

and conversation with creatures who make it a hobby to stuff credulous travellers with hobgoblin stories, consider themselves amply qualified to regale eastern audiences with "full and complete exposures of 'Mormonism' and the 'Mormons,' from data gleaned during a residence in Utah."

We are anxious to have "Mormonism exposed." We shall thank these gentlemen for assisting in this work, even if they take entirely opposite views from ours concerning it. We only ask that what they hold up to the world as our doctrines really are our doctrines, and not some ridiculous fabrication designed to deceive the public and injure us. The people who have redeemed this once desert waste and made it habitable and pleasant, have come here from many nations to serve God according to the dictates of their consciences. All sects and parties are welcome to do the same in the free air of these mountain valleys, so far as the "Mormons" are concerned. And while they tell the truth and do not malign our leaders nor misrepresent our principles, we can bid them God speed and wish for their happiness and peace. In this spirit we hail the advent of this party with friendship and good-will, and trust that our simple request will not be uttered in vain.

OUR VISITORS FROM THE EAST.

THE excursion party, numbering upwards of three hundred persons, on their way from various parts of the East to the Pacific Coast, have visited "The City of the Saints" and departed. They left by special Utah Central train at 2 p. m. today. Most of them were members, and many of them ministers, of different "Christian" denominations. They spent the time of their brief visit chiefly in looking about them, and inquiring into the doctrines, social life and peculiarities of the people whose names have been cast out as evil throughout Christendom. Quite a number of them attended the Sabbath Schools in the Wards on Sunday morning, the large Tabernacle in the afternoon, and the Ward meetings in the evening, and several of the party favored us with a call this morning, all whom we met being courteous and affable, and apparently desirous of obtaining correct information.

Yesterday morning Rev. J. H. Vincent preached in the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivering an excellent exhortation to a moral and Christian life, his only reference to the faith of the people of Utah being an expression of painful regret that they should claim to be right because they are sincere; a claim, by the way, which we have never set up, and we mention it here that the gentleman may be relieved from any deep mental suffering on this account. For we recognize the sincerity of a great number of people among the various Christian sects who are opposed to us as well as to each other, and we believe they are all in error concerning the pure and perfect Gospel of the Redeemer. Sincerity is no proof of correct belief.

In the evening Joseph Cook delivered a lecture in the Presbyterian Church to a large and disappointed congregation. This person has gained some notoriety through his Monday evening lectures in Boston, and it was supposed that he was an orator of more than ordinary ability. He spoke sitting, and exhibited none of the qualities of a great public speaker. His discourse—he called it "a prelude on Mormonism," but it constituted almost the entire address—was chiefly conspicuous for its vindictiveness and coarseness, which fittingly matched his gross and sensual appearance, and for the utter absence of a Christian spirit, quite a number of the party with whom he travels called on us today, and expressed their disgust at his vulgar attack upon a people of whom he knows nothing, and his condemnation of principles which he has never investigated. They assured us that only one person out of a large number of the party who had discussed the lecture, had a single word of approval to utter. We should have taken no notice of the

matter, for it has no more effect upon us than a whiff of unpleasant air, but for our wish to assure the ladies and gentlemen who have expressed themselves so fairly and kindly concerning it, that they will not be associated in our minds with the very ungentlemanly person who, unfortunately for them, is taking a free trip in their company. However we appreciate a good joke, and the funniest thing we have heard in connection with this visit is Joseph Cook's assumption of bravery in publicly abusing the "Mormons" in the midst of their chief city, a thing we have been so accustomed to that it does not create a ripple upon the stream of our tranquility, though designed to bring evil upon us has never provoked any act of resentment, and in this case only elicits a smile.

We are satisfied that some among this company of ladies and gentlemen will leave Utah with very different impressions concerning its people than those entertained previous to their visit among us, and we hope that at least a few of them will carry in their hearts the good seeds of truth planted during their brief stay, which will eventually germinate and bring forth the fruits of righteousness and obedience to the unchangeable plan of salvation which God has revealed in these times for the benefit of all who receive it.

