

referring to the fact that the winner of the Royal Agricultural Society's first prize for the best cultivated farm last year in England, was a woman on an Oxfordshire farm.

INSULTS TO LADIES.

WITHIN a few days past there have been chronicled in the NEWS three or four cases of insult or assault or both, by men upon young ladies in the streets of this city, showing that it has become really a risky thing for ladies to venture out at night, alone and unprotected. This is a very different condition of things to that which prevailed in former years, when women and children could travel, in town or out, at any hour of the day or night, without the slightest risk or fear of assault, or insult, or harm of any kind, from man or woman, and very seldom from the Indians even.

Yesterday a lady, walking along the streets, remarked what a number of villainous looking men there were in the city, men whom, judging from appearances, no woman would feel herself safe in meeting, by day or night, outside of reach of protection.

There is a good deal of truth in this remark. This city has come to be a place wherein do congregate a large number of that peculiar class of humanity known as "hard cases," men who have no particular respect for the rights of men or the virtue of women, and who are capable of many things inconsistent with the welfare and happiness of any community.

This being the case, and with the facts of recently perpetrated insults and assaults before her, every woman, youthful or elderly, who has any respect for herself, will see the propriety of staying within doors after dark, as much as possible, unless accompanied by able protection, and of not venturing, even in the day time, beyond reach or call of assistance, thus avoiding the chance of unpleasant and possibly debasing acquaintance with individuals in the shape of men, but who are destitute of the first spark of genuine manhood—respect for the gentler sex and protection to the weak and defenceless.

It would make every lover of humanity glad to hear of some of these vile insulters of womanhood receiving their just deserts on the instant of the perpetration of their insults, and it may not be long before some of them do find themselves receiving that of which they are so abundantly worthy.

NEW USE FOR ALCOHOL.—Whatever objection may be urged to the use of alcohol internally, there can hardly be any to its application to a newly discovered and important use externally. Alcohol is now said to be an excellent thing to apply to a wound or a burn, probably to a scald also. In case of a wound or a burn, if the part injured be immersed in alcohol, the pain immediately ceases, the progress of the cure is greatly accelerated, and life may often thus be saved, and lockjaw be prevented.

This is a really valuable discovery and worth noting, and being kept in remembrance for instant use.

POTENCY OF PRAYER.—The Missouri Democrat of April 20 has the following—

"Mrs. J. H. Blackman, of East Sharon, Massachusetts, believes in the efficacy of prayer as a physical curative. For three years she was a helpless paralytic, unable to walk a step. A few weeks ago she gathered some pious people at her house and had them engage in earnest prayer for her recovery. She began at once to get better, and is now well."

DRESS REFORM.—"Dress reform" does not seem to be in a very healthy condition in San Francisco. The movement recently inaugurated in that city, it appears, has rapidly declined since the first meeting. At a meeting called for April 20 in Anthony's Hall, the audience consisted of two persons. The two persons might be enthusiastic enough, but there won't be much of a meeting if the audience should become any less than two.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 24.

Preparatory.—Professor George Careless put the Tabernacle choir through a course of practice at the Tabernacle last night. The choral exercises are always a most pleasing feature of the Conferences.

Business-Like.—Immediately south of the University building, around Savage's art gallery, is assuming quite a business-like appearance, a barber shop, a bakery, and a confection and ice cream establishment have recently jumped into existence there, and the proprietors of the Globe bakery purpose extending their premises forward to the line of the street.

Recovered.—Mr. Sawtelle, who lately had a sudden and severe attack of illness, has recovered and is around to-day as usual. The gentleman has been overtaking his brain lately, by too close application to study, which is frequently the case with actors who are heart and soul in the dramatic profession and anxious to shine in it. Mr. S. is a very careful, painstaking, and withal a progressive actor.

Suicide at Ogden.—A special dispatch to the NEWS, published elsewhere, relates the case of a suicide at Ogden.

From a gentleman who came down from Ogden to-day we learn that the man was laboring under considerable mental derangement, and he was on his way to New York, where he had some relatives. He had his ticket and proposed starting from Ogden by this morning's train. The remains of the unfortunate man will be sent to New York to his friends.

