

PHILADELPHIA, 24.—The Pennsylvania Rail Road elected the following directors, to-day, J. Edgar Thompson, Josiah Bacon, W. Morris, John M. Kennedy, John Scott, of Pittsburgh, Alexander J. Derbyshire, Sam'l. M. Felton, Alexander Biddle, N. Parker Shortridge, and Henry M. Phillips.

WILLIAMS BRIDGE, N. Y., 25.—Mrs. Burns and three children perished in a fire at Mott Haven, last night.

OSWEGO, N. Y., 25.—The business portion of Red Creek, Wayne Co., was burned last night; loss \$35,000, partly insured.

ST. LOUIS, 25.—A fire at Concordia, Mo., destroyed two stores yesterday; loss \$25,000.

NEW YORK, 25.—Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, sails for Europe on Saturday, by the advice of physicians.

At a meeting of the congregation of Plymouth church this morning, the committee of the Congregational council were received, and presented an invitation to Plymouth church to participate in the council. On motion of Mr. Beecher thanks were returned for the courtesy, and a committee, of which Beecher was one, was appointed to prepare a reply; they soon reported an answer, declining to participate in the council on the ground that it was an *ex parte* affair, and that the charges against Plymouth church were based on reports of speeches of its pastor, and declaring that the church will be judged only by its own acts and declarations.

The resident survivors of the *Ville de Havre* presented the captain of the *Tri-Mountain*, who arrived recently, a magnificent set of silver plate.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, 25.—Six business houses were burned to-night; loss \$160,000.

MEMPHIS, 25.—The total loss by the explosion of the *Crescent City* was \$300,000.

PHILADELPHIA, 25.—An immense mass meeting, to take preliminary steps and action in regard to the Centennial Exposition building, was held to-night in Horticultural Hall; John W. Forney and Jas. Neal were chairmen. Hundreds of representative citizens were present.

LACONIA, N. H., 25.—Blodget, the wife murderer, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment.

CHICAGO, 25.—The temperance movement in Ohio and Indiana continues but without marked result, except by way of signatures to personal pledges. The result of three weeks' crusade at Dayton shows four saloons closed, one by purchase, and one by prosecution, while 300 remain unclosed. The women march and pray daily.

A convention, attended by nine hundred prominent citizens of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, was held at Rock Island, yesterday, in favor of a canal from Rock Island to Hennepan, on the Illinois River, via Rock River; resolutions were adopted favoring government construction of such a canal, and the improvement of the Mississippi.

NEW YORK, 26.—Nine hundred workmen of the Erie machine shops, at the Susquehanna depot of the Pennsylvania R. R., struck yesterday for payment of their February wages; they stop all but mail trains, and disable engines and turn-tables.

A party of Italians, while going to Hoboken this morning, to work on the new tunnel of the Delaware and Lackawanna railroad, were attacked by a hundred strikers and driven off; several were seriously wounded.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 23.—Ten thousand people witnessed the landing of the Highlanders at Portsmouth to-day. It is understood that the Queen has ordered an inspection of all the returned troops on Friday, in Hyde Park.

PARIS, 23.—In the Assembly to-day, a protest was presented, demanding the dissolution of the chamber; the protest was signed by Gambetta, Ledru Rollin, Challemee, Lacour, Pergrat and Barodet.

BAYONNE, 23.—The French authorities conducted the Cure of Santa Cruz to the frontier.

ROME, 23.—The King, to-day, received some 3,000 persons from all parts of the kingdom, who came to congratulate him on the 25th anniversary of his accession. The Visconte Vindetta, Minister of Foreign

Affairs, presented his Majesty an address from the American and English residents.

ADEN.—The steamship *Calcutta*, with the remains of Dr. Livingstone, has arrived.

The steamship *Faraday*, built expressly for laying cables, will begin on the fifteenth of April to ship a cable to be laid direct to the United States.

LONDON, 24.—The Queen reviews the soldiers of the Ashantee expedition, at Windsor, on Monday.

Disraeli has consented to receive a deputation of seventy Irish members of Parliament, to urge the release of the Fenian convicts; Dr. Butt, Martin, Romaine, Sullivan and others will address the Premier on the occasion. The deputation is very hopeful of success.

