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## Original Poetry.

For the Deseret Evening News.

### THE SUNSHINE.

O, the sunshine! the glad, loving sunshine!  
It kisses off the drops of dew  
From fragrant flowers of varied hue,  
And fringes heaven's own vault of blue,—  
The balmy, gorgeous sunshine!

O, the sunshine! the glorious, merry sunshine!  
It bathes each vale and mountain height  
In torrents of the purest light,  
The very opposite of night,—  
The shiney, streaming sunshine!

O, the sunshine! the golden, dancing sunshine!  
It pours upon the placid stream  
The flashings of its golden beam,  
Pure as an angel's cloudless dream,—  
The stainless, heaven-born sunshine!

O, the sunshine! the dear, consoling sunshine!  
It penetrates the pris'ner's cell,  
Hope's messages of joy to tell;  
It prances down the murky lane;  
It flashes through the dusty pane;  
It visits the abodes of woe,  
And cheers them with its cheering glow;  
It dances round the silent tomb;  
'T would visit every nook of gloom,—  
The ministering, God-blest sunshine!

R. SMYTH.

## ITEMS.

### FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

CORRESPONDENTS writing for publication are requested to write on one side of the paper only.

No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. Correspondents' names must in every instance accompany their communications, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of reliability.

**SENSIBLE.**—The grasshoppers are making themselves plentifully visible in "spots" in this city, and, we presume, elsewhere; while in many places scarcely any can be seen. By every mail we learn of farmers being disheartened in places north and east of this Territory, and not planting lest the fruits of their labors should be destroyed by the locusts. In some places in Idaho, we understand, farmers have concluded to leave agriculture and take to mining. Colorado, Kansas and Texas are dreading the ravages of the insects; and an exchange says they are hatching out "in Iowa and Western Illinois, by millions, billions and trillions," while terrible havoc is anticipated there.

Meantime, our farmers are plowing and planting, in many instances a larger breadth of land than usual. This is sensible, for even if the worst anticipations of those who dread locusts here were to be realized, the wiser course—the only wise course—for us to pursue, is to plant and sow, that a residue might be left. But we have no thought it will be so bad; and our people should continue to labor and exercise faith, and trust the future to the providences of God.

**U. P. R. R. ITEMS.**—From the *Frontier Index* of the 7th, we gather the following.

The Headquarters of the U. P. R. R. Engineer Department are now established at Fort Saunders.

The track was, at that date, laid to within fifteen miles of Saunders; and the cars were running to Stone Creek, near the summit of the Hills.

"The grading camps are moving farther west. M. S. Hall, the old contractor, is moving his forces to the North Platte crossing. Tucker & Brown are moving up the Little Laramie to finish a sub-contract. They will next start in near the North Platte."

The new railroad town Laramie is at a standstill, hundreds of people tired of waiting for town lots to be thrown into market, having located farther west.

It seems a town always springs up at certain points a little in advance of the railroad and flourishes till the cars run past, when its day of popularity is gone, though Cheyenne will probably outlive that.

**GONE.**—Four ox teams, of four yoke of oxen each, passed through our city this morning from Springville, on their way to the Sweetwater mines, loaded with potatoes and other produce. A person seeing them pass remarked they might see "Bitterwater" before they returned.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.**—We are indebted to Gen. G. M. Dodge, Chief Engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad, for a copy of the "Report of the Chief Engineer, with accompanying Reports of

Division Engineers, for 1866." The Report makes an interesting volume, and is furnished with several plates, and an excellently well finished map of the surveys in 1864, 1865 and 1866, from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean.

**PATENT SOUGHT.**—Mr. O. L. Eliason, watchmaker, of this city, is about taking out a patent for one of the neatest and most artistic inventions that we have seen for some time. His invention is an improvement in watches, dispensing with the use of a key in any form, the watch being wound by simply opening and closing the case to see the time. The hands are also set by the same movement of the case. A patent is likewise asked for improved stop works. When fully wound, it runs for eight days. Another point of superiority is, that the mainspring in the barrel maintains an equality of tension through constant winding, which it cannot have when wound in the ordinary manner. Everything about the watch was made here, except the case and dial, which were imported and could have been made here had there been suitable tools. This, probably, is the first watch entirely made west of the Missouri river. It is beautifully simple and the improvement is very fine.

