

EDITORIALS.

AURORA H. C. PHELPS, of Boston, Mass., sends us an "Address to the True Friends of Progress, the Well-wishers of the Woman's Homestead Land and Labor Reform," of which the following is the principal portion—

The four ideas called Land and Labor, Women and Home Reforms, though having many adherents and touching all parts of our social system, have no party representation.

Generally known as the representative of these ideas and advocate of "the people's rights," it therefore becomes my duty to call a Delegate Convention of those citizens of the United States who feel the need, at this present time, of an INDEPENDENT PARTY, which shall truly be the advanced exponent of the people's right to and demand for legislation which shall secure general education, industry, health, wealth, personal liberty, civil rights, peace, happiness, and good will.

Any person will be welcome as a delegate, who is sincerely desirous of now forming a political party uniting in itself all these great ideas because based on the vital element of woman's right to unrestricted industrial or other education, free choice of employment, and a self-sustaining, independent homestead ownership, and who will participate in said convention, to be held on October 17th, 1872, at 12, m., Mayflower Hall, Boston, Mass., for the one purpose of establishing a live National party on this single issue and placing its platform and candidates before the people, without any side issues, or entangling "isms" of other parties, in order that some earnest believers in this one idea, who cannot conscientiously vote any other party ticket, can use the "freeman's right."

A party thus formed will be a moral power in politics, however small its numbers; and its demands will be heeded, when it asks as it can justly do, that private integrity and public honesty shall govern official life, that national faith and honor be kept inviolate; our industries fairly protected, and the general welfare of the people consulted.

And now, fellowcitizens, as the recognized advocate of Human Rights, of Woman and Labor Reform, and as the representative of working women and men, I call upon you whose hearts burn within you for the advent of this new party, and the success of this principle, both women and men, to rally for this effort and prove your faith by your works.

Aurora is "Secretary People's Homestead league," and the address is issued "in behalf of many working people." Should any of our readers desire to respond to Aurora's invitation and assist in her philanthropic work by sending or becoming a delegate to her convention to form an "independent party," they must recollect that there is little time to lose, as to-day is the 14th and the convention is announced for the 17th at Boston, Mass. There are a number of people around here who claim to be excessively "independent." It might suit them to go and meet in convention with Aurora, but if they do they must go swiftly, "on the wings of the wind," as steam will be scarcely competent to carry them there in time, unless they telegraph to Aurora to postpone the Convention until their arrival and the Convention must not be postponed too long, as the election time will soon be here.

THE Monthly Report of the Department of Agriculture for August and September contains articles on the Condition of the Crops, Extracts from Correspondents, Address to the Commissioner of Agriculture at the Minnesota State Fair, Agricultural Implements, Cultivation by Steam, Northern and Southern Farming, Manila Hemp Planting, Entomological Record, Chemical Memoranda, Botanical Notes, Yellows of the Peach, Facts from Various Sources, Chicago Stock Movements, and Market Prices of Farm Products.

The September returns of corn from 917 counties in the various States give 224 counties average crop, 530 above, and 163 below.

The reports of the cotton crop from 11 Southern States give promise of a yield about 9 per cent. less than average.

Of wheat 13 States report the crop above average, and 20 below.

Of oats, Maine reports the crop 8 per cent. and Connecticut 5 per cent. above

average, and the other New England States about 5 per cent. below. The Middle States report below average, down to 20 per cent. in portions of Pennsylvania. Texas gives 11 above, Virginia 25 below, North Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky 5 to 7 above, Illinois average, other Atlantic, Gulf and Middle States 1 to 24 below. West of the Mississippi 4 to 14 above, except Iowa, 2 per cent. below. Pacific Coast 1 to 4 below.

Of barley seven States give crops above average, four average, and the rest below.

Of tobacco, fifteen of twenty-three States report crops average or above.

