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Calendar for April, 1867.

New Moon, 4th day, 2h. 35m. P.M.
First Quarter, 11th day, 7h. 40m. A.M.
Full Moon, 18th day, 3h. 37m. P.M.
Last Quarter, 26th day, 6h. 32m. P.M.
Perigee 7d. 6h. P.M. Apogee 23d. 3h. P.M.

D	M	W	of	Moon's	Place at	Signification	of	Sun	Rises.	Sun	Sets.
					Noon.	Signs.					
1	M	2	X	37		Feet & Toes		5	44	6	24
2	T	15		47				5	42	6	26
3	W	29		19				5	41	6	27
4	T	13	Y	12		Head & Face		5	39	6	28
5	F	27		22				5	37	6	29
6	S	11	X	47		Neck & Throat		5	36	6	30
7	S	26		18				5	34	6	31
8	M	10	II	51		Arms, Should'rs		5	33	6	32
9	T	25		19				5	31	6	33
10	W	9	⊙	40		Breast, Stomach		5	30	6	34
11	T	23		48				5	28	6	35
12	F	7	Ω	42		Heart & Back		5	26	6	36
13	S	21		23				5	25	6	37
14	S	4	W	50		Bowels & Belly		5	24	6	38
15	M	18		4				5	22	6	39
16	T	1	⊖	5		Reins & Loins		5	20	6	40
17	W	13		54				5	19	6	41
18	T	26		32				5	17	6	42
19	F	8	M	59		Secret Members		5	16	6	43
20	S	21		15				5	14	6	44
21	S	3	∞	23		Hips & Thighs		5	13	6	45
22	M	15		22				5	11	6	46
23	T	27		17				5	10	6	47
24	W	9	⊖	9		Knees & Hams		5	8	6	48
25	T	21		4				5	7	6	49
26	F	3	≡	5		Legs & Ankles		5	6	6	50
27	S	15		16				5	4	6	51
28	S	27		44				5	3	6	52
29	M	10	X	32		Feet & Toes		5	2	6	53
30	T	23		44				5	0	6	55

[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

Richmond, Va., 4.

There was an explosion at the Cover Hill coalpit in Westerfield county yesterday; 25 white and 50 colored men were killed; the pits are burning to-day; the shafts are closed to extinguish the fire; the bodies are not recovered.

Washington, 4.

Statement of the public debt, April 1. Debt bearing coin interest, \$1,499,381.591.80; debt bearing currency interest, \$7,342,807.80; matured debt not presented for payment, \$12,285,658.32; debt bearing no interest, \$417,225,343.96; total, \$2,663,713,374.18. Amount in the Treasury, coin \$105,956,477.22; currency \$34,328,826.52; total, \$140,283,303.74. Amount of debt, less cash in the Treasury, \$2,523,430,070.44.

New Orleans, 4.

The levee at Condoria Parish, opposite Natchez, has given away; the disaster cannot possibly be repaired before the water falls. The upper Parishes will be inundated. The engineer at work at the crevasse below Baton Rouge reports that he cannot get men to work, and if he could, he has no money to pay them.

Nashville, 4.

Ayres and Co's. soap factory and the

warehouse adjoining were burned last night; the loss is heavy.

Toledo, O., 4.

The Union Brewery was burned this afternoon; loss \$20,000.

New York, 4.

Gen. Butterfield has issued orders, in compliance with instructions from Washington, by which disabled soldiers, suited for duty in the veteran reserve corps, can be enlisted at any recruiting station in the United States.

London, 4.

The estimated Government income for the present year will exceed £69,000,000; the estimated expenditure £68,000,000.

Florence, 4.

The Italian Ministry have tendered their resignation, and a new Ministry has been formed.

Rochester, N. Y., 3.

There was a grand haul of counterfeiters and dealers in counterfeit money yesterday; 20 persons were arrested and lodged in the jail in this city.

Philadelphia, 3.

The extensive woolen mills at Manyunk, owned by Schofield, were burned last night; loss \$116,000, insured only \$16,000.

Washington, 2.

The capture of Fort Buford is confirmed. Col. Rankin, wife and children and the whole garrison, numbering eighty, were slaughtered. Col. Rankin has represented, for four months, his inability to resist a prolonged attack by the overwhelming force of Indians brought against him. Private letters say that he anticipated his fate, but defended his position to the last. He repulsed, with a small force the attack of some 3,000 Indians, killing 300 and wounding a large number. It is supposed that he shot his wife, to prevent her falling into the hands of the Indians.

A village in Bolivia has been visited by a terrific thunder storm; twenty houses were destroyed and 100 lives lost.

