

EASTERN NEWS.

Dates to Sept. 1 were received by the mail on Monday, but the papers from all parts of the Union were more devoid of news that would interest the people of Utah than usual, if possible.

The several political parties throughout the United States were still operating upon the high pressure principle. Conventions were being held, nominations made, wires pulled, speeches delivered, money expended and documents distributed to an indefinite extent. It is reported that about half a million documents are weekly sent out from the capitol folding room in Washington, on account of the several political parties. In addition, the same kind of work is extensively performed at the club rooms.

Mr. Douglas was at Petersburg, Virginia, on the 27th of August, and was expected to spend a few weeks only in the south.

The President left Bedford Springs the 25th of August for Washington, the late news from Mexico inducing him to return sooner than he intended.

Considerable excitement is said to exist in Hancock county, Illinois, relative to a rumor that the Mormons intend returning and settling at Nauvoo, under the lead of J. Smith, jun. A mass meeting of the citizens was held at Carthage on the 21st, who protested against their returning, and declared they would not allow them to do so.

The report that Gen. Houston had declined being a candidate for the Presidency is confirmed. He earnestly presses a union of all conservative men upon one ticket.

There was a heavy storm at and in the vicinity of Troy, N. Y., August 25th. The thunder and lightning was very severe and hail fell profusely. Rocks were washed down from the hills, obstructing the roads and doing a vast amount of damage.

The Iowa State Reporter says that accidents from lightning have been numerous in that State during the past summer. A large amount of property has been destroyed. Stacks of wheat and oats, buildings of all kinds, horses and cattle, and human lives, have been ruinously assailed by the winged shaft. It is computed that near 40 human beings have been killed this season in that State by lightning.

At Williamsport, Penn., there was a great rain on the 25th of August, doing considerable damage.

On the 25th of August, the town of Leesburg, Va., was visited by one of the most violent storms that has passed over that section of the State for thirty years. The Alexandria Gazette says: The wind was extremely violent, the lightning and thunder fiercer than it had been known for years, and the rain fell in floods that deluged the town, driving every one within doors. All the cellars were filled, and a considerable amount of damage done in various portions of the town. A hailstorm also accompanied the rain, and the corn in many places was cut to pieces. Fences were blown down, and much other damage done to the farms in the range of the storm.

Other storms, tornadoes, hurricanes and engines of destruction had visited various parts of the United States, doing much damage, and the list of calamities is swelled to an indefinite extent.

The New Orleans Picayune of the 24th, says: "We have files of Mexican papers from all the interior towns of Mexico nearest the scene of the war. Both parties were fast bringing up their respective forces, in expectation of a general engagement. The liberals, under Gen. Ortega, had been strengthened by the union with it of the commands of Carvajal, Berriosabal, Puebla, and Antillon, and was said to be in the best condition and confident of victory.

Meanwhile, the city of Guadalupe continued vigorously and closely besieged.

The same paper also says that the cities of Iguala and Taxco, in the south, had fallen into the hands of Arteaga and Alvarez, who were closely besieging Cuernavaca. Other important towns had been taken by the liberals, who were marching on the capital from every direction."

The late storm did immense damage to the shipping on the Mexican coast.

The drought was severe in Northern Mexico, the country devastated by a civil war, and a famine was feared.

—When at Rutland, and just as Mr. Douglas was entering the Bardwell House, a large Irish woman rushed up, grabbed him in her arms, and kissed him.

Arrival of Judge Crosby.

As anticipated, from the reports that have been in circulation of late, Hon. H. R. Crosby, who has been appointed, by Mr. Buchanan, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for this Territory, in place of Harden, declined, came passenger by the mail coach, which came in on Monday, but was expected on Saturday, and would have arrived had it not been for one of those occurrences which never transpire on stage lines, where men who occasionally or habitually get intoxicated, cannot find employment.

Report says, that the stage driver got drunk somewhere between Bear River and the mouth of Echo Canyon, had a row with and stabbed an emigrant, and under such circumstances it was considered imprudent for him to drive the coach any further until he became sober, consequently the Judge who was very anxious to reach the city, procured some other conveyance, and in company with Mr. J. W. Myers, who was a passenger from Bear River, came ahead and arrived at about twelve o'clock on Saturday night.

We had an introduction to his honor soon after his arrival, and from the slight acquaintance, thus had, he seems to be a plain unassuming gentleman, who has seen much of the world, and had considerable experience in frontier life, having spent the last six or eight years on the Pacific coast, in Oregon and Washington; consequently must be well versed in territorial politics and laws, and probably knows the difference between a Federal and a Territorial court, which if his predecessor knew, he never observed.