Of hay, New Jersey reports a crop 10 per cent., Delaware 45, Maryland 38, and Virginia 31 below average; North Carolina to Florida above average; westward to the Mississippi several per cent. below; Louisiana 14, Texas 4, Arkansas 11 above; Kentucky average; Michigan 18 below; all other Western and Pacific States 3 to 14 above.

Of potatoes, Rhode Island and Connecticut give crops above average; New Hampshire average; the northern New England States and the middle and southern Atlantic States, except North Carolina and Georgia, below, Maryland 35 per cent.; Florida 6 per cent., and Texas 22 per cent. above; the rest of the Gulf States below, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois average or above; other States north of the Ohio below, Wisconsin 20 per cent.; Nebraska 2 below; other States west of the Mississippi, above; California 7 below; Oregon 6 above.

Of sweet potatoes, North Carolina, Indiana, Missouri, and Kansas give crops average or above; other States below.

The apple crop in New England ranges from average to 33 per cent. above. In Norfolk Co., Mass., cider apples sell at ten to fifteen cents per bushel. In Rhode Island crops of ten years together now-a-days do not equal what was considered a good crop thirty or forty years ago. New York reports 6 per cent., New Jersey 22, Pennsylvania 15 to 24, Delaware 75 above. In Berks Co., Pennsylvania, thousands of bushels were left to rot on the trees, and several counties reported crops exceeding any previous one; Maryland above; Virginia nearly average; North Carolina abundant; South Carolina one third below; Alabama and Mississippi considerably below; Louisiana and Texas satisfactory, some young trees yielding astonishingly; Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia and Kentucky 4 to 15 below; Ohio, Indiana and Illinois average; Michigan 5 and Wisconsin 23 below; Nebraska 3 to 15 below; other States west of the Mississippi, 3 to 15 below; on the Pacific coast inferior.

Of peaches the crop reported by California and Oregon is 25 per cent. below; Delaware, most of the South Atlantic and Gulf States, Ohio and Michigan also below, some having only a third to half a crop; most of the other States are average to 33 above, particularly west of the Mississippi.

Of grapes, Rhode Island reports 5 per cent. above; Delaware full average; Tennessee, Kentucky, States north of the Ohio and west of the Mississippi, except Minnesota, average above; California 13 below; Oregon full crops.

Other crop reports are very partial. Florida bananas better than for three years.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 15.

CURE FOR A COLD.—A method for curing coryza (cold in the head) with rapidity, consists in inhaling the tincture of iodine, a phial of which is to be held in the hand, and placed under the nose. The warmth of the hand causes the vaporization of the tincture. The inhalations are to be made every three minutes, and soon all symptoms of the malady will disappear.—*Pacific Rural*.

HOME MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.—We have been requested to publish the following appointments for Sunday next, October 20th, in connection with those for the following Sunday, October 27th.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH:

American Fork city, R. Miller and R. F. Neslen; Mill Creek, G. Teasdale and John Nicholson; Big Cottonwood, Brinton's ward, John Van Cott and Isaac Groo; West Jordan, L. D. Young and D. Candland; South Cottonwood, Milo Andrus and W. McMaster.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH:

Grantsville, Elders O. Pratt, Joseph Young, L. D. Young, Isaac Groo, R. F.

Neslen, D. Candland; Sugar House Ward, John Van Cott, A. Smith; Mill Creek, S. A. Woolley, J. P. Freeze; Draperville, G. Teasdale, M. B. Shipp; South Cottonwood, Milo Andrus, John Nicholson.

Meetings commence at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The brethren appointed to visit Grantsville will, on the 27th, labor in conjunction with the Home Mission of Tooele County. L. D. YOUNG.

BOUND FOR THE FAR EAST.—President George A. Smith, accompanied by Elder Feramorz and Mrs. Little and two daughters, and Elder Willis T. Fuller, of Harrisburg, Washington Co., left this city this morning, commencing his contemplated visit to Jerusalem and the various places of interest in the Holy Land and Syria. Mrs. Little and her daughters will stay in the east, visiting friends, but the gentlemen will proceed to New York, where they will be joined, in a few days, by the following brethren—the remainder of the party bound for Palestine: Elders John Taylor, Lorenzo Snow, Jacob Weiler, Anson Call, Paul Schettler, Thos. Taylor and George Dunford. It is also anticipated that Miss E. R. Snow will be one of the party, and if so the elder of the Misses Little, accompanying her mother to the east, will travel with Miss Snow. Mr. Thomas Jennings, now on a mission in England, will join the party on their arriving in that country.

