

HOME ITEMS.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Wednesday evening, 16th inst., br. Andrew McCummin, of the 2nd Ward, in this city, fell down dead while hoeing peas in his own garden. He had been quarrying rock all day for Walker Bro's, and after returning home he eat his supper and took the hoe, saying he felt first-rate and would work a while among the peas. He went out, and in ten minutes his wife stepped to the door and saw him lying on the ground. She went up to him and found him without any signs of life or appearing to have had a struggle. Bishop P. H. Young was instantly sent for, who came and did all in his power to restore animation, but without success. Death was there. Deceased was aged sixty years, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, had been about ten years in the church, and was respected as a good man by all who knew him.

BEE SWARMING.—On Wednesday morning, 16th inst., a hive of bees in Pres. Young's apiary swarmed, being the first that we have ever heard of in this city. Bro. P. H. Young, who hived them, and who has been familiar with bees for many years, said the swarm was one of the largest he had ever seen. When clustered on the twig of a tree in the garden, the swarm hung down a living mass about three feet in length. We hope this is the initial swarm of many hives, and that bee-keeping will be much more generally and largely entered into. Visions of delicious honey cross our mental oculars at the thought, which we hope will be realized in many a house through the city and Territory, and on many a table in a very few years. No need to say anything about honey; everybody likes it well enough, and its valuable properties in the sick chamber, as well as delicious properties for a hundred purposes, make it sought after everywhere. Keep bees, that is the way to get it.

DIED.—Elder Peter Harrocks, who left this city with his wife in Captain White's train to proceed to England on a brief visit, died at Little Sandy on the morning of the 14th. Sr. Harrocks immediately telegraphed to br. George Goddard to send a coffin for his remains, which was promptly done, a shell, metallic coffin and box to put them in being forwarded in charge of reliable men, to bring the corpse back. A telegram from Ham's Fork, dated 17th, stated that he was buried there. Very likely when those who went out to meet the body arrive, they will exhume it and bring it in with sister Harrocks. Br. Harrocks was born at Auton Lancashire, England, Jan. 11th, 1800, and consequently was in his sixty-seventh year. He was a member of the High Priests' Quorum, was baptized in March, 1852, and emigrated to this Territory in 1855, sailing from Liverpool on the Juventa. He had a very large circle of friends who appreciated his many estimable qualities.

DON'T DO IT.—We are informed by Territorial Road Commissioner McKean, that certain persons hauling sand from over Jordan have been digging away the levee, to the south of Jordan bridge, that was made to hold the waters of the river in their proper channel. This is the right of culpability, not merely destroying labor, but exposing contiguous property to very serious damage by the rising of the river. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of damage to grass and other lands that would result from the river breaking through at that point; and we sincerely hope the attention of those who have been hauling away the levee being drawn to the fact, will induce them to stop it at once. If not other and more stringent measures should be adopted to compel them to desist from endangering public and private property.

FROM THE SOUTH.—Through the kindness of Elder Geo. A. Smith we are enabled to lay the following items before our readers:

The settlers of Piute County had moved into Circleville, for the purpose of mutual aid and protection against Indians. No recent troubles have occurred in that county.

At Fort Sanford, on the Sevier, the brethren had finished the stockade of their fort, having put up 130 loads of pickets; the only open spaces at date of writing (9th inst.) were at the corners, where their bastions are being erected. No further trouble reported there.

Elder A. M. Lyman was at Parowan, and preached there on the evening of the 8th.

Black Hawk was reported at Fish Lake or Red Lake, some fifty miles from Circleville, with a considerable amount of stock.

In Millard all was quiet, except a small raid made on the horses of the friendly Indians, by some marauding redskins from the mountains, and a few horses stolen from Deseret City. The trial of the thieving savages was followed by the friendly Indians over the Sevier. Kan-osh continues friendly.

