

Correspondence.

The School-Book Convention.

SALT LAKE CITY,
April 22, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir,—In looking over the Ogden Junction recently, my attention was drawn to the doings of the School Convention held in Salt Lake City, according to a Territorial law, enacted during the last session of the Legislature. I find it published more in extenso in our own city papers; but being busy about Conference duties, it escaped my notice. It is true, as stated in the News and Herald, that "this territory has been fearfully bled through the swiftly recurring changes of text-books," and on hearing of the proposed change, several members of the late legislature being present, one exclaimed, "I hope to God we are going to have no more changes," which was the sentiment of all present. It seems, however, to be a special boon conceded, that there shall be "no further change for five years." But then this change, it is thought by many, will involve serious hardships in many districts, unless it is seriously modified.

The following is the article—

"NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.—A three days' convention of school superintendents closed yesterday at Salt Lake. It was presided over by Supt. O. H. Riggs, Dr. Park aiding as secretary. The following books were adopted as the text books for district schools, and there will be no change made for five years:

"The Pacific Coast Readers and Speller. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, the publishers, will exchange their new books without charge, grade for grade for the Readers and Speller now in use. The prices afterwards will be, 1st Reader, 25 cents; 2d, 50 cents; 3rd, 75 cents; 4th, \$1.50; 5th, \$1.25. Speller 35 cents.

"Cornell's Geographies, Pacific Coast edition, to which will be added a county map of Utah, prepared by Col. Froiseth, and a statistical and historical sketch of the Territory, to be arranged by Dr. Park and Prof. Riggs. Appleton & Co. are the publishers, and the prices are primary, 90 cents; intermediate, \$1.50; physical \$1.60. The exchange for other geographies now in use is to be made on half rates.

"Harvey's grammars—publishers Wilson, Hinkle & Co.—prices as follows: First lessons in English language, 30 cents; elementary grammar, 45 cents; English grammar, 85 cents.

"Ray's arithmetics, also published by Wilson, Hinkle & Co. Prices: primary, 25 cents; intellectual 35 cents; third, or practical, 75 cents.

"Payson, Dunton & Scribner's system of penmanship, spelling blanks, slate cards and composition blanks, published by Potter, Ainsworth & Co., was adopted.

"Krusi's system of drawing, D. Appleton & Co., publishers.

"Monteith's wall maps, A. S. Barnes & Co., publishers.

"Barnes' Brief History of the United States, A. S. Barnes & Co. publishers. Price \$1.50.

"Text book in music, Perkins' 'Song Echo,' also local productions.

"Bryant & Stratton's common school book keeping.

"The convention, we think, have done wisely and well, and we hope that uniformity will soon be established throughout the Territory."

Let us briefly recapitulate—

PACIFIC COAST READER AND SPELLER to be exchanged for other books of the same grade.

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| First Reader, | \$0.25 |
| Second Reader, | 50 |
| Third Reader, | 75 |
| Fourth Reader, | 1.00 |
| Fifth Reader, | 1.25 |
| Speller to be exchanged, | 35 |
| | \$4.10 |

All of the above are to be exchanged for books of a similar class, which indeed looks very fair and easy to the purchaser, or exchanger; while it exhibits an overweening desire on the part of the vendors to introduce their books, and by future sales to compensate for the present loss; which act is not unusual in this class of books. It may reasonably be expected, however, that one-third of those would have to be paid for, which would be very proper.

One-third of \$4.10 would be \$1.36

CORNELL'S GEOGRAPHY
is our next—

| | |
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| Primary, | \$0.90 |
| Intermediate, | 1.50 |
| Physical, | 1.60 |

The above are to be exchanged at half price, It is understood in this change that we are to have a Utah map and a Statistical and Historical Sketch of Utah, which is also very good and praiseworthy.

HARVEY'S GRAMMAR.

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| First Lessons in English language, | \$0.30 |
| Elementary Grammar, | 45 |
| English Grammar, | 85 |

RAY'S ARITHMETIC.

