

which place we have just returned; several others in that vicinity are believing. We ordained Bro. Alexander Stewart to the office of an Elder at that place. He is a very zealous, intelligent and apparently, a very good man to leave as a watchman on the tower. Counting both children and adults, there are 29 in that vicinity that expect to go to Utah in our company this Fall, and about 40 from this vicinity.

Fruit is nearly all killed here. Cotton almost an entire failure on account of the cold weather; some are replanting. Prospects for crops, in general, are very poor. Stock very high—the poor getting poorer—the rich richer—lies popular—truth has a hard road to travel. Whenever a vagrant zephyr happens to wander over this burning desert of iniquity, it soon folds its feeble pinions and dies of the pestilence that springs forth to meet it. Anarchy appears inevitable. But there are a few honest people here, who have not given heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, to whom the Lord has given us access, and has blessed our labors in their midst. I expect to start in a few days to Pennsylvania, to visit my relatives. Bro. J. W. Crosby, jr., will remain here and gather out the Saints from this vicinity, to start for Utah about the middle of October. Brother Crosby unites with me in love to all Saints.

Yours, etc.,  
O. H. RIGGS.

### HOME ITEMS

#### FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

**DEAR FUEL.**—The supply of fuel at the wood market, yesterday and to-day, was tolerably plentiful, but the prices asked—from \$15 to \$18 per cord—were remarkably high, considering the season of the year and the temperature of the weather; and especially when it is recollected that most of those who have it to sell refuse to sell it by measure. The completion of the "Utah Central," it may be reasonably expected, will put an end to such impositions in the market of Salt Lake City, by bringing large quantities of coal at greatly reduced prices.

**A NARROW ESCAPE.**—Joseph E. Foster, Esq., writing from Henneferville, on the 31st ult., says:

"On the 26th, our acting bishop, Bro. C. C. Richins, and his son, a boy twelve years of age, were at Echo, and narrowly escaped being shot by a drunken Indian. The red skin shot first at the boy; Bro. Richins, seeing the danger of his son, ran towards the Indian, when the latter let fly at him. Very luckily both shots missed their mark, and beyond the momentary alarm no harm was done. This is one of the results of giving or selling whisky to Indians."

Plentiful rains at Henneferville had brought the crops on splendidly.

**RETURNING ELDER.**—By letter from Elder Nephi Pratt to his mother in this city we learn that Elder Elias Morris, now on a mission to England, is released to return home. Brother Pratt says:

"Inform Brother Morris' family that he is in good health and all is well with him. He anticipates meeting them sometime about the first of July next, as he expects to start from Liverpool on June first. His hands are too full of immigration business to admit of his writing home at present. He is in high spirits over his anticipated journey homeward. He will return with the blessings of Saints upon his head and the good feelings of all with whom he has labored."

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—William Stevens of Franklin, Cache Co., U. T. would like to obtain information of the whereabouts of his sister Selina Wall, maiden name Stevens, formerly of Bath, England.

Also of the whereabouts of John Hawkins, cabinet maker, formerly of this city. He was one of the first Mormon missionaries that went to Carson, Nevada, some fourteen years ago. Any communication from him would be acceptable to Richard Matthews, DESERET NEWS Office, or R. B. Margetts, 19th Ward, Salt Lake City.

**OGDEN.**—We had a call this morning from Elder Franklin D. Richards who came down yesterday from Ogden. Affairs in that section are generally prosperous, especially the business of Co-operation. Besides a wholesale Co-operative store, which was formed by the amalgamation of two stores—Peery and Co's. and L. Farr and Co's.—there is a retail store in each of the three wards in the city. These stores are patronized, and those belonging to private individuals are seriously feeling the diminution of trade. The Female Relief society intends also to establish a store. A donation of land has been made upon which to erect it, and the society has about \$1,000 in means on hand—partly in stock of its own and partly donations. The Female Relief Societies throughout the country feel spirited in their labors. In fact, there is a very perceptible growth in all these directions. Fifteen miles of grading have been taken by the people of the county on the Central Utah Railroad, which it is ex-

pected will be completed in a month. Bro. Richards is in good health and spirits, and evidently takes pleasure in the performance of the labors which devolve upon him in his new field. He has nothing but good to say about the people. The friends of Bishop West will be gratified to learn that his health is improving.

