

from this city went to that place in response to a telegram for assistance. Near the town are a dozen huge iron tanks from which hundreds of men are now driving back the flames. A mile above Duke Centre a nitro-glycerine repository came in the course of the flames and exploded with terrible force. The territory over which the fire swept is so wide and the points so inaccessible, that it is impossible to gain correct information as to the actual loss. It is estimated that 200 rigs beside the volume of oil have been destroyed. Duke Centre is reported still safe at midnight. A falling tree struck a man named Wm. Reed, inflicting probably fatal injuries. No other persons are hurt.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—The revenue cutter, *Thomas Corwin*, is anchored in the stream ready to sail for the arctic in search of the *Jeannette* and missing whalers. The captain has received his orders and will depart to-morrow probably. The cutter has been thoroughly overhauled, strongly braced and fitted with every appliance experience suggests for her voyage. The captain expects to be gone some four months and will search the sea in the vicinity of Wrangles' Land and if possible explore that unknown country also.

The settlers about Hanford, at a public meeting after the late affray, passed resolutions holding the railroad company responsible for the tragedy, and pledging their honor to use all honorable means to prevent further bloodshed, and to urge waiting for the legal vindication of their rights. Speeches were made urging the settlers to stand together in the common cause and die for their homes if need be. Hart is credited with the statement that Harris, one of the settlers, fired the first shot, wounding him in the abdomen.

A dispatch from Sacramento says: Kearney's case came up this morning without argument. The court ordered that Kearney have leave to bring up all matters appertaining to the record, and that a further hearing take place on Monday next. This brings up the whole matter as desired by Kearney. The court reserves the right to pass upon the admissibility of any matter that may be brought up.

CHICAGO, 13.—A shocking and fatal accident occurred in the Sherman House elevator this afternoon. Anton Sorge, the engineer of the house having the upper portion of his head completely torn off by being caught between the floor of the basement and the elevator. He was hunting for a missing wrench and had forgotten that the balance descended as the elevator went up.

LEBANON, Pa., 13.—The execution of Brandt, Humel and Wise, for the murder of Raber, in order to obtain his life insurance, took place this morning. Wise made a statement on the scaffold confessing the guilt of all. Religious services were held on the platform and all appeared reconciled to their fate. The death of all three seemed to follow instantaneously upon the springing of the trap.

ST. LOUIS, 13.—Samuel Stanton, residing in St. Geneve County, in this State, filed a suit in the Circuit Court here to-day against Carl Schurz, Secretary of the Interior, claiming \$20,000 damages for false imprisonment by the Secretary's order for a period of three months in the guard house at Fort Russell, Wyoming Territory.

CINCINNATI, 13.—On the second ballot for the election of the fourth bishop, the Methodist General Conference elected E. O. Haven, Chancellor of the Syracuse University. C. H. Fowler, of the New York *Christian Advocate*, stood next and Dr. Walden, of this city, third.

DUBUQUE, Ia., 13.—In Lafayette township, on Sunday night, a drunken farmer ravished his three daughters, aged 9, 15 and 18. Their screams were heard by the neighbors. A party of armed men are in pursuit of the flying fiend.

BRADFORD, Pa., 14.—The fires among the wells in the neighborhood of Duke Centre, have been subdued and the town is regarded out of danger. The 25,000 barrel iron tank of Mitchell & Jones, on White Farm is still burning to-day. The 10,000 barrel tank at Baker Trestle, on the Kendall and Ellred road, made an overflow and the trestle was burned interfering with the movements of the trains. Rather formidable fires broke out this morning near Coleville and Bordell, but a large force of men have fought bravely and now have them under control. The number of rigs destroyed last evening will reach 300. Fires still prevail in some sections of Tram Hollow, but the greatest danger thereabouts is regarded past.

WEST POINT, 14.—Expert Gayler testified to-day that onsets of papers presented to him have so many points of resemblance to the note of warning, that he is convinced they were written by the same person.

