

## THE DESERET NEWS.



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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6.

**THE PIGS AND THE WOOL.**—We have not yet received any of the "Pigs" we advertised for—hope to obtain them yet—and the "Wool," also, and that those having them will not forget that we ask for nothing we do not want.

**Arrival and Departure of the Mails.**

The Eastern Mail left early on the morning of the 2nd inst., in charge of Mr. Levi Stewart, with a good supply of men, and with animals and feed sufficient to make the trip to Independence, without changing, if circumstances should require it. Contrary to our expectation the in-coming mail from San Pedro, via San Bernardino, did not arrive in time to make the connection, as it was not delivered at the Post Office in this city, till about 11 a.m., several hours after the other had departed; consequently what mail matter had been forwarded this way for the east, will have to lay in the office here till June, before it can be forwarded according to direction.

We are aware that according to contract, the mail on that route is not due here till the 3rd day of each month; and we have no disposition to find fault with those who have been employed in carrying the mail on that route, since the commencement of the present service, as they have generally been very punctual and also accommodating, so far as our knowledge extends, though in a few instances complaints have been made that they did not call at every office on the outward trip between this city and Cedar, which if true, was not justifiable under any ordinary circumstance; but it would be a great accommodation to a portion of the citizens of the Territory; and the interest of the public generally and of the Department would be much better subserved, if the in-coming mail arrived in time to form a connection with the one going out, and unquestionably it can be without any material inconvenience to the carriers. The trip from San Pedro can easily be made in twenty days, and leaving there on the fifth of each month or even as late as the tenth, it can, excepting in the winter season, be delivered in this city on or before the first and the desired connection, made with the mail going east to the States, which leaves on the second day of each month.

These suggestions are made, with no intention of injuring any one, but simply to show the matter in its true light, and trust that we shall be thus understood; and should the California mail arrive hereafter, when circumstances will admit, before the Eastern takes its departure, the contractor and carrier will receive many thanks.

No news from the in-coming Eastern mail has yet been received, but if no unusual inhibiting circumstances interpose, it may be expected in the course of a few days, when the silence that has reigned so long in that direction will be broken, and we believe effectually; for if the carrying company, which is making stations between Bridger and the frontiers, and will soon be in active operation, cannot keep up a communication on that route, it may be considered an impossibility, a thing unknown to Mormons and to Anglo Saxons.

**NEW MAIL ROUTE.**—In this number is inserted the advertisement of the Post Master General, inviting proposals for carrying a mail from Cedar City, by Harmony and Pine Valley, to Santa Clara; bidders to state the distance, mode of conveyance and the time of arrival and departure, which they will have to be very particular in doing, or no notice will be taken of their proposals, no matter at how low a rate they offer to perform the service. See form of bid in No. 1, Vol. 4.

The establishment of a mail route, and the carrying a mail between Cedar City and Santa Clara, will unquestionably be an accommodation to the citizens in that part of the Territory; but if there was a weekly mail between Salt Creek, in Juab county, and Cedar City, so as to connect the northern and southern portions of the Territory, which now have no means of communication, excepting by the California mail once a month, it would be a much greater accommodation to them, as well as the public generally, and it is hoped that ere long, there will be a mail carried once a week between those two points.

**May Day Walk and Celebration by the Sunday School Children.**

In the forenoon of Friday last several companies of *Infantry* were seen marching out of the city towards the benches north and east of the city and up City creek canyon, and on inquiring into the cause of such an unusual turn out and display of the juvenile portion of community, we were informed that it was the 1st day of May, and that the Teachers of the Sunday schools in the several Wards with their scholars had according to previous arrangement turned out for a May Day Walk, after which they were to meet in the Tabernacle at 2 p.m., and be addressed by Elder Woodruff and others. All appeared gay and lively as they passed along, and during the fore part of the day groups of them could be seen on the slopes above the city, marching and countermarching in every direction, amusing themselves in youthful sports and recreations.

