

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 6.

A Little More Cider.—Bro. Thos. Fenton, of the 6th Ward, on Saturday, dropped in with a sample of the cider of his manufacture, mixed a little of this year's with a little of last year's, also of excellent quality.

Changeable.—On Saturday morning a little rain, on Saturday afternoon and evening a little snow and rain, on Sunday morning a rather sharp frost, a frost this morning, and a snow storm threatening this afternoon.

Provided with Lodgings.—Justice Pyper provided William Dearing with work, board and lodgings for twenty-five days, this morning. The reason of this was that Dearing stole a pair of shoes from the vicinity of the railroad depot, for which he was fined twenty-five dollars, which he will work out.

Rough Characters.—Bp. Lorenzo D. Young reports that on Saturday, while he was from home, and only two little boys were at his house, and they outside, three men entered, but upon the boys raising an alarm the men ran away and thus avoided being caught. This incident shows the necessity of people looking well after their premises.

Gate Lifting.—Last night a number of citizens in the Eleventh Ward had the gates in front of their premises lifted and carried away a considerable distance. One of the gates was found this morning in the vicinity of Butcherville, on the road to Camp, leading to the belief that the mischief was done by a number of drunken soldiers, who passed up that way in the middle of last night.

Cider and Big Apples.—On Saturday Mr. Simpson Misener, of American Fork, brought to this office two specimen apples of the Ohio Pippin variety, one of them being 14½ inches in circumference and the other nearly as large. This variety keeps nearly as long as the Rhode Island Greening, a specimen of which came with the others.

Mr. Misener also brought along a bottle of the cider which he had recently made, of very good quality.

Protecting the Foundation.—To protect the foundation of the new Z. C. M. I. building from water, of which a large quantity will necessarily drip from the cornice at certain seasons, the ground has been dug out a width of several feet parallel with and on each side of the building, and the dirt thrown out replaced with clay, which has been regularly puddled so as to resist the action of the water. This job, which has just been completed, was done under the immediate direction of Brother Winters, of the Fifth Ward, who is an old and experienced hand at such work.

Interesting to Wine Growers.—In answer to a letter of inquiry from Mr. Jacob Gates, of Belleville, Southern Utah, U. S. Collector O. J. Hollister wrote as follows, on Dec. 4—

"In reply to yours of 27th ult., respecting license tax for selling native wines, you can sell wine made from grapes, berries, currants, etc., of your own or native growth, at the place of manufacture, without paying license tax as a liquor dealer, but nowhere else. You can sell elsewhere than at place of manufacture in quantities of less than five gallons at a time, by paying a license tax at the rate of \$25 a year; in quantities of five gallons or more at the rate of \$100 a year.

Theatre.—On Wednesday next Mr. E. B. Marden will take a complimentary benefit, tendered to him by a number of influential citizens in sympathy for his losses by the late Virginia fire. The programme commences with Sterling Coyne's beautiful comedy of "Widow Hunt," in which Miss Nellie Colebrook has volunteered to appear as "Mrs. Swandown." The farce of the "Trials of Tompkin," will conclude the entertainment. Between the plays a quartette will be given by talented German volunteers.

Mr. Marden has long been an able and very useful member of the dramatic profession in this city and he will highly appreciate the good wishes and substantial sympathy of his friends and the public generally under his present circumstances.

Personal.—Mr. Edward S. Baker, representing E. J. Bowen, seed dealer, San Francisco, Cal., has returned from his business trip south,

having been through Sanpete, Sevier, and Iron County to St. George. He reports having done a good business on his trip, and that he finds his business hereabout increasing every year. He appeared pleased with St. George, which he considers one of the finest cities in the mountains. He noted many improvements in the several settlements visited by him, and was invariably well treated by the people. He thought they generally in the settlements were comfortably situated, as much so as those of any section of country he had travelled in. At Round Valley, coming back, the roads were in fearful condition.

Mr. Baker designs going westward from here, on his way to San Francisco.