Gov. Durkee and Col. B. H. Head, Supt. of Indian affairs, passed through Fillmore on Thursday, 10th inst., on a visit to the Indians at Corn Creek. Col. Head has been indefatigable in his efforts to assuage the feelings of the Indians inclined to be hostile and to stop the troubles arising from marauding savages, with good prospects of success, if he can only have the requisite amount of presents for them, which we hope he has.

A general muster of the militia about Fillmore was held at that city on Saturday, the 12th inst., which was very creditable, and showed marked improvement in equipments and preparations for self-defence should the Indian difficulties increase, which there are reasons for believing will not be the case; yet it is well to be always ready: "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

THE NEW ORGAN.—We paid a visit to the organ shop the other day, where the large organ for the New Tabernacle is being built, and we were gratified to note the progress already made. Br. J. H. Ridges, the builder, kindly informed us that the organ is being constructed on a large scale, on the most improved principle. It has two manuals, or key boards, and twenty-seven pedals, with a pedal compass from four C's to D. Its compass embraces thirty-five stops, five of which are mechanical. It will contain something like 2,000 pipes, the largest one—OCC—being thirty-two feet in length. The two manuals are the swell organ and the great organ, the stops of which when played singly produce the richest tones that modern art in organ building has produced, and when they are combined the volume of musical sound is grandly majestic. The instrument when completed will be twenty by thirty feet, and forty feet high; and the cost of it, if made in the East and freighted here would be over \$50,000. It is another evidence of the fostering care bestowed by Pres. B. Young on everything calculated to stimulate progress and aid in public improvement.

TRAVELING.—Read the advertisement of Holladay's Overland Mail Express Company. The line is an old one, well known, managed by indefatigable gentlemen, and is an institution extensively and deservedly patronized.

GONE FOR GOODS.—Eldredge & Clawson have sent Mr. Nelson Spafford's train to Green River for their goods which were brought to that point by Butterfield's line. They have also sent Messrs. Davis Clark's and A. E. Hinkley's trains to Denver for the same purpose; and Mr. C. Dalton's is expected to start on the like errand in a few days. It is expected that these trains will get in all the back goods belonging to the firm. We understand that the train of Mr. McWhirt, the sub-contractor of the Butterfield's is on the move from Bridger, and is expected to reach the city in a few days.

OVER JORDAN.—Hon. Geo. A. Smith, President; G. B. Wallace, Superintendent, and Bishop N. Davis, Director, of the Jordan Irrigation Company, with Surveyor General Fox, paid a visit on Thursday 17th, to the canal over Jordan and the claims adjoining to inspect the work and see its state of progress. The Surveyor measured several jobs on the canal and some bridges that have been made. Quite a number of claims are neatly fenced in, some of them with good lumber fencing, and a large quantity of crops are planted which look in a very flourishing condition. The Company expect to have water in their main canal in about a week, though nothing is yet suffering for lack of the fluid. They have also dug a canal, eight feet by two, one mile and a quarter long, from their reservoir west of Brighton, which will irrigate a large tract of land. The wide surface of prairie thus brought under cultivation gives promise of abundance for the sustenance of an increasing population. The Company's reservoir will cover a considerable surface, but by building levees it can be compressed into about sixty acres.

One public advantage arising from the cutting of these canals and branch sects is, that stock on the range, and travelers that in dry seasons had to come clear from the West mountains to the Jordan for water, can now obtain it without the travel thus involved.

The grass over Jordan has not looked so well since '47. The waters of the river have risen lately very much, and are threatening the levees that keep them within bounds. Read the item elsewhere concerning digging the levee away to the south of Jordan bridge.

FOR MONTANA.—The Utah Produce Co. sent off a train freighted with produce, for the north, on Thursday, 17th inst. On Saturday morning, we noticed Mr. B. F. Knowlton's train of eight wagons loading up for the Company, at Eldredge & Clawson's, with produce for the same destination. The train started in the forenoon.

