

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 14.

Case of Belle Harris.—In the Supreme Court of the Territory, which met to-day, Mr. S. A. Kenner made application for a writ of *habeas corpus* in the case of Belle Harris. The writ was granted and the hearing set for 12 o'clock on Friday next.

The Hopt Murder Case.—This afternoon, in the Supreme Court, the arguments on the motion for a new trial, in the case of Fred Hopt, an appeal from the District Court, were in progress, Mr. Lee Sharp appearing for the defense and District Attorney Van Zile for the people.

Bishop Harrington's Condition.—We received the following special from the News this afternoon from American Fork:

The condition of Bishop L. E. Harrington at present is very low. He had a relapse on Thursday, from which he has not quite recovered as yet. But we have the best hopes for his recovery. The indications are in his favor.

Gone South.—Yesterday morning residents John Taylor and George Cannon, Elder F. M. Lyman, of the Quorum of the Twelve, and Elder George Reynolds left for the south. After holding meeting at Nephi the party intended going to Beaver and Iron counties, and meeting with the people at a number of the settlements.

Funeral Services.—The funeral services of Elder William S. Merrill, West Bountiful, were conducted at the meeting-house of that place, yesterday afternoon, Elder John Fisher, Counselor to the Bishop, presiding. The building was crowded and a number were compelled to remain outside. The body was carried by hand from the late residence to the hall by a number of young men, and followed by relatives.

The funeral discourse was delivered by Elder C. W. Penrose, and Elder Fisher made some brief remarks at the close. The latter stated that he had been intimate with the deceased from boyhood, and never knew him to be guilty of any conduct that was not commendable, or straightforward.

The body was followed to the place of interment—Bountiful Cemetery—by a very large cortege.

Returned from Tennessee.—We have been called upon by Elder Thomas H. Merrill, of Richmond, who returned a few days ago from a mission to the Southern States. He left home on the 12th of July, 1881, and labored most of the time he was absent in Tennessee. He enjoyed his labors greatly. During the last ten months he presided over the West Tennessee Conference. There is a great deal of opposition to that section. Elder Merrill was present in that field when the meeting-house in which a conference was about to be held by the Elders was burned down, the particulars of the affair having been published in the News. There have been quite a number of additions to the Church in that locality, Brother Merrill having baptized and assisted at the administration of that ordinance to thirty persons. Elder E. R. Miles, of Northfield, has succeeded Brother Merrill in the Presidency of the conference.

Besides his labors in West Tennessee Elder Merrill labored a short time in Lauderdale County, Alabama, and Allcorn County, Mississippi. A good work is now being done in the first named of these two fields, and openings were also being made in the latter.

Elder Merrill, during his mission, visited in holding 234 meetings, and walked 4,452 miles. He had chills and fever in the beginning of April, but has entirely recovered and remains in good physical condition as well as cheerful in spirit.

Utilization of Small Streams.—Water is the great requisite to cause a land to bloom and bring forth its length. Those who have traveled the foothills and ravines of this region are aware that in numerous places where the surroundings are dry and barren, little springs and longy seeps are found. The streams that are obtained from these are generally so small that to convey them over the ground is an impossibility, as they soon disappear into the thirsty earth. It may therefore be of considerable interest, especially to some

of our farmers who are at a disadvantage for want of a sufficient supply of water, to peruse the following correspondence, which shows a means of utilizing tiny streams by a comparatively inexpensive species of piping:

NEPHI, UTAH,
June 12th 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

The enclosed communication shows a little of what we are doing in Juab County to bring into use one of the precious elements, namely—that of water, which with us is a scarce article. I have the County Agency for the making of the Asbestine Piping of which Elias Morris of your city has the right for the Territory.

I made a half mile for myself last year and expect to make as much more this season besides some for a number of other parties. Our foot-hills have many little springs that can only be brought into use by some such a cheap system as this which, however, when brought down on to our fertile lands, will prove of vast benefit in the building up of our valley homes.

Yours very truly,
JOHN ROWLEY.

TURNER VALLEY STOCK FARM,
Juab County, Utah,
June 13th, 1883.

John Rowley, Esq.,
Nephi, Utah.

Dear Sir—I take pleasure in stating that the six thousand eight hundred feet of cement or asbestine piping made by you, for us, is a complete success, so far as tested. We have had the water in it some two weeks, each day adding to its strength and durability, and a careful examination both with the full stream and the smallest portion we could turn in shows there to be practically no loss whatever. The pipe is yet imperfectly covered, the ground faces the south and is thus exposed to the heat of the sun. Notwithstanding this the water empties at the lower end cool and nice.

Respectfully,

JOEL GROVER,
Of the firm of Wright & Grover.

