

understandingly and conscientiously left some time ago.

"But you do not allow strangers—gentlemen—to indulge in as much familiarity with your families as they would like to do!" No; nor we do not mean to. If gentlemen (!) want to indulge in familiarity with families let them get a supply of the article for themselves. We will not trouble them; and they will oblige by not troubling us; and they will still further oblige by not trying to fasten attentions on unwilling ladies who are strangers to them. "Gentlemen" do not do that anywhere, and we are very apt to doubt the claims of men to the title who try to do so here. We do very much in admitting strangers to the freedom of the domestic circle as they do in New York, St. Louis, and all other places. We exercise the right of admitting or excluding whom we choose to terms of acquaintanceship and familiarity.

Is it not curious that people should berate us so soundly for the alleged doing of what they do themselves? Suppose they turn the telescope for a while, and not keep the diminishing glass always pointed to their own vices. "Physician heal thyself," said the wicked Jews tauntingly to the Son of God. Now, in all sober earnestness, and in a good cause, we refer the same words to those who are so heavily exercised about Utah and her doings. We have been trying for years, with the help of God, to heal ourselves, and we hope to be successful. But let those philanthropic souls who would kill all the "Mormons" just because they love them and would save them from corruption, learn and apply the adage, "Charity begins at home." Let them cleanse the cess-pools of iniquity steaming under their own nostrils; practice as well as talk about morality, virtue and christian holiness; cease unseemly squabbling about who shall get his nose deepest in the public crib; and by the time they have reached that point of social and moral excellence, if they turn their attention to the "Mormons" they will find we have taken a long stride ahead in doing good, working righteousness and practicing virtue. Heal yourselves, and then come and see if we are sick. Take the beam out of your own eye, and then bring a microscope to search for the mote in ours.

#### HOME ITEMS.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—Elder George A. Smith delivered a continuation of his historical discourses, noticing the peculiar character of the opposition brought to bear against the Saints by apostates, and some of the causes which led to their apostacy with the corruption and iniquity of those who thus turned against the Saints. He touched upon the settlement of Nauvoo, the sickly character of the locality, and the labors of the Saints under the direction of the Prophet Joseph to build the city and make it a place of beauty and health. And referred to the mission of the Twelve to Britain and the great work accomplished by them while there.

Elder John Taylor spoke briefly on the source of that strength which has ever sustained the Saints in their greatest tribulations. The power of the Lord has been with them, and His Spirit has buoyed them up continually.

Afternoon. Pres. Joseph Young treated on several principles of the gospel, and showed that the Jews did not understand the nature of the character and mission of the Lord Jesus Christ, neither did the people of this age understand the character and mission of Joseph Smith. He enjoined upon the Saints to be honest, honorable and upright in all things, and to make their practical walk in life correspond with their professions of righteousness; and showed the importance of having faith in God.

Elder Wilford Woodruff followed in exhortation and testimony; touching upon the establishment of the Kingdom of God and the warfare between truth and error.

**THEATRICAL.**—The Theatre will open for the summer season on Saturday evening next, with the celebrated play the Gamster. Julia Dean Hayne, who has been re-engaged for a limited number of nights, will appear in the character of Mrs. Beverly, sustained by the members of the Association. A very laughable new farce will follow, with the ominous title of My Husband's Ghost.

During the recess considerable work has been done on the building, br. Henry Grow having had quite a force of men at work in his department, as well as painters and others. The deck roof has been covered with a shingle roof, raised a little above the deck; while internally painters, plasterers whitewashers, etc., have been as busy as bees. The columns have been marbled, the seats grained, and other improvements made, including increased ventilation, to make this already comfortable and elegant place of amusement still more an ornament to the city.