Judge Crosby, as we are informed, was a delegate from Washington Territory to the Charleston-Baltimore Convention, and while in the east, being politically friendly to Mr. Breckenridge, obtained the appointment of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for Utah, and will, as the successor of Judge Sinclair, officiate, for the time being at least, in the Third Judicial District, where he will have a good opportunity of displaying his knowledge of law.

Court Proceedings.

In the Probate Court for Great Salt Lake County, on Wednesday, Sept. 19th, Simon Baker was on trial for an assault on W. P. Nebeker and Ashton Nebeker, committed some time last spring. The jury found him "guilty" and fined him fifty dollars and costs.

A case appealed from an Alderman's Court was dismissed, the court having no jurisdiction.

On Thursday a case, Bradford Leonard vs. Randolph Alexander, was withdrawn by plaintiff's counsel, and the only case tried was Leonard I. Smith vs. Peter K. Dotson, which came up on appeal from Justice Miner's court. The investigation was somewhat lengthy and tedious, resulting in a verdict by the jury for defendant, confirming the judgment of the court below.

On Monday the 24th, the entire session of the court was taken up in the investigation of a case in relation to the custody of a child, son of James L. Bess, which came up on habeas corpus. Judgment deferred till the 27th instant, to which day, at 2 p.m., the court adjourned.

HOOPER & ELDRIDGE'S TRAIN.—Capt. H. D. Haight, with the merchant train of Hooper & Eldredge, consisting of twenty-five wagons, ox teams, arrived from the plains on Monday last. Capt. Haight left Florence on the 16th of July and had a prosperous journey. There was one death in the company, that of Niels Christian Jensen, a young man, whose parents reside in Denmark, who died on the 19th ult., and was buried near Cache Cave.

The merchandize brought by this train was selected especially for this market, and can be seen and examined by those who wish to purchase at the store of Cronyn & Co., East Temple street, where some are of the opinion that a better assortment can be found than at any other store in the city.

Wanted.

By G. M. Killgore, who resides in Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, information of the whereabouts of Mrs. Davis, formerly Mrs. David Black, maiden name Mary McRee. Her father, William McRee, died last summer, leaving an estate valued at over \$20,000, and Mr. Killgore has been appointed Attorney for the absent heirs.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Dispatches from Genoa announces the unopposed disembarkation of Garibaldi with 8,000 men near Reggio, on the night of the 10th. The same dispatches report the evacuation of the Fortress of Scylla by the Neapolitans.—The above should be received with great reserve.

It is believed that Garibaldi intends to attack Austria, not on the Venetian but on the Croatia coast, by attempting a disembarkation at Fiume. The Austrian authorities believe Garibaldi will first endeavor to provoke a revolution in Croatia and Hungary before proceeding to Venetia. All the coasts were rigorously watched by the cruisers of the Imperial marine.

The Paris correspondent of the Allgemeine Zeitung says that the Pope has written a very melancholy letter to the Cardinal in France.—He looks upon all as lost; and, although convinced that he will die by the bullet of an assassin, he declares that he will quit Rome under no condition and for no price.

Advices from Damascus of the 5th ult. state that Fuad Pasha had surrounded Lebanon with troops, and threatened with the sword the Druse sheiks if they did not surrender in two days. Twenty sheiks had been taken, and nearly 800 other important arrests made. A thousand camel-loads of plundered property had also been recovered.

The Sultan was about to address another autograph letter to Queen Victoria and the Emperor Napoleon on the subject of Syria, in which he will express a desire to have the sole punishment of the offenders.

The news of the massacres of Balbec is confirmed. No details are given.

ROAD TO THE COAL MINES.—The new road, eastward from this city, via Big Canyon creek and Parley's Park to the Weber river, in the vicinity of the coal mines, is being opened, and the work is progressing as far as could be anticipated. Some fifty men have been employed at different places along the route for several weeks, under competent engineers, and the work is progressing rapidly.

It is expected that by the 10th of October, the road will be completed and ready for the transportation of coal, for which there is and will be a great demand in this city and vicinity, where wood for fuel is getting very scarce, and is often brought to market from a distance of thirty or forty miles, nearly as far as from the coal mines.

New Federal Court Arrangements.

By reference to the notice of Judges Fleniken and Crosby, inserted in this number, it will be seen that they have made new arrangements in relation to holding Federal Courts in this Territory, changing the times of holding terms in the several Districts to suit their convenience, as we suppose.