FROM CACHE.—Our friend Bishop Budge, of Providence, tells us good things of his Ward, and Cache Valley generally. Crops have been extensively planted and are coming up beautifully. Industry, energy, good feelings, progress, and a general go-a-headism characterize the people of Cache. That is the spirit that conquers obstacles, and will build up the latter-day work. Br. Budge reports the crops between this city and Cache Valley as looking very promising. The Weber river, when he crossed, was just touching the bridge. A spell of very hot weather may make high waters more abundant than agreeable. The Bishop got in here on Wednesday evening, 16th, and left for home the next afternoon.

POLICE.—On Wednesday night, 16th inst., the police dropped on John F. Morris for unlawfully dispensing liquors, &c., and on Thursday Justice Clinton imposed a fine of \$100. An appeal was announced, but no bonds filed, an execution issued, to prevent the serving of which the illicit vendor of the spirituous keeps closed doors, and so the matter stands at present. A few drunken "blues" found their way into the hands of the officers, and were turned over; and on Friday night a "colored gemmen" was arrested on the charge of stealing.

RAIN SHOWER.—A nice gentle shower of rain fell on Friday night, and was refreshing to plant and flower.

CURING CANCER.—We are always anxious to give publicity to anything which will help to alleviate the sufferings of humanity; and, consequently, take pleasure in laying the following facts before our readers relative to the curing of that fearful disease, the cancer: On Thursday, 17th inst., br. David Ross, of the 1st Ward in this city, called upon us and made a statement relative to his having been cured of cancer by Bishop P. H. Young, of the 2nd Ward, expressing his desire that it might be made public, so that others similarly afflicted might know where to apply for relief. Br. Ross received a hurt in the back in the spring of '58, which he believed was the original cause of the cancer. In '61 the disease began to form where he had received the hurt, and shortly after to discharge a little blood and matter. He employed some remedies that were prescribed, but without experiencing relief. For two or three years, whenever he got the part hurt or strained, it would discharge matter freely, and so continued until quite recently. Bishop Young commenced to apply his remedy on Saturday, 5th inst., at which time the cancer had six strongly formed roots, and on the eighth day after the first application was made, the last of the six roots was taken out. Br. Ross said the acute stinging pains, from which he had suffered, were completely gone, he could rub the part freely without feeling pain, and the place that had been affected was healing up nicely.

Another case has come under our notice, of a young lady who had a cancer in the mouth, which the doctors said would necessitate the front teeth and part of the jaw bone to be taken out before the cancer could be removed. But by the application of br. Young's remedy it was entirely removed, and the mouth completely healed up.

The remedy, we understand, is purely vegetable, and it is not necessary to have it removed at night and again put on in the morning, as is the case with some other applications for curing cancer. We believe the Bishop can cure any kind of suppuration or swelling, including what is commonly known as white swelling and king's evil. We think it but right that the existence of such a valuable remedial agent should be generally circulated, that all in the community, who are or may be suffering from any of these painful afflictions, may participate in its healing properties.

TELEGRAMS.—We have been courteously furnished with the following telegrams to Pres. Young, relative to Church trains going east:—

Bridger, May 14th. My train passed here to-day, all well. DANIEL THOMPSON.

Bridger, May 15th. I left here this morning, all well. H. D. HAIGHT.

Our trains are here together. Boys all well. Teams in good traveling condition. J. S. RAWLINS, C. E. CHIPMAN.

Ham's Fork, 17th. We leave here this morning all well and in good spirits. PETER NEBEKER.

My train reached this place at eleven o'clock all well; stock doing well. J. G. HOLLADAY.

All is well. Making good time. Roads are now good which a week ago were under snow. SAMUEL D. WHITE.

KILLED BY INDIANS.—On Wednesday, 16th inst., a man named Christian Larsen was killed by Indians while herding cows on the bench above Spanish Fork. The Indians came down the kañyon, crossed the creek and shot him; and then drove off some horses, going back up the kañyon.