**MAILS AT HOME AND ABROAD.**—Notwithstanding the DESERET NEWS is published and mailed as regularly and correctly as sunrise and sunset, subscribers in San Francisco much too often do not receive their papers, packages between here and Provo Valley are broken open and papers abstracted, the American Fork packages of May 9 and 10 did not come to hand and have to be re-mailed, subscribers no farther away than Cache Valley often receive no papers for three weeks, and so forth and so on. Now, this is neither a gratifying, reliable nor commendable condition of our postal affairs, is it? Mistakes will sometimes happen under great care, but they can be remedied and patiently endured. But breaking packages, abstracting papers, putting packages in the wrong sacks, &c., partake rather too much of culpable carelessness and infringement, and are not conducive to pleasant feelings and confidence in our postal service.

We have heretofore stated that we would publish the name and facts connected with any properly authenticated case of carelessness or culpable neglect of any official duty in carrier, postmaster, or clerk; but it seems difficult from some cause, to fasten the fault with proof, since complaints continue, without furnishing the proof of where the fault lies.

We are very anxious that postal omissions and short-comers be remedied as speedily as possible, therefore, in addition to our proposition to publish delinquents when detected, we offer as follows:—To any one preventing the NEWS reaching its destination in San Francisco or elsewhere, and too poor or too penurious to subscribe for it, we will endeavor to forward a free copy, if he will let the other copies pass and thus save himself from the crimes of perjury and theft. If the interruptions are caused by carelessness, we ask that more care be exercised in future.

The American Fork packages are again mailed, and we hope will this time and hereafter come safely to hand, as also those to all mail subscribers. The Hon. Leonard E. Harrington will please accept our thanks for his kind and encouraging letter, and for his prompt notification of missing numbers, which, as in his case, will always be supplied upon notification, so far as we have them.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—G. L. and Mercy Groesbeck, living at Afton, Union County, Iowa, have written to Pres. H. C. Kimball for information concerning their oldest daughter or any of her family. She married John Lambert, and her oldest son's name is John Carlos. It is nearly four years since her parents received any word from her, and the required information forwarded to their address, as above given, would confer a great favor.

**FUNERAL.**—The body of br. P. Harrocks was brought to the city on Saturday afternoon, about three o'clock. The obsequies were conducted in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms on Sunday at 2 p. m., and a large concourse of friends attended his remains to the cemetery, about four o'clock in the afternoon.

**MILITARY.**—Under Division Orders No. 5, from Major Gen'l R. T. Burton to Lieut. Col. John R. Winder, that gentleman proceeded in on Monday last to organize a company of Cavalry in West Jordan and place a suitable guard to watch the movements of the Indians east and west of Jordan river. Col. Winder was accompanied by Brig. Gen'l F. D. Richards, Col. S. W. Richards, Major W. Calder, Captain O. P. Miles, Captain D. P. Kimball and R. O. Sharkey, Esq. The company was organized and an election held, when Samuel Bateman was elected Captain and James Winchester First Lieut. Major John Bennion was out with his battalion of Infantry, and there was a general attendance from the whole district. The new company is attached to the First Reg. Cav. N. L.

After the election some excellent instructions were given by Gen'l Richards, Col. Winder, Col. Richards, Bishop Gardner and Cap. D. P. Kimball. Both visitors and visited enjoyed a good time together—that we have no doubt of; and the West Jordan "boys" manifested a full share of interest and energy in the proceedings.

**WIND STORM.**—On Sunday night the wind commenced to blow pretty freshly from the East, and on Monday morning it had reached the condition of a tolerable strong gale. We have not heard of any particular damage being done; one or two cottonwoods were torn or broken down, a few shingles blown off, and a large quantity of young fruit prematurely dropped. Nothing has reached from Davis Co. of damage there, where east winds are generally most severe.