PARIS, 24.—The Assembly has resolved to adjourn on the 28th to May 2nd.

A deputation of royalists will soon visit the Count de Chambord, to make a last effort for the restoration of the monarchy.

BAYONNE, 24.—The Carlists are throwing incendiary shells into Bilbao with terrible effect; whole streets are reported to be in flames. The besiegers have occupied the Albin suburb, on the left shore of the Garonne.

LONDON, 25.—It is reported that Ralph Waldo Emerson will receive the nomination of Lord Rector of Glasgow University, as successor to Disraeli.

LONDON, 26.—At a meeting of the leading Irish Members of Parliament, last evening, it was determined to press the subject of home rule during the present session, notwithstanding the failure of Dr. Butt's amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech.

MADRID, 26.—There was a desperate engagement yesterday before Bilbao. The republican army, under Serrano, at six in the morning, attacked the Carlists, who offered a stubborn resistance. The battle lasted all day. The loss of the republicans was, killed 470, including Gen. Loma, commanding the center, and Gen. Primo de Rivera, the right; it is probable the battle will be renewed to-day.

## Our Country Contemporaries.

Ogden Junction, March 23—

A brakeman, named Rogers, on the C. P. road, was severely injured this morning, at Kelton, having his wrist badly crushed.

A few days ago, the premises of Mr. John Low, opposite the depot, were burglarized, and five parasols were abstracted by an expert thief, who is reminded that, in his case, he had better make proper amends without delay.

The first installment of the Ogden Iron Works will arrive in this city in the beginning of April, and the rest will be sent with despatch. It is expected that all the machinery will be set in operation by the 15th of May. Temporary buildings will be prepared to commence work as soon as possible, and the main buildings, it is hoped, will be completed early in autumn.

On Saturday evening Miss Jane Coffman, who superintends the culinary department of a certain house in this city, pocketed her weekly stipend, and sallied forth for a bit of recreation. In the course of an hour or two Jane became very much dazed in her mind, and unsteady in the lower limbs, and she finally brought up, at full length, in an excavation near the depot, in which about two feet of water was stagnating. The obfuscated young lady might have met an untimely end, had not some young men happened along in the nick of time and fished her out.

A few days since we gave notice that a family party from Lehi had arrived here, and that a man named Graham, who had been a sort of attendant upon the family, ran away with the wife and wagon of his host, whose name is Peterson. The constable at Lehi came to Ogden for the purpose of tracing up the several individuals, and left for Corinne, where he ascertained that the unfaithful wife and her betrayer had gone in a northerly direction, and, with the aid of the constable of Kelton, succeeded in finding them at a place twenty-five miles west of Corinne. Making his business known to the fugitives, he placed them under arrest. Graham had traded off the horses which he stole from Peterson, but the constable took possession of them, and

will return to Lehi with the guilty parties, stopping at Ogden to take charge of two boys, sons of Peterson, who were left under the care of Sheriff Brown.

Beaver Enterprise, March 18—

For nearly a week we have had regular winter weather, snowing, blowing and freezing. Last night it cleared off again, and this morning the roads are frozen solid, and if it continues fine a few days we may look for good roads again. The last week has been about as hard on stock as any week during the past winter.

About a week ago a man by the name of James Beck, who lives on the Sevier about 12 miles below Pangwich, brought some hides to this place for sale, which upon examination were found to have the Beaver Co-op and other brands on them. A writ was issued and deputy sheriff G. Murdock started after Beck and brought him to Beaver last night, where he is to have an examination at 4 o'clock this p. m.

It is reported that there are parties down the creek, who have been stealing mules and selling them to other parties, and when discovered they have said that they thought the animals were their own. \* \* \* This game has been carried on to a considerable extent for a long time, and it is high time that a stop should be put to it. The mules belonged to different persons and were turned out of their corrals, and in a few days have been taken up and sold by some contemptible horse or mule thief.

Provo Times, March 24—

Mr. James A. Bean, Superintendent of the Utah County Co-operative Stock Herd, arrived in town on Saturday afternoon. He reports that the stock at present is in better condition than it has been for some time past; very little stock has died, with the exception of a few sheep, during the inclemency of the weather for the past six weeks. Herds further south have suffered severely in consequence of the heavy fall of snow and a great many cattle have perished.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 27.