CHICAGO, 14.—The *Inter-Oceans'* Washington special asserts that the Blaine bureau is spending a large amount of money, which Gould, Dillon, Huntington and other railroad men in New York are furnishing.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 12.—There are some indications that the Sultan intends to have the sentence of death against the assassin of Col. Coumeroff carried out, and as a precaution he has dismissed the Bosnian members of the palace guard, fellow countrymen of the assassin.

The war office is collecting all possible information regarding the Chinese frontier, in view of the probable rupture between Russia and China.

A semi-official has been sent to the French provincial papers, stating that the directors of unauthorized religious communities appear resolved to await the delay fixed by the decrees without demanding authorization, and then if expelled to invoke the law against the violation of domicile and private property. The government has taken measures to meet that emergency.

In the French Chamber of Deputies to-day, a draught of the convention of January 15, 1880, between France and the United States for settling claims for damages suffered by French subjects during the civil war was introduced, declared urgent and voted upon.

A Bordeaux special says: The bonded warehouse in Rue Bacalan is burning. The building is the property of the Chamber of Commerce, and is stored with alcohol, rum, absinthe and other merchandise.

The town of Baumholder, Rhenish Prussia, has been almost destroyed by fire. Over 1,000 persons are destitute.

Hadja Osman Pasha, Commander of the Turkish troops on the plains of Podgoritz; not only arranged matters in such a way that the evacuated positions were immediately occupied by the Albanians, but detailed so small an escort to his provisions and ammunition trains, that the Albanians took possession of them easily. All the chief tribes have sent contingents and there is perfect harmony between the Mussulmans and Christians from Alasio, Prisent, Yakovo, Ipek, Gusinje and Plava. Considerable forces have already arrived. A large band of Miridites passed through Senatoria on their way to the front. It is believed that over 10,000 are collected in the neighborhood of Tusia and Hum, and they are well provided with artillery. Supplies of provisions and ammunition have been pouring into the mountains all winter. Contributions are levied from all the Albanians under penalty of having their houses burned.

The British Consul at Bourgas, Eastern Roumelia, telegraphs the British ambassador that a band of soldiers from Bulgaria entered the district of Aidos, pillaged nine Turkish villages, killed several men and outraged several women. Twenty-one hundred and sixty-six Mussulmans escaped, and are now encamped at Achialo.

LONDON, 13.—A large proportion of the factory operatives at Blackburn left their employment yesterday as they finished making up. At a number of the mills the operatives decided to work at the old rates, but some employers refused to allow them to do this, while two or three masters offered to grant an increase of five per cent.

The Blackburn strike produced much consternation in Oldham, Blackburn being its principal customer. Stocks are accumulating. It is determined to counteract the evil effects of the Blackburn strike by stopping operations for a week.

A special says that a European slave commission has been appointed on the recommendation of the British Consul General to secure the execution of the Anglo-Egyptian convention for the suppression of the slave trade.

It is stated that the Carthusian Monks, manufacturers of the famous Cartreuse liquors, have determined to follow the example of other congregations and refuse to conform to the religious decrees. They threaten to remove the manufacture to England. They pay the state 1,000,000 francs each year in taxes and divide 5,000,000 francs among the poor.

The Grand Vizier insists upon the immediate adoption of measures for preventing the threatened conflict between the Albanians and Montenegrins. Disturbances have occurred at Siroi, in Vall Siroi, and martial law has been proclaimed.

Accounts from Scutari are more reassuring. There was never any truth in the report of a declaration of Albanian independence.

An order is published temporarily increasing the police force of St. Petersburg by 250 inspectors.

Correspondence.

TILSON'S MILL,
Blande County, Virginia,
April 25th, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

Our last communication to the News was dated February 12th, and at the time of President Morgan's visit to this part of the south. At the close of our two-days' meeting in Blande County, Sunday, February 15th, we administered the ordinances of baptism and confirmation to three more honest souls.

