

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

ARRIVED.—We learn that the company of emigrants which left Omaha in the early part of the present week, arrived at Ogden this morning; a portion of them is expected in this city sometime to-morrow.

STAGING TO THE TERMINUS.—We notice that Wells, Fargo & Co.'s stages make their regular trips, to and from the terminus of the railroad, on good time. Their line is now run by Messrs. Gilmer & Saulsbury, and parties visiting this city can depend on a safe and speedy journey, in excellent coaches, with fine horses and gentlemanly drivers. They have lately reduced the fare to three dollars.

THE STORM.—The premonitory symptoms of the storm, during the last two or three days, fairly set in last evening about six o'clock, when the rain began to fall pretty heavily, and continued with slight intermission until far into the night; it was accompanied by almost incessant lightning and thunder, the former being very vivid, and the latter,—why it has seldom been equalled. Poets and novelists talk about Heaven's artillery; if there is any such thing, some of the big guns were certainly fired last night. We have heard of only one accident, and that occurred at about three o'clock in the afternoon, when a man, whose name we have not learned, in the 19th Ward, near to Bro. George Nebeker's place, was knocked senseless; but whether he sustained any serious injury we have not been able to ascertain.

This storm, for length and intensity, has never been equalled in this country at this season of the year. This morning the conflict of the elements has passed away and the atmosphere looks clear and far more settled.

COALVILLE.—It will be remembered that, some two or three weeks since, a report appeared in the News, that a portion of a human body had been discovered up a side gulch in Echo Canyon. We learn from Mr. Thomas Bullock, that since then the Coroner of Summit county, together with Hon. Elias Asper, and two others, have been up to the gulch, and gathered the skull, arm, leg, and other remains, of a man, and buried them all. It was evident the murdered man was struck twice on the back of the head, with a hatchet, which was found, having spots of blood on it. His carpet sack, clothing and papers gave no clue to his identification. It is supposed he was murdered last winter.

The stringent measures of the Mayor and County Court have been successful in staying the progress of the small pox; no new cases have been developed now for some time.

The hoppers, in countless numbers, have helped themselves freely to the good things in the gardens, orchards and fields of the citizens of Coalville every day, thus far, during the present month.

CONVENTION IN PROVO.—We are indebted to Elder L. John Nuttall, for the following dispatch, received per Deseret Telegraph Line, in relation to the Convention which assembled in Provo on Wednesday morning:

Editor Deseret News:—The Convention to regulate the prices of agricultural and other products, also mechanical and other labor, consisting of 44 members, closed its deliberations for the present, last evening, after a session of two days. A general good feeling prevailed. Full particulars by mail.

HARPER'S MONTHLY.—We have received *Harper's Monthly* for September, from Mr. James Dwyer, of the Railway News Depot, East Temple Street, where it may be found for sale.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

ARRIVAL OF THE MORMON EMIGRANTS.—Under this heading the *Omaha Herald* of the 17th inst. says:

"It would be making a safe assertion to say that Brigham Young is not only doing more than any individual but more than any organization in the United States in populating and developing our territorial possessions. He has missionaries scattered throughout nearly all the densely populated countries of Europe, who preach Mormonism and emigration at the same time. The richness of Utah and the views of Joseph Smith are unfolded in the same discourse, and the glories of Zion and Salt Lake City are dwelt upon with almost equal fervor. As a consequence we find that the people who profess Mormonism in the Old World, are almost unanimously desirous of reaching the country in which dwells their spiritual head. Another installment of the 'happy deluded,' four hundred strong, arrived in Omaha yesterday morning. Agent Dusenberry accompanied the immigrants from New York to this point. Here they were placed in charge of the Rev. John E. Pace, a returning missionary from England. They left for Salt Lake City by a special train at noon yesterday."