At 2 p.m. they returned to the city and repaired to the Music Hall where they were formed into line by the Marshal of the day, R. A. Allred and his assistants, and preceded by a Brass Band, marched up past the Governor's residence and thence down to the Tabernacle. The display made in passing through the streets was quite interesting. Many of the girls were attired in white, and beautifully decorated with wreaths of flowers and evergreens in various ways; and the boys had not neglected to adorn their persons in manner to suit themselves individually, which with the banners carried by both, with many appropriate mottoes inscribed, added greatly to the otherwise interesting display of youthful and innocent amusement.

After being seated in the Tabernacle where many of the citizens attended to witness the occasion, they were called to order by the Marshal and the juvenile choir sung, "Praise to the man that communed with Jehovah."

Prayer by Bishop Edward Hunter.

Music by the Brass Band.

Elder Woodruff then delivered the following address:—

My dear young friends, I have been requested to deliver an address upon this interesting occasion. I do so with pleasure, for if there is any scenery upon earth calculated to inspire the soul of man with sentiments of joy and thanksgiving that scenery now presents itself before us, for in looking upon this assembly I behold in a great measure the innocence, beauty and glory of Zion, the sons and daughters of the children of Israel and of the kingdom of God, upon whom rests our future hope. I see congregated before me this day a large assembly comprising both teachers and pupils of the Sabbath schools established by the Latter Day Saints in this peaceful city walled in by the everlasting hills and Rocky Mountains.

In the great variety of countenances presenting themselves to my view, I behold not only innocence, loveliness, manliness, and virgin beauty, but the impress of Deity himself in embryo stands in bold relief upon your brow, yes, the very spirit that fires your tabernacle bespeaks immortality, while the image of your Heavenly Parents, Creator, God, rests upon you.

We can with all propriety ask our Heavenly Father to give us His Holy Spirit and inspire our hearts, to give you good counsel and guide your youthful minds in that path which will enable you to fulfill your high destiny in that way and manner that you may prove an ornament to Zion, a comfort and consolation to your parents and an honor to God; and finally be crowned with glory, immortality and eternal life.

Though to-day you may, in comparison, appear like the pink, the violet, the lily, or the flowers of the hills and vales which you have innocently been gathering upon this May day's walk, and with which you have decorated your persons, yet time and circumstances will place you where, like the sturdy oak, the mighty sycamores of the forest, or the spreading cedars of Lebanon, which have stood the blasts and storms of a thousand winters, you will have to walk in the footsteps of your parents, feel their burdens and bear off the kingdom of God; and be prepared to meet that great and mighty storm of revolution and change which all the prophets of God have declared shall come upon the generation in which you live.

These could not be an assembly of boys and girls of the same number outside of these chambers of the mountains upon the face of the whole earth who are destined by the decrees of Almighty God to fill as high and holy callings and to perform as great a work in their day, as you who are assembled before me this day and hear my voice, and this because you are the sons and daughters of the prophets and apostles of God, and are the fruits of the Lord's anointed, and upon your shoulders the kingdom of God will speedily rest.

Then think not strange, my dear young brethren and sisters, that while I attempt to address you upon the occasion of a May-day walk, that my mind should soar aloft or reach forth after your future lives and destiny; for I behold in you element unlike any assembly of the children of the world; for while the greatest portion of them with their parents only aspire to obtain gold, wealth, pleasure, popularity and honor and homage paid them from man, you, like Abel, Seth, Enoch, Samuel, Jesus, Huldah, Anna,

Mary, and other holy children of old, will be called often in the days of your youth by the voice of God, by holy angels, by dreams and visions of the night, until your young and tender minds will be filled with the inspiration of the Almighty, and with the revelations of eternal truth, light and knowledge and be prepared while young to confound the wisdom of the world, in a measure, as Jesus did the doctors and lawyers in the Temple when twelve years of age.

I feel to exhort and counsel you, my young friends, to listen to the voice of God and obey it while young, as Samuel did, that you may be great, good and useful, and the beloved of the Lord and your parents and by all good men. Obey your parents and honor them, for by doing this you will obtain those great blessings which God has promised you.