District Court.—Monday, Dec 6th—

Williams vs. Cummings, the motion for a new trial having been considered by the Court, it is therefore ordered that a new trial be granted and a new trial ordered; exception by plaintiff.

The U. S. vs. William T. Fields, secreting and embezzling a letter; on affidavits filed by defendants, in each of the four cases against him, of the absence of material witnesses the Court ordered a continuance for the term.

The U. S. vs. William Smith, cutting open a mail bag; the defendant being in open Court, in his own proper person, was arraigned and enters his plea of not guilty.

The following were empanelled and sworn a jury to try the case—

Benjamin F. Cummings, S. J. Lee, Wm. A. Bills, Warren F. Reynolds, Henry Simons, Francis Armstrong, Edward L. Butterfield, John Reading, Nathan J. Lang, Geo. F. Prescott, James McGuffey, John W. Snell.

Witnesses for the U. S.—H. T. Parlin, R. E. Thompson, Wade Masby, C. A. Huntington, W. P. Bennett and Thomas H. Sear.

The Court instructed the jury that the evidence of the United States witnesses would not authorize them to find a verdict of guilty, and, in consequence thereof, the jury returned the following verdict—

"We the jury find the defendant in the above case not guilty."

S. J. LEE, Foreman."

Defendant discharged.

Nathan J. Lang, absent juror, fine of fifty dollars remitted by the Court.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Of the New York Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at American Hall, Williamsburgh, October 24th, 1875.

10 a.m.

President H. G. Bywater presiding, P. A. French secretary. Counsellors Pullan and Miller, and Elders J. J. A. K. R. Schwartz, E. Turner, G. Bishop, and J. Held gave strong testimony to the truth of our religion.

President Bywater addressed the conference.

2 p.m.

The sacrament was administered. President Bywater made a few remarks.

Reports were read from the several branches—Hyde Park, Pottsville, Williamsburgh and Brookfield, all of which were shown to be favorably progressing.

Elder Spencer Clawson presented the general authorities of the Church, also President Bywater of the New York Conference, and his appointments, all of whom were unanimously accepted and upheld.

President Bywater blessed the child of George J. Ohlson.

The Conference was addressed by Elders J. Sharp, Spencer and Rudger Clawson and Garrick Felt, and President Bywater.

6.30 p.m.

The Conference was addressed by Elder F. Pullan and President W. C. Staines.

PHYSICIANS are Wonderstruck at the cures of obstinate Coughs, violent Colds, difficulty of breathing, and incipient consumption, daily accomplished by HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute. d&w

CORRESPONDENCE.

Amusements—Improvements—Death.

BRIGHAM CITY, Nov. 29, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

"Floral and Little Old Folks," was represented here on Friday and Saturday evenings, by Prof. A. J. Phelps and lady, before crowded houses that were well entertained and amused by the exercises.

Many houses have been built here during the season. The masons and carpenters could find plenty of outdoor work for a number of weeks, were it possible that we could have fine weather, and there seems to be indoor work for them for the space of a full winter. No man needs to be idle. Our population now numbers 2,000 souls, or a little over. More than 200 have been added to our numbers within the last year. A large building, to be known as the "Social Hall" is now being roofed, the first story of which is built of rock, walls three feet at the basement. The upper story is of brick, made here. A prominent vestry is attached to the rear of the main building.

A canal, at the cost of about \$2,000, is being constructed along the line of part of the "Box Elder," calculated to draw the water from various sources holding it back, and thus greatly increase said element for irrigation purposes.

Bro. P. D. Packer, son of Jonathan T. Packer, died suddenly of lung fever, on Saturday afternoon.

Brother S. A. Dunn, one of our oldest citizens, has been quite low for sometime with what seems to be neuralgic complaints, but it is hoped he will survive, although his strength is not increasing by any means.

Yours truly, A. C.

Bear River Valley—Randolph—Opening for Settlers—Mills—Meeting-house—Healthy Country—Re-baptisms.

