

er may be the result, the people of Utah will watch the trial with intense interest, while they will trustfully leave the issue in the hands of Him who has dominion over men and nations, and who will surely overrule all things for good to them who serve and obey Him.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 4.

Increase of Freight.—The freight traffic on the U. C. R. R. is increasing, that company having been obliged to send out an extra train every day this week.

Y. M. M. I. A.—We are requested, by letter from Richfield, Sevier County, to publish, that at a priest-hood meeting, held August 24th, 1878, a Stake organization of the Y. M. M. I. Associations of Sevier County was effected, with Dennis E. Harris, president; William Farmer, of Glenwood, as first counselor, and Joseph Evans, of Richfield, as second counselor.

Information Wanted.—Of Emily Bowdidge, who left Jersey, 15 years ago, for Utah, in company with four of her aunts of the same name, by her mother, at A. B., 22 Annesley Road, Highgate Hill, Upper Holloway, London.

Also, of Thomas and Josiah B. Carter, who emigrated to Utah in May, 1870. Address—Thos. Carter, West Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, England.—*Millennial Star*.

Shooting Affray.—The following special to the NEWS has been received per Deseret Telegraph line:

SILVER REEF, Utah, 4, 1878.

A shooting affray took place at half past nine last night, between two Chinamen, Hou Chong and Ah Toi. They had a quarrel during the day, and at the time stated, Hou Chong was lying in bed, and Ah Toi went in, raised the clothes and fired two shots, both taking effect in the left breast, killing Hou Chong instantly. Ah Toi made his escape. Deputy-Sheriff Diamond is in pursuit.

Change of Address.—We have received the following communication:

BOSTON, Mass.,
Sept. 27th, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

For the benefit of readers of the NEWS, who may be interested, will you please to announce that my address will be, till further notice, 382 Commercial Street, Boston, Mass., and oblige.

Yours etc.,
B. F. CUMMINGS, JR.

News from Arizona.—Brother William Ballard writes from Brigham, Arizona, under date of the 21st ult., that Elder Erastus Snow and party had arrived, and would hold a two days' meeting in that place.

The crops were good, but a great deal of wheat had been destroyed by the floods. The exercise of economy would enable their stock and store to hold out until another harvest. The NEWS was highly appreciated, and its subscription in that place would increase with the prosperity of the people.

A Nice Piece of Work.—We have been shown a painting in water-colors, the work of W. B. N. Shepherd, a young man of Paris, Oneida County, Idaho, which is one of the neatest pieces of skill, in that direction, we have ever seen. The subject is upon a card of 10 by 10 inches, and represents the Kirtland, Nauvoo, Logan and Salt Lake temples, one at each corner of a bordered centre piece, in which is appropriately written the prophecy of Malachi: "Behold I will send you Elijah the Prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord, and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Beneath this inscription is the hive of Deseret. The lettering and coloring as well as the arrangement of the subject, are excellent. The painting came too late for the awarding of prizes at the Fair, or it would undoubtedly have received its just due.

From Franklin.—Brother Isaac Nash, of Franklin, our agent in that thriving settlement, called on us this morning. He reports affairs at home in a prosperous and thriving condition; the health of the people good, and the crops splendid.

The Co-op., under the wide-awake superintendence of Brother Samuel R. Parkinson, have bought the large brick building formerly occupied by Van Praag & Company, and are building an addition to it of 60 feet: A new co-operative blacksmith and wagon shop has been built, and a shoe shop commenced, in which will be employed a number of English brethren, lately from the old country. Bishop L. L. Hatch is doing all he can to unite the people and forward the good cause.

A well attended Sunday school, under the superintendence of Brother Nash, is flourishing and doing a good work among the young.

Provo Items.—From the *Enquirer*, we learn the following:

At the annual meeting of the stockholders, of the Provo Co-operative Institution, held Oct. 1., the following officers were chosen to act during the ensuing year: A. O. Smoot, President; M. Tanner, Vice-President; I. Bullock, H. H. Cluff, J. P. R. Johnson, D. John, and S. S. Jones, Directors; A. Jones Secretary, and Jas. W. Bean Treasurer.