You are blessed with godly parents; your fathers and mothers have been gathered together from the various nations of the earth into these valleys of the mountains because they love God and wish to keep His commandments. The gospel of Jesus Christ was carried unto them, they heard it, believed and obeyed it, and have gathered unto Zion that they may assist to build up the kingdom of God upon the earth and be saved with their children from the judgments which are coming upon the world.

Your parents have a great desire for your welfare, they wish you to learn the truth, to be made acquainted with every virtuous, holy and good principle and to practice it in your lives, that you may be wise, good and happy, and escape those sorrows and miseries which the wicked experience; and for this purpose they want you to pray, to honor God, to obey the Gospel.

They have established Sabbath schools in the various wards of this city for your benefit, that you might search the Scriptures and learn from them; I hope and trust that you will profit by this worthy exertion of your parents and teachers for your benefit. You are now laying a foundation in the bloom and beauty of youth and in the morning of your days to step forth upon the stage of life to act a conspicuous part in the midst of the most important dispensation and generation in which man has ever lived. And I can say in truth and safety that the result of your future lives, the influence which you will exert among man, and finally your eternal destiny for time and eternity will in a great measure depend upon the foundation which you lay in the days of your youth, the manner in which you store your mind and cultivate it while young.

Therefore neither you nor your parents can be too careful to see that your young and fruitful minds are fed and stored with good principles. You want to learn that which is true—when you learn anything about God, Jesus Christ, the Angels, the Holy Ghost, the Gospel, the way to be saved, your duty to your parents, brethren, sisters, or to any of your fellow men, or any history, art or science, I say when you learn any of those things, you want to learn that which is true, so that when you get those things riveted in your mind and planted in your heart, and you trust to it in future life and lean upon it for support, that it may not fail you like a broken reed.

It is one of the greatest blessings that God ever bestowed upon children that they have had parents who were in possession of true principles in relation to their Heavenly Father, salvation, eternal life and were qualified and capable of teaching and transmitting their children in the same that they may be qualified to fulfill the object of their creation; while on the other hand, it is one of the greatest calamities that can befall a nation or people to be overwhelmed with false views in relation to themselves, their Creator, their salvation; and should the children of that people ever be taught the truth they would have to say as one of the prophets said the children of the Gentiles would say as they were gathered to Zion in the last days, that their "fathers had inherited lies and vanity and things wherein there is no profit."

Many of you, my young friends, are blessed far above your parents in this respect, for many of us in the days of our childhood and youth, had parents who were surrounded with the false principles, religions and traditions of the generation in which they lived, and they taught them to their children as the best light and knowledge they had. In this respect they were under no condemnation, but when the Lord raised up a prophet and taught us the truth, we had to unlearn what we had learned in the days of our youth. You have not that difficulty to pass through, the Lord has revealed unto your parents the truth, they know how to teach you true and righteous principles; you should strive to prize these things and profit by them.

There is one thing I wish particularly to impress upon your minds, and that is, the importance of improving your time while young in treasuring up knowledge and learning those things which will be useful to you in after life. I know from experience and so do most parents, that the child cannot appreciate the worth of true intelligence, the importance of improving their time in storing up useful knowledge while they are young, as they will when they come to act upon the stage of life, become fathers and mothers, and feel the full force of the responsibilities of training up children.

Many a parent has said when they have found themselves placed in very responsible positions and have not felt qualified to fill their place from lack of knowledge, "O that I had improved my time in the days of my youth!—O that I had treasured up knowledge when I had the privilege of attending Sabbath and week-day school!—it would now be a great blessing to me, but the time is past and I cannot recall it."

Now, my young friends, take my counsel and the counsel of your parents and teachers, and obtain all the knowledge you can while you are young and you will be thankful for it when you become men and women, fathers and mothers, and have to enter upon the business of life as

your parents now do. Do not be discouraged because you cannot learn all at once; learn one thing at a time, learn it well, and treasure it up, then learn another truth and treasure that up, and in a few years you will have a great store of useful knowledge which will not only be a great blessing to yourselves and your children but to your fellow men.

