

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 11.

**Rates for the Concert.**—The Utah Central Railroad Co. have arranged to issue special round trip tickets for the Musical Festival on Friday June 16th. at very low rates, good for return until and including Sunday June 17th. A special Train will leave Salt Lake Friday night, after the concert, for Spanish Fork and intermediate Stations.

**Death of W. R. Teeples.**—Brother R. A. Alfred wrote from Pima, Graham County, Arizona, June 5th:

"For the information of the many friends of Elder William R. Teeples I write to announce his death, which occurred this morning at 10 o'clock, after an illness of about four weeks. He died from an ulceration on the liver."

**Funeral Services.**—The funeral services of Father Whitley were conducted in the Twentieth Ward School House yesterday, Bishop Sharp presiding. The opening prayer was offered by Elder W. C. Dunbar. The speakers were Bishop H. B. Clawson, Elder Geo. Goddard, Henry Puzey, R. F. Neslen and Bishop Sharp, all of whom testified to the faithfulness and general stability of the deceased. Elder W. W. Willes pronounced the benediction.

**Hit and Hurt with a Stone.**—This morning a stray cow ran into the lot of Brother Joan Tuddenham, of the 21st Ward. Fred Hill made an attempt to drive it out, and ran behind some bushes after it. Some small boys who were chasing the same bovine threw stones at it from the street. One of the missiles struck Hill over the eye and on the bridge of the nose, cutting a couple of gashes that reached to the bone. He was taken to Dr. Joseph Richards, who put some stitches in the wounds, adorned his face with some strips of adhesive plaster, and put him on the road to recovery.

**Primary Organization.**—On Saturday, June 9th, at 10 a. m., a meeting was held at East Mill Creek, for the purpose of organizing a Primary Association in that Ward, Bishop John Neff presiding. There were present from the city, Sisters Margaret P. Young, Ellen O. Clawson and Camilla Cobb. Sister Clawson organized the Association under the direction of the Bishop. The officers are Fanny E. Oliver, President; F. Maria Neff and Edith E. Fisher, Counselors; Mamie Neff, Secretary; Eva Fisher, Treasurer. Twenty-seven members were enrolled. Remarks were made by the Bishop, and Sisters Young, Clawson and Cobb.

**Special Meetings.**—The special meetings held in South Cottonwood Ward House on Saturday and Sunday last were of a very interesting character. E. Snelgrove and E. Morris, of the presidency of the High Priests' Quorum, met with the High Priests at 2 p. m. on Saturday. The Stake Presidency of the Mutual Improvement Association met with the young people at 5 p. m. on the same day.

Meetings were held at 10 a. m. and 1.30 p. m., on Sunday. The Meeting House was crowded to its utmost capacity, ten speakers occupying the time in a very spirited manner. The instructions were mainly in relation to the correct education of the youth of Zion and the duties and responsibilities of the Priesthood.

We understand it to be the intention of the Presidency of the Stake to have more meetings of the same character held in other parts during the summer.

**Parowan Heard From.**—Our correspondent at Parowan, Iron County, Mr. William C. McGregor, wrote from that place on the 5th inst., that the anniversary of President Young's birthday, June 1st, was celebrated there by a sumptuous feast. He also says:

"We have nearly finished putting a new gallery in our meeting house, with new front steps, new cornice, and other repairs. We hope to have it ready for our Stake conference, 23rd inst."

Young poplar and locust trees have been set out alternately around our meeting house, also on each side of the four lanes leading to it. These improvements will add comfort and in time, we trust much beauty to our place of worship. The brothers John and Wm. Bentley have done the carpenter work of the gallery mostly, and we think it a creditable and honest job.

President Jones has gone to-day to the terminus of the U. C. (Milford) to receive a number of bulls of improved breeds, imported from the East by him. I am informed there are ten of them, for different parties in this county.

The prospect for good crops are most excellent. We have good prospects for small fruit and an apple crop. The frost in the winter killed most of our peach and plum trees, excepting small plums. Good health prevails."

**"The Preceptor."**—This is the title of a very useful little work of sixty-four pages, by Elder John Nicholson, being "A simple system for enabling young men to acquire a knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel and the ability to preach them."

