

young. He left his residence at Kanab May 22nd. On his journey he saw a few grasshoppers on the Upper Kanab and in Juab Valley. Everywhere the waters were higher and the country appeared more blooming than ever he saw them before, crops generally looking uncommonly thrifty. He spoke in high terms of the beauty and magnificence of the scenery down that way, instancing particularly the head of Long Valley and the Upper Sevier—all stately pines, water, grass, hills, vales, defiles and mountains combining to present most striking scenery. He is of the opinion that when the railroad reaches those regions many persons will visit them for the sake of seeing the country and admiring its natural beauty and grandeur.

REPUDIATORY.—Here are some cards repudiatory of that petition, and which serve to show that the manner in which many peoples' names were affixed to it was only equalled by the way in which the one previously published was manipulated, all of which are evidences of the degrading depths of trickery and meanness many people will stoop to when they undertake to forward the interests of a bad cause:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 6, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—I was much surprised and highly indignant to see, in last night's issue of your paper, my name published among those who signed the petition against the admission of Utah as a State into the Union. The insertion of my name in said petition is a contemptible forgery on the part of those who got up the petition, for I never saw it, neither did I know of its existence until I saw it in the News.

I will also state that, to my certain knowledge, the party whose name precedes mine in the list in last night's paper, has been dead and buried more than a year.

By inserting this in your paper you will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully,
THOS GERRARD.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 6, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—I was excessively mortified at seeing my name in your issue of last evening, as being attached to a petition against Utah's being admitted as a State in the Union, &c. Please do me the justice to say that no person ever solicited me to put my name to said petition, and therefore the party or parties who placed it there are guilty of a gross forgery, and it would afford me much gratification to discover who has so foully misrepresented me. There are many reasons why I would refuse to attach my name to such a slanderous document. The first is that I would, as a respectable citizen, be ashamed to have my name associated, in any way whatever, with those of many characters whose names appear on the petition. I have no sympathy with those who got up that petition, nor do I coincide with any of the sentiments expressed therein. For these and many other reasons unnecessary to mention, I deny having any connection with the petition herein alluded to, and re-assert that the attaching of my name to the same was a villainous forgery.

ANDREW BENZON.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 6th, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—In the list of names signed to the anti State petition published in the News the other day, I see the name of Henry Puzey. I wish to state, through your paper, that it is not Henry Puzey of the 20th Ward, formerly of Southampton, England, as I signed no such petition, nor authorized any one else to do so.

HENRY PUZEY, 20th Ward.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir—I desire that no one may confound my name with the William Snell, merchant, whose name was possibly signed to the petition, gotten up in opposition to the admission of Utah into the Union as a State.

Very respectfully,
JOHN WM. SNELL.

Salt Lake City, June 5th, 1872.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 6th, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

The name of Jas. Olsen, machinist, appears in connection with the anti-state petition published in your paper, and as some parties have imbibed the idea, from ignorance of my first name, that it was I, I would like this impression corrected, through the News. I have no sympathy with such petitions.

JOHN OLSEN.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 7.

MISSIONARIES LEAVING.—Elders Edward Stevenson, of this city, and Nathan T. Porter, of Bountiful, will leave Ogden on Monday next and proceed to the east, to fulfil the missions to which they were called at the last annual conference of the Church.

REWARD OFFERED.—Mr. Andrew Benzon offers a reward of \$25 for the discovery of the party or parties who feloniously placed his name on the list of anti-state petitioners. It is to be hoped the forger or forgers will be discovered.

OLD.—Yesterday we were shown, by Prof. Barfoot, of the Deseret Museum, a copy of the Bible, in the German language,

printed in 1560. It is quite a curiosity, being a large volume and containing a number of illustrative engravings which are more quaint than artistic. It is a recent acquisition to the extensive antiquarian collection at the Museum, where it can now be seen.

