

vernment. To span the deep water he has recourse to the tubular system.

It is stated that one part of the fetes at Nancy on Sunday the 3d last, on the occasion of unveiling the statue of Thiers was a promenade by gymnastic societies, members of which came from Metz and Strasburg, and included persons studying for the German army.

OTTAWA, 5.—A letter from upper Gatineau says: The crops in the vicinity of Steveras are totally destroyed by hailstorms. Extensive bush fires are raging around Keptville. The destruction of property threatens to be very heavy.

TORONTO, 5.—Hanlan declines to row Courtney at Saratoga for a \$5,000 purse, having \$5,000 offered elsewhere.

If the American party make the purse \$6,000 Hanlan would consider the matter.

PORT VIAN, Quebec, 5.—A family named Mouett, consisting of seven persons, were poisoned from eating bread which had been standing in the same place with Paris green.

## LAST LETTER FROM ELDER JOSEPH STANDING.

Following is a letter written by Elder Joseph Standing, our martyred brother, which being his last on earth will be read with interest by his numerous friends:

SPRING PLACE, Ga.,  
July 18th, 1879.

Mr. M. P. Rockwood, Centreville, Utah.

Dear friend Mose—Yours of the 6th inst. came duly to hand, was pleased to hear from you again. I think you owe me an apology for not answering, but I'll forgive you, if in the future you are more prompt.

Like you, we have had a very dry spring and summer. The wheat has been threshed, and averages some 7, 8, 9 and 10 bushels per acre, not many, however, have raised any; there is not sufficient garnered to feed the people. We depend more on corn than wheat, but it being so dry, but little of this will be raised, and to me it seems that there are hundreds and thousands who will suffer for food. Just think of having to eat corn bread and sorghum, with buttermilk or water to drink for a month or so on a stretch.

Vegetables have been beautifully scarce owing to the drouth.

Talk about hot, it is simply awful. Yet we have considerable walking to do.

Rudger Clawson is my companion for the present. He is a fine young man.

We have done considerable preaching with some success.

Last night we had a real genuine treat—we visited a house where there is a piano as well as those who play it.

This was the first music I have heard for more than two months, and as such pieces as "Sweet Home," "Auld Lang Syne," "Mocking Bird," and others equally familiar were played, I for a time was conscious only to the sweet tones of the instrument, and the "long ago scenes" that came fresh to my memory, as the familiar airs one after another were played.

Does Mart. intend to live in Salt Lake?

Your 4th of July was as void of pleasure as mine. We walked four miles and then rested all day. The 4th is not much cared for in the South.

We have a peculiar experience while preaching, are thrown among all classes of people, of whom most are prejudiced.

How would you like it after having preached to have two preachers get up and lie about you and shake their fists nearly in your face, and that before an audience of 150 people? I tell you the people of to-day are getting themselves into a horrible state. There are but few honest men in the whole land, and when you speak of virtuous men, they have fled from the country. If our young men and women were to take one glance at the condition of affairs here they would ever afterward close their mouths, and would thank the Lord that they were born of "Mormon" parentage.

Of course you will give my regards to your wife and to my friends when you meet them. Trusting this will find you prospering, I am, yours as ever,

JOS. STANDING,  
Varnell Station, Whitfield County, Ga.

## UTAH SILK ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of meeting of the Ladies of Utah County, held in the Meeting-house in Provo City, Utah County, August 1st, 1879:

Present—A. O. Smoot and David John, of the Presidency of the Stake; Bishops L. E. Harrington and Wm. Paxman and many of the prominent ladies of the county.

After the usual devotional exercises, President A. O. Smoot announced the business of the meeting to be the organization of a silk association for Utah Stake, also to divide the Stake into three districts, viz, the central district embracing Provo, Springville and Spanish Fork; the northern, all north of Provo; the southern, all south of Spanish Fork. After further remarks, encouraging the enterprise, the election of officers was proceeded with as follows:

Stake Organization.—Mrs. Margaret T. Smoot, president; Mary John and Addie Dusenberry, counselors; Albert Jones, secretary; Wm. Paxman, treasurer; Daniel Graves, travelling agent.