The company will take steamer, at New York, on the 6th of next month for Europe. They will make an extended tour on that continent, visiting its most noted capitals, and the various countries thereof, as far as practicable, including Turkey. From the latter they will proceed to Egypt, travel up the Nile, and thence to Palestine, where they will make their most extended stay, visiting, if possible, every point famous in sacred and profane history. It is expected that the journey will occupy about a year, the intention being to reach Vienna on the return trip, in time to witness the world's fair, to be held there, commencing next May.

THE CITY WATERWORKS are progressing satisfactorily under the able and courteous direction of Isaac Groo, Esq. There are generally about 50 men, including carpenters, caulkers, city hands, etc., laboring on the works. The excavation is proceeding satisfactorily. That for the pressure or lower tank, which measures 30 by 16 by 10 feet, is completed and the tank, of redwood, is in, ready for the piping, and partially covered. The excavations for the other two tanks are down to their depth and about ready for the timbers, which are in forward preparation close by. The cutting for the piping is well advanced, 400 feet is ready for the piping, 200 feet more will be ready in a short time, and the whole 1,400 feet from the lower tank or reservoir to the saw mill will be ready in about a fortnight. The excavation for the tanks and the pipes has been very difficult, being mostly through very firm limestone, gravelly concrete, exceedingly hard to work in. The channel for the pipes varies from five to twenty-one feet deep. In the deeper cuts it has been found more convenient and less expensive to run tunnels, five by four feet, with shafts at short intervals. An arrival of piping is expected daily. When complete the tanks will have shingle roofs. There is much cutting and filling connected with the works, to protect them from City Creek, in one or two places it being necessary to cut new channeling to divert the waters of the creek from the works. At an early date the prospects are that the residents of the main portion of the city will have an abundance of pure water at their command. Henry Grow, Esq., superintends the carpentering connected with the works.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 16.

PREMIUMS.—The secretary of the D. A. and M. Society is handing over the fair premiums to those who won them as fast as practicable. We understand his office will be open during the entire day to-morrow for that purpose. The winners of the silver cups will probably have to wait a short time, till the articles are out of the hands of the engraver, an excellent craftsman in that line having been engaged to engrave suitable inscriptions on the cups and goblets.

PROGRESSING.—We have received another letter from Brother Rollo, who was sent back to Morrison, Illinois, to take care of the little Scotch girl Cameron, who met with an accident while travelling with an emigrant company of Saints. He states that the girl continues to progress favorably. He will leave Morrison for this City on Monday next, and, although he does not so state, we presume he will bring the girl with him. Brother Rollo sends as a list of names of benevolent persons who have manifested great kindness to the unfortunate little girl.

NEW SCHOOL AND MEETING HOUSE.—A new school and meeting house is being erected in the Sixth Ward. When completed, the building will be 60x30 feet, and two storeys high. The foundation, of rock, rises about three feet above the level of the ground. The upper part will be of frame, with rustic redwood outside. The room on the ground floor will be used for school purposes, and the upper one to hold public worship in, etc.

FOR THE SOUTH.—Elder Erastus Snow left the city for St. George this forenoon.

FROM THE "JUNCTION."—The following is gleaned from the Ogden Junction of yesterday:

The prosecution in the Pardy-Nelson murder case, now being tried at Ogden, concluded the taking of evidence. Dr. P. L. Anderson, one of the witnesses, stated that he did not consider Purdy to be of sound mind.

Joseph Parry, Jun., while coupling cars at the depot yesterday, did not take his hand away quite soon enough and the consequence was that a couple of his fingers were jammed. He is not seriously injured.