The next day I started with President Morgan on a visit to North Carolina. As far as Wytheville we were accompanied by Elders Hill, Ballantyne and Fife, who had come from their respective fields of labor to attend the conference in Burk's Garden. At Wytheville we parted with the above named brethren, who returned to their fields of labor, feeling well in body and spirit. After a pleasant ride on horseback through the country and crossing the Blue Ridge Mountains, we arrived at Brother Wm. Shelton's, in Surry County, N. C., February 18th, and soon after rejoined in meeting Elders Moyle, Spence and Taylor, then laboring in that conference. During our visit with the Saints in Surry County we held seven meetings, and a good spirit prevailed, and all interested seemed to rejoice in our meetings.

On our return to Virginia we held a meeting about three miles from Hillsville, in Carroll County, Virginia. This was the first held in that section by the Elders and a goodly number of people came out to hear what we had to say, and paid strict attention to President Morgan's discourse on the first principles of the gospel, after which I bore testimony to the truth.

After meeting we were invited home with Mr. Hart Alderman, the revenue officer of that district. We accepted and were kindly treated by himself and family. The next day we continued our journey arriving in Wytheville late in the afternoon. We stayed all night, and next morning Prest. Morgan took the east bound train, on his way to visit Elders Barnett and Langton and the Saints in Franklin County, Virginia. We enjoyed very much the visit of Prest. Morgan, to our field of labor, and feel blessed in receiving and putting into practice his kind instructions.

The following Sunday, Feb. 29th, I was joined by Elders Hill and Ballantyne, who had been called from Tennessee to labor in this Conference. We held two meetings the same day in the Tilson school house, both of which were well attended, and considerable interest was manifested in our instructions.

Monday, March 1st.—In Burk's Garden, we held the funeral services of Bro. Reese Heneger, jr., who died very suddenly the day previous. Quite a number were present at the meeting, and still many more at the grave. This young man had embraced the Gospel a few months prior to his death, and died firm in the faith. To all such, the blessing will apply spoken of by John the Revelator, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from this time henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

March 5th.—One more was added to the church by baptism.

Wednesday, 17.—Elder Henry G. Boyle arrived in Virginia direct from Utah. Those who have been on missions can understand best how we felt to meet one of our brethren directly from the home of the Saints.

Since Elder Boyle's arrival, we have held several meetings in different localities, and during the present month, 13 more have been added to the Church by baptism.

Friday, 16th of this month, one family left Tazewell County for Ogden City, Utah. Others are trying to sell their property in order to obtain the necessary means that

they may gather with the Saints. Times are hard and money scarce. God has promised to gather his people, were it not so, prospects indeed look discouraging. Many of the Saints have no property to sell. I hope the poor among the Saints in Virginia will realize the benefits of this good year of jubilee as well as the Saints in all the earth. If those who have relatives and friends still scattered abroad would send them a paper, pamphlet or other Church publication and write a letter occasionally, it would prove to them a source of comfort and consolation.

After our baptism of six persons on what is called Clear Fork, in Tazewell County, the house of one of the Saints was rocked by a number of unprincipled persons, who perhaps thought the Elders were in the house at the time. We had stopped there during the day and attended to the baptism, but being anxious to get our mail matter, we came on to Burk's Garden. No damage was done, except that those who committed the act showed themselves to be more like demons than Christians.

April 3d, Col. Peter Litz, of Burk's Garden, died; aged about 78 years. He was baptized by Prest. J. M. Grant, near 39 years ago. Though he had not gathered with the Saints he was firm in his testimony, and when asked (by a sectarian) if he was prepared to die, he replied that he felt that he was born a "Mormon" and would die one, being prepared. At his funeral, a great many people came together to pay their last respects to the remains of an old and well known citizen. Among them were preachers, doctors and magistrates, Catholic and Protestant. Many for the first time heard a Latter-day Saint Elder bear testimony to the restoration of the gospel, there being many present who do not usually attend the meetings of the Elders on account of the prejudice they hold against us.

The health of the Elders and Saints generally is good, and prospects fair for a good work being done.