THE TWO "NORVALS."—The other day we inserted in the columns of the News a letter from a correspondent at Ogden, not a native of "Old Scotia," but who had probably been perusing some of the Scotch classics,

and who chose the *nom de plume* of the famed hero of the Grampians, "Norval." It is well known to our readers that, some time ago, several valuable communications, from a correspondent in this city, appeared in our columns, over the same signature. A day or two since we received a communication from "Norval" of this city, whose literary fame is already established, complaining that another, residing in the country, and who, it is reasonable to suppose, is but a mere tyro, should adopt the same *nom de plume*, which proves that two "Norvals" in the field can no more agree than two "Richmonds." We are inclined to believe in the justice of the cause of our city friend, and while we shall be pleased to hear from our correspondent at Ogden, we suggest the propriety of his adopting another sobriquet, and we say, if he can win a name and fame in the flowery paths of literature, let him do it without the aid of the name of "Norval."

THE STORM ON THURSDAY NIGHT.—We have received information, through the Deseret Telegraph Line, that the storm of Thursday night extended to Ogden, severely, and to Brigham City and Wellsville slightly. There was no rain at Logan. South of this city and in Utah County there was considerable thunder and lightning, but not much rain. In Sanpete County there was a little rain, with some thunder and lightning. At Scipio it stormed considerably, injuring the Telegraph Line, so that communication south of that place was stopped for a time. It rained very hard at Fillmore, Parowan and Cedar City.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—In the morning Elder Henry G. Boyle, who has just returned from a mission to the States of Virginia and North Carolina, gave a very interesting account of his labors and their results in those localities. His remarks were very excellent and were listened to with marked attention by the large congregation. Elder Boyle has been very successful in his missionary labors.

He was followed by Elder George Q. Cannon, who referred, briefly, to the change that has been effected here since the arrival of the Saints in these valleys, and the peace, and good order, and safety to life and property which have prevailed in this territory. In reference to this he said, "We can plainly see that God has been with us, and He has blessed us; He has fertilized this land and has made it fruitful. And why have we been so signally blessed? I have reflected upon this, and the conviction is forced home upon me,—and the more I reflect the more I am convinced that my conclusion is correct,—that God has manifested His peculiar favor towards us because of the valor that has been manifested by this people in defending and sustaining the principles which He has revealed."

Brother Boyle has alluded to the subject of "Patriarchal Marriage." Do they, who seek by every means in their power to break us up and destroy our organization because of our belief, have any idea of the sacrifice of feeling and reputation it cost the first elders of the Church to introduce, sustain and declare this principle? When I look back to that time and think of the men who entered into that order and advocated it conscientiously, because they knew the command to practice it was given by God Almighty to them, a feeling of admiration for them fills my heart, and I thank God that I live in a day when men are so valiant as they were. Instead of feeling ashamed I am thankful that I am among men who can die, if it be necessary, for an idea, when they believe and know it is right; and because they know God has revealed it they are willing to embrace it and accept all the consequences involved in obeying it.

When I think what this people did from the time they left Illinois until they came to this Valley, and what they are still doing, I sincerely believe, with all my heart that the blessings God has so signally bestowed upon them, have been because of the courage and constancy manifested by their leaders in embracing and maintaining that principle.

If the question had been asked a year previous to the breaking out of the war between the South and the North, which of these "twin relics," as they were called, slavery or polygamy, is most likely to be destroyed, what would have been the reply from all parts of the nation? "We believe plurality of wives, the peculiar domestic institution of the 'Mormons,' must go by the board; slavery is of too great magnitude or us to grapple with." That would have been the reply from every individual, no matter how favorable he might have felt in other respects towards the Latter-day Saints, unless he had believed they who introduced it had been inspired to do so. But what is the result? Slavery does not exist. Still the feelings against polygamy are as strong as ever. It is only a few days ago that I read a letter, the contents of which were the views of a prominent man, a member of a party that visited this city recently. In that letter it was stated that this system,—so odious to the so-called Christian world—must be destroyed. There was no question about it; it had to be met and decided, and there could be no doubt as to the result.