Should not be Done.—It occurred to us this morning that it is a good thing for dusty streets to be moistened when the fire-steamers happen to be out, but it does not seem to be altogether proper to douse people by turning on them a stream from the hose. It must certainly be a source of great discomfort to those whose clothing is thus soaked through by this means, and surely it can afford but small if any enjoyment to those who do the dousing. This amusement, if that is what it ought to be called, being so one-sided, should never be repeated. It is of the nature of an assault, and may be very justifiably resented by the victims.

Conferences.—We learn from the *Millennial Star*, of March 31st, that on Sunday, March 29th, an annual Conference was held in the Bath Hall, Sheffield. There were present, besides Pres. Joseph F. Smith, a large number of the Elders from other parts of the Mission, all of whom addressed the meetings. An excellent spirit prevailed, and at the afternoon and evening meetings the attendance of Saints and strangers was very good.

Peculiar.—A rather peculiar circumstance was brought to our notice to-day. A gentleman who resides in the 20th Ward has a full title to his lot. To-day he discovered that one of the members of a defunct firm had given another member of the same deceased firm a warrant deed for the lot in question for and in consideration of \$1,300. The deed was taken to the Court House to be recorded. Probably the affair was all a mistake, and were it not for certain "ways that are dark" of the past, on the part of the individual to whom the conveyance was made, that construction could readily be put upon it. Luckily there is no defect in the title of the veritable owner. Were it otherwise, he might have some trouble.

Nearly a Fire.—Between ten and eleven o'clock to-day smoke was seen issuing from the roof of St. Mark's school, opposite the City Hall. The fire alarm was immediately rung, and pending the getting out of the fire steamer and other apparatus of the Brigade a number of firemen got upon the roof and dashed bucketsful of water upon the place where the fire was, on the west side of the roof, close to a flue, and soon extinguished it. To make assurance doubly sure, however, a stream of water, from the hose of the steamer, was brought to bear upon the spot for some time afterwards.

The scene in front of the building was very lively for some time, for besides St. Mark's scholars a large crowd of people were attracted by the fire alarm.

The cause of the fire is supposed to be a defective flue, in fact this is almost a certainty, as there is no other apparent origin for it. If this be correct, it appears that the judicious thing to do under the circumstances is to have that flue rendered perfectly safe, for if this be not done a fire may break out at any time when it is in use. Had the fire not been extinguished in its incipency, and had the flames gained anything like headway, it would have been next to impossible to save the building, as it is constructed of very inflammable materials.

New York Conference.—The New York Conference was held at American Hall, 176 Grand Street, Williamsburgh, on Sunday, April 5, H. G. Bywater presiding, Isaac J. Elkington clerk.

Morning meeting commenced at half past 10 o'clock, and was occupied by the Elders and members from the different branches of the conference.

In the afternoon there were present on the stand from Utah, Elders H. S. Eldredge, W. C. Staines, P. P. Pratt, W. Richards, and S. Clawson.

Elder Isaac J. Elkington reported the Williamsburgh branch in first-rate condition, the Saints being united and desirous to sustain the authorities. The number of members in the branch was 145, and it was reported in good condition financially.

The other five branches were reported by letter in a favorable condition.

Elder H. S. Eldredge presented the authorities of the Church in Zion and throughout the world, which were unanimously sustained.

The Sacrament was administered. The congregation was addressed in an interesting and instructive manner by Elders H. S. Eldredge, W. C. Staines, P. P. Pratt and W. Richards.

The hall was well filled with Saints and strangers, and a good spirit prevailed.—*Mill. Star*, please copy.

Releases, Changes and Appointments.—Elder Lester J. Herrick is released from the Presidency of the London Conference, to return home in charge of the first company.

Elder R. T. Burton is appointed to succeed Elder Herrick in the Presidency of the London Conference.

Elder Robt. McQuarrie is released from the Presidency of the Glasgow Conference, to return home with the first company.