New York, 2

A Herald's special, Paris 1, says the great exposition was formally opened this morning. Not one-tenth of the goods were arranged, but the French department is in the best of order, next to that the Russian, and then the English. The American department is the most incomplete, and the commissioners, exhibitors and Americans generally are much dissatisfied with Commissioner Beckwith, who appears to be totally inefficient. The only dry goods which had been damaged on their voyages are American. At 1 o'clock the invited guests assembled in the art gallery, where America made a fine show. Many fine pictures are being exhibited and well hung, but the English display is much the greater. When the guests were gathered, however, the superiority of the American ladies was conceded—they were the belles of the day.

A brilliant company, blazing with diamonds and orders, filled the central hall to welcome the Emperor and Empress, who came precisely at 2 o'clock. The Emperor and Empress on foot, preceded by the Chamberlain's party, passed round the entire gallery, nearly a mile long. The Emperor spoke a few words to each Commissioner, but at the American department he stopped with the Empress and bowed to the crowd, who cheered heartily.

The exposition will not be fully ready till May. Half the space is allotted to France, and that is not complete. The English are very strong in machinery, beating the Americans in that department. There is nothing like so many strangers here as were expected. The number of Americans is not much greater than is usual every season. Prices are up fearfully. It is useless to come to see the exposition before May.

Boston, 2.

A fire in Commerce street last night destroyed \$60,000 worth of cotton.

The wool spinners and some carders struck, in Lawrence, yesterday for ten hours.

HOME ITEMS.

THEATRICAL.—On Tuesday evening, 2d inst., Miss Adams took a benefit, and was well patronized, there being a good house on the occasion. The pieces selected, Victorine and the Wilful Ward, were both new here and were excellently performed. The playing was very good and the audience were correspondingly gratified and delighted. At the close of Victorine Miss Adams was called before the curtain, and expressed her thanks for the many acts of courtesy and kindness which she had received.

Miss Alexander danced with even more than her usual grace and ability; Mrs. Careless sang in her sweetest style; and Mr. Hardie won much applause in the song "Mother Kissed me in my Dream."

On Thursday evening the Somnambulist was performed. It is a very effective and affecting little drama, the last Act, and the business of the water wheel, being unusually good. This piece should be played again. Then followed a dance by Miss Alexander and Mr. Brower, capitally executed; and the Scotch comic drama of Cramond Brig, which kept the audience delighted.

We perceive that the Management have engaged the services of Mr. George Pauncefort, who is expected to arrive in a few days. This gentleman has many admirers here, who will no doubt secure Season Seats for the engagement at an early day. We have heard of other "Stars" theatrical coming this way after a time, and think the Lessees are entitled to a liberal share of public support for their enterprise in seeking to cater for the public pleasure and amusement.

There was a very crowded audience on Saturday evening, the 6th instant, who were much pleased and gratified with the performance. Many of those present were our friends from the other parts of the Territory, and they had a good opportunity to see how things are managed, and the excellent quality of playing, in our Theatre. The pieces were Ten Nights in a Bar room, and Harlequin's Triumph.

On Thursday evening Miss Alexander takes a Benefit. She is a deserving young lady, an accomplished actress and danseuse, and is well entitled to receive a crowded house on the occasion of her Benefit. There is a fine bill, with variety of material and talent, selected for the evening.

THE WEATHER.—Friday noon:—

Great Salt Lake City, pleasant, but somewhat cloudy.

By Deseret State Telegraph Line:—

Logan clear and rather cold, sun shining brightly, froze hard last night.

Payson, very fine and pleasant, mud drying up.

Sanpete, cloudy and cold.

Nephi, cloudy but warm and pleasant; roads drying very fast.

Fillmore, cloudy and warm, roads drying fast.

Cove Creek, a little cloudy, but pleasant.

Parowan, cloudy but very warm and pleasant.

Tokerville, clear and warm; gardens looking nice and green.

St. George, warm and pleasant, but a little cloudy.

SILK.—Everyone at all interested in home manufactures realizes the importance of our cultivating the silkworm. To be prepared for their being kept in abundance, mulberry trees have been grown, so that the public might obtain them when desired. Fifty thousand of these trees, three years old, are now offered for sale by br. Staines; and everyone who desires and designs to keep silkworms should at once avail themselves of the opportunity, by obtaining the young trees and planting them out. The mulberry is very highly recommended as a shade tree, and has the advantages of affording delicious shelter from the glaring sun of our summer months, being neat and ornamental, and affording food for the worms. We call special attention to the advertisement on the subject. By all means secure your mulberry trees early and plant them out.

