

DESERET NEWS.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1851.

NEWS.—Until further receipts, we shall be obliged to use economy in relation to the **NEWS**;—and our patrons need not expect the next number until after the sixth of April conference.

THE ANNUAL APRIL CONFERENCE will commence on Sunday, the 6th day of April next, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Bowery;—when and where, are expected to be found all the Saints of this, and as many as possible of the neighboring vallies; and particularly, all those who desire the blessing of their heavenly Father upon their labors the current year.

NON INTERCOURSE has been proclaimed by some of the South against the North, refusing to employ northern vessels, &c.

COUNTERFEIT BILLS, on Missouri, and other good banks, have gone to California in large amounts, and been exchanged for gold dust. So say the papers.

The January **MAIL**, from Independence, we understand, (Thursday morning,) is in the mountains, and is expected at the office about Tuesday next. Mr. Hanks is coming.

VALLEY JOURNAL.—The weather has been delightful, almost without a parallel; clear, pleasant, warm, with scarce a frost during the nights in the city, the past two weeks, up to Wednesday last, which brought a strong south wind, very little rain, a shower of wind and rain from the north-west towards night; and between one and two, on Thursday morning, snow commenced, and fell before morning about four inches,—most of which melted during the day.

Presidents Young and Kimball, and others left the city on Monday p. m., on a visit to Utah, Peteetnete, and elders Lyman and Rich's camp, who are supposed now to be at Peteetnete organized ready to move for California. Elder P. P. Pratt accompanies them on his mission to the Pacific.

We have just heard of the death of Mr. Andrew H. Perkins, first judge of Great Salt Lake County Court, but have not learned the particulars.

Blank certificates of wolf and fox pelts for the use of Justices of the peace, for sale at the News office. All Justices of the peace should possess these blanks, so as to produce a uniform system of book-keeping throughout the state.

Elder Snow's letter from Copenhagen will be read with interest. We have other letters from the brethren in Europe, from which we shall extract hereafter, our health permitting. The work is prospering in all parts where it has gone. Elder Taylor published an interesting letter on the rise of the church, and the first principles of the gospel, in the "Interpreter" of the 27th June, 1850, printed at Boulogne, France. Elder Lorenzo Snow and others are supposed to be in Piedmont, among the Waldenses. More here after.

The destruction of life and property by steam-boat accidents, fire in towns and cities, robberies, murders, hanging bees, &c., and all other kinds of bad luck, are without parallel, if we can believe the papers; at least five times as much as any previous year.

UTAH LIBRARY.—We learn by letter from Dr. Bernhisel, that Congress has appropriated \$5000, for the purchase of a library for our Territory, and that the President has authorized him to make the selection; also, from the same source we learn that a

POST ROUTE is established from Great Salt Lake City to Utah, and thence to San Pete; and another from G. S. L. City to Brownsville, and thence to San Francisco.—A post route has also been established from Santa Fe to G. S. L. City; also from G. S. L. City to Oregon four times a year.

BIG LUMPS.—More gold. We understand by the eastern papers, that some of the largest class lumps have recently been found in California. \$25,000 was refused for one lump. Several approximates are mentioned. Also that upwards of \$14,000,000 in dust was received in the States, from California, previous to the first of July, 1850, and it was expected that the total income for the year '50, would be more than \$50,000,000, or several hundred per cent. more than any previous year. Sure they could not have got the whole last year: there must be a good business ahead for somebody.

The Mr. Stewart who left an advertisement for a stray ox, at our dwelling, will please furnish another copy; the first is mislaid.

WIRE FENCE.—All the additional expense of a wire fence to the farmers of Deseret, over and above the sum mentioned in this paper, as quoted from the Cultivator, is the transportation of the wire, which need not be more than 25 or 30 cents per rod; making the whole expense per rod from 67 to 75 cents; or adding 25 cents per rod for advance on labor over the States, one dollar will be amply sufficient to build a rod of wire fence, and that will last until the posts have time to ex-

pand into an evergreen hedge. Farmers of Deseret, is the idea of saving a few millions of dollars in fencing, worthy of a thought?

SLAVERY.—Mass meetings and agitations on the fugitive slave law continue at the North; and southern conventions in embryo at the South; and Union meetings in the interior, indicate no very pleasing prospect to the Union generally, so far as we can learn by the papers received, up to the latter part of November; and it appears that the law for the recovery of slaves, which was designed, (professedly so,) to put a quietus on the slavery question, which has so long agitated the North and South, has been used by the North, or some portion of the North, to fan the flame of discord to a more glowing heat, than had hitherto existed, and if the records of the present session of Congress do not show a more bitter feeling on this absorbing topic than has hitherto existed, it would seem there must have been some mistake with reporter's, letter writer's, and news monger's sheets that have already reached us.

The nations of the earth generally are at peace with each other, so far as we can learn; although domestic broils are somewhat prevalent in national cabinets and kitchens; and the Russian Czar has already proposed an abdication.

Gen. Lopez was on trial at New Orleans, for his participation in the Cuban expedition, at our last date, giving bail in the sum of \$2 or \$300,000 per day for his appearance at court; and is represented as glorying in the cause he has espoused, and determined to persevere to the end.

THE MAIL, due from Independence on the first of January, arrived on the twelfth inst. in charge of Mr. William H. Arnolls. Mr. Arnolls says he was detained four days at Ft. Laramie, where he found the November mail from Independence; that he brought so much of the same as was given him, a portion of books and papers having been detained for want of suitable bags; that he brought the mail to Laramie in a wagon, from thence on pack mules; that the snow was presumed to be one hundred feet deep in some places on the Upper Sweetwater, where he was detained three days; that he had four mules frozen to death at Strawberry creek, where he was detained four days by the blowing of the snow; and that from the 25th of January to the 22d of February, he was obliged to go into winter quarters near the South Pass, the snow being not less than five feet deep on an average. The mail came down the Weber. According to Mr. Arnolls' report, he is entitled to great credit for his diligence and perseverance in coming through at the season and under the circumstances which he did.