Mr. Eliason is an excellent workman; and this is not his first invention. Last year he obtained a patent—through Fred. T. Peris, Esq., who will apply for the patent this year—for a thermometer which operates by the expansion and contraction of a metal coil. His thermometer was pronounced in the East superior to anything in use.

It is gratifying to record these inventions, which, with many others that have never been patented, have originated here. When iron is developed in this Territory, and castings can be readily and cheaply obtained, the inventive power of our people will show itself in a manner that is not now generally imagined.

**A HOUSE INVADED BY RATS.**—A house in Elizabeth street, Toronto, was entered one evening in the early part of March by an army of rats. The mistress of the house—asleep in bed with her two children, was aroused by hearing their screams. On awaking, she was horrified to find the bed and the floor of the room literally covered with rats. The vermin had inflicted several wounds on the faces of the children, some of which were so serious that medical aid had to be procured. There is no doubt that the children would have been eaten alive if they had been alone.

It is supposed that the rats had been forced from the sewers and drains, by heavy rains which prevailed at the time.

### FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**THEATRICAL.**—Last night "Ernest Maltravers" delighted the admirers of the melodramatic and sensational. It was capably placed upon the boards; and the villain was as villainous, the lover as ardent and easily made jealous, the lady as tender and true, and the end as much an exemplification of dramatic and poetic justice as the requirements of the play demanded. It was followed by "The Mummy," which is full of mirth-making points, and was played in lively style.

To-morrow evening Mr. George B. Waldron will commence a brief engagement. It was designed to produce a new piece on the occasion, but the uncertainty of Mr. Waldron's arrival rendered it impossible to decide what to play until he did arrive, when it was too late to act according to that design. "Richelieu" will be presented for the opening, a play of the excellence of which it is needless to say a word, with Mr. Waldron in the title role. The selection is beyond question a good one. During his previous stay in this city, when he played Orseola, in "The Council of Ten," so masterly, there was a general wish expressed to see him as the great Cardinal. Since then we have had impersonations by Mr. Lyne, Mr. Coudock and Mr. Stark, and now to these, will be added the one so strongly desired at that time by Mr. Waldron.

We will be gratified to see him greeted with a crowded house and a warm welcome; and hope the enterprise of the Managers in securing the talent and attractions which they have, for the season now commenced, will be appreciated by the public and sustained by a remunerative patronage.

**"HAVE IT BAD."**—The Boise Valley farmers have the "yellow-fever" seriously, beyond question. Prospective grasshoppers induced the premonitory symptoms; and the "big thing" on the other side of the South Pass developed the disease in full strength. Here is what the *Idaho Statesman* says about the matter:

"The Sweetwater infatuation has broken out among the farmers of Boise valley. Nearly every day little squads of mules and packs quietly tied together wend their way toward the bridge. Ask where they are going, and "Sweetwater!" is the answer. In this way Boise valley is being thinned out of a large number of farmers."

**DIED.**—Bro. Wm. M. Carmichael died last night about 8 o'clock, of intermittent and lung fever, retaining possession of his faculties to the last. He was in the 64th year of his age, having been born August 15th, 1804, in New York City.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, in the 8th Ward meeting-house.

**WASHINGTON ITEMS.**—Bro. W. H. Crawford writes from Washington, Washington county, as follows, under date 12th inst.:—

"It is raining to-day. The weather has been fine for the past few weeks. Fruit trees are leaved out, and we have a prospect for a heavy crop of fruit. Gardens look fine.

A general feeling exists among the people of Washington to assist in gathering the poor. Bishop Covington has succeeded in turning the most of the stock received into money. It appears that the Lord is opening the way for the poor Saints to be gathered."

**COMING HOME.**—The *Millennial Star* of the 28th ult., announces the departure from Liverpool of Elder Gilbert H. Van Schoonhoven, for New York, by steamer, on his way homeward to Utah.

**LIBERTY IS SWEET.**—Sherman, the lunatic, under a sly pretence, gave officer Hyde the slip on Monday evening, and ran several blocks before he was overtaken. He was returned.

### FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

**THEATRICAL.**—To-night Mr. Waldron will make his first appearance here in two years, as "Richelieu," supported by the strength of the Company. In Bulwer's beautiful and poetic plays there are always a freshness and a charm which make them ever desired, no matter how often they may have been seen. As we love to listen to or repeat a beautiful poem, although every word of every line may be familiar to us; so the cultivated mind delights to see such plays as "Richelieu," and the "Lady of Lyons," though they may be acquainted with every speech of every scene. Mr. McKenzie plays Mauprat, Mr. Lindsay Barradas, Mr. Graham the King, Miss Adams Francois, and Miss Colebrook Julia. The cast is good throughout.

**ANOTHER.**—Last night there was a Ladies' Leap Year party in the 6th Ward, where all was enjoyment and the best of feelings till the hour of separating. The music was excellent, the ladies winning and gallant to their partners, and the arrangements, under the direction of Sisters Hickenlooper, West and Winter, were all that could be desired.

The party was held in the Ward School house, which was decorated for the occasion with flags, banners and pictures, tastefully arranged. Among the mottoes were "Female Relief Society," "Remember the poor and needy," "Success to Home Manufacturers," "Rejoice ye daughters of Zion," "God bless our beloved Bishop," and, not the least noticed, "Take pity on the poor Wallflowers," which created its own share of merriment, and was duly remembered by the gentle ladies to whom the stirring appeal was made.

**BEAR RIVER ITEMS.**—By a gentleman from the north we learn that the Bear River region is rapidly growing in favor. Farms are being taken up along the river from a short distance south of the bridge; and numbers of people are settling and taking up farms in Malad valley. The waters of the river are high; but Godbe & Hampton's new bridge, which spans it, is a good and substantial one. Travel is not heavy yet, though numbers are coming south from Idaho, bound for Sweetwater. The hotel, by the bridge, gives excellent accommodation, and the weary traveler enjoys its good things exceedingly. The roads are good north and south of the river.

**GRAPES.**—The editor of the Dalles (Oregon) *Mountaineer* has had a present of grapes which were grown last year, and were packed during the winter in saw dust. When taken out, they retained their rich flavor and full round size, as when picked from the vine. Who, of our grape growers will keep them plump and juicy as when picked, during the winter? and enable us to enjoy similar delicious treats late in the Spring.

**A LEAP YEAR PARTY.**—Another of these Balls came off last evening at the 14th Ward School Rooms, the object being the benefit of the Sunday School of that Ward. The names of the committee of arrangements were Mrs. D. Richardson, Mrs. G. H. Taylor, Mrs. C. Romney, Miss J. Seaman and Miss A. M. Taylor; and Miss Emily Tanner as Floor Manager. Great pains had been taken in fitting up the rooms for the occasion, the new west wing of the building having been arranged in most excellent style as a drawing room. The walls were decorated with paintings and engravings; and in the west wing a fine piano furnished excellent music for those who did not wish to dance, while a profusion of stereoscopic views, books, magazines, albums, chess, &c., supplied agreeable amusement to those who preferred that method of spending their time. There was a much larger company present than the committee expected to see. Several who had returned their notes of invitation afterwards changed their minds and were present. There were one hundred and twelve numbers given out by the committee—more numbers than the capacity of the house would admit of dancing as often as customary. But all felt good-humored and pleasant, and the enjoyment appeared to be unalloyed. The object of the party is a worthy one, and those who patronized it felt that their money was well invested. Among those present were Presidents B. Young and D. H. Wells, Elders Orson Pratt, John Taylor and George Q. Cannon; Bishop Edward Hunter and Gen. Robert T. Burton. The Committee deserve great credit for the manner in which everything was arranged.

### FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

**POLICE.**—A. Jones, Mat. Karney and Harmon Dillmore were brought before Alderman Richards this forenoon, the first named on a charge of drunkenness and drawing a knife with intent to assault, and the other two charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace. They were fined respectively \$18, \$3 and \$10.

**STORM.**—Yesterday afternoon as we were going to press, a heavy and bitter hail and rain storm commenced, and the rain continued more or less severe till a late hour of the night, accompanied with a very chilly atmosphere. This morning a fresh coat of snow appeared on the mountains extending down towards the base.