An Infamous Statement.—A correspondent of the *Denver Tribune* who has evidently put on green goggles with which to scan affairs here, writes to that paper over the *nom de plume* of "D":

"This Commission came here and cast out all the votes of the so-called 'polygamists.' According to Webster the word 'polygamist' means one who believes in or practices bigamy. But the Commission did not take this view of the case and only cast out the votes of those who were or had been living in actual polygamy. The result was that the Mormon vote last fall was 4,000 larger than before the acts of the Commission.

The Gentiles are greatly dissatisfied with the works of this Commission and claim that some of the members thereof have accepted bribes from the Mormons. In fact I have positive information that two of the Commissioners made more than a million dollars out of their transactions. In my next letter I will be able to furnish names and proofs to this effect. The truth of the matter is that the Mormons have gained a decided victory through the instrumentality of the commission. I want to say, however, that Senator Paddock made a minority report, in which he advocated the disfranchising of all Mormons. This is what the people want and what they will have, if the efforts of the leading journals of the country have any effect. What the people propose now is that a new commission of seven persons be appointed—four from Utah and three from adjoining States and Territories. In this way the commission would be composed of men who know something about the affairs of the Territory and men who have interests involved right here. If such a commission was appointed one commissioner would come from Colorado at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

It can be inferred from the foregoing that the small-souled correspondent entertains the idea that "Mormons" should be disfranchised on account of what they believe. He may be a good enough fellow in other respects, but his dearest friend would never accuse him of possessing any breadth of view or fairness of spirit. The manner in which he has suffered himself to be stuffed by the infamous defamers of the gentlemen of the Commission,

shows that veridancy is one of his conspicuous characteristics. What makes the cowardly charge against them all the more glaringly absurd is the fact that the leanings of their rulings and decisions have been generally adverse to the "Mormon" community, and it must be apparent to everybody with an ordinary degree of discernment that they have, in instances not a few, stretched the law in that direction as far as it could be drawn. As proofs of a non-existent condition are an impossibility, the next communication of "D" may be interesting.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

TO THE BISHOPS IN EVERY STAKE OF ZION AND THEIR COUNSELORS.

At April Conference, 1851, by unanimous vote, Edward Hunter was appointed Presiding Bishop, and on the 24th of June following, the first Bishops' meeting was held in Salt Lake City. Since that time to the present, a record of the minutes of the Bishops' meetings has been preserved. On the 11th of April, 1852, during Conference, Brother Hunter was ordained the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On the 22d of June, 1853, he will be ninety years old. The Bishop's record is said to be the most complete and explicit of any in the Church. In that book the ordination of every Bishop and Counselor now acting should appear, also of those who at any time did act in either of those capacities since 1851. All those whose ordinations have been attended to at the Bishops' meetings, also others that have taken place elsewhere and communicated to the clerk are already recorded, but there are doubtless a great number whose ordinations have never been forwarded, and consequently do not appear in the record. As that book is the only legitimate one of a general character, where all such ordinations should be found, more especially for the benefit of future generations, it is earnestly requested that every one that ever acted as Bishop or Bishops' Counselor, and also all those who now fill either of those positions, forward to Bishop Hunter's office, written in a plain legible hand, the name, place, and date of ordination, and by whom ordained or set apart, at the earliest possible date.

GEORGE GUDDARD, Clerk.

AN INTERESTING TRIP.

THE LAMANITES IMPROVING RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS—SILK INDUSTRY.

By courtesy of Sister E. R. Snow Smith we are enabled to present the following details of a late trip by that estimable lady through a portion of Northern Utah:

"On the morning of the 14th of May I took train and went to Brigham City for an 'out,' and for an indefinite time. On the 19th inst., in company of my brother, Lorenzo Snow, and his son Alphonso, recently returned from a Southern mission, I went by carriage to Washakie, known as 'The Indian Farm,' in Box Elder County, about 40 miles from Brigham City, and arrived at Bishop Zundel's before night.

On our way we called, and were very cordially received and hospitably entertained, at the residence of Bro. and Sister Standing, the parents of the brave young missionary who was brutally murdered in Georgia.

The next day being Sunday, at 10 o'clock, we all went to Sunday school, which was conducted by Elder Moroni Ward. A few white children were in attendance, but the school consisted mostly of, not only red children of small growth, but full grown men and women, all seeming in earnest to learn as fast as possible. I listened to each class separately, and, while I was deeply struck with surprise with the progress of the scholars, I felt no less admiration for the untiring patience and perseverance of the teachers. By request I addressed the school for a short time, Bishop Zundel interpreting to those that did not fully understand.

At 2 p.m. we attended meeting. After the sacrament was administered my brother preached a short and interesting discourse, after which Bishop Zundel organized a Relief Society with Sister Elizabeth J. Zundel president, Sisters Melissa Hunsaker and Kohn (Lamanite) counselors; Sister Harriet Chandler

secretary, and Almira Hall treasurer.

