous stuff, not excepting strychnine, arsenic and the most deadly poisons, both internally and externally, prescribed by our local and some of the most eminent

physicians of Salt Lake City, and under their treatment, without any benefit in the least, and with all the faith I could muster, until I was perfectly discouraged; when, last winter, I came to the conclusion to try once more before giving up to die. I therefore commenced taking a simple alterative and blood-purifying prescription, from Dr. Groesbeck, that has perfectly cured me of all eruptions without the least external application or inconvenience, and, as a duty, I cheerfully recommend all my brethren, who are so afflicted (as several have done already, with good results), to apply to Dr. Groesbeck, of Logan City.

Yours respectfully, etc.,
C. H. RAMMEL.

Cookesville.

GROUSE CREEK,

Box Elder County,
July 22d, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

On Tuesday the 15th inst., Prest. O. G. Snow, of this Stake and six other brethren arrived here, and on Wednesday and Thursday held three meetings, when the organization of our ward was completed, with Samuel H. Kimball as Bishop; Benjamin F. Cooke, First Counselor and Philip Pasket, Second Counselor.

Much good instruction was given during the meetings, and truly a time of refreshing was experienced; the privilege was given to all to renew their covenants.

We have formed a townsite, consisting of four ten-acre blocks, with streets six rods wide, running at right angles, and lanes three rods wide running east and west across the blocks, for the purpose of getting at the back part of the lots conveniently. Each block contains eight lots of 1½ acres each; thus we have 32 city lots. Several have begun to build in the town, and ere long we shall find it more convenient than living so scattered as we have been. (The land for the town was donated by your humble servant.)

We have named the town Cookesville.

Water is very scarce here, which will cause some loss to crops this year. However, we feel that it will eventually result in good, and that we shall get along all right.

Your brother in the gospel,
BENJ. F. COOKE,
Clerk of Ward.

Missionary Labors.

SHADY GROVE,

Hickman County, Tenn.,

May 15th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

During the early part of March Brother Daniel Stuart and myself labored principally among the Saints and strangers of this place and vicinity, imparting in private and in public words of counsel, encouragement and cheer, as occasion required. The gospel trumpet was first sounded in this place over 45 years ago, by David Patten and Warren Parrish, and the people, in the immediate vicinity for many years past have had many strong testimonies of the truth of the great latter-day work. Quite a goodly number have received the gospel, and some have gathered, but just here, at our headquarters infidelity and skepticism are rife, the spirit of persecution is manifested, and the people, generally speaking, care but little for the truth. Yet we now and then catch a few in the gospel net. Owing to the spirit of unbelief and darkness prevailing here we have sought out new fields of labor. In Maury County, 20 miles east of here, we have held a good many meetings, which have been well attended, and there are some few families who are believing. We have left with them copies of the News which are much appreciated. One family sent some time ago for the Book of Mormon, which they are reading, and two families are talking strongly of emigrating at an early day.

As a testimony to the truth of the gospel and of the power of God, we will here mention a circumstance that occurred near Rock Springs. A Mr. Little, who is now in his 95th year had been confined to his lounge for some months on account of lameness and could not walk even to the table without one or two helping him. Learning that we were in the neighborhood, he sent some four miles for us to come

and administer to him. We called to see him on the 23d of March, and laying our hands upon him as the Apostle James directs, we asked the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ to strengthen him so that he might have the use of his limbs. The Lord heard and answered our prayers, and the old gentlemen received strength so that he has not only been walking to and from the table without assistance since the above date, but has walked up and down the door steps, and out into the garden, according to his will and pleasure. His daughter, Mrs. A. E. Dooley, is full of gratitude, and remarked to us, some weeks after, that she had been relieved of a great burden by our administration to her father. Mr. Little is a member of the Cumberland Church. Some of his brethren called in soon after to see him, some of them rejoiced with him, while others mocked.

Mr. Little gave some years ago, forty dollars towards building a church, which was located about one mile from his house. In said church we had held, from time to time, some good meetings; but the Cumberland priests, in a fit of jealousy, denounced us as impostors and closed their church doors right in our faces, locking out many of their own members and a large congregation who had assembled to hear. When they persecute us in one city we flee to the next. Passing on some eight miles south into the Guileoka district, school-houses were opened to us, and we were even invited to preach in their churches; but as soon as we began to get influence with the people, the wolves in sheep clothing began to howl. Doors were closed against us, and we had to resort to private houses, and to the open grove to hold our meetings. Even then they were not satisfied, for the Elders of the Cumberland church drove us from an eleven acre plot of ground and declared we should not have a chance to speak to the people.

Notwithstanding the many lying reports circulated against us, and the opposition, an intelligent and much respected young man by the name of Hamblen, and his wife, came forward on April 17th and received the ordinance of baptism. Several families are believing and the prospects are that some others will be added to the Church. During the early part of the month we visited the Saints of Totty's Bend Branch, and instructed them on the principle of gathering. They are a faithful little band, and the prospects are that several families will emigrate in the spring. We also held several meetings in Pinle district, where several are believing. Brothers J. Argyle and M. Gann have been laboring faithfully in the western part of this Conference; they have baptized one person and the prospects are good for other additions soon. The Saints are feeling well in the work, and as Elders in Israel we have much joy in our labors.

Your brethren in the Gospel,
P. P. PRATT,
D. STUART.

A great deal of poetry has been written about "snow-white sails on a shimmering, sunlit sea," but the sails on most of the craft that we have observed, look as if they had been used for circus canvas in a very wet and muddy season. There's no whiteness about them.—*New Haven Register.*

As a party of travelers were being rowed across the Tweed, near Abbotsford, one of the number asked the Charon of the ferry, an old weather-beaten man, full of dry humor, if he could oblige him with a match. "No," said he, "I never had but ae match, an' that's my wife, an' faith she's mair than a match."

If the people who send you circulars soliciting money, with a stamped return envelope, would only enclose the stamp loose in the circular there would be some profit in receiving them, but it takes considerable time to cut 'em off the envelope and put them in your stamp box.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

A little religion is a dangerous thing. That was well illustrated in the case of the fire-eating Virginian, who, while returning from a camp meeting, held out his hand to an old enemy and exclaimed "Give me your hand, Sanders, I've got religion, and I feel me enough to shake hands with dog."—*Elmira Advertiser.*