**MATTERS IN SPRINGVILLE.**—Writing from Springville on the 31st ult., Elder W. Bramhall says:

"Our grain crops never looked better than now. There is an abundance of fruit, although a quantity of grasshoppers have been nibbling away at it for some time the damage done is not serious. The new Organ for our Meeting House arrived a few weeks since and is now in full blast. Meetings are well attended every Sunday. The Sunday School numbers 400 attendants. The Co-operative Store is doing a good business; the Institution has 200 shareholders."

**THE SIXTEENTH WARD.**—The Co-operative Store in this Ward commenced trade on the 5th of last April, and since that time has done a very satisfactory business. The store was opened in a building on the south side of Bishop Frederick Kesler's lot, and is sufficiently central to be convenient to the people of the entire Ward. The usual business in the Ward is moving along smoothly and pleasantly.

#### FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—In the case of the people of the Territory of Utah vs. Thomas Brannigan, Charles Howard and Jack Lavelle, found guilty of the murder of Calvin T. Russell, the Court overruled the motion in arrest of judgment, and after the prisoners making choice of the mode of execution the Court, in an impressive manner, sentenced them to be shot on Monday the 26th day of July, A. D. 1869, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a.m., and 4 o'clock, p.m. The prisoners were then remanded to await the execution of their sentence.

The Court adjourned till Tuesday the 8th inst. at 10 a. m., to admit citizens.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—We are pained to have to record a fatal accident which occurred at Forest Farm the day before yesterday, resulting in the death of a very promising lad named Archibald Thompson, aged between thirteen and fourteen years. It appears that another boy with whom he was working was instructed to harness some horses, and the deceased in a spirit of emulation strove to reach the animals first so that he could perform the job. In his anxiety he ran so quickly that he could only stop himself by suddenly placing his hands on the hind portions of one of the horses; the animal not seeing him, was frightened by the sudden touch, and kicked deceased in the abdomen. No bruises could be found nor any external injuries, but he gradually sank and died yesterday morning.

**SAILED FOR EUROPE.**—We learn by letter from Elder John Tuddenham that himself and Elders J. Toone, H. G. Park and G. Dunford arrived at New York on the 27th ult., and had secured their passages on the steamer, *City of New York*, of the Inman line, to sail on Saturday 29th ult., for their fields of labor in Europe. At the time of writing all the brethren who composed the party were enjoying good health, and had had a very pleasant trip from this city, which they left on the 20th ult.

**DESERET TELEGRAPH LINE.**—Seven and a half miles are being added to the northern end of the line; its northern terminus heretofore has been at Logan, Cache Co., next week it will be removed to Smithfield. The poles are all up between those two places and the wire, insulators, &c., are en route from this city to-day.

**THE NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.**—Judge Hawley, the newly appointed U. S. Associate Justice for this Territory, called in this morning. It will be seen by the proclamation which appears in another column, that he has been appointed by His Excellency Gov. Durkee to the 2nd Judicial District of the Territory. The Judge has brought his family with him and intends making his residence in the district to which he has been assigned. Mr. Hawley is the law partner of Senator Trumbull and has had a very extensive practice for the last twenty-two years in Chicago. His health being somewhat impaired by excessive labor he has found it necessary to change his occupation for awhile in order to obtain rest, and relaxation from the cares and anxieties of business.

We think the Judge is extremely fortunate in being appointed to his present position, for if there is a place in the world where a judge has little to do, and plenty of time to do it in, Utah certainly is that place. We trust that his intercourse with the citizens of Utah may be very pleasant and that his health may soon be fully re-established.

**ARRIVALS AND APPOINTMENT.**—Elders George Lake and Johan Carl Larsen arrived in Liverpool, from Utah, per steamship *City of Paris*, on Thursday, the 13th ult. They had a prosperous journey, and enjoy excellent health. Elder Larsen proceeds to Copenhagen to assist President Jesse N. Smith; Elder Lake has been appointed to labor in the Nottingham Conference, under the Presidency of Elder L. W. Shurtliff.—*Mill. Star.*

**WIRE FENCES.**—The following "Fence Wire Scale" will be found convenient for reference by those who may design to put up wire fence:

A bundle of fence wire weighs 63 lbs.  
Number of rods in a bundle, 43½ No. 7, 52 No. 8, 62½ No. 9.  
Weight of 1 mile in length (single strand), 461 No. 7, 389 No. 8, 323 No. 9.  
Bundles required for 1 mile of four strand fencing, 30 No. 7, 25 No. 8, 21 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a Government forty, 30 No. 7, 25 No. 8, 21 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a Government eighty, 45 No. 7, 38 No. 8, 32 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a quarter section, 60 No. 7, 50 No. 8, 42 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a half section, 90 No. 7, 75 No. 8, 63 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a full section, 120 No. 7, 100 No. 8, 84 No. 9.  
There are 75 staples to the pound.

#### FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

**NEW YORK.**—We extract the following interesting items from a letter of Elder W. H. Miles, dated the 30th ult. "Yesterday at 5.15 o'clock p.m., the following named missionaries sailed from this port, on the *City of Antwerp*, for Liverpool, Elders John Toone, John Tuddenham, William Taylor, Geo. Romney, Geo. H. Dunford, A. P. Shumway, Chas. Shumway, Hamilton G. Park, Jenkin Jones, George Noble, S. M. Price. They left Echo City, Friday the 21st, at 4 o'clock a.m., arriving at New York, Thursday 27th at 7 o'clock a.m., and took rooms at the Stevens House, Broadway, until arrangements could be made for their voyage. By the way, I wish to say one word, in behalf of the gentlemanly proprietors of that establishment, their courtesy towards our people should be noticed by your paper, and a recommendation given, in order that our brethren who are traveling, to and from Europe, may know where they can be sure of good treatment, and reasonable charges.

All of the above named brethren wish to express their feelings of pleasure, at the kind treatment and warm reception, accorded to them by Professor O. Pratt, who is occupying a room in the same hotel. They met together in his room, and received with joy, his friendly counsel with a God speed them on their voyage to the field of their labors. One of the number, Hamilton G. Parks having a brother living in Philadelphia whom he had not seen in 20 years, availed himself of the opportunity of a visit by a four hours' trip on the Railroad, the meeting, interview and departure was related to the writer after his return, and was intensely interesting; best given by himself, and in his own words, which I presume you may have from his pen hereafter.

"Bro. G. H. Snell remains in this city, until the next company arrives, having been indisposed nearly ever since his arrival; he is, however, improving at present.

"Bro. Naisbitt, preached yesterday afternoon, in our Hall to a good congregation of Saints and strangers, taking for his text an editorial from the *Herald*, of Sunday 30th on the religious tendencies of the age.

"A perusal of the article, would give some idea, through the inspiration of the same spirit possessed by the speaker, of the interesting nature of the discourse. In the evening also, we listened to an able, and soul-inspiring sermon, on the restoration of the Jews, and the second coming of Christ, by our beloved brother Elder Orson Pratt. I see it announced by your paper just received that Elder Staines is on his way to attend to the emigration, a cordial welcome awaits him, all are anxious to learn of the time of their deliverance."

**PAROWAN.**—Elder W. C. McGregor, writing from Parowan on the 28th ult., says: "the prospects for raising a crop here this season, are very gloomy, at present; the grasshoppers eat our grain as fast as it comes out of the ground, so that at present our fields are as bare as the first day after plowing. Many have dug deep trenches around their land, and have driven the locusts into them and burned them with straw, etc., but still they have conquered thus far. We had a heavy snow storm on the 24th and 25th insts., but as soon as the snow went off and the sun came out, the locusts seemed reinforced and happier than ever. It is snowing again to-day, and no doubt these storms will do good to the grass on the range, and perhaps will bring up some of the wheat again, though some think the young wheat is entirely killed, others think some of it will come up yet, and make a crop, if the locusts can be kept off. Quite a number of the brethren commenced yesterday, putting in from one to two acres apiece of wheat, all in one patch, and they intend to surround the patch with a stream of water, which will prevent the grasshoppers, while they are young, from getting on to it, and they intend, unitedly, to guard this patch during the season, so that we may raise some wheat, at least. We are busy putting in potatoes and corn. All is peace with us at present, but we constantly keep up a guard against Indians, of from four to eight men, night and day."

**WOOD HAULERS, ATTENTION!**—Several workmen have been busily engaged for several days past, putting into thorough repair, the road up City Creek Canyon. We understand their labors will terminate to-day. If a real first-class road be any advantage, wood haulers will hereafter find the road to City Creek Canyon all they can desire,—in fact, faultless! Try it.

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