**"Jes' So."**—The *Virginia Trespass* says:—  
"Two men left yesterday on horseback for the Sweetwater mines. Carry your grub and wear a wig, and it makes little difference what kind of conveyance you have. Grub is healthy, and an Indian would scorn to scalp a man the second time."

**QUERY?** The *Virginia Trespass* says the cars on the western end of the Union Pacific Railroad will be within sixty miles of Salt Lake next Fall. What is the authority of the *Trespass*? and is it reliable?

**U. P. R. R.**—On the 12th inst., a grader-camp of one hundred and fifty-five men, moved from the Black Hills to the vicinity of Rock Creek. All the graders on the road are supplied with good repeating rifles, which are kept in readiness for Indian attacks. So says the *Cheyenne Leader*.

**POISONED.**—On Wednesday evening Dr. Taft was called in to attend to a couple of boys, children of Mr. Levy, who had been poisoned by eating peach pits. The children, one three and the other seven years of age, were in a most dangerous condition, but skill and care preserved them from the death which threatened. Peach pits are said to contain three times as much poison in Spring as in Autumn. Parents will be wise if they make a note of this case.

**FOREIGN POSTAGE.**—A correspondent from Sanpete having suggested the propriety of our publishing the reduced rates of postage between the United States and Europe, via the North German Union, we have obtained the following from A. W. Street, Esq., Postmaster of this city:

The postage to Austria by North German Union, direct, is ten cents; in closed mail, via England, fifteen cents. To Baden, Bavaria, Bremen, the German States, Hamburg, Luxemburg, Prussia, Saxony, Schleswig Holstein and Wurtemberg, the same rates—by North German Union ten cents; via England, fifteen cents. To Belgium fifteen cents. To Denmark, by North German Union, fourteen cents; via England eighteen cents—if prepaid, one cent less either way. To Britain twelve cents. To Norway, via North German Union, twenty-three cents, if prepaid, twenty cents. To Sweden, via North German Union, eighteen cents, if prepaid, sixteen cents. To Switzerland, direct closed mail via England, fifteen cents. These rates are for letters under half an ounce.

There are fines on unpaid Foreign Letters which should also be known. By the postal conventions between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the North German Union, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and Switzerland, each country collects for itself the amount of fine imposed on unpaid and insufficiently paid matter arriving in that country. The United States has fixed the fine on such matter arriving here at five cents for each letter or other postal packet. The fines chargeable on such matter arriving in the foreign countries named are: in Great Britain, 6d; North German Union, not exceeding 2 silbergroschen; Belgium, 30 centimes; the Netherlands, not exceeding 15 cents (Dutch); Italy, not exceeding 30 centesimi; Switzerland, not exceeding 25 centimes. These fines are for each unpaid or insufficiently paid letter or other postal packet, and not on each rate.

### FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**MYSTERIOUS MORTALITY.**—There has been noticed for some days past a heavy mortality among the unregistered canines of the city, which is the more mysterious that no epidemic among them has been announced. A hole in the skin or a collapse of the vital functions makes a "dead dog" of every one attacked. Some trace a connection between the disease and the city ordinance regulating these quadrupeds. Owners of unregistered dogs may be able to decide on the subject.

**POLICE.**—William Gilbert was brought before Alderman Clinton this morning, charged with assaulting an Afro-Caribbean, named James, for which he disbursed to the city \$10.

**INFORMATION WANTED.** of the whereabouts of DAVID HEAPS, who left Liverpool on the ship Gen. McClellan, May, 1864. When last heard from was living with Robert Thanley, in Cache Valley. Information concerning him will be thankfully received by his father, David Heaps. Address care of Mr. Wm. H. Miles, 117 St. John street, N. Y.

**NOT SATISFIED.**—The Cheyenne papers of the 18th announce the return of the Peace Commissioners from Laramie. The results of the Council, so far, although not reported, are not satisfactory to those who advocate the "wipe-them-out" policy.

**FOR PROTECTION.**—A party of infantry left Fort David Russel, by special train, on the 17th, to protect the stage line west. Eight men were to be quartered at each station between Cheyenne and North Platte. Indian depredations were reported in various quarters.