The theory of the work is based on practical experience in teaching the principles it conveys. Its main object is to acquaint the student with what are termed the "first principles of the Gospel." With this purpose in view, and to avoid the expenditure of time in searching the scriptures for suitable passages, a large number have been collated and are given in full on the following subjects—Faith and Works; Repentance; The essentiality, mode and object of Baptism; organization and officers of the Church; The preaching of the Gospel to and Administration of the Ordinance of Baptism for the Dead; The Universal Apostasy from the true order and spirit of the Gospel as established by Christ; The necessity of Divine Authority; The Restoration of the Gospel in the latter days.

While the book will be found useful to all individuals who wish to familiarize their minds with the scriptural evidences which sustain some of the prominent doctrines believed in and practiced by the Latter-day Saints, it is specially designed for use in theological classes whose object is to prepare young men for the ministry abroad. The author explains a method of organizing and conducting classes of this nature, having himself proved the practicability and utility of the system, which, while it puts the student in possession of the necessary scriptural evidences, makes him familiar with the general views of sectarian religionists on the several subjects, and gives him practice, in a class capacity, in preaching. Some useful hints are given upon the subject of preaching, showing some of the causes of failure, which can frequently be avoided. All the principal Scripture passages sustaining plural marriage are also given in full, not with a view to the student preaching that doctrine abroad, should he be called to the missionary field, but that he may be in a position to defend it from a Bible standpoint, if occasion should require.

The price of the book is, in stiff paper covers, 25 cents; cloth, 30 cents. It can be had from the author, at the NEWS Office; from the Deseret News Office, and the several booksellers of the city. Mailed post free, on receipt of price, in cash, to any address.

## A FEARFUL CASUALTY.

## FIVE YOUNG PEOPLE DROWNED IN UTAH LAKE.

The following special to the NEWS from Payson, was received this morning:

"Five young people were drowned in Utah Lake, near Benjamin, about six o'clock last evening (Sunday). Two of them were the children of Richard Yates, his oldest son and daughter, the former eighteen years old, the latter twelve. One was a daughter of Wm. Eddy, thirteen years old, one a daughter of John Hawkins, thirteen years old, and one a daughter of Isaac Reese, twenty three years old, all residents of Benjamin."

"They were out in a boat with four others. The boat began to leak when all rushed to one side and tipped it over. One of the young men saved a little brother nine years old by putting him on the boat. The scene was witnessed by a young man named Benjamin Sheppard, who with great exertion, tore another boat from its moorings, where it was chained and locked in with others. He hastened to the rescue and succeeded in saving the lives of the remaining four. All the bodies were recovered."

Nervousness, peevishness, and fretting, so often connected with overworked peoples' lives, is rapidly relieved by Brown's Iron Bitters.

## LETTER FROM LEEDS.

## FATAL ACCIDENT—CROPS IN DIXIE—MILLS AT THE REEF, ETC.

Our esteemed correspondent Geo. H. Crosby, wrote from Leeds on June 7th:

On Saturday last, 2nd inst., as Hyrum Stirling, son of Wm. Stirling, was returning from delivering a load of hay to the Stormont mill, and as near as can be ascertained he stopped and picked up a horse shoe, and was probably getting on the wagon or putting the shoe on when the team started. Other teams were in front and behind, but owing to the dust could not see the team, but ran to the spot as soon as possible and found the young man was dead, having been instantly killed. He was 13 years old last November, and a quiet, good boy. He took dinner with his father and Mother, brothers and sisters at about 12, and about 6 o'clock was brought home a corpse. The family have the general sympathy of the community in this their deep distress. The funeral took place on Sunday, being the largest I ever saw in this place.

Crop prospects in Dixie are not very good as a large share of the peaches, apples, apricots, etc., were killed with frost, and we had a very dry winter, and consequently water is getting scarce at several places. Mining at Silver Reef is not very lively, but the Christy and Stormont Mills keep running steadily, and the old Leeds Mill has been running for the last two months and will probably run till the end of June, and the Barbee Mill will probably start up in July. This camp is about the only market for the hay, etc. of St. George, Washington, Santa Clara, Leeds and in fact all the Dixie settlements, consequently when business is dull at the Reef cash is scarce.