On last Saturday night, Mr. John Robertson, his wife and child, and two other persons, all of Spanish Fork, while returning from the Fair, were violently thrown from their wagon, in attempting to cross a cut, made in constructing the new narrow guage railroad. Mr. Robertson was dragged some distance over the ties, and his wife's injuries were such as to render her insensible for some hours. No bones were broken, it is thought, though the whole party, excepting the child, were severely bruised. They were taken into a neighboring house and kindly cared for during the night, and next day went on their way homeward.

Mrs. Deseret Holdaway, formerly of Provo, died at Springville, on Monday last, of puerperal convulsions.

A new corps of home missionaries have been appointed for the Utah County Stake.

At a stockholders' meeting of the Provo Manufacturing Company, held on the 1st inst., a dividend of two and a half per cent. was declared by the board of directors. John Taylor was elected president, and A. O. Smoot vice-president for the ensuing year.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 5.

Plowing Match.—The plowing match, which took place yesterday at the field of Mr. Alma Pratt, south of the city, resulted in a victory for Mr. Isaac Hunter, of the 16th Ward. The committee awarded the prize to him for having done better, cleaner and more even plowing than any of his competitors.

Mutual Improvement.—A correspondent from Panguitch, Iron County, writes that on the 23rd inst., Elders J. F. Wells and M. H. Hardy addressed an attentive congregation at that place, and organized the Stake in the interests of the Y. M. M. I. A., with Elder David Cameron, superintendent, and Elder M. M. Steele, secretary.

Election of Trustees.—Pursuant to a call made for a meeting of qualified voters of the 18th School District, for the purpose of electing three school trustees, to serve a term of two years, a meeting was held at the school house of Hon. Brigham Young, last evening. The trustees elected were B. H. Schettler, John T. Caine and Thomas Latimer.

Obsequies.—The funeral of Sister Lydia A. Horne was held in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, on Thursday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. Instructive and consolatory remarks were administered by President John Taylor and Elder Joseph F. Smith. The service was largely attended, and thirty vehicles of mourners followed the remains to their last resting place.

Stockholders' Meeting.—At a meeting of the stockholders of Z. C. M. I., held in the Council House, Oct. 5th, at 2 p.m., a dividend of three per cent. was declared on the capital stock of the institution, for the last six months. The following are the new officers:

W. H. Hooper, President; Wm. Jennings, Vice-President; Directors, John Taylor, H. S. Eldredge, W. Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon, Moses Thatcher, John Sharp and David O. Calder; Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas G. Webber.

Fire.—The Salt Lake Post Office

had a narrow escape from destruction last night, about 11 o'clock. A roaring fire had been kindled by the clerk on night duty, and the stove became red-hot. The heat was so intense that it communicated a flame to the floor of the building, and a huge conflagration was imminent. Providentially, however, some young men who were passing made the discovery, and with the assistance of the night watchmen and some other parties, broke into the building, and with great promptitude extinguished the flames.

From Spring City.—Elder Orson Hyde arrived from Spring City, Sanpete County, night before last, for the purpose of attending the General Conference. He reports affairs as prosperous in the community from which he comes, the crops as unprecedentedly bounteous and the people feeling and doing well. They have been so busy this season that the work on the Manti Temple has been measurably delayed, their force of work hands being engaged in attending to the crops. Elder Hyde desires to say to the people of the several stakes, interested in the erection of the Temple, that a stronger effort must be made, a better turnout of men and teams, in order that the foundations of that edifice may be finished for the laying of the corner stone at the next quarterly conference.

The Fair.—The attendance at the Fair to-day has been very large, notwithstanding the counter attractions of the matinee, the races, and the base-ball match. None of the stock has been on exhibition, for some reason. This has been a matter of great regret to visitors who had not the opportunity to attend on previous days. In this community an exhibition of stock draws a large class of people who would not care to attend an exhibition of any other character, therefore these people were greatly disappointed to find that owners had withdrawn all their animals. The directors cannot, of course, be blamed now, but we think that in future some regulation should be made whereby exhibitors would be required to leave their stock at the Fair until the close. Aside from the objection on this account, visitors to-day, especially those from the country, have expressed themselves as being very well pleased with the showing in the numerous departments and the performance of the Martial Band.