Now, I speak frankly upon this because I know it is a topic that is uppermost in

most men's minds; I tell my feelings candidly, not defiantly, upon it, but I know that plurality of wives *never will be destroyed*, if it be of God, and *we know it is*. If such a thing were possible as to destroy and break up this people, it would only increase the difficulty; it would be like going into a garden and striking a head of mustard seed when it is ripe,—the seed would be scattered all over the garden. As long as there is a Latter-day Saint upon the earth, holding the priesthood,—as long as the oracles of truth exist on the earth, earth and hell may array themselves against this principle, but it will stand, because it is of God. It did not have its origin in licentiousness, and does not aim at the degradation of woman. On the contrary, women, under it, are elevated. It is true that we do not place a few of them on a pedestal and make them objects of worship, as under the Old Institution, while thousands of their poor degraded sisters are perishing in the gutters and sidewalks without any thought or care. We do not pursue this course; but instead of elevating and making objects of worship of the few, we elevate the sex generally; we pay the respect, homage and honor due to them as our sisters, and we respect their virtue to such an extent that there is not a man amongst us, who is a true Latter-day Saint, but what would die rather than the virtue of his mother, aunt, wife, sister or daughter should be violated. He would be recreant to the principles of the faith he professes, a poor, miserable devil, who would be considered unworthy of a name amongst us who feels and would act otherwise. We do for the sex what others talk about doing,—that is we honor and respect them.

May God help us, my brethren and sisters, to cleave to the truth, and discard error; to be valiant to the cause of our God and accept the consequences, always, even if it lead to the stake or the scaffold. We are no better than our Master: He died an ignominious death, and His apostles died the same. We are no better than the Hebrew Children, or than any who fought the good fight when upon the earth. May God help us to be like them, follow in their footsteps and attain to the glory which they enjoy. I ask it in the name of Jesus, Amen."

In the afternoon Elder John R. Clawson, just returned from a mission to England, briefly related his labors and experience while there.

He was followed by President George A. Smith, in a discourse upon the history of the Church from the commencement of the persecutions until the formation of a Territorial Government in Utah, which was reported in full and will shortly appear.

CONCERTS IN THE SETTLEMENTS.—Professor C. J. Thomas, so well known in the community as the founder and former conductor of the theatrical orchestra, has been in the city for the past few days. He starts for his home,—Beaver City, Beaver County, on Wednesday next, and intends to give a series of concerts in the principal settlements *en route*. The vocalists and instrumentalists on these occasions will be the Professor, himself, assisted by his wife and daughter, (the latter only seven years of age) and the bands and choirs of the various settlements in which his entertainments will be given.

Professor Thomas's efficiency as a musician and conductor are sufficient guarantee that the ability at his command will be made the most of, and while using his talent for the pleasure and amusement of his friends and the public generally, we hope they will not forget to make him a befitting return in greenbacks and other good things to help him on the journey of life through the coming winter.