**SANDWICH ISLANDS.**—By letters to President B. Young and Elder George Q. Cannon from Elder George Nebeker, with which we have been courteously favored, of dates April 19th and 22nd, we have obtained several items of interest connected with the Sandwich Islands' Mission, further than those contained in the extracts from the Conference Minutes recently published. They were building a new meeting house at Laie, Oahu, 36 by 24 feet, towards the erection of which the natives had contributed with commendable liberality. The building had progressed so far that they were able to hold their Conference meetings in it, and expected to have it finished at an early date. Much improvement is manifested among the native Saints in dress, deportment and personal care, and several very comfortable houses have been built by them on the settlement of Laie. They have a very fine choir of nearly thirty singers, led by a native Saint named Kaleohana, and its singing would do credit to almost any enlightened white congregation. About fifty had been baptized on Laie from the previous Conference, some of them leading natives. Much interest was manifested in the success of the settlement by business men of Honolulu, and many favors were extended to br. Nebeker of seeds &c. The school, under the care of sister Randall is flourishing, the children making considerable progress. The season up to date of writing had been usually dry, with an extra abundance of worms, yet hopes were entertained that the labors of the brethren would be blessed with at least average crops.

The brethren and sisters from Zion were in the enjoyment of a fair share of health, and prospects were altogether highly encouraging.

**JORDAN FALLING.**—We understand that the Jordan is falling, which will be good news to many. When it gets within proper bounds will be the time to strengthen the banks, and extend cordial invitations to those sand-haulers not to push their laborious efforts quite so far as the levee.

**NOT SO PROMISING.**—A gentleman of judgment told us lately, after having been round considerable, that the crops are really not so promising in many places as reported. He did not impugn the statements of those who have furnished such reports, but considered that they had formed their opinions without careful investigation. Much of the rain that has fallen has not in many places sunk deep enough to meet the moisture underneath; and while an unusual greenness is seen, in consequence of the rains, it does not truly represent a really vigorous condition of the growing crops. Many of the showers that have fallen have merely wet the surface, and have been dried up in a very short time. In gravelly and porous soil it may be well not to depend too much on the late rains, but aid them with a judicious amount of irrigation. We think his reasoning was sound in its application to many localities, as the tender fibres of certain roots which are fed by the moisture, reach a point where they have not been touched by much of the rains that have fallen, and yet are so near the surface that the ground is dry to a short distance below them.

**FROM LONDON.**—By letter to Elder Geo. A. Smith, from Bishop A. K. Thurber, dated London, April 20th, we learn that a conference of the Saints in that city was held on the Sunday previous to writing, at which Elders O. Pratt, senr., N. H. Felt, A. N. Hill and son, Bishops W. B. Preston and Warren, and a number of other valley Elders were present. Pres. B. Young, Junr., did not arrive until after the Conference, having been detained in Liverpool with business. He was accompanied by Elder John W. Young, who was in good health after his journey. A good time was enjoyed at the Conference. Baptisms were not very numerous, though many attended meetings and were inquiring. A Concert got up by the London Saints was a very creditable affair, and was attended by quite a number of people not in the Church, some of whom were a good deal astonished and not a little envious apparently at the amount of musical talent displayed by the Saints in the execution of the pieces in their programme. The John Bright was to sail from Liverpool about the 20th of April; and a vessel was expected to leave London on or about the 5th of May, carrying Saints. Elder Wm. Jennings was in London, and in the enjoyment of good health and spirits.

**IMMIGRANT SHIPS AND FARES.**—From the *Millennial Star* of April 28th we learn that, after much difficulty consequent upon a great scarcity of ships for emigration purposes, Pres. B. Young, Junr., had succeeded in chartering two magnificent vessels, the John Bright, of 1,440 tons, and the Caroline, of 1,132 tons, at rates considerably lower than were ruling at the time in the English ports. The former was to clear from Liverpool on the 30th April, carrying 680 American adult passengers, and the latter to clear from London on the 5th May, with 350 adult passengers.

Other vessels were expected to be chartered to sail about the 25th May. The passage money to New York was \$4.12s., while passengers by other emigrant ships were paying \$5. Fares from Britain to Wyoming would be about \$7.14s. This information will doubtless be interesting to many of our readers, whose friends are, or are expected to be, coming through this season.