Elder W. N. Fife is appointed to succeed Elder McQuarrie in the Presidency of the Glasgow Conference.

Elder George F. Gibbs is released from laboring in this Office, to return home with the first company.

Elder John Clark is released from the Presidency of the Sheffield Conference, and appointed to labor in this Office.

Elder R. W. Heyborne is released from the Presidency of the Bedfordshire Conference, and appointed to succeed Elder Clark in the Presidency of the Sheffield Conference.

Elder Chester Call is appointed to succeed Elder Heyborne in the Presidency of the Bedfordshire Conference.

Elder James T. Little is released from laboring in the London Conference, to return home with the first company.

Elder John E. Rees is released from the Presidency of the Welsh Conference, to return home with the first company.—*Millennial Star*, March 31st.

District Court.—Shields vs. Camp Floyd M. Co., ordered and adjudged that the verification of the answer herein is insufficient, and that the defendant have leave to file an amended answer, within five days, on payment of \$10 costs and filing affidavit of merits. Further ordered that on the above terms being complied with, and within five days thereafter the plaintiff shall file a new undertaking in the proceedings on the attachment, in the sum of \$2,900.

E. S. Mansfield et al. vs. V. L. Thomas & Moore; motion to strike out answer and for judgment.

Earl & Smith vs. J. W. Haskin; five days additional time to answer.

H. S. Samson vs. Davenport S. M. Co.; R. P. Lounberry was sub-

stituted as plaintiff instead of H. S. Samson. Judgment for defendant.

E. H. Field vs. David F. Walker; dismissed on plaintiff's motion, without prejudice.

Goldberg & Co. vs. Isaac Wolfe; judgment for plaintiff, for want of answer.

First National Bank of Utah vs. Camp Floyd S. M. Co.; motion for additional bond on attachment for \$7,600. Five days granted to file bond.

James Shields vs. Camp Floyd S. M. Company; motion to strike out answer granted; defendant has five days to amend answer, on paying \$5 costs and filing affidavit of merits. On filing answer undertaking on attachment to be increased \$2,900. Ten dollars paid in open court, five days thereafter.

J. Morrison vs. F. H. Keith; amount of debt deposited, on court and bail discharged.

P. E. Connor vs. H. S. Jacobs; motion to discharge attachment overruled; ten days to answer.

Salutatory.—The following is extracted from the *Millennial Star* of March 31—

"Beloved Brethren and Saints:—On entering upon the responsible duties and labors of the Presidency of the European Mission, to which I was appointed at the last October Conference, held in Salt Lake City, I feel it my duty to address a few words to you, in order that we might be drawn closer together, and become better acquainted by a communication and interchange of thoughts.

"I am deeply impressed with the importance of that unity of spirit and effort on the part, not only of the Elders engaged in the ministry, but all the Priesthood and Saints throughout the mission, which is necessary for the progress and prosperity of the glorious cause in which we are engaged. There is nothing more undeniable than that, 'in union there is strength,' while the important admonition given by the Lord is, 'Except ye are one ye are not mine.' That we may therefore see eye to eye and maintain a vigorous co-operation in the performance of our several important duties, I invite and solicit the confidence and friendship of my fellow-laborers, and trust that they will exercise perfect freedom in communicating with me, or offering such suggestions as they might deem wise and expedient, for the welfare and advancement of the work in their respective fields of labor, keeping always in view the great object of our labors, namely the salvation of mankind.

"As bearers and sowers of the precious seed of eternal life, let our lives correspond with our professions, our words be consonant with the truth we bear, and our acts agreeable to the revealed will of God; for without these fruits do follow in some degree our professions of faith, we, as Elders or Saints, are only obstacles to the progress of the Work, stumbling-blocks in the way of the practically-minded observer, and are not only not enhancing the prospects of the salvation of others, but are jeopardizing our own.

"Let not only the Elders, but every member of the Church feel that it is his or her especial duty to take an active and lively interest in whatever may tend to promote the general good; and, also, realize that one of the most potent agencies in accomplishing God's will on earth, is the righteousness and purity of life of his adopted children.