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| Primary, | 25 |
| Intellectual, | 35 |
| Practical, | 75 |

BARNES' HISTORY OF
UNITED STATES,

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| | 1.50 |
| In all to be purchased, | \$7.81 |

The School Report of 1875, p. 4, gives 35,696 children of what is termed school population, and those enrolled 22,820; but as there was an increase last year, as stated, of 7,937 over that of the year before, with the encouragement given by the Legislature at its last session we may look for a proportionate increase of enrolment next year, and which we may reasonably call 30,000.

30,000 scholars at \$7.81 each \$233.400.

This, of course, would not all be required at once; but in two or three years all of these books, or more, would be required.

It is true some little might be deducted on account of there being in use at the present time quite a number of Ray's Arithmetic; but then, as a counterpoise, we have not reckoned Payson, Dunton and Scribner's system of penmanship, spelling, blanks, slate cards, and composition blanks, by Peter Ainsworth & Co., Krusi's system of drawing, Monteith's wall maps, Bryant and Stratton's common school book-keeping, etc., because they were some of them not included in common schools and others in reality needed. We may safely put the whole amount, however, at \$250,000.

This is the result of this little meeting, which it is expected that the people have to meet. The law authorizes them "to change the books once in five years, and to decide what text books shall be adopted, and their use shall be exclusive and mandatory in all the district schools." This is the law, and this law can be enforced under the penalty of the withdrawal of territorial appropriations from those who refuse. No person, under proper circumstances, would object to a uniformity of school books; but this can be very much relieved by a little prudence. The law does not compel us to purchase from the school board, or their agents, nor authorize them to do our trading. It would be very much better for us to do our own purchasing by counties, or districts, and thus save a percentage. The percentage on books, or discount allowed to purchasers, is very heavy, not less than thirty-three and a third per cent. generally forty, and in some instances in the introduction of new books as high as fifty and sixty per cent. Now forty per cent. on \$250,000 would be \$100,000. This, in the present arrangement, would go into the hands of the buyer and seller. Would it not be much better in the hands of the people?

In the above remarks I speak advisedly. A gentleman, in this city, who has dealt for years in books, informs me that he has had thirty three and a third per cent. and twenty per cent. bonus, making fifty-three and a third per cent. offered for the introduction of new school books, and in another case sixty per cent. for the same thing. The published statement of the house of Bancroft & Co., of San Francisco, in the exchange of new for old books, shows how far people will go in this matter.

If, therefore, it is thought expedient, as appears from the act of the convention, let us act with prudence and economy in saving the forty per cent. at least, and as much more as we can consistently and in honor, but \$100,000 is quite an item to save.

I do not wish to be captious, nor to interfere with the views of the convention; but would suggest that, while the people here, as elsewhere, are struggling with embarrassments arising from a general business stringency, even after a relief of the percentage, that you do not press those views too heavily on the people. Paul said, "All things are lawful for me; but all things are not expedient." Let us act together, the teachers for the people and the people for the teachers, and thus, by unanimity, consideration, kindness and brotherhood, all seek the benefit of all.

Respectfully, &c.,
JOHN TAYLOR.

ZION'S CAMP.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 3, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

The following is a list of names of members of Zion's Camp, living in the Territory of Utah as far as ascertained—

Names and Places of Residence.

- 1 Brigham Young, Sen, S L City
- 2 Joseph Young, Sen, do
- 3 Wilford Woodruff, do
- 4 Orson Pratt, do
- 5 Orson Hyde, Sanpete
- 6 Charles C Rich, Paris, Bear Lake Valley
- 7 Thomas Colborn, Peterson, Morgan Co
- 8 William Cahoon, S L City
- 9 Elijah Fordham, do
- 10 Royal Barney, do
- 11 Joseph Kingsbury, do
- 12 Zera Cole, Farmington, Davis County
- 13 Peter Dopps, do
- 14 Israel Barlow, Bountiful, Davis County
- 15 Joseph Albrook, do
- 16 Joseph E Nobler, do
- 17 * Eleazer Miller, S L City
- 18 L O Littlefield, Smithfield, Cache
- 19 Waldo Littlefield, Panguitch, Iron County.
- 20 David Evans, Lehi
- 21 John Riggs, Provo
- 22 Zebedee Coltrin, Spanish Fork
- 23 Zerubbabel Snow, Salt Lake City
- 24 John Parker, Kanarra, Iron County
- 25 James Thompson, Kanarra, Iron County
- 26 Jacob Gates, Bellevue, Washington County
- 27 Solomon Angel, Leeds, Washington County
- 28 Henry Herriman, Washington, Washington Co
- 29 Levi Hancock, chief musician
- 30 Wm. Chittester, Washington
- 31 Solon Foster, St. George, Washington
- 32 Albert Brown, St. George, Washington
- 33 Edson Barney, St. George, Washington
- 34 Harrison Burgess, Pine Valley
- 35 Amasa Lyman, Fillmore, Juab County
- 36 Reuben McBride, Fillmore, Juab County
- 37 Chandler Holbrook, Fillmore, Millard County
- 38 Milo Andrus, St George
- 39 Hyrum Winters,
- 40 Nathan Tanner.