Some of the company took a trip this morning on the Utah Western as far as Lake Point, to take a good view of the "Dead Sea of America," and a few of them to bathe in its briny waters. Four coaches were placed at their disposal, but in consequence of some misunderstanding the cars were not filled by the excursionists. Those who remained in the city occupied the morning in making investigations and inquiries which we trust will prove profitable to them. Quite a number of our Church publications have been purchased by members of the party and will furnish them food for thought on their way to California's greatest wonder, the Yosemite.

From what we have seen of the party we are satisfied that it includes many estimable people who cannot be influenced by the false and foolish stories that are circulated concerning us, but will take the pains to investigate for themselves, and when they return to the East will speak only that which they do know, and testify of that which they have seen. We wish them a pleasant trip to the coast, and a safe return to their homes. And to those who have made of this occasion an opportunity to vent their spleen against a people whose great crime is a difference of religious faith and practice from those of the world, we wish better manners, a better spirit, and more mercy from God than they desire to be exercised towards the "Mormons."

Local and Other Matters.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 31.

District Court.—The case of Mary L. Cutler vs. the Utah Central R. R. Company is still in progress.

For the Yosemite.—C. R. Savage, Esq. and his son Mr. Roscoe Savage, leave this afternoon, for Yosemite, California, on a professional trip of three or four weeks duration.

Personal.—John D. Buckley and Charles R. Buckley, Esqs., of New York, called to see us to-day, being introduced by Hon. Wm. Jennings. They are traveling through the Territories for pleasure, and looking into the mining resources of the Rocky Mountains. Pleasant journey.

Changes of Business.—Mr. H. J. Grant, insurance agent of this city, has gone into business with Mr. L. M. Richards, of Ogden, as a partner in the Utah Vinegar Works; the two young men, both well and worthily known, will also jointly carry on the insurance agency. We wish them well.

Fountain Green.—Brother Reese R. Llewellyn, of Fountain Green, Sanpete County, writes that the prospects there are good for an abundant harvest. Oats, barley and rye at this season never looked better, several acres of the latter being waist high now, although it had received no water except from the slight rains which had fallen in that region.

Returned Missionary.—Elder Ara W. Sabin, of Grantsville, called

on us to-day. He returned yesterday from a mission to the Southern States. In February, 1878, he started, in company with Elder John Morgan, to Colorado, and went from there to Georgia, stayed a few weeks and then proceeded to Alabama; laboring there until he was released. During his mission he baptized seven persons, five of whom are now located in Cache Valley. He returns in good health and spirits.

Eastern Visitors.—Dr. C. Wakefield and C. R. Brodix, Esq., of Bloomington, Illinois, called upon us this afternoon. The former is the proprietor of the large medicine manufactory, and the latter a special correspondent of the daily and weekly *Leader*, of that city. They are with the clerical excursion party, en route for Yosemite, which will remain over till Monday. One hundred and seventy-five of the reverend gentlemen came down from Ogden this morning, the rest of the party will be here to-night.

Down in Dixie.—The following items are from the *Beaver Chronicle*, of the 27th inst.:

"The Citizens of Bellevue are building reservoirs to hold water for culinary purposes. Irrigation has been abandoned.

Not much prospect for fruit. By the courtesy of Apostle Erasmus Snow and President John D. T. McAllister, the Latter-day Saints' Tabernacle in St. George, was tendered to Father Scanlan, and on Sunday the 25 inst., he administered high mass therein according to the rites of the Catholic Church. The citizens were much interested in the ceremonies."

Decoration Day.—Decoration Day was spent in various ways in various places.

The members of the G. A. R. and friends spent the day at Fort Douglas.

The students and professors of the Deseret University, with their friends, in the afternoon were at Mount Pleasant (Lindsey's Garden's).

The Salt Lake Yacht Club and their associates held the season's regatta at Lake Shore.

Several day schools went walking up the cañons. The day was bright and beautiful and all passed off peacefully and happily.

Changes in the Southern Mission.

