

## Correspondence.

BURK'S GARDEN, Tazewell Co., Va.,  
July 20, 1869.

Pres. Brigham Young.—Dear Bro.—From the time of my arrival in this field, up to the 1st of May, I associated, for the most of the time, with Bro's. Boyle and Coray, who kept you informed in regard to the progress of the work in "Old Virginia," and other fields in the Southern mission. Since Br. Boyle's last report to you, the Virginia field has been placed in my charge, and I deem it my duty to still keep you informed in regard to the onward movements of the cause in this part of the vineyard.

Since the 1st of May we have baptized twenty-seven in this field, and organized a branch of twenty-five members in Russell Co., Va.

We now have three regularly organized branches in this field, numbering about one hundred in all. There is quite a number now awaiting baptism, who will be attended to at the time appointed.

The growth of the cause in this State exceeds my most sanguine expectations, and the work has received an impetus that carries it beyond my preconceived opinion. I can gaze complacently on the triumphant marches of truth in this age under the influence of a gospel dispensation, undisturbed by that intense eagerness and deep anxiety traceable in the furrowed brows of the votaries of worldly emolument, with despondency depicted in the countenance at the announcement of the failure of human schemes and the departure of human greatness to earth's common burial ground—oblivion. But we battle for truth, and "Truth is mighty and will prevail."

Bro. O. H. Riggs is with me at present, and has been with me since the 7th of June; he will leave in a few days for Pennsylvania to visit his relatives, before returning to his "mountain home" this fall.

I feel that God has peculiarly blessed our labors upon this Southern mission; I know he has. The signs have followed the preaching of the gospel here to the healing of the sick, etc., confirming the words of Christ, enstamping upon the minds of the happy recipients of these blessings, the everlasting truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ restored to the earth in the latter days, and they realize the power of the Priesthood as it exists to-day, and is held by the Latter-day Saints.

The Saints here, generally, feel well, and rejoice in the privilege of the gospel; all possess a spirit of gathering, which principle they are preparing to obey as soon as matters can be so arranged.

A great many of the people are growing tired of their creeds and schisms, which create such confusion; when we find such it is not hard to show them the "Apostolic Church" of the nineteenth century; they can appreciate the fact that God is not eighteen hundred years distant, but he is the God of yesterday, to-day and forever.

The State election is over, but I cannot see that the condition of the people is, or will be, ameliorated in the slightest degree.

I feel well on my mission and rejoice in the spirit, when a full obedience to its dictations is discharged by me. I truly feel that a great and glorious work is to be accomplished, although the opposer usurps every means he can make use of.

There are many who gather up to Zion with the expectation of folding their arms, and have every desire satiated without an exertion on their part, any when they find that Zion is built up by hearty co-operative hands, and they too must labor, they become dissatisfied. Such never will make Saints and never will attain unto an excellence in the Kingdom of God, unless they throw aside this detestable spirit of inaction. "There is no excellence without labor."

Bro. Riggs and the Saints join me in love to you and prayers that you may long be preserved on the earth; also Brothers Geo. A. and Daniel H. and all the brethren associated with you.

Your brother in the bonds of the covenant,

THEODORE B. LEWIS.

### CO-OPERATION.

For a long time it has seemed to me that many of our merchants in Salt Lake City are doing business under false colors or signs. With none but

the kindest of feelings towards them—indeed they are my personal friends mostly—I feel it due to the cause of co-operation to say that though they are doing business under the sign of "Zion's Co-operative Institution," has their business any more connection with the parent institution than that of the veriest outsider in the country? Did their business change its base at the time they put up those signs, or did it continue the same as before?

These signs are calculated to beguile and mislead country people, divide the trade, check the prosperity of the parent Institution, defeat the great and good design by forcing the parent Institution to put a higher tariff upon their goods than it otherwise would if it had the whole patronage of the country. In the latter case, the parent Institution could sell so low that it would be no object for an outsider to bring goods to Utah or to Salt Lake City; and thus co-operation would prove our shield and our defence.

Can any real friend of Zion allow that sign to be over his door who is not virtually entitled to it? Is it not a counterfeit in the name of "Holiness to the Lord?" Is it not a berlesque and libel upon the real institution? Is it not stealing the livery of Heaven to serve self and the devil in? I don't know how these matters look to the people; but the above are some of my reflections. Could I wield the pen as I once could, I would enlarge upon this subject and feel it a duty and a pleasure to do so. But this must suffice for the present. It appears to me, however, that those signs should be looked after, for in the last days we are told they will appear.

ORSON HYDE.

Springtown, Aug. 1, 1869.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

FOULING THE WATER DITCHES.—A lady correspondent, complains with great justice of the bad habit which some people have of washing their carriages in the public water ditches and sweeping the filth from their stables into the streets, where it is liable to be blown by the wind into the water which she, as well as many others, have to drink. We think with her that such a thoughtless course of conduct is an outrage on decency, and that the ordinance passed by the City Council to maintain the purity of our water courses should be enforced. We hope that those who are engaged in this business will have the good sense to remedy this evil before they are compelled to do so by the law.