President Erastus Snow has been at home since his return from the April Conference until recently. He has gone to Kanab. We all feel glad to have him at home, and also that his health is improving as his labors and fatherly care for the people of the South are duly appreciated, add when he is gone from home we miss him, and our prayers and faith are that he may live yet many years.

## DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT.

## CALVIN BINGHAM MEETS WITH A SUDDEN AND TERRIBLE DEATH.

Brother W. N. Goodman, of St. David, Cochise County, Arizona, informs us of a horrible accident to Brother Calvin Bingham, of that place, a man well known and respected in some parts of Utah. Our correspondent says:

Brother Bingham left his home on Saturday, May 26th, with team and wagon loaded with freight for Bisbee, about 56 miles from St. David. On the following day about 3 o'clock p. m., while going down a steep hill, his large freight wagon upset. He fell under and was crushed to death in a most horrible manner. The first tidings of the accident were received by the bereaved family on Monday, May 28th, at 4 o'clock p. m., when three of the brethren started immediately for his body.

In the meantime the coroner had taken possession of the corpse; an inquest was held, the verdict being that he came to his death by the wagon upsetting and the goods falling upon him. None of the jury recognizing him, they prepared to bury him, but just at that time Mr. D. T. Smith arrived at Charleston. He informed the coroner the deceased was freighting for him; that he was a man of a family and lived at St. David, and demanded the body to take to the family. By this time the three brethren arrived at Charleston, obtained the body, and returned with it, arriving at St. David on May 29th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The brethren prepared the corpse for the grave and buried him at 11 o'clock a. m., none of the family being permitted to see the remains, as they were crushed so that none could recognize him. At 2 o'clock p. m. the Saints assembled at the school house, when addresses were delivered by Patriarch P. O. Merrill, Presidents D. P. Kimball and J. H. Martineau, Bishop Horne, and S. B. Merrill. All spoke highly of the integrity, faithfulness and honesty of Brother Bingham. The Saints of St. David sympathize very much with the bereaved family.

Brother Bingham has been a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for over 39 years, having been baptized in Hancock County, Illinois, in 1844. He was the first Bishop of Hyrum, Cache County, Utah, and was much respected wherever known.

Calvin Bingham was the son of Lucius and Sarah Bingham; born on the 7th of September, 1827, in the town of Fowler, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York.

## AN INTERESTING OCCASION.

## SOMETHING RELATING TO CELESTIAL MARRIAGE.

The Davis Stake Conference was held at Centerville, on Saturday and Sunday, President W. R. Smith presiding. At the first meeting the Bishops reported their Wards; the statistical report was read, and Elders Arthur Stayner and A. H. Raleigh were the speakers. In the afternoon other wards were reported, after which Elder Albert Carrington, of the Quorum of the Twelve, addressed the Conference.

On Sunday the Conference convened in the New Meeting-house. After some preliminary remarks by President John Taylor, the house was dedicated, the dedicatory prayer being offered by President George Q. Cannon. The main part of the structure is 35 feet by 70 feet, with a vestry and upper room 24 feet by 26 feet, ground measurement. The whole is built very substantially of rock, nicely finished, being neatly painted and grained. The hall is adorned with fine chandeliers and bracket lamps. The stand is capacious, cushioned and carpeted. The entire building cost seven thousand and fifteen dollars, all paid in donations ranging from fifty cents to six hundred and thirty-five dollars. There are only eighty families in the settlement. The Church donated, through the Trustee-in-Trust, five hundred dollars.

After the dedication the Conference adjourned for fifteen minutes and re-assembled in the bowery, erected for the occasion, just west of the building. President John Taylor delivered a powerful discourse, the first part of which was devoted to showing that the existence of Deity was demonstrated by His works, and explaining the absence of a knowledge of God and His creations in the world. He then gave a lucid explanation of the duties of a Teacher in the Church, illustrating his views by a practical exhibition of the manner in which they should proceed while acting in their official capacity.

In the afternoon Elder Arthur Stayner read an affidavit made by Elder Thomas Grover. The substance of the document was that the affiant was a member of the High Council of the Church, that in 1843 Hyrum Smith, the Patriarch, appeared at a meeting of that body and presented the Revelation on Celestial Marriage, at the same time declaring it to be from God.