DEAD MEN'S NAMES.—Seeing that Jack Trainer was dead and gone before the anti-state petition was got up, it is a little mysterious to some how his name came to appear on the list of petitioners. One individual thinks that perhaps Jack might have signed it mediumistically. There is no mystery about it, however, to those at all acquainted with the getters up of that petition, not a bit.

MORE RAILROAD.—The Utah Northern Railroad Company contemplate commencing to run trains to convey passengers and freight from the junction with the Central Pacific, below Box Elder, to near Hampton's, a dozen miles or so. This will be a great accommodation to the travelling public, and we trust the time will not be long when the line will be in working order into and through the length of Cache Valley.

THE ADMISSION OF UTAH.—Representative-elect Fuller, of Utah, recently had an interview with the President upon the subject of the admission of that territory as a state, in which the President intimated his readiness to sign the bill for her admission when properly passed next session. He deprecated, however, further agitation of the subject at present, believing that the state, when admitted, should come quietly as a matter of right, and not as an escape from domestic agitation.—*Washington Star.*

GAS WORKS.—The Salt Lake City Gas Company expect to proceed immediately with the erection of gas works, and push forward the enterprise so as to be able to furnish gas to the citizens by November. Now is the time to speak for the introduction of gas upon one's premises and the banishing of all danger from petroleum explosions. Gas is the best light, for ordinary purposes, yet brought into common use.

"HOW TO GET UP PETITIONS."—Under the preceding heading, the following has been handed in, with a request to publish it—

Editor Deseret News:

I find the name of H. Southworth on that petition. My son, twelve years old, says he was persuaded to sign it, believing it was for a State government, and was told to put his name down as a miner; and he says a great many very small boys signed their names about the same time, at a place not far from the post office.

Yours respectfully,
H. L. SOUTHWORTH.

"WOMAN'S EXPONENT."—We have before us the first number of the *Woman's Exponent*, a neatly printed eight page, semi-monthly paper. Our opinion of this sheet, based upon the appearance and contents of the first number, is that it is a very creditable addition to the journalistic literature of the Territory, and as such we heartily wish it long life and success. The epitomized notes of the news of the day are well chosen and arranged, consequently affording varied and refreshing reading. Among other original articles the present number contains the first part of "A brief sketch of the organization and workings of the Female Relief Society in Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ills." The editorials and other original matter are well digested, evincing considerable literary taste and ability, and the selections are apt and happy. The *Woman's Exponent* is certainly deserving of liberal support.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—INDIAN MATTERS.—We are informed by letter, from R. Smyth, Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, June 4th, that two days' meetings were held there, June 1st and 2nd, and which were numerously attended not only by the people of the place aforementioned, but also by many from surrounding settlements. The weather was delightful, the teachings were excellent, the singing of the Fairview and Spring City choirs and the music of the brass bands were all that could be desired and a good spirit characterized the whole proceedings.

"Brother Hyde has appointed Bishop W. S. Seely to look after Indian matters in the north part of the county, and Brother Cox, of Manti, in the southern part. He also gave some impressive teachings, counsels and warnings to the Saints, exhorting them to be kind to the Indians, who are now gathering in great numbers in Thistle Valley, north, and Satina canyon south.

"The chiefs of the Utes, Zampa Utes, and other Indian tribes were present, and spoke words of friendship and gave promises of peace."

CASUALTIES.—The following are from the *Ogden Junction*, June 5th:

"Harry Ritchie was repairing an engine at Evanston last Saturday; his left hand was caught by a spring, which crushed the first and second fingers. Dr. Nellis was sent for. He found it necessary to amputate the second finger, and thinks it may yet be necessary to amputate the first.

"Last Saturday, while a U. P. freight train was crossing the bridge between the tunnels in Weber Canyon, Wm. Rosen, a brakeman, ran along on the top of a car, and the bridge-top striking him he was

knocked over between the cars, falling on the drawheads; his nose was broken and his side and arm seriously bruised. Mr. Dothard saw the accident, and quickly released the unfortunate man from his perilous position, or he would doubtless have lost his life. Dr. Nellis is attending the patient; he is progressing favorably.