—Elder W. H. Winn has been transferred from Texas to labor in Georgia. Elder R. Kerr has been temporarily released, on account of ill-health, to visit relatives in Iowa. Elder Joseph Standing has been appointed President of the Georgia Conference, vice Elder Ralph Smith, released to go to England. Elder Rudgar Clawson has been assigned as travelling elder to the Georgia Conference, Elders Frank Bennion and Seth Langton to the Virginia Conference. Elders C. W. Hulise and Thomas Loyd to the North Carolina Conference, and Elder James Millard and George Crawford to the Alabama Conference.

Elder Joseph Standing reports the recent baptism of two in his district, three in the Tennessee Conference, Elder John R. Holt reports seven in the Kentucky Conference, Elder H. W. Barnett reports seven in the Virginia Conference, and Elder A. S. Johnson reports five in Middle Georgia.

Large Fire at Silver Reef.—The following special to the News, dated May 31st, came over the wires this afternoon:

At about half past 9 o'clock, this morning, a fire broke out on the west side of Main Street, in a plank sidewalk in front of a restaurant. In ten minutes the greater part of the block on which the Harrison House was situated, was in flames. The fire spread rapidly west and south, a strong wind prevailing from the northeast. The Harrison House, the Pioneer Restaurant, stores of Heitzelman & Poujade, Jacobs & Sultan, Siegel & Marks, I. Schwartz, John H. Cassidy's saloon and the new postoffice, were consumed. The fire was stopped on the south by Rice's fireproof building, occupied by the Leeds Banking Company, Wells, Fargo & Co's express, the telegraph office and Liddle Bro's store. On the north, it was cut off by the cross street, sixty feet wide, between the Barnum restaurant and the store of Jacobs & Sultan. All the business houses on the west side of Main Street, excepting Liddle

Bros. & Co., and McManus & Read, were burned. Some twenty of the best residences in town are in ashes. The east side of the street, though badly scorched and blackened, remains entire. The loss is estimated at a half million dollars. Insurance light. All danger seems past.

The Regatta.—The boat race of the Salt Lake Yacht Club at Lake Shore, yesterday, was socially a success but technically a failure. The boats which took part were the *Cambria*, manned by Davis, Jennings and a boy; *Petrel*, by Barratt, Culmer and Patterson; *Water-witch*, by Beatie, Jennings, Hardie and Whittaker; *America*, by Hudson, Young and Chase. The course was marked by floating buoys, which described a triangle. The distance was to be sailed over within four hours, or the race to be declared a failure, and no oars were to be used during the race without forfeiture. The four boats passed the first buoy, or starting point inside of a minute, the *Cambria* taking the lead and maintaining it. The *Petrel* and *America* ran aground about 2 o'clock and used their oars back to shore. The *Water-witch* also ran aground and afterward tried to make the first buoy but from lack of wind failed. The *Cambria* having rounded the outer buoy was favored with a slight breeze and sped southward on the return, but losing her flag, lost time in searching for it, and arrived back just nine minutes over the four hours, thus losing the race which she might have won.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 2.

Seventies' Council Meeting.

The Seventies will please take notice that their regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday next, at half past seven p. m., at the Council House. A general attendance is requested.

JOSEPH YOUNG, SEN.,
A. P. ROCKWOOD,
JOHN VAN COTT,
E. B. TRIPP,
AURELIUS MINER,
JOHN NEEDHAM,
ROBERT CAMPBELL, Clerk.

Postal.—Samuel J. Allen has been appointed postmaster at Cub Hill, Cache Co., Utah.

High Council.—The members of the High Council are requested to meet in the Council House, on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., at 7 o'clock.

WM. W. TAYLOR, Clerk.

Father Shoemaker Dead.—By private dispatch to President John Taylor, we learn that Father Jezreel Shoemaker, of Manti, died at five o'clock this morning, after an illness of one week. He was aged 82 years.

For the Sandwich Islands.—This afternoon, Elders H. H. Cluff, Harry World, Carl Andersen and Jas. Knell leave for the Sandwich Islands on missions. The first three brethren will be accompanied by their wives.

In Good Health.—Certain rumors having obtained regarding the ill health of President John D. T. McAllister, of the St. George Stake of Zion, information has been received by telegraph as to his condition, and we are pleased to be able to state that President McAllister attended meeting in St. George, yesterday, to all appearances in good health.