From Toquerville.—Brother Isaac Duffin, of Toquerville, Kane County, called upon us yesterday. He arrived in town on Thursday, with the intention of remaining during conference, and to attend the territorial convention, to which he is the delegate from Kane County. Brother Duffin reports that, owing to late frosts and heavy winds in the Spring, the grape crop of Toquerville will be but one-fourth of the usual yield, and the apple and peach crops but one-half. Some little distress will be occasioned by this partial failure of the fruit crops, inasmuch as the people raise no grain and are therefore dependent for subsistence upon their vineyards and orchards. There is no sickness among the people, nor has there been illness to any great extent during the past year. The settlers there are industrious and frugal, and there is no doubt of their being able, with the blessing of Providence, to speedily recover from their losses.

Brother Duffin located and now owns the "Duffin Mine," at present under lease to Colonel Nuckolls, of this city, who is working it energetically and successfully.

Returned Missionary.—Among the elders who arrived home with the emigrant company Thursday night, was Brother C. D. Evans, of Springville, who made us a call this morning. Elder Evans left here in November, 1876, and labored in England, from the time of his arrival there, up to the date of his departure for home. He succeeded Elder W. W. Taylor, as president of the Leeds Conference, and on leaving was in turn succeeded by Elder Walter J. Beatie. A great many were baptized in the Leeds Conference, and a spirit of inquiry was largely manifested. Some opposition, but no violence, was offered to the Elders, and the people would throng to hear the Gospel, as preached by them. Many outdoor meetings were held, some on Leeds Moor, attended by crowds numbering 4,000.

In Hull, Elder Evans baptized 26

persons, as the result of 12 lectures on "Mormonism." He informs us that the company, just arrived, were in a fine condition all the way across from Liverpool, but one death occurring on the way, and that of an old man, who died from advanced age while on the Atlantic. A birth also occurred while the company was on the cars. Elder Evans returns in good health.

Changes in Office.—Our dispatches bring information of the appointment of John B. Neil to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Barbour Lewis, late Register of the Salt Lake Land Office. Mr. Lewis recently purchased a large tract of land in California, and wishing to bestow upon it his individual attention, about two months ago sent his resignation to the department in Washington. During the whole term of his office here, he has labored faithfully, efficiently and honestly in the discharge of his duties, and for the benefit of the people of this Territory. He has, accordingly, made many friends among the various classes of people here, all of whom will join with us in an expression of regret at his action in the matter, and also in wishing that in future, he may achieve the success to which he is entitled by his integrity of character and business ability. Utah has lost a good official, but California will gain a good citizen.

Of Col. Neil, we can say that during the long time of his service in the Salt Lake Postoffice, he, so far as we can learn, has conducted himself as a gentleman; and we presume that he has the necessary ability to enable him to fill his new position properly. We earnestly hope that for the good of the government and the advantage of the people in this Territory, he may prove as efficient and honest as his predecessor has been.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 7.

Who Has Found It?—The finder of a purse containing a return ticket to Ogden, some silver, etc., will please leave it at the DESERET NEWS Office and be rewarded.

The Reynold's Case.—Advices from Washington are to the effect that the Reynold's polygamy case, on appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from the Supreme Court of this Territory, will not come up for hearing until the 15th inst.

Base Ball.—A match game of base ball, played on Washington Square this forenoon between the Mutuals of Mill Creek, and the Stars of Salt Lake, resulted in a victory for the Stars, with a score of 14 to 15. As is indicated by the score the contest was very close, and was barely won with nothing to spare, by the victorious club.

Mr. John Corlew acted as umpire to the satisfaction of both nines.

Conference Notes.—Yesterday afternoon, the Tabernacle was, probably, as full as it has ever been. Many people went away, unable to obtain seats, while others remained standing during the services. A most excellent discourse was delivered by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, and found a hearty response in the feelings of all the Saints. The friends of Elder Orson Pratt were well pleased to see him in his accustomed place, after his return from the east. A marked good feeling was manifest among the people generally.