The time would not admit of voting in the members that day; but I have received a report from the secretary saying that at the next Sunday meeting 41 members were received, 35 of whom are Lamanites; several of whom expressed their gratitude in being thus organized and their desires to learn to keep house and to make clothing as their white sisters do.

One impressive feature of the services in the afternoon meeting, which we attended, must not be overlooked, i.e., the singing, which was all performed by a Lamanite choir of six males and six females. With the many variations in their tunes, which are very peculiar, the perfection of their time is truly astonishing.

After the meeting was dismissed, the children were called together, and I organized a Primary Association, with the following officers: Philena H. Zundel, president; Eliza Ward and Almira Hall, counselors; Phebe Zundel, secretary, and Hadden Ward, treasurer.

We were informed that Brother Chandler is successful here in teaching a day school, which is well attended; he also has charge of the Sunday School, but was absent on a visit—we did not see him. The Indians are very industrious, under Brother Zundel's direction. This summer they purpose building a number of dwelling houses of brick of their own manufacture, which will advance them much in domestic improvement.

On Monday we returned to Brigham City, stopping to noon in Honeyville at Bishop Hunsaker's, where a number of the brethren came in for a few minutes' sociable, and where I had the pleasure of meeting the widow of the much esteemed Brother David Grant. She is daughter of Bishop H., and is now President of the Primary Association of that Ward. I need not say that we dined sumptuously—the Bishop's hospitality is proverbial.

On the 23d I accompanied President Harriet Snow and Sister Mortensen, in a light spring wagon, a span of horses, and a young lady driver, to Mantua; not the place where Virgil the poet was born, but where we met a live Relief Society, had a good time and returned. On the 28th, went to Willard City with the same wagon, team and chariot—attended two meetings of Primary Conference. The children's exercises occupied most of the time—their recitations were excellent and splendidly rendered. The Bishop and other brethren were present.

On the 31st, Brother M. Dudley came from Willard City, for Sister

H. Snow, her daughter Abigail and myself, and we met with a large congregation of sisters and brethren in Relief Society capacity.

On the 11th of June attended Primary Conference in Brigham City; two meetings with very large attendance, excellent exercises, and a very creditable primary fair. They exhibited many beautiful specimens combining the useful with the ornamental.

The next day was R. S. Conference—two meetings well attended—it was truly a beautiful congregation for the Spirit of God seemed to beam from every countenance. The large Tabernacle in which the three conferences were held was well filled, and the wards generally were well reported.

The 18th was the Young Ladies' Conference. I met with them in the forenoon, had a good time, listened to very sensible remarks, made a few myself; and in the afternoon took the train for my home in Salt Lake City, thus terminating my one month's 'out.'

I now wish to append to the foregoing the following silk report from Brigham City:

Christine Forsgren of the 4th Ward, in 1881, wove 21 yards of all silk warp, with silk and wool fillings. In 1882 she wove 15 yards, all silk. In 1883 she has woven 20 yards of dress goods, and seven yards of satin vesting, and has ready for the loom, material for 15 yards of underwear. All this she has brought forth from the elements. All of the work done at her home.

Christine Christiansen of the 3d Ward has 13 yards 33 inches wide, now in the loom all silk for dress. About 100 neckties have been made in Brigham City, besides a quantity of floss.

It is estimated that one hundred and fifty pounds of dry cocoons have been raised in that city in the last three years. Ellen Stark sold \$29 worth in one year.

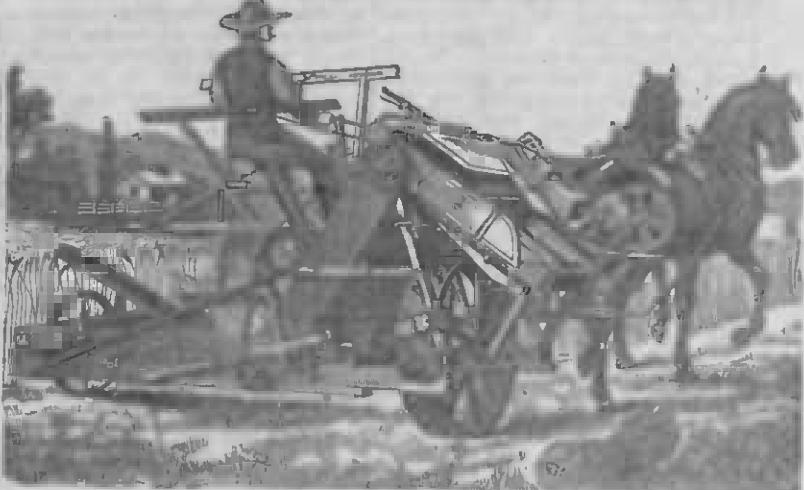
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