District Court.—Proceedings Monday morning, June 2d, 1879:

Mary L. Cutler vs. Utah Central Railroad Company, motion for nonsuit still being argued.

United States vs. John Miles; sentenced to a fine of \$100 and five years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of appeal filed.

Miraculous Escape.—Yesterday afternoon, a young boy 14 years old, son of Brother James Stevenson, of Farmington, met with a miraculous escape from a terrible death. He was at the house of his brother, in the 15th Ward of this city, and had gone into an adjoining yard to let his horse browse on the grass, holding the animal by a lariat. The colt, becoming frightened, started off, and the boy seeing his danger if he got entangled in the coil of rope he held, dropped it. The horse ran around him twice and despite his precaution, entangled him in the lariat before he could prevent it. The gate was open, the colt dashed out upon the street and headed north, dragging

the boy after. Reaching the Court House, they sped along the east side of the street still going north, crossed to the sidewalk half way up, turned the corner one block north, and were going east, but running against a tree the rope was broken and the boy was rescued from his perilous position. Had he not displayed the utmost presence of mind all along he would certainly have been killed. From the first, when he found his legs were fast to the rope, he endeavored to maintain a sitting posture, so as not to be dashed against the trees or rocks in the way, and when he discovered that he was being hurried towards those dangerous obstacles, felt for his knife to cut the rope, but found that his pockets and contents had been torn away. When he saw the horse run upon the sidewalk he threw himself sideways by pushing against a tree and his face was thereby scratched a little. On reaching the corner above the Court House, the turn was made so quick that he was wrapped around the tree and the rope broken as stated.

His brother pursued the runaway from the house, and arrived on the scene immediately after the rope broke and the horse ran off. Expecting to find his brother dead, he was delighted when the boy arose to his feet and said he could walk home if his brother would catch the horse.

He was immediately attended to and is now quite comfortable, the more serious hurts being his left arm and thigh which are considerably bruised. He is in no danger, however, and will soon be up and around.

Considering all things, his escape cannot be considered but as something marvelous.

Tabernacle Services.—A large congregation assembled at the Tabernacle yesterday, the gallery being thrown open to accommodate those who could not find room below. A great many visitors were present and occupied seats in various parts of the building. The first speaker was Elder John Morgan, who made a series of remarks on doctrinal points, addressed mainly to the strangers present. He spoke of the Saints' persecutions, comparing their dispersions and drivings to the scattering of the mustard seed, which brought forth more plentifully when beaten and scattered, because it thereby became more widely spread. The history of the Church in these latter days bore out the simile admirably. In New York six men organized the Church; they were driven and their adherents gathered in Ohio a thousand strong; driven from there to Missouri they became 10,000 strong; driven to Illinois they became 20,000; and from there to the Valleys of the Mountains where they now numbered 200,000. If driven from here they would take the world.

Elder R. V. Morris related some of his experience in the Church, adverted to the doctrinal subjects treated of by Elder Morgan and closed with a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Elder H. W. Naisbitt was the next speaker. He remarked on the necessity of faith in all the principles and promises of the Gospel. A part would not do. The true Gospel was that which was preached anciently by Jesus and his Apostles, it had been revealed again in this age and was called by the world "Mormonism," and agreed with and embraced all the doctrines of the Church of Christ as it existed 18 centuries ago.

Elder C. W. Penrose then took the stand. He bore testimony to the truth of what had been said. He knew for himself, not by the teachings of man, but of the Holy Ghost, that the work called "Mormonism" was of God. The Saints meant, by the help of God, to stand by their religion; persecution never did nor never would cause a people to forsake their religious faith. They had no warfare with any government. They battled only with error and felt justified in continuing it. They had gathered to these valleys to worship God according to their religious convictions, and did not recognize the right of any one to interfere with them neither in the belief nor in the practice of their religion, so long as the rights of others were not trampled upon. They accorded all men this privilege, and desired all men to accord it to them.

The choir sang a beautiful anthem and the services came to a close.