LIFE INSURANCE.—Among our recently instituted, flourishing, and publicly beneficial institutions we may mention the Mutual Life and Savings Society of the United States. The board of officers are well known, substantial and reliable citizens. The advantages offered to policy holders by this institution are such as render it a superior vehicle for investment, in the view of providing a competency for future life, or to one's relatives in case of death. John B. Maiben, Esq., the active, intelligent, and courteous General Agent, will be happy to furnish information to parties who may wish to become policy holders, or who may be desirous to become informed of the nature and policy of the institution. As an instance of the prompt and satisfactory manner of doing business adopted by this institution, we subjoin the following note—

"S. L. City, Utah, June 4th, 1872.

"I take pleasure in making known to the public that my husband, Charles Kidgell, Jr., deceased, had his life insured in the Mutual Life and Savings Society of the United States, organized in this city, Hon. Frank Fuller, president; and I desire to return my sincere thanks to the company for their promptness in paying the policy of \$3,000 previous to its falling due.

"SARAH A. KIDGELL."

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 8.

UNBLUSHING.—There is another rumor about town that James B. McKean is on his way to this city. If this be correct we shall be inclined to believe that the unmitigated folly and impudence of some people are capable of rising to a point that manifests that such people have not the remotest idea of the distinction between the sublime and the ridiculous.

Per Deseret Telegraph.

HIGH WATER.—Fillmore, June 7.—The Sevier bridge is still extant, but it is quite dangerous crossing it. The water is now running round the north end the entire distance from the bridge to the Bluff, about eighty feet. It is getting very muddy, and it is difficult for loaded teams to get through. The water is still rising. It has commenced running round the south end.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION today, at the City Hall, elected the following gentlemen to represent the county in the Territorial convention, to meet next Saturday—

T. P. Akers, E. M. Barnum, J. P. Page, Marcus R. Mayer, A. Miner, D. R. Allen, E. D. Hoge, Lewis S. Hills, Samuel Bringham, Hosea Stout, Henry Barnes, Judge S. P. McCurdy, W. H. Folsom, E. R. Young, M. Kirkpatrick, W. C. Dunbar, Levi E. Riter, Joseph Stevens, W. B. Smith.

SUNDAY BUSINESS.—All persons who have been in the habit heretofore of keeping their places of business open should read Section 28 of "An Ordinance in relation to Crimes and Punishments," published in the News of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We understand the city authorities intend enforcing this as strictly as any other section of the Ordinance. During the last two or three years, so far as drinking saloons, cigar stores, hucksters shops, &c., are concerned, a person would not, in walking down East Temple and along several adjacent streets, know that Sunday differed materially from any other day. The stoppage of Sunday trading and trafficking will certainly meet with an endorsement from us, and from every right-minded person in the Union.

COW STEALERS.—A regular system of cow stealing appears to have been inaugurated in this city lately. Not fewer than three cases have occurred within the last few days, where parties have deliberately entered the premises of different individuals and stolen from each a cow. It is believed that the thieves carry on the business systematically by having their eye on a certain animal, and after negotiating for its sale, taking the first opportunity of stealing it and delivering it to the purchasing party. People should therefore be cautious about negotiating purchases of animals with strangers, and, when opportunity offers, should lend all possible aid to the authorities in discovering the thieves that are now, to a considerable extent infesting the city.

ANOTHER FORGERY.—The name of W. Cloggie, one of the carriers of the News, appears on the list of anti-State memorialists. On being aware of this fact he called on us and requested that a statement be published to the effect that he not only never signed that petition, but that he never knew of its existence till the commencement of its publication in the News. No one who knows Cloggie would disbelieve his statement for a moment. He is a simple minded man, who did not put his name to any document, for an incon-

trovertible reason, and to whom politics is among the most mystical of mysteries.

This is another instance of the forgery proclivities of the contemptible tricksters who manufactured and manipulated that petition.