**FOR THE NORTH.**—A train of twenty-six wagons, freighted with flour from various parties, started on Tuesday for Helena, Montana.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT.**—We met a man on Saturday, who had footed the entire distance from New York to Great Salt Lake City, except seventy-five miles. Cause, he wanted to come to Utah, was too poor to pay for riding, and too independent to ask it gratis. He is a "Mormon"—we feel pretty sure of that fact—and likes the country and the people. We asked him how much tyranny he had suffered since he came to Utah? He looked amused, and said if there was anything of that kind round he was good for a walk back; but he had no notion of leaving.

**SHOWERS** on the 24th and a soaking rain on the 25th, mingled with a little hail, keep every species of vegetation in an excellent condition.

**DESERET CITY,** says br. Jacob Croft, has as good a prospect as he has ever seen for abundant harvests.

**UTAH COUNTY.**—Fine rains in Utah Co. have produced splendid prospects for next harvest. The people are full of energy. So writes our correspondent "A."

**PRICES** at Virginia City, Montana, May 16:—FLOUR, St. Louis, \$20 to \$23; Great Salt Lake, \$10 to \$13.

**BEANS,** Navy 30 cents a pound.  
**BUTTER,** Great Salt Lake, 80 cents.  
**SALT,** fine, \$20 per 100 lbs; 10 lb. sacks \$3 each.  
**FRUIT,** dried apples 57 cents; peaches 40 cents.  
**CHEESE** 75 cents.—[*Montana Democrat*.]

**FROM THE TRAINS GOING EAST.**—The following telegrams to President Young have been kindly furnished us:—

We are all well; Sweetwater, May 24.

J. S. RAWLINS.  
WM. CHIPMAN.

Three Crossings, May 24.  
I pass here to day all well, Capt Nebeker right behind.

H. D. HAIGHT.

Sweetwater, May 24.  
My train passed here at 7 a.m., all well. Stock improving very fast. Good feed. Making good time.

J. D. HOLLADAY.

Three Crossings, May 25.  
Nooning at this place. The health of the camp is good. We have had fine weather since we passed Bridger. My stock is in good traveling condition, except those that were poor when we started. The grass is growing finely.

J. D. HOLLADAY.

Sweetwater, May 24.  
We passed here to day well. Animals in good condition.

THOS. E. RICKS.

**APHIDES** or plant-lice, heretofore numerous only on plum and cottonwood trees and cabbages, are this season very plenty on rose bushes and peach trees, and there are a few on the apple and pear trees. Who will inform us of the readiest and cheapest way to kill them, without injuring the plants and trees?

**MELANCHOLY.**—We learn through a communication from br. Wm. H. Packer, dated May 7th, that while br. Smith Heap was traveling from St. Joseph, on the Muddy, to Beaver city, at the eighth crossing of the Virgin, north of the Virgin hill, his wagon upset and came apart in the river, through the high and rapidity of the water, and three of his youngest children were drowned, one a boy, five years old, and the other two girls, one over six and the other over eight years old. With the greatest exertion on the part of br. Heap, his wife and two oldest girls were saved. On the people at Beaver Dams getting word, they sent a man to help br. Heap who was alone. With diligent search, the body of the youngest girl was found about two miles below the place where the wagon upset, on the same evening, and the other girl was found the next day. The boy was not found. The bodies of the two girls were taken to Beaver Dams and buried on the evening of Saturday, 5th inst., with all possible respect.

[TELEGRAPH, please copy.]

**DEPARTURES.**—Elders John Sharp, Junr., and Harrison Shurtleff sailed from Liverpool for New York per steamship City of Boston on the 11th inst., also Elders Wilford Woodruff, Junr., Elnathan Eldredge, Junr., and Ensign I. Stocking, per steamship Erin.

These brethren have been faithful in discharging the duties incumbent upon them as laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. They were released to return home by the Council held at Birmingham in January, except Elder Shurtleff who was appointed to the Presidency of the Preston Conference, but his health subsequently failing, it was deemed wisdom for him to return to his mountain home. They return to their families and friends in Zion with the approbation of the servants of God.—[*Millennial Star*.]