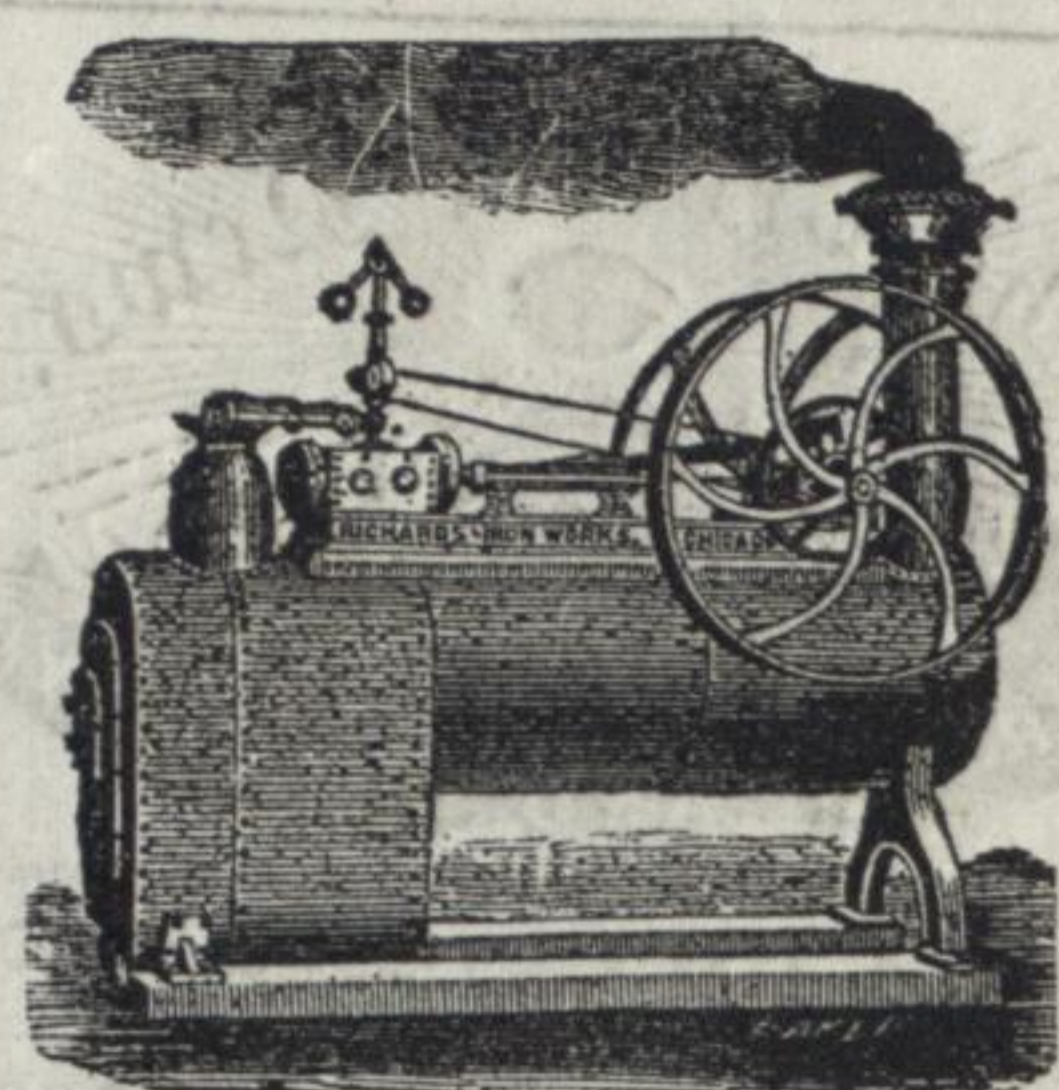
THE NEW ARRIVALS.—We have had several very pleasant interviews with Elder John E. Pace and others of the returning missionaries, who came by the *Colorado*. From them we learn that the voyage was a most pleasant one, and from the time they left Liverpool, on the 28th of July, to the date of their arrival in these valleys, August 21st,—they did not lose one of the company by sickness; but their number was increased by the birth of a girl, while in the cars in the Bitter Creek country. Of the returning missionaries who came in the *Colorado*, Elder John E. Pace, Joel Grover, Willard Richards, Hy. J. Moore, Octave Ursenbach, Nathan B. Baldwin, John R. Clawson and William Howard, the latter accompanied by his wife, have reached their homes in these mountains. Elder R. Erastus Egan is still east, whilst Elder Geo. Teasdale remains in New York to assist Elder W. C. Staines in the business of the emigration.

THE COMET.—Having established our observatory, we last night watched anxiously from midnight to morn for the expected comet, but the brilliancy of the moon proved unfavorable to the observation of the heavens, and no signs of cometic phenomena came within our gaze.

SERENADE.—Last night, after the performance at the Theatre, the Minstrel troupe serenaded President Young at his residence, playing some delightful music, and singing the quartette "Come where my love lies dreaming," with great sweetness.

Died.

In San Francisco, Cal. August 18, 1869, Mary, wife of Anson Wright, aged 47 years. She was a native of Staffordshire, England.



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