ALBUMS.—There is a chance offered for getting Albums at about Eastern cost for a short time. Who wants them? They are an ornament on every table. Read the notice.

PRODUCE.—Chislett & Clark want flour, butter and eggs for goods. They have a large stock which they sell cheap. Give them a call.

MINUTES

Of Conference, held at St. George, May 4th, 5th and 6th, 1866, Elder Erastus Snow presiding.

Friday, May 4th, 10 a. m. Singing by the St. George choir. Prayer by Pres. E. Snow. Singing by Cedar City choir.

Pres. Snow made some introductory remarks, referring to the obligations resting upon the Saints to seek diligently after a knowledge of the ways of God. They would obtain such knowledge by earnestly and prayerfully listening to the teachings of the servants of God and by studiously reading the printed word of God. St. George choir sang "Sons of Michael."

Elder Wm. Snow made some encouraging remarks on the character and works of the Saints living in Southern Utah.

Singing by the Cedar choir. Benediction by Elder J. Gates.

Singing by the St. George choir. 2 p. m. Elder H. W. Miller.

Elder John W. Berry, President at Berryville, reported the Indians in Long Valley and immediate vicinity as being friendly. The settlers had used those Indians to hunt after and take care of their stock; as it would be decidedly dangerous for settlers to hunt and take care of their own stock. He stated that the fort that Pres. Snow had, six months since, instructed the settlers of Berryville to build, was now finished. The people in Long Valley had sown large quantities of wheat and were anticipating an abundant harvest.

Bishop A. P. Winsor, of Grafton, stated that he had pursued a conciliatory but firm course towards the Indians in the Grafton Ward. The natives on the Virgin in the vicinity of Grafton were friendly. The people felt a desire to do their duty, but wished to receive additions to their numbers.

Song by Elder S. L. Adams. Elder Wm. B. Maxwell stated, that from the best Indian information he could obtain, he judged that the Navajos have returned to the other side of the Colorado.

Elder Wm. Martindale spoke on the blessings realized by the people while they strive to live as Saints. Reviewed the condition of the world and bore testimony that peace was taken from the earth and given to the Latter-day Saints.

Pres. Snow in speaking of Indian difficulties said, the blood of our brethren and of the Lamanites that has been shed will suffice before the Lord, if the people will listen to the voice of the Good Spirit and do their duty. If these conditions are complied with, he felt authorized to say the past evils will suffice. He gave some valuable instruction in relation to the course we should pursue towards the Indians.

Singing by Elder S. L. Adams. Benediction by Elder F. B. Woolley.

Meeting of Southern Convention. After which a Lesser Priesthood meeting was called and transacted its business. 6 p. m.

Singing by St. George choir. Prayer by Elder Henry Herriman. Singing by Santa Clara Swiss choir. May 5th, 10 a. m.

Elder John Nebeker spoke of the early agricultural experience of the first white settlers in Utah, after which he reviewed the increased ability, wealth and power of the people.

Singing by the Cedar choir. Elder H. W. Miller spoke to the people in his usual energetic style. He related some of his experience in farming in the east, also in northern and southern Utah; his extended experience proved to his entire satisfaction that a small piece of land well cultivated was more lucrative in yielding comfort and wealth, than a very large piece with common cultivation.

Song by Elder S. L. Adams. Benediction by Elder Jacob Gates. 2 p. m.

Singing by the St. George choir. Prayer by Elder Wm. Snow. Singing by Cedar choir.

Elder Jacob Gates discoursed on the blessings, privileges and powers of the gospel.

Song by Elder McFarlane. Bishop Willis spoke of the happiness resulting from obedience to the gospel, and exhorted the Saints to continue in well doing.

Singing by Santa Clara Swiss choir. Bishop H. Lunt contrasted some of the tenets of sectarian religion with the principles of the gospel as revealed in the last days.

