

# Correspondence.

TOOELE CITY, Dec. 28, 1869.

*Editor Deseret News:*—Sir:—Music is the leading topic just now in this portion of the diocese of Bishop Rowberry. On Christmas Day the Tooele city brass band commenced its career as a public institution by parading the streets of the city, and serenading some of the most prominent citizens. The efforts of the gentlemen of the band created considerable pleasure, and called forth such marks of appreciation, common among the people on all festive occasions, and especially at Christmas. The band numbers about fifteen members; it has been organized about three months, and is under the leadership of Bro. Thomas Croft—a gentleman well qualified for the position, from many years' experience in the profession in Great Britain.

On Monday the members of the band paid a visit to Pine Cañon, a small settlement in the mountains north-east of Tooele City. After serenading the citizens, by whom they were treated in the most hospitable and civil manner, they finished their visit by furnishing music for a ball, or break-down, held in the School-house in the evening, to which all the settlers were invited.

While on the subject of music, I must not forget to tell you a rich joke, got off in Tooele City a few evenings since, it is much too good to be lost. A dancing party was being held in the Court House, for which the best musical talent in the city had been provided. One of the instrumentalists being the Bro. C. referred to above. A very appreciative lady present, probably unused to the sound of a cornet in a ball-room, remarked: "I wish that gentleman with the brass candlestick would stop his noise; he spoils all the other music!" Now a lady, possessing such high appreciative powers and so much natural taste, certainly ought to have a first-class musical education; she would no doubt be an ornament to the profession.

Business in Tooele City is very dull. The co-operative store, considering the times, is well supported, but the scarcity of a circulating medium is a great hindrance.

The new meeting house is in a fair way to completion. The carpenters will soon have put their finishing touches to the interior of the building when the painters will commence; and in six or eight weeks from the present time it will most likely be ready for dedication, and the use of the public. It is a very substantial structure, being built entirely of rock. Its size, inside, is 56x36 feet; its height, 21 feet. At the east end is a gallery, in which the choir and from a hundred to a hundred and fifty people may be comfortably seated; at the west end is a good vestry and other apartments. The building committee is composed of Messrs. George Atkin and Edwin Broad, but the latter gentleman has had the erection of the building solely under his management. The cost of the structure, when completed, it is estimated, will not be less than \$16,000.

A few words more with regard to Pine Cañon, and I will close. The settlement was commenced about five years ago, and, at the present time, contains thirteen families. The president of the settlement, Bro. Robert Shields, is of the opinion that there is room for as many more. While in conversation he informed me that the water has increased very much since the settlement of the place was commenced, and that far more land than is needed by the present inhabitants might be brought under cultivation. The place, undoubtedly, possesses many advantages. Wood is very near and plentiful; the range for stock is also excellent, and the fertility of the soil is probably unsurpassed in the Territory. During the past season an average of forty-nine bushels of wheat to the acre was raised by Brother John Smith, residing there, some few acres yielding as high as seventy-seven bushels to the acre. Brother Shields' crops were about the same. Clay, of excellent quality for bricks, has been found there, and a few weeks since a kiln was burned, which are said, by an old brick-maker, to be of good quality and fully equal to any produced in other parts of the Territory. It is the design during the coming season to carry on brick manufacture extensively. It is doubtful whether, in any portion of Utah, prosperity and affluence can be more readily secured by industry than in this little settlement. At this season of the year, through being so closely hemmed in by the mountains, it presents a rather bleak appearance, but this is far more

than counterbalanced by the cordiality of, and substantial evidences of prosperity among the settlers.

Respectfully,  
A TRANSIENT VISITOR.

**OUR DELEGATE.**—By a telegraphic dispatch from Hon. W. H. Hooper to his family, the news is received that he is in tolerably good health and has left New York for Washington, accompanied by Gen. R. T. Burton.

**ARRIVED.**—Hon. Joseph A. and Brigham Young, Jr., arrived in this city last evening, having left New York on Christmas eve. They were detained by the train, on which they were, running off the track. No one was injured. They both look remarkably healthy. The former has been absent a little over two weeks; the latter about two months and a half.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—In the morning, Elder H. W. Naisbitt occupied the time in a very interesting manner.

The congregation was addressed in the afternoon by Elder Brigham Young, Jr., and President B. Young. Elder Young, Jr., detailed the results of his observations while in the East. He realized that the hand of the Almighty had been constantly over him and his brethren while they have been traveling, both by railroad and steamboat, and he felt to rejoice that he could kneel down at any time and ask the Lord to let His preserving care be over him wherever he was. He had learned, while absent from home, the nature of the feelings of those who are not of the Latter-day Saints.

President B. Young followed in an interesting discourse, which was reported.

**UTAH CENTRAL PROGRESSING.**—From John W. Young, Esq., who arrived in this city, from the end of the track of the Utah Central, on Saturday evening, we learn that the rails are laid to Bountiful—about eight miles from this city. During the last three days of work on the line, there were three and a half miles of track laid, which is very excellent progress when the difficulties to be encountered at this season of the year are considered. A switch of about nine hundred yards, is being put in at Bountiful. Mr. Young hopes to have the track laid to this city by next Saturday night, if the company be successful in their efforts to hire an engine that they need to assist in the construction.

President Young paid a visit to the end of track to-day, and found a mile had been laid up to twelve o'clock, when the track-layers had to stop for iron to be brought up. The track-laying corps is now so organized that two miles a day can be laid.