After the reading of this paper Elder Grover made a statement to the effect that Hyrum there and then asserted that those brethren who received the revelation should be blessed and preserved, while those who rejected it would go down. Nine members of the Council accepted and three took a stand against it. Those three subsequently apostatized, were excommunicated from the Church and are all now dead.

Elder Joseph B. Noble next addressed the conference. He stated that the Prophet Joseph told him that the doctrine of celestial marriage was revealed to him while he was engaged on the work of translation of the scriptures, but when the communication was first made the Lord stated that the time for the practice of that principle had not yet arrived. Subsequently, he stated, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and informed him that the time had fully come. Elder Noble sealed his wife's sister to Joseph, that being the first plural marriage consummated. The Prophet gave the form of the ceremony, Elder Noble repeating the words after him. Elder Noble bore testimony to the purity of character of his sister-in-law, who was a woman of irreproachable morality, who entered into the plural marriage relation on a deep-seated conviction that the doctrine was from God.

President Taylor spoke briefly, stating that he was present at a meeting of the leading authorities of the Church in Nauvoo at which the subject of the

Revelation on Celestial Marriage was laid before them and mously received as from God, Joseph declaring that unless it was received the Church could progress further. Soon after he was the Prophet Joseph, who, addressing the speaker, said the time had come when he must embrace the doctrine of plural marriage.

Elder Charles W. Penrose spoke a short time. He advised the young people especially who were present to store the facts that have been elucidated in their minds, so they might be able to refute the less stories afloat, the object which was to show that the prophet did not receive the revelation and did not practice plural marriage. He showed that the revelation had been the subject of attack was the only one published on Celestial Marriage, and if the doctrine of plural marriage was repudiated, must be the glorious principle of marriage for eternity, the two being indissolubly interwoven with each other. He also showed that the most severe troubles of the Church had been before the production of that doctrine comparatively no success having attended the efforts of opposition its practice having been banished by "blessing and not ing."

Elder George Reynolds spoke a short time, alluding to his incarceration in prison for the sake of the doctrine. Alluding to the "mercy" of the world, he stated notwithstanding his case was one, a request for pardon was denied, and he served out his term, with the exception of the allowance made on account of good conduct under the law; he received no clemency whatever from the powers that be.

President George Q. Cannon delivered a thrillingly powerful discourse on the subject of plural marriage, showing that while those who had entered into that relation properly had, as a rule, been greatly blessed, men who had tampered with the other sex outside of the "marriage relation," had been and gone down in every instance. Those who had embraced the doctrine were the leading men of the Church, possessing the Holy Spirit to a much more than ordinary degree. The speaker showed how the Lord had not confined His blessings to any class, or special families, but men of humble origin had been selected as His instruments to forward His purposes. It would transpire, he said, that God would take men out of the humbler walks of life and of them make Apostles and Prophets, who would perform mighty works in His name. discourse was reported in full.

## Correspondence.

May 31st, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

In my travels through Utah, from which I have just returned, am pleased to notice that, almost universally, the crops are looking unusually well. The building spirit is quite general. I scarcely recognized the city of Provo, the improvements of the last ten years have materially changed the outlook for the better, and the same spirit is noticeable throughout the country generally. One of the loveliest spots for a city that I have ever seen in Utah lies between the hill forming the boundary line of Spanish Fork and Salem, and the foot of the north of Payson. This part of the country is filling at a rapid rate. Ten years ago there was population in Salem or Pond Town as it was then called, of 150 souls. Now there is a population of over 700, one hundred having immigrated into that settlement, principally from England, during the past year and still there is room. It is only a question of time until there will be a population of thousands in the locality. In the near future Salem must become a manufacturing town, as here is a lovely pond perhaps three-fourths of a mile in length, and opening out in places to a width of hundreds of yards. This unfailing source of water irrigates all the land below it; a distance of two miles to the foot of the Payson hill before mentioned. All the land above the pond from Spanish Fork river to the Payson hill is watered by that river, a distance of eight miles.

An incorporated company known as the Salem Irrigation Canal Company, having its office at Salem, controls said waters so far as Payson,