

## Eastern News Items.

The latest dates received by mail from New York and Washington are to December 13th. Up to that time, things were moving along much as they have been for several months past, the war being the all-absorbing topic of the times, with a fair prospect of its continuance for a long time to come.

The following items, gleaned from our exchanges, are among the most important that have been reported; the strict surveillance upon the press inhibiting a very extensive publication of what is transpiring on the Atlantic slope:

It is reported that orders have been given to the several agents of the Overland Mail Company to take no more express freight from any source until further orders. This is in consequence of the company having been fined by the government for reported neglect of mail matter.

The weather was very cold in the northern and eastern States about Christmas, and the Hudson river was full of ice.

The depredations committed by the Secessionists on the North Missouri railroad, as stated in a dispatch from Warrentown, were very extensive, including the burning of the bridges at Sturgeon, Centralia, Mexico, Jefferson and Warrentown; also, one station and twenty cars, fifty locomotives, large and small, three or four water stations, ten thousand ties, from two hundred to three hundred telegraph poles and five miles of iron destroyed, and ten miles of iron rendered useless. At Centralia they went within half a mile of the barge Sharpshooter and destroyed a bridge and water station. Two freight trains were captured within four miles of the camp of a detachment of Federal troops. Where the track was taken up, the rails were removed, the ties gathered in piles and set on fire, and the rails thrown across the pile, so that when the center of the rails became heated, the weight of the cold ends bent them so as to render them useless. In destroying the bridges the fires were kindled around the corners where they would soon throw the bridge down, and the trussel guides which spanned the open culverts were burned.

There was no pillage or other outrage committed other than the destruction of the railroad and telegraph line. The damage to the road is estimated at three hundred thousand dollars.

On Dec. 21st, at Mechanicsville, Md., a large barn occupied by John E. Conode, was fired by an incendiary and consumed, with nearly all its contents, including six horses, five cows, several tons of hay, 600 bushels of wheat, hogs, agricultural implements, wagons, harness, &c. Loss \$12,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Conode is a Unionist, and was absent from home at the time.

The State of New York has secured from the Secretary of the Treasury a return of forty per cent. of the money advanced by the State for the expenses of the war, amounting to \$1,113,000.

It was reported that the following members had been expelled from the Kentucky House of Assembly for aiding the rebellion; John M. Elliott, Daniel Mathewson, A. R. Boone, G. H. Silvertooth, G. R. Morrill, G. W. Ewing, J. C. Gilbert and J. A. King. In the Senate a committee had recommended the expulsion of J. M. Johnson for the same cause.

General Halleck had issued an order in which he says that any one caught in the act of burning bridges, and destroying railroads and telegraphs, will be immediately shot; and that any one accused of the crime will be tried by a military commission, and, if found guilty, suffer death. Ten bridge burners had already been shot, and fifty were in close confinement, to be summarily dealt with under Gen. Halleck's stringent orders.

On the night of Dec. 26th, a fire broke out in the Government stables in Washington, near the Observatory, which contained over 300 horses, between 150 and 200 of which perished. Of a train of 102 horses, belonging to a Massachusetts regiment, only 11 were reported saved. Some of the animals were so shockingly burnt that it was judged humane to shoot them, in order to relieve them from their sufferings. The horses not immediately near the fire were either loosed or broke their fastenings, and wildly ran in different directions, but were pursued by squads of cavalry, with a view to their capture. A large quantity of harness, and a house occupied as a dwelling by teamsters, were also destroyed.

Two spans of a bridge across the Chari river, on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, were burned by the Secessionists on the night of the 26th of December.

## The Manufacture of Paints.

Some months since, it was announced that Mr. Mitchell, of this city, had commenced the manufacture of white lead, and that it was his intention to enter largely into the business; since which, but little has been heard from his operations, although it is reported that he has not abandoned the enterprise and is progressing with it slowly with a fair prospect of success.

Our enterprising citizen, Mr. A. C. Pyper, with the many other good things he is doing for the good of community in the production of numerous indispensable articles, hitherto imported, is also making arrangements for manufacturing carbonate of lead; and Mr. Pascoe, at the Mountain Lead Works, in the Seventeenth ward, is producing a good article, as all will pronounce it, on examination, who know a pure article from the adulterated white lead of commerce. He exhibited in our office, a few days since, a most excellent specimen not easily excelled.

It is a pleasure to announce the production, in these mountain valleys, far from the "rest of mankind," of such things as are indispensable and in common use, and which, if not manufactured in the country, have to be imported, and it is hoped that the individuals engaging in the manufacture of lead and other paints, will be successful in the enterprise, and produce it in such abundance that there will no necessity exist for importation hereafter, and that the want of it will not be much longer seen, as it now is, either in the cities of Utah or in the country where many houses and other buildings look rusty and are becoming dilapidated in consequence of not having been painted, as they would have been, if paints could have been procured without a ruinous expense.

With President Kimball's oil mill and three or more white lead manufacturing establishments in successful operation, the exterior as well as the interior of many habitations throughout Deseret may be expected to present a more pleasing aspect before the close of the year eighteen sixty-two, than at the present time.