* Since dead.

I hereby certify that I have seen and spoken to the above named brethren, all except three within the past year.

THOMAS COLBORN.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Beaver Enterprise, April 13—

A great deal of poor stock is dying on the range. This is the hardest spring on stock that we ever witnessed in the Territory. Save the skins and thereby increase the leather product.

Several cancers on persons in Beaver are said to have been removed by the application of external remedies.

We regret to learn that supplies in the grocery line are almost wholly exhausted throughout the county; tea, coffee, bacon, sugar, tobacco, &c., are nowhere to be found save in very small quantities. The stores appear to be entirely out. We would demand an explanation if any were needed; everybody knows the cause. The merchants will no doubt have supplies on the way as soon as travel is possible.

Ogden Junction, April 17—

The place heretofore filled by Mr A. H. Earle as agent for the Union

Pacific Railroad Company in this city, we are informed, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. B. Doddridge, formerly acting in a similar capacity at Cheyenne.

Another accident has occurred in Ogden, growing out of the use of concentrated lye. This morning the wife of Mr. William Bruce, of this city, having occasion to use some of the above article, put down a box on a table, where, being called elsewhere for a moment, she left it standing, and her little son, Thomas, some two or three years old, took a copious draft of the dangerous material. Dr. P. L. Anderson thinks he will be able to save the life of the child.

Mr. Ringrose's cowshed and some straw and hay, between 1st and 2d Streets consumed by fire yesterday afternoon.

Wm. John, a young man, was thrown off a wagon loaded with hay and had both his legs run over, but was not much hurt.

Ogden Junction, April 18—

The Governor of Wyoming has pardoned Charles and Orson Twelves, and they are at liberty. The rabbit case is ended.

Last evening, Justice Middleton, in the Bliman vs. Freeman assault case, decided that the charge had been sustained by defendant's own witness. He could inflict a fine of a hundred dollars and imprisonment for six months. He was disposed to be as lenient as possible, and fined the defendant \$25 and costs. Mr. Margary gave notice of an appeal.

Beaver Enterprise, April 18—

Mr. John Burt, who fell seventy-five feet from the St. George Temple, put in an appearance in Beaver this forenoon, in better condition than two dead men. Mr. Burt is as almost as sound as ever.

The following grand and petit jurors have been drawn to serve at the next regular term of the 2nd District Court:

Grand.—Thomas Colten, John Robinson, Francis Webster, James O'Neil, B. B. Messenger, Chris. Heinecker, James Ryan, Samuel Angell, Wm. Roberts George Jarvis, G. W. Adair, Sen., Z. B. Decker, Benjamin Bowen, Horatia Morrill, Matt. Cullen, Wm. Edwards, Joseph Glassford, W. D. Hobbs.

Petit.—Joseph Turley, D. P. Clark, W. G. Nowers, Albert Miller, Joseph Clements, Joseph Hunter, John Smyth, Otis Avery, James Kevelin, James Ellsworth, M. Livingston, A. McNeil, E. B. Martin, John Shumer, Ed. Brockway, Sam Jackson, Samuel Barnhurst, Joseph Field, John Middleton, J. A. Reed, J. A. Skinner, Walter E. Dodge, James Mills, Matthew Ormand.

Ogden Junction, April 20—

We learn that a C. P. freight train met with an accident last night. No lives were lost, and we have not heard of any one being injured. We have not been informed of the extent of the damage.

