

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PRESIDENT AND PARTY.—We learn per Deseret Telegraph line that the President and party arrived at Nephi at 4 o'clock p.m. yesterday, where meeting was held. President Geo. A. Smith, Elders B. Young Jr., O. H. Roberts and President B. Young spoke. The party started from Nephi at 7:30 this morning, for Seipio, where they will remain over night.

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FAMILY RELICS.—Bro. Robert Williams, a day or two since, lost a pair of spectacles with gold frames, which he is anxious to regain, as they are family relics, having formerly belonged to his father. The finder will please leave them at this office.

WILFUL MISCHIEF.—Elder Thomas C. Jones, residing in the 20th Ward, in a note dated the 27th ult., complains of damage done by mischievous boys in his neighborhood on Sundays while the residents are from home attending meeting. He says that he has had his windows broken and opened, and has sustained other damage. Other persons have suffered similar outrages, and he asks for some mode of preventing such occurrences in future.

We would suggest that the residents of the locality constitute themselves a watch for Sunday duty, and take turns in performing that duty, and that severe examples be made of any boys guilty of such improper conduct. If a course of this kind be pursued we think such annoyances will soon cease.

MORE MAIL COMPLAINTS.—Mr. John Newman, writing on the 28th ult. from Richville, Morgan county, says:

"What's the matter? No papers this week, no papers last week, no papers the week before last, making three weeks almost a total blank, for want of news. Sometimes three packages out of five of the Deseret Weekly News come to the Morgan Post which he writes two out of five, causing much anxiety in regard to papers. Cannot something be done so that we can have an improvement in mail matters?"

FROM THE EAST.—Elder J. D. M. Crockett writes to President Young from "Valley Station, U. P. R. R., on February 24th. About four weeks previously he left Chicago and traveled west. He had lectured in several places to large and attentive congregations, and had held a discussion with a clergyman at Brusha Bend, six miles west of Dakota, Nebraska, which had created considerable stir among the members of his opponent's congregation. At date of writing he expected to commence a course of lectures the same evening, at Primrose, near the place from which he wrote. He was well and enjoying his labors.

Elders C. H. Bayan and A. Love, also write to President Young, from Bement, Mo., on the 19th of February. They have traveled in Scotland and Pike County, Missouri; Macon, Pratt, Monticello, Champagne, DeWitt and Douglas counties, Illinois; and in Jefferson, Oldham and Shelby counties, Kentucky. But little disposition has been manifested by the people to receive the truth, though many have asked numerous questions concerning Utah; but these principally are in the shape of inquiries concerning the making of the country, the prospects for character money, and similar matters, with a curiosity manifested concerning the marital relations here. The brethren named have enjoyed good health, and were kindly received by their acquaintances whom they had visited.

SOCIAL BALL.—To-night a grand ball will be held in the Theatre, being the last one of the season. Those held in that spacious and commodious building have so far been of the most pleasant and agreeable description; and the one to-night promises to be equally successful. The Theatre is admirably adapted for balls; and those who appreciate a pleasant dance should be present to-night.

EVENING.—Looking from the north bench just after sunset last evening, a very unusual sight met the eye. Stretching far in the distance, on the south beyond the boundaries of the city, several fires of unusual size, like so many burning lakes, tinged the horizon with their red glow, caused no doubt by the burning of the stubble, preparing the land for the operations of the agriculturist in the early Spring.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Latham, Surgeon of the U. P. R. R., and lady left for the East yesterday afternoon, after having enjoyed a very pleasant visit in our city. The doctor has collected quite a number of specimens of Utah products and manufactures, for the purpose of forming a cabinet, to be placed in the Company's office at Omaha and one for the office at Boston.

NEW MAP.—We have been shown by Mr. C. F. Reed, the American Republic Railroad map of the United States, British Provinces, West Indies, Mexico and Central America, compiled from the latest official sources; published by Gaylord Watson, New York. This map contains a draft of all the surveyed railroad routes in the United States, including our home line from Ogden to this City. There is also a map of the world on the back of the sheet. The dimensions of the map are three feet by four feet. It is nicely mounted. Mr. Reed is at present in the city as agent for the sale of the above map. He sells them at the low figure of \$2.00 each.

SHOOTING.—The Obeyenne Leader of the 20th contains the following:

A shooting affair occurred last night at a saloon on 15th street. Two men were playing "poker." One of them demanded "a light" for his money, which his adversary refused to grant, upon which the former drew a revolver and commenced shooting at his antagonist. The latter returned the fire and several shots were exchanged. One of the parties received a dangerous wound in the leg. Both are under arrest.

FROM BRITAIN.—Elder N. C. Jacobs writes to President Young, from Glasgow, under date February 9th. He is, as are Elders L. Smith, Wm. Douglas and H. G. Park, who are laboring in Scotland. Their Semi-Annual Conference was held on the 2nd of January, and was attended by President A. Carrington and some other Valley

Elders. A good time was enjoyed at it. The elders are laboring faithfully to extend the work, yet but few are being baptized. As in many other places the people seem hardened in their prejudices. A letter to Bro. Jacobs from Bro. Heber Young, written from Switzerland on January 25th, stated that he and the elders in that mission were well.

BIRMINGHAM.—Elder A. P. Shumway writes from Birmingham, England, on the 11th ult., an account of their semi-annual conference, held on the 30th of January, terminating on the following evening with a concert.

Among the elders present from the Valley were President A. Carrington, Elders A. P. and Charles Shumway, S. Price, G. Romney, H. B. Clemens, Peter Nebeker, G. Lavender, G. Lake, Levi Garrett, H. O. Spencer, J. Tuddenham, G. Knowlton, A. Neff and Alma Eldridge.

The Birmingham Daily Post, in a report of the conference, says:

"Twelve branches were represented, and the condition and prospects of each were reported to the meeting. The statements were, with one exception—which referred to West Bromwich—of an encouraging and hopeful character; and each representative spoke in terms of reverential loyalty of Brigham Young, and of his counselors and apostles. They were not spending their time and talents for earthly gain—for gold, or silver, or land; but they were devoting themselves to the heaven-directed mission of promoting truth and virtue, of establishing the kingdom of God permanently upon the earth. The numerical state of the branches, in the total, was as follows:

Branches, 12; elders, 57; priests, 39; teachers, 24; deacons, 24; making altogether 173 officers. Baptized during the half year, 38; received, 11; removed, 8; emigrated, 11; excommunicated, 2; died, 11; total, 898. The Birmingham branch was stated by President W. H. Hooper to be in a very flourishing condition. It consisted of 425 members. During the half year there had been baptized, 21; received, 5; removed, 2; emigrated, 7; died, 3.

The morning conference closed by the congregation agreeing to a series of formal resolutions by which they pledged themselves to sustain all the elders, priests, presidents and officers—from Brigham Young downwards; and sustain one another in doing good, and in building up the kingdom of God upon the face of the earth.

The afternoon and evening meetings, which partook more of a devotional character, were well attended. Addresses were delivered by Elders Carrington, Tuddenham, Lake, Knowlton, Neff and Nebeker."

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