Singing by the St. George choir. Benediction by Pres. E. Snow. Sunday, May 6th, 10 a. m.

Singing by Cedar choir. Prayer by Bishop Daniel D. McArthur. Singing by St. George choir.

Father Elisha Groves spoke interestingly on the present condition of our nation. He then exhorted the Saints to increased faithfulness, thereby to secure increased blessings from our Father.

The General Authorities were unanimously sustained by the votes of the people present. Erastus Snow was unanimously sustained as President of the Southern Mission.

The following named were then unanimously voted for:—Hosea Stout, John Nebeker, Walter E. Dodge, James G. Bleak, Franklin B. Woolley, David H. Cannon, Melanethon Burgess, John O. Angus, Daniel D. McArthur, Taylor R. Bird, Wm. Empey, Erastus McIntire, members of the High Council in this stake of Zion. Walter Granger, President of the Elder's Quorum, Robert Gardner, St. George; Edward Bunker, Santa Clara; Robert D. Covington, Washington; Joshua T. Willis, Toquerville; Anson T. Winsor, Grafton; Henry Lunt, Cedar, as presiding High Priests and Bishops in their respective wards; John Nebeker, Presiding High Priest and acting Bishop of Panaca Ward; and Thomas S. Smith, Presiding High Priest and acting Bishop of the settlements on the Lower Muddy. Henry Eyring, President of the Priest's Quorum. John Larson, President of the Teacher's Quorum. Ephraim Wilson, President of the Deacon's Quorum.

Resolved that Pine Valley, Pinto, Shoal Creek and Mountain Meadows be organized as a ward under the name of Pine Valley Ward.

Resolved that the settlements in Long Valley be organized as a ward under the name of Long Valley Ward.

Moved, seconded and carried that we sustain the Presiding Elders, in the several branches, and the local bishop's counselors, while their respective Bishops sustain them.

James G. Bleak was unanimously sustained as Clerk and Historian of the Southern Mission. President Snow gave an account of the spirit and instructions of the recent General Conference at G. S. L. City.

Singing by the Cedar Choir. Benediction by Bishop McArthur. 2 p. m.

Singing by Cedar Choir. Prayer by Bishop Robert Gardner. Singing by St. George Choir.

President Snow read and critically examined the provisions of the Anti Polygamy Act passed by Congress in 1862. He felt that the blessing and protection of the Lord would rest upon Beaver Dam settlement, and called for volunteers to strengthen that settlement. He then advised the people to be diligent in raising grain, as all that can possibly be raised will be needed.

Conference adjourned till 10 a. m., the first Thursday in November next.

Singing by Cedar Choir. Benediction by Elder H. Herriman. JAMES G. BLEAK, Clerk of Conference.

SHONESBURG, April 20th, 1866.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS.—

DEAR SIR:—As, through your paper a request has been made for the news from the north and the south, with regard to the weather, crops, etc., I thought it might not come amiss even for the unlearned writer of upper "Dixie" to drop a line or so upon these matters.

We had an unusual amount of snow for this region during the past winter, yet it lasted but a short time in the valley, after which the winter passed off pleasantly. We have also had an unusually late frost this spring, doing damage to some of the early fruits, such as apricots and grapes; the peaches are not hurt; of the latter there will be an abundance. I have peaches now the size of a common hickorynut, which give hopes of an early crop.

We are planting our cotton and other crops, and the weather is fine.

The spirit of cultivating the different varieties of fruit runs high here.

A short time past some six of us Shoneburgers (by order of our probate Judge) penetrated these hitherto impassable mountains, and made a horse trail over to Berry's Valley. We have already received dispatches by this new trail, one having reached Grafton in four days from Mantle.

We are to-day mourning the departure from this life of Adaline, daughter of Redie N. Allred, and wife of Henry Barnabus Stevens, of this place.

As short sermons and short dispatches are the order of the day, I will close for the present.

Yours truly, S. K. GIFFORD.