RANDOLPH, Rich Co., November 16th, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

The valley known up this way as Bear River Valley, extends south of this place, about eighteen miles, to what is known as the head of Saleratus Creek, Bear River entering the valley from the east about ten miles south of this place, also entering Utah out of Wyoming at the same place. The river then runs nearly due north for about twelve miles, then runs north-east again into Wyoming, and finally by a big bend to the north-west enters Idaho.

The valley, following the river for fifty or sixty miles, is from two to six miles wide, with plenty of meadow land all along the river and on the different streams that run out of the mountains both from the east and the west.

The land for farming purposes is very good for oats and barley and all root crops, but is rather cold for wheat, although some very good wheat has been raised, and I think more could be if the people would manure their land and then plow in the fall and sow the wheat as early in the Spring as they can get on the ground to work, as it is generally more or less stormy in the Spring of the year, thereby delaying the plowing until very late for small grain.

The people of Randolph are putting up a very fine adobe meeting house, size 55 x 33, with three large windows in each side and one on each side of a large double door in the front, facing east. There is also a small door in the west end to lead into a vestry. There is at the west end of the room a large platform, 15 x 29 feet 8 inches, which is intended for a stand, and also for lecturing or dramatic purposes. There have been some severe storms here lately (and in fact there is quite a heavy rain now, which is melting off about six inches of snow, which fell lately), which has kept the work on the roof back, but it is hoped the roof will be finished before any serious damage is done to the walls by storms.

There is a good opening for settlers in this valley, there being not a better stock or grazing valley in Utah, with plenty of timber and water handy.

We have got two of the old fashioned upright saw mills, one owned by J. F. Hutchinson, and the other by Howard and Harper, which supplies some lumber, but not enough for the demand, owing

I thing to the sawyers, they not understanding their business as they should do. We have also a steam shingle mill, owned by Howard and Harper, which does a very fair business, making some very good shingles, as the timber in the mountains here for shingles and lath is much better than it is in the lower valleys.

The people in this place enjoy very good health, both old and young, looking robust and healthy. It is very seldom we hear of a case of protracted sickness, and even then it is mostly caused by the increase in families, as this is as great a place for children as any settlement of its size in Utah.

Sometime ago we had a visit from several of the leading brethren of the church, who preached to us and gave such good instructions that most of the people felt to do better and renew their covenants, the result of which is there were over one hundred baptized into the United Order, and there seems to be a better spirit among the people since, there being not so much quarreling or backbiting as there was before, as is too often the case in small settlements like this, where everybody knows everybody's business.

There are about one hundred families here, and judging by a look at some of their corrals, they have plenty of stock, and plenty of hay to feed them with, which we consider a blessing in return for our climate not being so warm as it is in some of our more favored southern valleys.

Yours respectfully, W. H.

By Telegraph.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Opening of the 44th Congress.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The Senate was called to order promptly at 12 by Hon. T. W. Ferry, of Michigan, President pro tem. The Rev. Dr. Sunderland, Chaplain, offered a prayer, in which he invoked the Divine blessing on the President of the United States, upon Congress, and upon the whole nation, and referred to the deaths occurring since last session.

Cooper, of Tennessee, presented the credentials of David M. Key, appointed U. S. Senator vice Andrew Johnson deceased, and he was sworn in.

The usual resolutions to notify the House of Representatives and President of the U. S. that a Quorum of the Senate had assembled, and was ready for business, were adopted, and at 12:15 the Senate took recess for half an hour.

On reassembling Boutwell announced the death of Vice President Wilson, and said that at an early day resolutions relating to his life, character and public services would be offered.

Anthony said it was not probable any message would be received from the House to-day, or if at all it would be at a late hour. He therefore thought the Senate might as well adjourn. He made a motion to that effect, which was agreed to, and at 12:48 p.m., the Senate adjourned till to-morrow.

HOUSE.