FROM THE PLOCHER "RECORD."—The Record has the following dispatch, dated Parowan, Oct. 9th:

"A band of Navajoe Indians came to this place last Monday, and loitered around some time, evidently taking items in regard to the general situation. Finding everything quiet, they moved on as far as the Summit range, and drove off about 75 head of horses and mules, going south on the old trail leading to Colorado."

Thomas Manning, who was employed in the Meadow Valley mine, was killed, while at work, by the falling of a hanging wall, on Thursday night. He was fearfully crushed and only lived a few hours after the accident.

EXCURSION PARTY.—A party of gentlemen and ladies, upon the invitation of President Brigham Young, took an excursion yesterday on the Utah Southern to the end of the track at Lehi. Besides Presidents Young and Wells and several members of their families, Hon. W. H. Hooper and lady and children, Hon. Thos. Fitch and wife and niece, and other leading citizens of the Territory, there were Hon. C. W. Clisbee, of the U. S. House of Representatives, and wife; T. H. Goodman, Esq., General Passenger and Ticket Agent of C. P. R. R., and wife; Judge Sanderson, counsel for same road, and wife; Mr. Rice and wife; Mr. Thompson, Assistant General Passenger Agent of U. P. R. R., and wife and lady friend; Major Wilkes of the American Fork R. R., Judge Boalt, Mr. C. C. Ewing, of San Francisco, and Mr. C. M. Brown of the C. P. R. R. The party left the depot at a few minutes after noon, and soon reached the end of the track, where Major Wilkes had caused to be got in readiness an engine and cars to convey the party on his narrow track road to the town of American Fork and thence up the canyon. A few miles after leaving the town a flat car, fitted up for observation, was attached to the train ahead of the locomotive. Leaving the passenger cars, the party seated themselves on chairs on this car, where they had the finest possible opportunity of examining the construction of the road and the magnificent scenery of the canyon. We are indebted to Charles G. Ewing, Esq., of the party, who had a pocket barometer with him, for the following names of the stations and the elevations:

Lehi	250 feet above Salt Lake City.
Am. Fork Town	60 " higher
La Brea	290 " "
Mouth of Am. Fork Canyon	80 " "
Judges Stand Rock	230 " "
Needle Rock	80 " "(Reverse Curve 19")
Tunnel Mine	140 " "(grade 297 ft. to m.)
Grecian Bend	80 " "
Shingle Mill	50 " "
Hanging Rock	280 " "
Stopping Place	10 " "

1550 " above Salt Lake City or 1300 feet above the town of Lehi.

Distance—Lehi to La Brea about 7½ miles.

La Brea to Hanging Rock 4½ miles.

The above distances are given by E. Fairfax Gray, Civil Engineer of American Fork Railroad.

The distance from the point of starting to that of stopping was about ten miles. The road is completed to a point about six miles beyond where the party reached, but time did not admit of their proceeding farther. The road is an excellent one, and speaks highly for the energy, skill and perseverance of Major Wilkes, who is its manager and part proprietor, and also of the Sultana Smelting Works at the end of the Road. We understand that the company have in contemplation the early completion of a tunnel from American Fork to Little Cottonwood Canyon, by which rail communication will be effected with Alta, and which will greatly increase the business of the road. At the present time, we are informed, that it is paying its running expenses outside of the traffic of its proprietors.

We shall not attempt to describe the scenery in American Fork Canyon. One of the ladies designated it as "painfully grand." But it is of the most magnificent character of canyon scenery, and will undoubtedly be often resorted to by admirers of the romantic and picturesque. The ascent of the canyon by rail up a steep grade all the way, but at some places as steep as 297 feet to the mile, was an exceedingly interesting feature of the journey. The party returned to the city by the regular seven o'clock train, all delighted with the excursion, and expressing themselves concerning it as being one of the most enjoyable trips they had ever made.

The Indians in Iowa, according to the last census, have dwindled down to forty-eight persons.