There has been so much Judicial foolery connected with the holding of United States courts in this Territory for several years past that, when such changes are made, we are naturally led to inquire by what authority do the Judges of the Supreme court act in making such arrangements. We wish to know if two of the Judges can legally order that courts shall be held at certain times and places in the several Districts at pleasure, under existing laws of Congress, when not assembled in the capacity of a Supreme Court? And when the times of holding those courts have been once legally fixed and determined is there any law for altering them, say twice a year or oftener, to suit the notions of the judges without reference to parties litigant?

If some of the learned attorneys who have given the subject proper attention will enlighten our mind in relation to those important matters, they will confer a favor which we will reciprocate by giving their opinions publicity.

A BEAR STORY.—While a number of the citizens were busily engaged in raising a barn for Mr. Fraughton, at Heber city, in Provo valley, a brown bear, with two cubs, came into the place and some excellent sport ensued. One man made an attempt to kill the bold intruder with rocks. Others, more prudent, laid her low with their rifles. Mr. John Thomas, a young man, in the midst of the sport caught one of the cubs by the nape of the neck, and act more brave than prudent. The captured cub is still living and doing well.

The crops in Provo valley, although planted rather late, are reported as being very abundant.

BOWERY.

Sunday morning, Sept. 23, 10 a.m., Elder Orson Hyde addressed the congregation, dwelling particularly on the text that which a man sows, shall he reap; adverted to practices of missionaries who have been abroad for some years past. Reasoned on the parable of "a little leaven being hid in three measures of meal."

Elder L. Snow said that our object should be to increase in the knowledge of the principles of righteousness, and to put ourselves in possession of those principles that are calculated to make us happy; that we should be thankful for the favorable circumstances that surround us, and learn to be useful in building up the kingdom of God. Gave an exhortation to the Saints to be contented and humble in whatsoever circumstances they might be placed. Argued that there is an eternity of information to be obtained by the faithful people of God.

In the afternoon the congregation was addressed by Elders Wm. C. Staines, John D. T. McAllister, John L. Smith and Wm. Martindale on the subject of their missions to the nations. They spoke by the Spirit and with an apparent understanding of the work before them.

Elder Asa Calkin gave a brief account of his mission to Europe; referred to his having been absent five years; referred to the prospects of an increase in the British mission, and the spirit of persecution that had for a long time prevailed in Europe, and also made cheering remarks on the liberties now extended to the Saints in Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

The audience was then addressed by President's B. Young and H. C. Kimball on the practical duties of missionaries who are now going to the nations to preach life and salvation to those who sit in darkness and fear. Their remarks were reported and will doubtless be published in due time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

IMPROVEMENTS AT PROVO.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

The wheat harvest in this vicinity is completed; the farmers have realized a rich reward for their labor.

The corn crops are abundant, though considerable damage from cattle has been sustained, the fences being insufficient to protect the fields.

There has been some frost, but it has done no serious injury.

Sorgum sucre looks exceedingly well.

Martin H. Peck & Co. are erecting a sugar cane mill to go by water power; also, there is one in course of erection by D. R. Rogers & Co., the latter having wrought iron rollers.

The old cane mills are being put in repair, to be ready for work.

Mr. Myron Tanner has purchased Mr. Keltling's grist mill, and has put it in repair and it is now doing a good business.

Mr. John Mills is about starting his new grist mill; also a little grant for grinding corn for stock.

Mr. H. L. Southworth is putting up a building for a store, bakery and dwelling-house on State street, octagon shape, two stories high with a basement, which will shortly be finished, with an octagon roof. It will be a pleasant innovation on the monotonous style of building in Provo.

Mr. A. J. Stewart is building a large store on Centre street.

Mr. Isaac Higbee is also building a dwelling house and many other buildings are in progress.

About one hundred families have removed out of this place during the last year, leaving many empty houses and a great scarcity of laborers in almost every department of industry. Masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, joiners, shoemakers and laborers can find ready employment here.

Bishop William Miller is erecting a cobble stone wall, ten feet high, around a block twenty-four rods square, which will cost forty dollars a rod. It looks well and will be the finest enclosure in the county, and one that will be imitated by many citizens on a lower scale.

Daniel W. Jones, who acted as guide to the troops who went through the mountain route to New Mexico, returned on the 16th, accompanied by Mr. Stephen B. Moore. On their return they were robbed of their wagon and baggage, some \$500 worth of goods, and one span of mules and harness. The attack was made by a party in the night, who fired some one hundred shots, and Mr. Jones and his partner escaped by mounting their lead mules bare back.—Yours, &c.,

TIMPANOGAS.