

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—In the morning Elders O. Shaw and N. B. Baldwin, missionaries just returned from Great Britain, gave some account of their labors and experience while there.

They were followed by President George A. Smith, who gave an amusing history of his first attempts at missionary labor.

In the afternoon, Elder O. Ursenbach, just returned from a mission to Continental Europe, related his experience and progress in France, Belgium and Switzerland.

Elder George Q. Cannon followed in a discourse upon the causes of the success of the elders in gathering the people from the nations, and of the unity in labor, and harmony in thought and sentiment which prevail amongst the latter after they are gathered. He said the power of God was with the elders in their labors abroad, which in this age, as in all others, enabled them upon whom it rested, to accomplish the work which they are called to perform; and that the unity and harmony for which the Saints are so noted, are the results of the operation of the faith they have embraced. Anciently the gospel of Jesus united His followers as one, and, having been revealed again in its fullness, and purity, through Joseph Smith, its effects are precisely the same upon those who obey it now as formerly; and this unity is one of the greatest evidences that can be given of the truth of the work of God. His remarks were reported and will appear in the News shortly.

**MR. F. T. HAS ARRIVED** GO AND HEAR HIM.—George Francis Train, renowned the world over, for his singularities, and his eccentric character, is now in this city, and will lecture in the Theatre this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture is unknown, and will probably remain so even to the lecturer, until he appears before the audience. This is a matter, however, of very small import, as Mr. Train, it is said, can speak on any subject whatever, with a few moments' notice. He has gained many friends and many enemies by his fearless, outspoken manner of telling the truth in relation to public matters, and once in awhile, has spoken boldly in defence of the people of Utah and their leaders. Whatever he speaks about tonight, all who go to hear him, are almost certain to be amused, and will hear such a speaker as they have never heard before, for according to the account of all, whether friends or foes, George Francis Train is such a conglomeration of oddities and eccentricities that his like we shall never see again. He is positively unique. His singularities arise from his very blunt manner of telling what he believes upon everything he speaks about, a trait of character very uncommon, but one of which some people are great admirers. We remember reading once about a man who resolved, at all hazards, to tell the truth for a day, the result of his experiment being his arrest and confinement in a lunatic asylum. We have not heard of George Francis Train being served in this manner, but his very unfashionable and popular bluntness and candor have earned for him the reputation of being insane. Whether or not there be "method in his madness," all who go to hear him to-night will be able to judge for themselves.

**DESTRUCTION BY A WATERPOUT.**—A correspondent, writing from Provo city, on the 24th inst., says that on last Thursday week, (the 19th inst.,) a terrible waterpout burst in American Fork Canyon, the flood carrying away seven bridges, and so far destroying the road that it is estimated \$1,500 in labor will have to be expended upon it to restore it to its former condition. Such a flood, it is said, has not been known in that locality for twenty years.

**THE GRANTSVILLE WOOLLEN FACTORY.**—Bro. James Stoddart, writing from Grantsville, on the 26th instant, says that on the 26th, the citizens of that place, Tooele, E. T. and the surrounding neighborhood, held a social party on the occasion of the completion of the Grantsville Woollen Factory. The party was held in the building, which is situated half a mile north of the county road, about thirteen miles east of Grantsville and two miles west of E. T. The building is of stone, from a quarry close by, and is 40 feet high. The lower room is lighted by twenty-five windows; a pair of stairs from the outside lead to the upper room. It has been erected under the direction of Mr. A. O. Williams, who with Messrs. Rydahl and Barriss, constituted the building committee.

Among the notables present were President Clarke, Bishop Rowberry and Father Atkin of Tooele City, the two latter delivering appropriate addresses on the occasion. A substantial supper was partaken of by the company, and afterwards a dance. The party had a good time together until daybreak the following morning. There was music of excellent quality and in any desired quantity, discoursed by the Grantsville martial band, and the Tooele brass band, the latter under a distinguished professor recently from England.

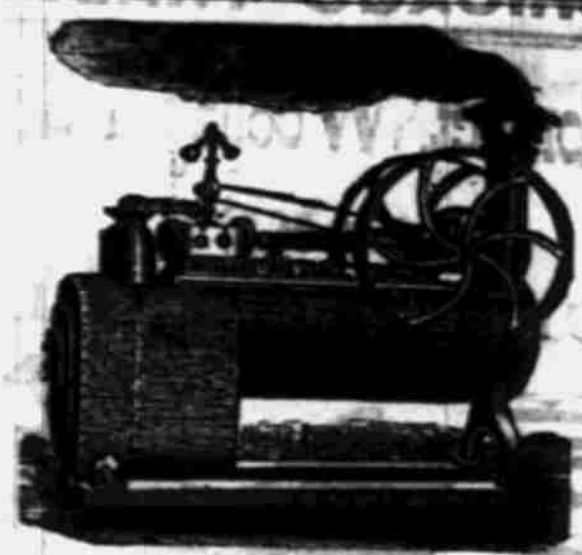
The machinery will be placed in the mill and work commenced as early as possible, there being considerable wool already on hand. The factory has been erected by co-operation, and, we presume, will be run on the same principle. It is an excellent move, and deserves success.

**THE "GOLD HILL NEWS"** ON G. F. T.—Many of our contemporaries of various portions of the Rocky Mountains, where Mr. Train has been lecturing recently, contain tolerably lengthy notices of him. From the many we select the following from one in the Gold Hill News, of the 25th.

"This talented, idealistic, somewhat nonentity, incoherent, loud-mouthed, bungling, insane notoriety seeker, blatant blab, or any of the other titles he delights in appropriating to himself, and which his audiences invariably freely accord to him after hearing him 'speak,' arrived at Virginia and put in his first appearance at Piper's Opera House last evening."

The notice concludes as follows: "George is a smart man, with a large, unevenly balanced brain. All who go to hear him get the full worth of their money, although they neither gain nor lose anything; coming out just even. They simply see and hear George Francis Train."

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