Weather.—Warm, balmy and beautiful to-day.

In Europe.—We learn that Elders Jos. F. Smith and Frederick Thurer, who sailed from New York on the steamship *Iaaho*, March 10, arrived at Queenstown March 20.

Good Roads.—A gentleman who arrived from Bingham yesterday, says that the roads in the canyon are in excellent condition for hauling, being dry, the snow having disappeared.

Meetings.—We understand that the holding of three days' meetings was commenced at Provo this morning. It was expected that people from most of the settlements of Utah County would attend.

More Co-operation.—A movement is on foot among the saddle and harness makers, with a view to organizing the mechanics of that branch of industry into a co-operative association. It is expected that the preliminary steps now being taken will culminate in a meeting and organization of the operatives by next Monday evening.

Information Wanted.—William W. Jerman, of Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., wishes to know of the whereabouts of James Jerman, or German he may have called himself. He must now be over sixty years old. Some thirty-four years ago he left his family (a wife and two children) and came West or North-west, and has not been heard of by them for many years. He is said to have been a "Mormon elder." His wife has been dead twenty years.

Caught Him.—A few days since, we stated that a mare mule had been stolen from W. G. Childs of Ogden. The thief was traced to this City, where he attempted to trade the animal off for a pony, in which he was unsuccessful. He was finally tracked to Provo, where he was captured. He was brought to town this morning and placed in the city jail till this afternoon when he was taken to Ogden. He is a man about twenty-seven years of age, his name is James McGregor, and when arrested was on his way to Tintic Mining District.

An Interesting Race.—Some individuals were driving a flock of pigs eastward along South Temple Street to-day. Two of the porkers, apparently endowed with even more than the ordinary amount of contrariness common to that class of the animal creation, struck out on a return trip towards the depot. One of them was pursued by an aged negro, whose capers and energetic attempts to turn the pig from the error of his stubborn ways were hugely enjoyed by a number of amused onlookers. When he would catch up with the brute and try to turn it, it would dodge around him and run through between his legs. When last seen the negro was getting the worst of the race.

Trimming Shade Trees.—A commencement has been made in trimming that beautiful line of shade trees on the north side of South Temple Street, and it is to be hoped that all the owners of property along that side of the street will take up and continue that work. We believe the beginning has been made by Mr. R. F. Neslen. That line of trees greatly enhances the appearance of South Temple Street, making it a beautiful summer walk, from which a fine view of the valley can be obtained from beneath a grateful shade. But don't cut all the branches off and leave a lot of naked, unsightly stumps, like sawing a man's arms off at the shoulder joint.

Last year many of those trees were considerably marred by the breaking of branches, which was caused by injudicious or unskillful trimming. When the smaller branches are chopped off close to the larger limbs it causes numerous new shoots to spring out, forming slender branches, which are broken off by a breeze of any degree of strength, marring the appearance and retarding the proper development of the trees.

On this account the trees should not be cut down too closely to the larger limbs, but sufficient of the smaller ones should be left and, the latter being thus cropped, will naturally become more vigorous, and the shoots springing from them will not break off.

A short time since we published some ideas from the pen of a practical gardener which gave some very useful hints on this important subject.

Great Success.—Miss Neilson, the English actress, has met with unprecedented success at the California Theatre, San Francisco. Her third week opened in the same prosperous manner that distinguished the other two. The *San Francisco Chronicle* of March 24 says—

"From half-past 8 yesterday morning a steady throng of applicants for tickets besieged the box office, and by noon a goodly proportion of the seats for the entire week had been sold. Those who wish to see her remaining performances had need be speedy in their movements, as there is nightly an audience previously unprecedented in number. Up to the present time Miss Neilson's engagement has exceeded in attraction every other that has been played at the California Theatre. The money received during the two weeks commencing Tuesday, March 10, and ending last night, exceeds by \$1,440 that taken in the corresponding period of the highly successful performances of Mr. Sothorn or Mr. Boucicault. The three representations of the *School for Scandal*, one of which was a matinee at low rates of admission, brought the handsome amount of \$4,219 into the treasury, and the nightly receipts all through have averaged \$1,707. Miss Neilson received \$500 for each performance during the two weeks, and for this week she is, we understand, to receive one-half of the gross receipts."