"Desiring only to introduce myself to the Saints briefly, through the columns of the *Star*, I will conclude by saying, that, I purpose visiting and attending Conference at Sheffield, where I expect to meet with many of the Elders from various parts of Great Britain, as well as many of the Saints of that Conference, on Sunday next; and, on the following Sunday, at Nottingham, where I hope to meet others of the brethren, and at other places on each successive Sunday, until I shall have completed a circuit of all the Conferences in the Mission. Due notice of time and places, when and where Conferences will be held, will be given to the Elders and Saints, through the *Star*, or by letter, according to circumstances.

"Praying God my Father to bless and crown with abundant success the united efforts of the laborers in the vineyard in the apparent gleanings of the grapes when the vintage is done, and that the way may be opened and prospects brightened, on every hand, for the ac-

complishment of the greatest possible amount of good toward the salvation and exaltation of those who at present are sitting in darkness, to the honor and glory and acceptance of God.

"I am your brother in the Gospel,
"JOS. F. SMITH.
"Liverpool, March 28, 1874."

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 25.

Dull.—Little or no business in the police court during the past week.

Plentiful.—Lots of wind and dust to-day.

Visitors.—The number of visitors from abroad increases daily.

Tree Worms.—Worms are hatching out in the shade trees and in the orchards all over the City.

Adjourned.—The Third District Court adjourned this afternoon till the 18th day of May.

Supreme Court.—The Supreme Court of this Territory will meet at the Court Room, City Hall, at 10 o'clock in the morning, one week from next Monday.

From San Francisco.—Mrs. Nathan Ellis, daughter of Elder Orson Hyde, was expected to reach this City to-day, from San Francisco, on a visit to her friends in this City.

From the Country.—The streets have been lined with people from the country to-day, giving the City quite a metropolitan appearance. It is probable there will be quite an attendance from the settlements at the Tabernacle to-morrow.

Dirty Flues.—Mr. Doman, chimney sweep, continues to assert very emphatically that if people would patronize his imported English sweeper, their premises would not take fire. There is probably more truth than poetry in his statement.

Ominous.—Just as people are beginning to congratulate themselves all around that "we are going to have a spell of pleasant weather now," the air commences to feel as if another storm is near, and the sky begins to have an ominously cloudy appearance.

Warm Spring Indians.—Donald MacKay expects soon to go to the eastern States with his band of Warm Spring Indians, who figured in the Modoc war, to give some kind of performances or entertainments there, similar to those he has been regaling the citizens of Oregon with. We do not suppose he will call here, as Indians can frequently be seen capering on the streets of this City, and no charge made for the sight.

District Court To-Day.—W. D. Forster vs. Frederick Rich; motion for new trial overruled; defendant excepts; proceedings under execution stayed six days.

H. Kramer vs. U. P. R. R. Co.; judgment for defendants, for costs.

Jos. Coleman vs. John N. Dramer et al.; report of master in chancery confirmed; decree granted.

J. M. Goeway & Co. vs. L. J. Whitney; default and judgment.

William Jennings vs. Robert J. Golding.

Constitution Buildings.—Several alterations to meet the wants of the Spring and Summer business, have been made in the retail grocery establishment of Z. C. M. R. The glassware and crockery goods have been removed from the main compartment and reinstated on the shelves of the south wing in a very tasteful manner. The tinware is also kept in the rear part of the same division. The stoves and hollow ware department, in the north compartment, has been turned over to the wholesale department. Other alterations, to meet the wants of the public, have recently been made there.

The Boston Transcript says the funniest thing on the street, this month, is the appearance of a sharp-nosed woman in the bonnet of the period and a mask veil. The latter article hangs over the tip of the wearer's nose with all the grace of an umbrella covering a broken rib.

Some of the old records of the town of Duxbury, Massachusetts, have just been unearthed: one of them, bearing date 1665, tells us that the town voted to purchase "one-half quire of paper, for the use of the town," and such extravagance was criticised by the old inhabitants.