The Fair.—The Territorial Fair closed Saturday afternoon. It was, undoubtedly, the finest display, both for quantity and quality, that has ever been exhibited in the Territory; and great credit is due to the managers, committees, and those who, by their energetic labors, contributed to its success, as well as to the people of Salt Lake and adjacent counties, who showed their appreciation by patronizing it so liberally. To-day the exhibits are being removed, the building and grounds already are nearly stripped. All who have left articles at the grounds may obtain them at any time, by applying to the secretary, Mr. H. P. Folsom at Dinwoodey's Furniture Store. The awards will be paid as soon as possible after the official list is published.

THE BOOK OF MORMON.

(From the Richmond (Mo.) *Conservator* Sept. 27.)

The article that we published a couple of weeks since, regarding the original manuscript of the book of

Mormon, has been extensively published by the press with the request that more light be thrown upon the subject, and the Kansas City *Journal of Commerce* thinks that the manuscript should be "deposited at Independence, as that is to be the future city of the faith," as it would "appear with great force to the imaginations of the faithful, that Mr. Whitmer would become, in their estimation and traditions, the providential instrument in the preservation of the true word," and it regrets, as well as the *St. Louis Republican*, that more light had not been thrown on this subject. From what we can learn, Mr. Whitmer, the custodian of the book, was one of the three living witnesses to the discovery of the gold plates from which it is asserted that the book was translated by Joseph Smith, through the medium of a pair of rock spectacles; that each inscription or cypher on the plates was a sentence, and that the plates were in the shape of a tablet, one half of which were sealed; that after the plates that were opened had been translated an angel, guide to Joseph, Mr. Whitmer terms the spiritual visitant, came and took the tablet, and when he returns the sealed plates will be opened and the world will then learn the commands of the son of Mary. The work came into Mr. Whitmer's hands through Mr. Cowdery, who was the amanuensis, of the prophet, and who supervised the printing of the Book of Mormon, reserving the manuscript, and it can be seen that several of the pages have been cut, so that the printers could set the copy, in what is known to the craft as "takes." Mr. Whitmer being one of the witnesses, Mr. Cowdery thought that he was the proper custodian, as did John Whitmer, brother of David, who was secretary of the church at Far West, and one of the twelve witnesses as to its validity. Feeling that doubts might arise as to the authenticity of the Book of Mormon or that interpolations might be made by the leaders of the church at Salt Lake, the original manuscript has been securely guarded so that no change could be made without its being refuted. While Mr. Whitmer is a strong believer in the doctrines that this book teaches, he is bitterly opposed to the assertions and teachings of the Utah branch, with their system of spiritual wives and Danitism, believing that the pretended revelation of Joseph Smith, overturning the strongest averments of the book of Mormon, was an outcropping of the carnal man, and not of the spiritual kingdom, for the book of Jacob of the Mormon bible, after previous condemnation of David and Solomon, for "having many wives and concubines," says, explicitly: "Wherefore my brethren hear me and hearken to the word of the Lord; for there there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none. For I, the Lord, God, delight in the chastity of woman." And in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, which is their creed, after declaring that the language of the marriage ceremony should require them to promise to keep themselves "wholly for each other and from all others during your lives," it avers as follows: "Inasmuch as the Church of Christ has been reproached with the crime of fornication and polygamy, we declare that we believe that one man should have one wife, and one woman but one husband, except in case of death, when either is at liberty to marry again."

That is the belief that Mr. Whitmer still clings to, and it was doubtless for fear that something might be done to the original record, either to interpolate it or strike out such passages as the above, that has caused him to watch with a jealous eye every move made by the Elders of the Utah church. As regards the custody of the book, he thinks it should be held by him and his descendants until the coming of the Savior, who has promised in due time to be again among his people and set up his tabernacle so that all can worship in one common temple and drink of the waters of life freely. So far there has been no interpolation of the original book printed from these pages at Palmyra, New York, nor will there be while David Whitmer holds them in his possession.

"Bikuben."—Another number of this paper has been laid on our table. It has been recently enlarged to six columns, and presents a neat and attractive appearance.

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