Next Monday evening, March 30, is announced as positively her last appearance there, in her famous role of "Juliet," in which character she "took San Francisco captive." "Rosalind," "Juliet" and "Julia" are among her best characters.

Fine Art.—Mr. George M. Ottinger has finished a picture, which, we believe, would be considered a gem of art in any part of the world. The artist has been extremely happy in the choice of his subject, Alexander Selkirk on the Island of Juan Fernandez. The most important point in any picture is its ability to tell its own story, and this one can be read almost as plainly and much more vividly than a tale in a book.

Selkirk is said to have been a high spirited and determined indi-

vidual, who could ill brook the exercise over him of overbearing authority. He was an officer on the ship on which he sailed, and Captain Straddling and himself had continual disagreements, until Selkirk, in a fit of sudden exasperation, said he would sooner be landed and left on the island than sail under such a man. Straddling took him up, and Selkirk was too proud and determined to recede from what he had said, and he was taken ashore. As the boat was leaving the beach, however, realizing the awful loneliness of his situation, his resolution gave way, and he rushed into the water, held out his hands and pleaded to be taken back to the ship; but Straddling was inexorable, and the poor fellow was left behind.

The picture represents Selkirk sitting on his clothes chest, and the figure and face are full of expression. The features indicate, as plainly as if written or expressed in words, a feeling of almost overwhelming despair, induced by a fearful sense of utter loneliness, mingled with the bitterness of anger, as he watches the ship which carries away from him his mortal enemy as well as his hopes of social intercourse with his fellow men. The sea, which is most beautifully painted, the beach and the distant bluffs of the island are delineated and modified so skillfully that the figure of the desolate mariner is made the absorbing point of the whole picture, and it is difficult for the eye of a person, viewing it, to dwell on any other part of it for any length of time.

We are not aware that any other artist has chosen the same subject, which is an excellent one, admitting of fine scope for the skill of the artist. The leaving of Selkirk on the Island of Juan Fernandez was the foundation for De Foe's romance of "Robinson Crusoe." The creation of that novelist's imagination has been frequently represented on canvas, but we are not aware that an ideal of the genuine Selkirk had been produced in that way until the subject was brought into life by Mr. Ottinger. The picture is an excellent mate to that other one of "Lashed to the Shrouds," but is considerably superior to it, being richer and more intense in interest.

Mr. Ottinger's nautical pictures are always superior. Perhaps his having been a mariner himself has been a material advantage to him in that line of painting. We understand that he purposes visiting Europe this year if he can make the necessary arrangements to do so. He is anxious to gain experience and learn from the masters of the "Old World."

## Correspondence.

Mild Winter, Fat Cattle—Plenty of Hay, Grain and Vegetables—Co-operation—Lumber—Health.

PARIS, Oneida Co., Idaho, March 25th, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

Considering the lateness of the Spring, the severity of the past Winter, and the name that Bear Lake has previously had, I have no doubt but that a great many of your numerous readers are awaiting with interest the reports from this ice-bound (?) region of country. But to all such I am happy to state that we have enjoyed a very pleasant winter, with fair prospects of the snow leaving us soon, and while feed is so scarce and cattle are dying in other parts, we enjoy an abundance of hay, and fat cattle, and if we had a railroad through this valley, we would gladly contribute roots, hay, and grain, which we have also an abundance of, to help other portions of the country, where such things are so scarce.

Co-operation is receiving a good deal of attention at present. We expect to have a co-operative steam saw mill, and with a new road to Franklin, which will shorten the distance to Cache Valley nearly one-half, we expect to be able to export a great quantity of lumber and some other commodities, which we had to import at great disadvantage formerly, such as grain and vegetables. I repeat, if we had a railroad through here, we could export great quantities of hay every year, which now goes to waste.

The health of the people is good. The local missionaries have been, and still are, travelling through the settlements, doing a great amount of good. W. H.