**EAGLE VALLEY.**—Br. Joseph Beecroft, from Eagle Valley some ninety miles north and west of St. George dropped in to see us on Saturday morning last. The settlement in that place is somewhat small, but they enjoy good times, have a rich soil to labor on though the valley is very limited in extent, are blessed with good health, and have prospects of fine crops. Their wheat was mostly planted in March, and when he left on Thursday, 17th inst., it looked exceedingly promising. The winter was comparatively mild with them, the heaviest fall of snow being nine inches, and persons who had gone to St. George and the Clara said the cold was as great at those points as at Eagle Valley. The Indians around them are very peaceable, do considerable chores for the settlers, and farm a little on their own account. Messrs. J. A. Little and C. H. Oliphant are planting out an extensive nursery there, to supply the settlement and surrounding country with fruit trees.

We are pleased to learn such good things of Eagle Valley, and sympathize with the folks there, in not receiving their papers oftener than once in a month or five weeks.

**FROM ST. GEORGE.**—We had the pleasure of greeting Elder R. Bently in the *sanctum*, who had just arrived from St. George, on Wednesday afternoon, 23d inst. When br. B. left on the 13th everything was flourishing, crops looked splendid, and the yield of fruit promised to be very large. They had no Indian difficulties down there, and the Indians who reside around the settlements were all at their usual places as far north as Fillmore, peaceable and attending to their own affairs. The warehouse at Calville, it was expected, would receive goods from San Francisco a few days after he left, being the freight referred to a few weeks ago, when Mr. Dibblee was in the city. Pres. Erastus Snow was at St. George on the 13th, all well. Br. Bently obtained information at Salt Creek that the Spanish Fork bridge was gone with the high water, and that the travel was turned down the west side of Utah Lake, by which route he journeyed. Everything looked well on his line of travel, with an unusual abundance of grass. He passed one herd of cattle from California, in Wild Cat Canyon, while another herd was laying on the Clara at St. George, destined for the mines. He also passed Mr. Worley's train on Ash Creek loaded with freight for Godbe and Walker Bros.

**BAD ROAD.**—Somebody, Road Commissioner, Selectman or other county official, should hear the complaints made concerning the condition of the county road south of this city. Big Canyon Creek, it is said, can't be crossed; and Little Canyon Creek is the same, only a little more so; while various yawning spaces compel a species of ground and lofty tumbling neither agreeable nor pleasant.

**SHORT EXCURSION.**—On Thursday morning Pres. B. Young and a large company of friends drove up North Mill Creek Canyon for a short excursion. The party inspected the steam saw mill of br. Joseph A. Young, which is in successful operation, enjoyed a picnic, and returned in the afternoon, having spent a very agreeable time.

**THE TEMPLE.**—The work of laying huge granite blocks on the Temple walls is progressing favorably under the charge of brs. Edward Brain and J. Worthen. The east end is ready for the water-table, and the west end is rapidly reaching the same height. Teams were expected to re-commence the hauling of granite blocks yesterday, for the furtherance of the work.

**GREEN PEAS.**—We saw some very fine green peas in Pres. Young's office on Saturday, grown in his garden by br. Wm. C. Staines. These peas were planted last October. If peas, lettuce, radishes, carrots, parsnips, onions, and such like hardy vegetables were planted in the fall, there would be an abundance of them at a much earlier period in the spring than we are now generally favored with.

**ANOTHER CASE.**—Cap. Kittridge, Wm. West and J. V. Long were brought before Justice Clinton on Friday, for keeping a billiard saloon and selling liquor contrary to the city ordinance. Kittridge and West were fined in \$100 each, and the nuisance was ordered to be abated. On Saturday morning a writ of injunction was sought for, before their Honors, Judge Titus and Judge McCurdy, in Chambers, which was granted, staying proceedings until an appeal could be heard before the Probate Court.

**WALKER BROS.** have new goods, new styles, good groceries, etc., etc., which they offer cheaper than any. Read their column, call and examine, as they politely request, and judge for yourselves.