I have been released to return home, which I expect to do next month. During the two years, and a little more, of my labors, I have enjoyed myself in doing what I could by the help of the Lord, for the spread of the truth. I labored with Elder Barnett about 15 months and the remainder of the time with Elder Benson and others, as changes would take place occasionally as wisdom would suggest. During the whole time we have had friends raised up to us, and have not lacked for the comforts of life. The Lord has greatly blessed my humble efforts in connection with those of my traveling companions, so that quite a number have been baptized and some of them gathered to Zion. For all of these blessings I feel truly grateful to our heavenly Father, and can bear testimony to the truth of this work. My prayer is that the blessings of God may rest upon the Saints and the honest in heart everywhere. With kind regards in which the brethren join,

I remain, your brother in the gospel of Christ,

M. F. COWLEY.

MANASSA, Conejos County,
Colorado, April 29, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

I left Virginia with a party of emigrants on the 11th inst., joining Elder John Morgan at Chattanooga, on the 13th, and left Chattanooga at 11 a.m., via Nashville, St. Louis, Kansas City and Pueblo, arriving at Manassa, the 17th inst., a.m. The railroad is running about three miles west of Manassa.

The Saints performed the trip with good faith and feelings.

Manassa promises fair for a flourishing settlement. The San Luis Valley is a large open valley. Several fine rivers run in different directions through the valley, affording abundance of water for irrigation and other purposes. Good cool well water can be obtained within 10 feet of the surface. Grass and farming land, good, abundant and easily cultivated. Good opportunities for the honest and industrious to build up comfortable homes.

Many of the Mexican people are kind and accommodating, allowing the Saints for the present to live in their plazas or villages and to work their farms. The general prospects of the San Luis Valley are excellent.

Elder Morgan's labors for the deliverance of Israel from Babylon and to plant them firmly in faith and position in their new homes is

praiseworthy. Have held several meetings with two days' conference since our arrival here, with good effect.

The Saints feel well and are busy improving their settlements.

Yours faithfully,
H. W. BARNETT.

Indigo Seed.

HARRISBURG, Utah,
April, 24, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

I wish to say through your columns that I have long tried to get indigo seed without success. I finally conclude the only chance to get it is to say to President J. Morgan, in the News, and all Elders and Saints coming home from the South, that I will give \$10 for 1 lb. of the small annual black seed, such as we used to grow fifty and sixty years ago in Kentucky, Tennessee, Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana. The big blue formerly of Alabama and Georgia would be best for Arizona. Also a few sacks of the upland rice would be valuable to us here and further south.

Nothing of much interest. A man blown to death in a mine yesterday by a premature blast, but that is nothing here in our game of scramble and grab for the almighty dollar. Spring extremely cold and backward; most of the fruit killed. But all this is nothing compared with the want of that indigo seed, if we have to fall back on our own resources, as I almost hope we may, and I little care how soon. I remain your brother, etc.

DANIEL BOONE.

Vermont is the greatest maple sugar producing State in the Union. Its annual yield is about 9,000,000 pounds, worth \$700,000, or about an average allowance of thirty pounds for each inhabitant.

Number 23 of the Standard Series published by I. Funk & Co., New York, contains the Life, Anecdotes and Pulpit Sayings of Rowland Hill, the famous preacher, by Charlesworth, with an introduction by Spurgeon. Price 15 cents.

Singapore has a boa-constrictor that has swallowed a young lady, who wore at the time a \$15,000 diamond necklace. The young lady is of no value now, but the necklace is, so about thirty thousand natives are diligently searching for the snake.

The Germans, who for the last decade have devoted great attention to horse and cattle breeding, propose to hold an international agricultural show, especially of live stock, at Hamburg, in 1882. The last one at the same place in 1863 was very successful.

ALL ENDORSE IT.

The "Recorder," Americus, Ga., says: "Clerks, Senators, Representatives, Doctors, Lawyers, Citizens, in public and private life, are testifying by the thousands, and over their own signatures, that a remedy has been found for Bright's Disease of the Kidneys and for Diabetes; these are respectively known as Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure and Warner's Safe Diabetes Cure."

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