## Good Prospects for Making Iron.

A specimen of iron, recently manufactured from the ore in Iron county by Mr. N. V. Jones, has been forwarded by him to President B. Young, who handed the same to Mr. James Lawson, of this city, for examination. After having purified it, Mr. Lawson tested its qualities, and found its textile strength to be ten per cent, and its specific gravity one and a half per cent greater than the best quality of States iron. Mr. Lawson says good cast steel can be manufactured from it, and he pronounced it equal to the Swedish Hoopell iron.

From some cause the efforts that have been made to manufacture iron in this Territory have been unavailing, and the money, amounting to thousands and tens of thousands of dollars, expended by the Deseret Iron Company at Cedar city, has been an irreparable loss; but whether the failure to produce iron from the elements there existing is attributable to lack of knowledge and skill on the part of the operatives, or to some other cause, we do not know. The opinion, however, is entertained that if those engaged in the business had properly understood it, iron, both cast and wrought, would have been produced there long ago, in quantities commensurate to the wants of the people throughout the Territory.

After the operations of the company that was organized for the purpose of manufacturing that necessary and indispensable article, without which, no community can become independent and wealthy, had failed, and the enterprise had been abandoned, Mr. Jones of this city being of the opinion that there were no obstacles in the way which could not be overcome, and acting upon the advice and counsel of President Young, resolved to make an experiment, and accordingly went to Iron county last fall and commenced operations, the result of which thus far has been quite satisfactory, and the hope is entertained that, at no distant day, iron of all kinds in use will be produced abundantly in Deseret. A great demand exists for that most useful of metals, which must and will be supplied. There is an abundance of iron ore not only in Iron county, but in other parts of the Territory of excellent quality and all that is needed to make it subservient to the wants of community is the necessary skill and energy in its manufacture.

## The Joint Session.

The Legislative Assembly met in joint session on January 17th, and elected Robert L. Campbell Superintendant of Common Schools. John W. Witi, Probate Judge of, and James McNaughten, Notary Public for, Wasatch county.

Charles F. Peterson, Probate Judge of, and Isaac Bowman, Notary Public for, Mergan county.

James W. Cummings, Superintendent of Provo Canyon road.

The following Joint Resolution complimenting and approving the official acts of Honorable Frank Fuller, Secretary and Acting Governor of Utah was passed by a unanimous vote.

Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly in joint session assembled, That we highly approve of the sober, industrious habits and gentlemanly deportment of the Honorable Frank Fuller, and,

Be it further resolved, That we fully appreciate the just and impartial discharge of his official duties, as Secretary and Acting Governor of this Territory, and that his agreeable manners and liberal sentiments merit the esteem, not only of this Legislative Assembly, but of our citizens generally.

## The Late Rains.

The amount of water that has fallen throughout the Territory within the last few weeks has been immense. Much damage has been done to roads, bridges and mills, and no inconsiderable amount of property, including, as reported, large quantities of wheat in the stack has been destroyed, or materially injured, particularly in the northern counties. The loss sustained by the citizens of Ogden has been estimated at fifty thousand dollars, and the dwellers on the bottoms that were overflowed have suffered much, but to what extent has not been fully ascertained. The road from Brigham city to Cache valley via Box Elder canyon, has been rendered impassable, and all the roads opening into the mountains, for the purpose of getting wood and timber, in Cache, Box Elder and Weber counties, have been so badly damaged that it will require much labor and expense to repair them.

The Provo Canyon road, in Utah county, made at an expense of some twenty thousand dollars, is reported to have been literally washed away in some places, and a large amount of means will be required to repair the damage and put it in as good condition as it was before the flood.

In Summit and Green River counties the stream rose to an unusual height, and, for a time, Green river was impassable, and the road between this city and the South Pass has been so much damaged that it is with much difficulty the Overland Mail stages have passed over it since the waters receded.

From the time that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary in Utah, there has not been such extensive and universal rains as have fallen this winter.

EVENING SCHOOL.—Mr. J. G. Manning is about to commence a select evening school, at Dr. Doremus' School-room, South Temple Street, first door west of the Council House, for the purpose of teaching surveying, perspective drawing, etc. See his advertisement.

## Married:

In Fillmore city, Jan. 1st, 1862, by Mr. Daniel Thompson, Esq., Mr. Levi Huntsman, late of Mills county, Iowa, and Miss KEZIAH T. HUNTSMAN, of Fillmore city.

## Died:

In this city, of cancer, ANNELLA SMITH MERRILL, daughter of Clarence and Bathsheba Smith Merrill, on the 11th of January, 1862; aged 25 days.

## New Advertisements.

## WANTING IMMEDIATELY:

1 WOOD TURNER.  
2 CABINET MAKERS, on Bedsteads and Tables.  
301r J. C. LITTLE.

## BASKETS! BASKETS!

THE Subscriber has on hand a quantity of Baskets of every kind. Also, Chairs bottomed.  
All orders promptly executed.  
Produce will be received in payment.  
301r D. CAMMOMILLE,  
11th ward.