Do you not often hear the sound of the hammer and the chisel in the hands of the workmen, polishing the stone for the Temple which we are building unto the name of the Lord upon this Temple Block? The men who are building that Temple lay up only one stone at a time, and if they continue, it will be finished and beautified and be one of the most splendid buildings in America. So it will be with you; if you continue to learn one good lesson after another and store up principle upon principle and truth upon truth, by and by you will be enabled to edify not only yourselves but the thousands who may hear you.

I hope, my young friends, that you may be enabled to prize and appreciate the blessings and privileges which you enjoy in the days of your youth in these peaceful valleys of the mountains. Love your fathers and mothers, appreciate and enjoy their society while you are with them, for you will soon enough be called to part with them, and if you live to see that day you will see the time when you will fully appreciate their society and know the worth of their counsel, and not before. Obey your parents in all things and comfort their hearts, for you have power to do this. When they are weary and pressed with the cares of life, seek to ease their burdens, and smile upon them in their hours of sorrow and you will cast a charm of joy and peace around them which they cannot obtain from any other source.

Be kind to your brothers and sisters and all with whom you associate; kind words and good manners will cost you nothing, and will add greatly to the happiness of those around you. Be true to yourselves by doing right in all things, by improving well your time and talents, by being wise, virtuous and good. Be true to your God by keeping His commandments and doing His will, for He holds your destiny and the destiny of your parents and of all men in His own hands and He will reward all according to their works whether they be good or evil and all will be amply paid for doing well.

And I feel to say to you all who compose this great assembly of Sabbath school children, be happy, be contented, enjoy the days of your youth, enjoy your peaceful homes, enjoy the society of your parents, brothers and sisters while you have an opportunity, for the days of your youth will soon be gone, manhood will be upon you with all of its attendant cares and responsibilities.

It will be but a short time before many of these boys before me to-day will be called to follow the example of some of their elder brethren, to leave your peaceful homes and kind parents and brothers and sisters and go forth from the valleys of the mountains, draw your hand carts across the plains and go and preach the gospel to the nations of the earth. Then for the first time in your lives you will know the worth and prize the blessings you now enjoy; then your parents will call upon the Lord to open the way before you, to raise up friends to feed and clothe you and administer to your wants and necessities while in a cold-hearted world among whom you are sent; your parents will also call upon the Lord to protect you by sea and land and return you again in safety unto them, and when you have the privilege of returning again to your parents, after a mission of several years, both parents and children will have learned how to prize the society of each other.

I bless you in the name of Jesus Christ and I pray God my Heavenly Father to bless us all, both parents and children and help us to be faithful in all our duties and works in this probation, and after the resurrection unite us together in the family organization of the celestial world to enjoy the presence of our Heavenly Father forever, which I ask in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen.

President Daniel Spencer gave a short exhortation to the children.

An appropriate hymn composed for the occasion by Isaac Nash was then sung.

Benediction by Bishop Mitchell.

The children were then dismissed and in charge of their several directors or teachers retired, the Band playing during their egress from the Temple Block. Thus closed one of the most interesting scenes witnessed in the city for a long time and those witnessing it had ocular demonstration that there were many young bees in the Deseret Hive.

**AUSTRALIAN MISSIONARIES.**—By letter from Elder A. P. Dowdle, dated at Sydney, December 11, we learn that the missionaries that left San Francisco on the Gen. Wool, the 21st of Aug. last, arrived at Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, Australia, on the 26th of Nov., after a tedious and protracted voyage of one hundred and four days, all in good health. Elder Z. Snow and some others left Melbourne on the 3rd, and arrived at Sydney on the 9th. December. On the 11th, a council was held, and most of them were assigned to fields of labor; some in the colony of New South Wales, some in the colony of Victoria, some in South Australia, and one or two on the Island of Tasmania. Elders A. J. Stewart and George Clark had not arrived, but were looked for every day, and would be sent to New Zealand on their arrival to labor in company with Elder A. Potter.