The opening of the 44th Congress was marked by the presence in and around the Capitol of a larger crowd than probably ever before watched similar proceedings. Although wet and dreary, the weather seemed to have little or no effect in restraining the eagerness of the multitude which has flowed into the city the past few days, and from an early hour the galleries of the House of Representatives were packed as closely as possible, then the hall itself, and all the approaches, and every available space became gradually filled up, until, as the hour of noon approached, it was almost impossible for one to make his way in any direction through the mass, the majority of them being directly or indirectly interested in places and emoluments which the changes of political parties in the House offers.

At 12 the House was called to order by McPherson, clerk of the House in the forty-third Congress, and the hall was cleared of all not entitled to its privileges. The attendance of the members was very full, nearly every seat being occupied. McPherson then called the names of members by States, commencing with Maine. In regard

to the representation from the thirty-third district of New York, the clerk reminded the House that the person first elected had died, and the person elected to fill the vacancy had presented credentials so peculiar in form that the clerk preferred to submit the question to the House. In reference to the Louisiana delegation the clerk said he had received two sets of certificates for four districts, but both sets indicated the election of the same persons; but as to the 5th district he had received two certificates, one signed by Wm. Pitt Kellogg, showing the election of Morey, and the other, signed by John McEnery, showing the election of Spencer, and that as Kellogg was the *defacto* governor, the clerk had acted on his certificate, and had enrolled Morey. As to the sixth district, he had only received one certificate, signed by Kellogg, and he had acted on that.

When the call was concluded, the clerk announced that 286 members had answered their names. The absentees were—Dobbins, of N. J., Egbert, of Pa., who had returned home this a.m. on account of a death in his family, Stevens, of Ga., and Oliver, of Iowa. These with two vacancies from the 33rd district of New York and 4th district of Illinois make up the 292 members of which the House is composed.

Lamar moved that the House proceed to the election of a Speaker; agreed to.

Lamar—"I put in nomination for the office of Speaker of the House, for the 44th Congress, Michael C. Kerr, member elect from the State of Indiana."

Wheeler, of New York—"I nominate for the same position, James G. Blaine, of the State of Maine."

The clerk asked whether there were any others, and there being no response, he appointed as tellers Holman, Clymer, Danforth and Banks.

The House then voted with the following result, the whole number of votes cast being 280, necessary to choose 141—Michael C. Kerr received 173, James G. Blaine received 106, Alpheus S. Williams, of Mich., 1, cast by Banks of Mass., Alex. Campbell, of Ills., 1, cast by Anderson of Ills., William Anderson, 1.

The clerk appointed Randall and Blaine to escort the Speaker elect to the chair. As Mr. Kerr was conducted down the main aisle to the Speaker's chair, there was considerable clapping of hands on the Democratic side of the House, which was stilled as Mr. Kerr began a short speech, promising fairness and impartiality towards all.

FOREIGN.

MADRID, 30.—Mr. Cushing will, to-morrow, present to the minister of foreign affairs a telegram from his government in a reply to the last Spanish note. The tenor of the American dispatch is considered very satisfactory, and dissipates the recent apprehensions.

The ministerial changes resolved upon in the cabinet council of Saturday, and already announced, will take place on Thursday.

The first of February is appointed for the meeting of the Cortes.

El Cronista states that at a conference between Generals Jovellar, Campos and Quesada, at which the King was present, the plan of campaign in the north was agreed on, and it was decided that there should be a short delay in commencing the operations on account of the unfavorable weather.

The Epoca, in an editorial, demonstrates the pressing need of a treaty of commerce and navigation between Spain and the U. S., especially with regard to the commercial interests of Cuba.

LONDON, 1.

The trial of the Brothers Wainwright, Henry for the murder of Harriet Lane, in Whitechapel Road, in 1874, and Thomas as accessory after the fact, closed to-day. Both were found guilty. Henry was sentenced to death, and Thomas to seven years' penal servitude.

The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on Balance to-day is £115,000.

Intelligence from Spain states that the authorities had closed the Protestant church at Toledo, and expelled the pastor and school master.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 23.—A Hindoo employed on the Constant Spring estate, has beheaded five children for religious favor.