## BASKETS! WICKER-WORK!

THE Undersigned keep on hand, and are prepared to manufacture all kinds of baskets and wicker-work; and will take all kinds of pay, observing that best and most difficult work sold for best or cheapest pay.  
Sole shop next door to McDonald's Cabinet shop.  
East Temple street.  
30-3 JOB SMITH,  
E. F. PEARCE.

## ESTRAY.

CAME into my stock yard, a Brindle Bull Calf, with a piece out of right ear. The owner can have him by proving property, paying charges and taking him away.  
30-1\* CHARLES BINNALL,  
7th ward.

## ESTRAYS.

ON The 25th of Dec., the following described cattle broke into my inclosure in the Big Field South of G. S. L. City, viz:  
Two red Oxen, some white about them, branded W C on left horn.  
One dark blue and white Ox, branded O S on right horn.  
One red Bull, two years old, too wild to allow any one to get near enough to him to read the brand on his horn.  
The owners are requested to prove property, pay charges and take them away immediately.  
30-1 JOHN VANCOTT.

## WINDOW BLINDS.

THE Subscriber has commenced the manufacture of window blinds from rushes, and can furnish those who wish with that article of home manufacture; cotton yarn, wood and produce taken in exchange.  
A block cutter wanted for designs to decorate the blinds.  
I carry on business in the 19th ward, one block north of Union Square.  
301r DAVID NEEDHAM.

## AMERICAN FORK.

I HAVE a large building with water-power shafts and drums, all in operation, suitable for driving machinery for turning and machine manufacture; which is to let. Any one wishing such a place would do well to apply immediately.  
Any person having circular saws for cutting pickets, laths or shingles, or a good turning lathe to dispose of, will find sale for them by applying to the subscriber.  
All the wool in the machine rooms is carded; so call and take it home, and bring more as we keep on carding.  
301r SAMUEL MULLINER.

## JORDAN IRRIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the shareholders and all persons interested in the farming lands west of Jordan, in the Seventeenth Ward School House, on Monday the 27th day of January, 1862, at one p.m., for the shareholders to elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Directors for said company for the ensuing two years, in accordance with the charter incorporating said company.  
A punctual attendance is requested.  
30-1 By order.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession, in the City Stray Pound, one Red and White Cow, two S's, one above the other, on the right horn.  
One Black, Line backed Cow, D on left shoulder, and a diamond on left hip.  
One Red and White Steer Calf, swallow fork in right ear.  
The owners are requested to prove property, pay charges and take them away.  
30-1 S. W. ALLEY,  
G. S. L. City, Jan. 22, 1862. Pound keeper.

## PUBLIC SALE.

IN Pursuance of a City Ordinance of Great Salt Lake City, in relation to estrays, I will sell by public auction, to the highest bidder, at the City Stray Pound, on Monday the 27th inst., at one o'clock p.m.:  
One brindle, buck-toothed Ox, white on belly, swallow fork in left ear, underbit in right ear.  
One red, buck-toothed Ox, white on belly and bush of tail.  
One two year old, red and white Steer, W. S. on right ear.  
30-1 S. W. ALLEY.  
G. S. L. City, Jan. 22, 1862.

## FARMERS, READ THIS.

WE HAVE STILL ON HAND A GOOD STOCK OF STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES; ALSO, A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF BOOTS, SHOES, CLOTHING, ETC.

OATS, BARLEY AND WHEAT TAKEN IN EXCHANGE AT OUR STORE.  
CHISLETT & CLARK,  
First door north of Townsend's Hotel, Main Street, G. S. L. City.

THE TWELFTH TERM OF THE PRATT SCHOOL WILL COMMENCE ON THE LAST MONDAY IN JANUARY.

MRS. PRATT employs the best assistance, and feels prepared to thoroughly teach all branches required. Particular pains is taken to teach the Elocution of reading.  
Grammar is also taught as a "practical science;" the pupils being required to write sentences from the commencement.  
Mental and Written Arithmetic taught to all the classes, by means of the black-board.  
The Clark system of writing is taught.  
Terms, \$5.00 per quarter; \$1.00 on each pupil to be paid in cash.  
All kinds of produce and home manufactures taken at the market price.  
No pupil is received until thoroughly acquainted with the Alphabet and words of three letters.

LAND SURVEYING, PERSPECTIVE DRAWING AND FORTIFICATION.

## A SELECT EVENING SCHOOL

For teaching the above studies, will be commenced next week, at Dr. Doremus' Room, opposite the Tabernacle, as follows:

## TUESDAY EVENINGS.

LAND SURVEYING, embracing Arithmetic, practical Geometry, Trigonometry with Logarithms, and Plan Drawing. Terms, \$5.00 per quarter.

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.

PLAN and PERSPECTIVE DRAWING, ARITHMETIC, and PRACTICAL GEOMETRY. Terms, \$5.00 per quarter.

## THURSDAY EVENING.

FORTIFICATION, embracing Arithmetic, Practical Geometry, and Plan Drawing. Terms, \$5.00 per quarter.

A deduction will be made from the above terms to pupils attending two or more classes.  
Classes to commence at 6:30 p.m.  
301r J. G. MANNING.  
G. S. L. City, Jan. 22, 1862.