CACHE.—"S." writes from Hyrum, Cache Co., June 3rd:

"On Saturday and Sunday last, June 1st and 2nd, two days' meetings were held in this ward. There were present: Apostles, Charles C. Rich and Lorenzo Snow, President W. B. Preston, Bishops Wm. Budge, Alvin Nichols, Wm. Maughan, Lorenzo H. Hatch, Henry Hughes, Samuel Roskelley, George O. Pickin and Wm. F. Littlewood, Elders J. C. Wright, Moses Thatcher, Jos. C. Rich, Geo. W. Pitkin, John Reese, Frank Gunnell, Thos. E. Ricks, Evan M. Green, Jas. Cantwell, C. Larsen, H. C. Jackson, C. D. Fjelsted and T. Parkinson. There was a very large attendance of Saints from the surrounding settlements.

"The instructions given by the various speakers were upon the every-day duties of the Latter-day Saints. The Spirit of the Lord was upon both speakers and hearers, and the hearts of the people were made glad.

"Bishop Preston made an earnest appeal, on behalf of the poor Saints abroad, for assistance.

"The missionaries addressed the children of the Sunday school at 8:30 a.m.

"The beautiful singing of the Hyrum choir was highly appreciated. Professor Henry H. Petersen has spared no pains in teaching them.

"Our citizens are very active in removing brush fences and dirt roofs and replacing them with good substantial houses and picket fences, thanks to our co-operative saw mill.

"The two days' meetings are much valued by the people of this county, and will result in great good. Peace, happiness, comfort and contentment reign, for which we most humbly thank God for his merciful kindness toward his servants and people."

MORE ANTI-PETITION CARDS.—We cheerfully give place to the following:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 8, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—I was extremely annoyed to find my name associated with a certain memorial to Congress, against the admission of Utah. My name was attached to that document without my knowledge or consent, and no one had the slightest authority from me for so doing. By giving the above publicity you will oblige, yours respectfully,

MADELINE LYNE.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 8, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—In your issue of the 4th, I notice the name of Helen Marsden amongst the signers of the anti-State petition. I wish to say, if I am the person, I never signed such petition nor authorized any one else to do so.

Yours respectfully,
HELEN MARSDEN, 16th Ward.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 8, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

As my name appeared in the News the other day as a signature to that anti-State petition, I beg to say that I do not know of any other person of the same name in the Territory, and I never signed the petition nor authorized any one else to sign it, nor did I ever see the petition until it was republished in the News. I feel indignant that my name should be used in such an unauthorized manner, and in connection with a movement with which I entertain no sympathy.

THOMAS TIMMINS, 5th Ward.

TWO DAYS' MEETINGS.—Brother D. S. Andrew sends us a report of two days meetings held at Santaquin, June 1st and 2nd. Here is the gist of it:

Saturday forenoon was occupied by the following missionaries—Bishop Tanner, of Payson, who dwelt on the importance of parents teaching their children the principles of the kingdom of God, followed by Elder W. N. Dusenbury, who delivered an instructive address on the nature, design and probable results of the home missions, and Elder O. Simons, of Payson, who referred to the necessity of the Saints being instant in season and ready at all times to do the will of the Lord. President D. H. Holladay concluded the morning services by delivering a short address.

In the afternoon Elder J. B. Milner of Provo, delivered an able discourse on the first principles of the gospel. Bishop Bringham followed on the power of God in the midst of his Saints, and the glory that would be revealed at the second coming of the Son of God, and Elders Peter Madson, F. Bergen and J. Hansen addressed the Scandinavians.

On Sunday morning Elder Evans occupied an hour speaking on the beauty, order and power of the Latter-day work; Bishop Thurber, of Spanish Fork, and Bishop W. Price, of Goshen, were the next speakers.

In the afternoon Elder L. John Nuttall, Henry Boyle, B. F. Johnson, J. B. Milner and W. Dusenbury were the speakers. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the entire proceedings.