APPLE TREES.—Our experience here has caused us to reject the Limber Twig, Twenty Quince, Mountain Chief, Gloria Mundi and Belmont, because there are other varieties, of corresponding periods of ripening, that are far better. The Yellow Bellflower will only please those who are fond of a rather tart apple.

Look after the Estrays. See list.

READ Br. Musser's caution.

MUSIC.—We heard several encomiums passed on the singing of our Tabernacle Choir during Conference. Br. Sands has proved himself a pains-taking and efficient leader. Captain Croxall's brass band was out in uniform with their fine instruments, discoursing most excellent music to delighted thousands. Captain Parkman, formerly leader of the Ogden brass band, and the teacher of some other bands north of this city, is now in charge of the band known as Cap. Eardley's, and is tutor to another in the 10th Ward. Thus improvement in the "divine science" keeps progressing.

BISHOP MURDOCK, of Heber City, informs us that the snow was nearly four feet deep in Provo Valley, on the 1st inst., and that some of the stock were faring poorly on account of feed giving out, and some were starving to death.

The Bishop has some hundred bushels of a kind of wheat that ripens from four to six weeks earlier than any other, which will prove of great benefit to Provo Valley and other localities where snow lingers on the tillable lands until late in the spring.

BAD ROADS.—Elder John Van Cott, just in from Sanpete, reports the roads very bad south of this County. There is considerable snow in Utah County, and travel is not likely to be very pleasant for some time yet.

Correspondence.

INFORMATION GIVEN.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

SIR:—In reference to a communication in your last issue, from a "Patron of Commission Agents," will you kindly give us space in your valuable columns to say a few words?

We are unable to answer your correspondent's question directly, because it assumes or pre-supposes something which we cannot by any means admit; we refer to the inferential allegation that "most articles of groceries and several other kinds of merchandise can be purchased in this City in the fall and early winter cheaper than people can get them through Commission Agents." This is not by any means the case in a general way; it is true to some, but to a very small extent. As to whether we can or can not "freight through as cheap as anybody else" is foreign to the question, because in every instance, when we receive a commission for goods to be delivered in this City, the price for freight from them across the plains is definitely agreed upon; and it sometimes happens, as was the case last year, that early in the spring, when commissions are mostly taken, the prospective value of transportation for the ensuing season is greater than it is afterwards ascertained to be. The benefit arising from this decline the Commission Merchant thinks himself justly entitled to, because on the other hand, if the price of freight should advance, as was the case two years ago, he would be the loser. Moreover, every season we find that this, like all other isolated markets, is overstocked with some few articles which are, consequently, offered for sale, by those anxious to dispose of them, at very low rates, frequently even below first cost. Of course cases of this kind are far from being general, but if a person happened to send by a Commission Agent for any article which in the fall, should happen to be one of those "drags," as we presume a "Patron" did, he would feel somewhat sore about it. We trust the foregoing will explain to him, and all similarly situated, "why it is."

To disabuse the public mind of any erroneous impressions which may have been created by a "Patron's" remarks, and for his benefit also, we will take, for example, an order for two articles of groceries and four of dry goods—things that occur to us as being the first most people would send for, if their means were limited, and which we will assume were sent for last spring by us, and we had hundreds of such, from which it will be at once seen that it was nearly 43 per cent. cheaper for the parties to send for them by us, than to purchase them here. "A Patron" shows 22 per cent. the other side. Now, without considering the 12 per cent. for interest, there is only 53 per cent. between us and the parties with whom he must have done business. The first column represents the nett cost, freight and commission as charged by us last fall; the second column, the cash price of the same article at retail.

5 lb. finest Tea	@ \$2 52	\$12 60	@ \$3 50	\$17 50
10 lb. A. Sugar	@ 43	4 30	@ 50	5 00
20 yds. Prints	@ 27	5 40	@ 35	7 00
40 yds. Sheetting	@ 31	12 40	@ 50	20 00
20 yds. Denims	@ 41	8 20	@ 55	11 00
20 yds. Stripe	@ 41	8 20	@ 55	11 00

\$51 10

\$71 50

It should be borne in mind that the above is a small bill of staples strictly, on which comparatively small profits are made. In a general bill of goods, such as would be required in a family, the difference would be far greater.

We have spoken only for ourselves; possibly "a Patron" may have been imposed upon by some dishonest person with false invoices, or by one who purchased on long time instead of for cash; we, of course, do not know. We feel that justice to ourselves demands that we should disclaim doing business in that way. We should like, however, to do some business for "a Patron" this year, in order that the satisfaction he must of necessity experience, at the way in which we do it, may redound through the press, to the credit of Commission Merchants generally, as his questions tend to their disgrace.

We are, Respectfully yours,

GODFREY & MITCHELL.