Central District—Esther A. Beebe, president; Lucy W. Kimball and Sarah Gordon, counselors; Hannah Booth, secretary; Ann S. Dugdale, treasurer.

Northern District—Mary Hindley, president; Ellen D. Clark and Melissa Mott, counselors; Emma Featherstone, Secretary; Mary Shelley, treasurer.

Southern District—Agnes Douglas, president; Susan Fairbanks and Mary Moore, counselors; Matilda D. Dixon, secretary; Elizabeth Tanner, treasurer.

After the organization was effected the officers were set apart to their respective offices by the Presidency of the Stake, assisted by Bishops Harrington and Paxman.

Pres. A. O. Smoot, in speaking of the further organization, advised that care should be taken in the selection and appointment of the Ward officers that the business might be started in a thorough and practical manner.

At 7 p. m. the ladies again assembled, when Sister Hindley, President of the former organization, introduced by President Margaret T. Smoot, made a report of the status of the business under her charge, showing a balance in the treasury of \$77.24, then announced the dissolution of the late County Association under her presidency, and believed her officers and fellow laborers would attach themselves to the new organization and help it with the same diligence that they had shown under her administration.

Elder Daniel Graves moved a vote of thanks to Sister Hindley and officers in appreciation of their labors and diligence in behalf of sericulture. Carried unanimously.

Elder Graves continued, reviewing the prospects of silk culture and its progress, encouraging the sisters in the work.

Mrs. Zina Williams, after expressing her interest in the work offered as a gift to the Stake organization, 500 mulberry trees from her cocoonery grounds, situate in Salt Lake County.

President Margaret T. Smoot accepted the gift of Mrs. Z. Williams, in behalf of the organization, thanking her for the liberal donation.

The former purchasing agents, Mrs. Clark, of American Fork, and Mrs. Douglas, of Payson, were re-appointed, with instructions to retain the balance in their hands for purchasing the present season's crop of cocoons. Mrs. Nathaniel Williams was appointed purchasing agent for the Central District.

Meeting then adjourned till the 7th of November, 1879.

## A Rebuke to a Jurymen.

The following story is told of Judge Parsons, of Massachusetts: Being about to try a mercantile case, he ordered a jury to be summoned, and among the names was that of Thomas H. Perkins, a leading merchant of Boston, and a personal friend of Judge Parsons. When the officer made his return he laid down a \$50 bill before the judge.

"What is that for?" said the judge.

"Mr. Perkins says he is very busy to-day, and prefers to pay his fine."

"Take that back to Mr. Perkins," said the judge, "and tell him to come at once; and if he refuses, bring him by force."

When Mr. Perkins appeared, the judge looked sternly at him and said: "What do you mean, sir, by sending money when you are summoned to sit on this jury?"

Mr. Perkins replied: "I meant no disrespect to the court, your honor; but I was extremely busy fitting out a ship for the East Indies, and I thought if I paid my fine I would be excused."

"Fitting out ships for the East Indies, sir?" shouted the judge, "and how happens it you are able to fit out a ship for the East Indies?"

"Your honor, I do not understand you."

"I repeat then, my question: how is it that you are able to fit out a ship for the East Indies? If you do not know I will tell you. It is because the laws of your country are properly administered. If they were not you would have no ships. Take your seat, sir, with the jury."

## The Latest Horror.

A poor woman was found the other day lying by the roadside on West Harrison Street, under the shade of the trees, suffering the pangs of child-birth. This poor creature had been driven out of the Women's and Children's Hospital because they found she had only sufficient money to pay for one week's board. She was told to obtain a "permit" for the county hospital, and sent forth by these humane people herself to get the "permit." Not a soul was there to lend a helping hand, and on her way the poor creature was compelled to lie down on the public street to suffer the agonies of a mother. Verily, man's inhumanity to man is great. At the eleventh hour succor came, and strangers cared for the sufferer.—Chicago Correspondence St. Paul Press.

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