Byers, the editor of the [Denver] Rocky Mountain News, has been assaulted by a Mrs. Sancomb, who attempted to kill him. Extracts from her letters addressed to Byers, in which she threatens to murder him, have been published in the News. It appears that Byers, although a married man, has been carrying on an illicit intimacy with this Mrs. Sancomb. Byers is a bitter opponent of "Mormonism" in general, and polygamy in particular. That is the way with that kind. Show us a man who goes out of his road to assail "Mormon" plural marriage, and in nine cases out of ten you exhibit a libertine and a rascal.

Ogden Junction, April 21—

Yesterday two little boys, sons of Mr. Joseph Parry, were playing with an axe, when the elder, aged about four years, chopped off one of the little fingers of his brother, aged about two years.

Ogden Junction, April 21—

Messrs. George Seagars and son left at the Junction office, this morning, a slab of slate taken from their quarry near this city, which has every appearance of being a good article, well adapted for roofing and other purposes. We believe it is the intention of these gentlemen to incorporate a company, and take steps to make their discovery profitable to themselves and useful to the public by preparing the slate for actual use.

Beaver Enterprise, April 19—

The rich mines of Washington County, have somewhat excited our neighbors, though only Joshua Fielding has as yet taken an interest.

Fencing against the rabbits has employed the farmers for several weeks past. The work is about finished and is said to be rabbit proof.

The rabbits though still very numerous are dying off.

The farmers are sowing a greater breadth of grain than usual, and a large crop both at Parowan and Red Creek is insured by the abundance of water held in store in the mountains.

An infant son of Mr. Hezekiah Simkins was lost last Sunday, on Indian Creek, and wandered among the cedars and sagebrush for about eight hours. He was found by Messrs. Twichels, who went in search, in a partially deranged condition; but soon came to himself after being taken to his father.

The Hartford Courant gives extracts daily from its issue of the same date a century back. Few American newspapers could rival it in that.

The eight cases of insanity sent to the Tombs from Moody and Sankey's Hippodrome services, New York, has grown to eighty in California, and the Sacramento Bee hopes that the terrible evangelists will give California a wide berth, "as we have more than enough of crazy people already."

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

A VERY small trim built bay MARE MULE, branded on left thigh. The finder will be suitably rewarded by Mrs. A. M. MUSSER, Pine Canyon, Tooele County.

PURE BLOOD (BLACK)

BERKSHIRE PIGS FOR SALE.

CAN be delivered on Utah Western Railway at Half-way House. Address Mrs. A. M. MUSSER, Germania Farm, Pine Canyon, Tooele County. ds&w

MOUNTAIN WARBLER!

THERE BEING SEVERAL HUNDRED copies of the above Song Book remaining unsold, they can be obtained at the Deseret News Office for 25 cents per copy.

WM. WILLES.

S. L. City, March 31st, 1876. ds&w

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described animals:

One Brown MARE, 7 or 8 years old, branded on the right thigh JC, both hind feet white, saddle marks. She has a suckling colt and yearling and two year old with her.

One blue roan pinto HORSE, 6 or 7 years old, bald face, all four legs white to knees, branded on left thigh something like A, little lame in left hind leg.

One white and red COW, 3 years old, has a calf 7 or 8 months old, no marks or brands visible.

One yellow HRIFFER, 2 years old, slit in both ears, some white under belly, no brands visible.

If said animals are not claimed and taken away before May 1st, 1876, they will be sold at public auction to the highest responsible bidder. Sale at 2 o'clock p.m.

SAMUEL BATEMAN,

District Poundkeeper.

West Jordan, Gardner's Mill. ds&w

LAND SALE.

The Lands of the

Union Pacific Railroad Company,

Lying East of the SALT LAKE MERIDIAN, in the counties of DAVIS, MORGAN and WEBER, Utah Territory, will be offered for sale at the Land Office of this Company at OGDEN, on

TUESDAY,

the 20th day of April, '76.

Parties having made application for any portion of said lands will make payment for the same without delay.

The lands will be sold on the following terms: One-fifth the purchase money down, the balance in equal annual payments, with interest at 6 per cent.

A discount of 10 per cent. will be made for full payment in cash at the time of the purchase.

O. F. DAVIS,

Land Commissioner

U. P. R. Co.