**MONEY ORDER SERVICE.**—J. M. Moore, Esq., the recently appointed Postmaster in this city, who entered upon his duties on the 1st instant, has requested us to publish the following:

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**MRS. YELVERTON.**—This lady, who arrived in town towards the close of last week is still in the city, and we presume arrangements will be made with her to give one of her "Readings" before she leaves. Perhaps no woman for the last quarter of a century, has been so prominently before the public or won such general admiration and elicited such universal sympathy as Mrs. Yelverton. To prove her honor and maintain her good name, she has struggled through court after court, carrying her case at last before the peers of England assembled in the House of Lords. The indomitable energy which she displayed; the power and eloquence with which she defended herself, foiling the most astute lawyers of the Irish Bar with her quick perceptions, her honesty and the power of the truth which was on her side; her youth and beauty; and, last but not least, the exposure of the unblushing infamy of Major Yelverton, who, taking advantage of a quibble in an infamous statute on the law books of Britain, sought to fix the stigma of dishonor and shame upon the woman he had sworn to love and protect; all these gave her a popularity and secured her a multitude of sympathizers such as woman rarely obtains. The last two years she has spent in the United States, principally in the South. She is writing a work of much interest concerning her travels, and to do it she is liberally endowed by nature, her correspondence read during the Yelverton trials being models of composition and language. She has, also, given readings from the poets, sentimental and humorous, in various places; and her abilities as a reader have been very highly spoken of. Should she appear here, no doubt the interest which attaches to her name and case would be a strong attraction and of itself would draw a house.

A Philadelphia lawyer addressed the jury thus: "And you will convict this man upon such testimony?" to which one of the jurors responded, "Certainly not; he is not guilty," whereupon the Judge fined the juror \$100 for an act of impropriety.

# BREVITIES.

Eugenie and her female cabinet have gone into training to go out of trains.

Joe Jefferson's eldest son, Charles has made his debut on the stage at Chicago.

Almost as rare as genius itself is the power of feeling where true genius lies.

The oldest lunatic on record—Time out of mind.

How to manage bachelors—Miss manage them.

Every good act is a flower which will beautify our final home.

We know that we must meet to part, but we know not that we part to meet again.

A tide that leaves large vessels aground may rise high enough to set smaller ones afloat.

Queen Victoria is very fond of music, and employs some first-rate instrumental performers.

Parepa-Rosa's opera troupe received over \$36,000 from their three weeks performances at Chicago.

The body of Rossini was so imperfectly embalmed that it can no longer be recognized.

An English Bishop once said, "Our girls are poorly educated, but our boys will never find it out."

We should more seldom take offence at each other, if we looked oftener at the why than the what.

In New Mexico a priest is detailed to accompany every stage to give absolution to those who may be killed by Indians on the route.

Where there is weakness, there you will find boasting—So when men or newspapers brag loudly, one is sure to find just there a lack of that which is boasted of.

A Vermont dog chased a deer for thirty hours, and they both dropped dead at last, not ten feet apart.

A New York peanut vender declares that "very few people eats more nor a pint a day," and it is therefore supposed that a crisis is approaching.

"What shall I do?" exclaimed a superfastidious exquisite, as he paced his elegant apartment in fine frenzy; "what is to be done? I have scented my hair a la violet, and my laundress has sent me my shirt a la rose!"

Herr Otto Goldsmith's oratorio of *Ruth* has been sung in London. Madame Jenny Lind Goldsmith was among its interpreters. But a very few notes in her once magnificent voice are said to remain.

A bell-boy at Cincinnati hotel found a wallet in the hall containing \$5,000 thousand dollars. He gave it to the clerk, who returned it to the owner. The man coolly put it into his pocket without saying a word or even kicking the boy.

An Irishman, officiating as chairman of a club, was annoyed at the tumult created by a set of unruly members, and astonished them by vociferating, "jintlemen, jintlemen, will yees come to order? If you only keep silent you may make as much noise as you plaze."

At one of the medical college clinics in New York city, the other day, there was exhibited a young lady in a most lamentable state of deformity, caused by wearing high heeled-boots. Compliant nature having adapted herself to circumstances, certain muscles—which the learned professor darkly alluded to as "gastrocnemi" and "peronei"—had permanently contracted, elevating the victim's heels far above the vulgar earth, and converting the transient illusion of the grecian bend into a stern reality.

It is a very singular fact, and one which is well worth the study of scientific men, that the body of no person that has been drowned in Lake Tahoe has ever come to the surface. No appearance of the three men who were drowned there a few days since has been discovered, and we learn that it is in contemplation to attempt their resurrection by the discharge of Giant powder into the waters near where they are supposed to have gone down—something upon the old principle of firing cannon over the place where dead bodies lie buried by water to make them rise.—*Carson Appeal.*

Among our domestic superstitions there was once one touching the powers of the fat of a human being who had been gibbeted, when prepared after a certain form. It is to be hoped that this

has completely died away in this country, and probably it has; but there is at least one country, or, rather, province, under the Government of Russia where the superstition still lingers, as the following occurrence will show. The place where it was enacted was in a forest near a village named Winkowia, in Volhynia. The victim was a child, whose body was found in a frightfully mangled condition. The Russian police succeeded in catching the murderer, and it was then ascertained that the reason of his killing the child was to make use of the fat of the body in manufacturing a candle, in the belief that the possessor of such a candle could become invisible at pleasure. The particular motive for which he desired invisibility was to enable him to carry out his operations of robbing people with greater facility.—*Cassel's Magazine.*

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