THE INDIANS IN NEW MEXICO.—A correspondent of the *New Mexican*, writing from La Masilla, says that, "a stage has just come in from Tucson, the first one for six weeks. Near San Pedro canyon the driver saw forty Indians, who had evidently been lying in wait for the stage, but had been frightened by the opportune appearance of cavalry escorting a Government train. At San Pedro crossing the Indians killed a soldier whilst guarding a farmer who was plowing. The night previous they stole the clothes of the soldier, which had just been hung out to dry at the San Pedro picket. It is reported that the Cow Spring station has been burned by Indians. His party brought to La Masilla the remains of one of the murdered mail-men of a previous trip, and found the body of another man at Soldiers' Farewell, burned almost to a cinder."

BROWN'S GAZETTEER.—We are in receipt of a copy of Brown's Gazetteer of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway and branches, and of the Union Pacific Railroad. It purports to be a guide and business directory to the towns along the line of the U. P. R.R. and south of it to Salt Lake City, also to the cities of Colorado, giving their products in gold, silver, copper and iron mines, coal beds, etc., with the process of working them, and contains much other valuable information and statistics regarding this western country. The editor and publisher, whose name is well known here, Mr. C. Exera Brown, is at present in this city, on business connected with the sale of his work.

NOTHING TO WRITE.—We have all heard of the unhappy Miss Flora McFlimsey, whose misery consisted in having nothing to wear, and of the still more unfortunate epeure, who having exhausted the skill of all the cooks of Paris and the rest of the world, had nothing to eat; but the most unfortunate being is the local reporter of a daily paper in a city where nothing but good order exists, where peace abounds, where there are no free fights, no sensational murders, no horrid tragedies, no alarming rumors, no mysterious disappearances, no political excitements; where every body minds his own business, and lets that of others alone. Such a one is to be pitied for he has nothing to write, and yet the great public, ever on the *qui vive* for news, grumble if there is nothing in the papers.

No wonder, especially in the dog days, when flies abound, whose affectionate and persistent attacks are enough to raise the ire—that occasional attacks upon the people of Utah appear in the columns of some of the newspapers, or that reports of crimes that were never committed, of accidents that never occurred, of outrages that were never perpetrated, "of wars and rumors of wars" that exist but in the imagination of the writers, should occasionally be seen. To this cause we sometimes in charity ascribe the fire-eating tirades that have of late disgraced the columns of several of our exchanges. We hope that no baser motive than to fill up their papers, or give vent to a little petulance of temper has been the cause of much of the folly that has been written the last few months on the Mormon question.

TOUR IN UTAH COUNTY.—Bro. Edward Stevenson called this morning and gave us a short account of a tour in Utah County, from which he and President Joseph Young have just returned. They left the city yesterday-week, and since then have held meetings with the Schools of the Prophets and Saints at Payson, Springville, Provo, American Fork, Battle Creek, Lehi and Spanish Fork.

At Spanish Fork the "hoppers" have done more mischief this season than for the three seasons past; bad as their ravages have been, however, it is calculated that the people of that city have raised enough breadstuff the present season, to last them for three years to come.

Bro. Cornaby of that place, has had good success with his cocoonery, having raised about ten pounds of cocoons, and half a pound of eggs. Bro. George Myers of the same place has raised 2000 pounds of grapes in his vineyard, and has a much larger vineyard coming on, containing almost every variety of grape.

At Springville the locusts have done a good deal of damage to the corn, fruit and vegetables; they were traveling northward and had reached Provo by the time Elders Young and Stevenson reached there.

Battle Creek, American Fork and Lehi were free from the plague; Lehi has been so during the whole season. In consequence of this the crops were uncommonly promising. In Lehi some land yielded this season as much as 80 bushels of wheat to the acre; while in Battle Creek one man thrashed twenty dozen sheaves of wheat, which yielded twenty-four bushels of grain.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

PRESIDENT YOUNG'S DISCOURSE.—In today's issue appears a discourse, delivered last Sunday morning by President Brigham Young. It should be read by the ladies everywhere, but especially by those in the Kingdom of God, being devoted, chiefly, to showing the extent of the influence they possess and the direction in which it should be exercised.

"A. C." OF BRIGHAM CITY.—Our thanks are due to our correspondent "A. C.," of Brigham City, for his letter dated August 10th, in relation to the election for county officers recently held at that notorious burg Corinne. Being a matter so utterly void of significance, we do not wish to attach a seeming importance to it by publishing it in the NEWS.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—In the morning Elder George Q. Cannon addressed the congregation upon the first principles of the gospel. A full report of his discourse will appear in the NEWS in a few days.

In the afternoon Rev. B. F. Whittemore, Member of Congress from South Carolina, and a minister of the Methodist denomination, addressed the congregation, taking as the basis for his remarks the 13th chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians. His discourse was intended to show the great necessity on the part of all professing to be followers of Christ, to cultivate Charity, that being the greatest and most essential of all the graces which adorn the character of a true Christian.

Elder W. Woodruff followed in a short address, showing, from the New Testament, that the true Church of Jesus Christ, whenever it has been on the earth, has contained apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and the various gifts,—such as healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, discerning of spirits, etc., and that whatever other claims a church may have, unless it have these officers and gifts, and be guided by direct revelation from Heaven it cannot be the Church of God.

PALE ALE, &c.—Those who are bibulously inclined may find Tennent's XXX Stout, Tennent's Pale Ale, Bridge's Porter and Hibbert's Pale Ale, for sale by "Joe" Simmons, at the Revere House Saloon, Second South Street. These celebrated beverages have gained a world-wide reputation, and the patrons of the Revere House Saloon may depend upon being supplied with the genuine article.

MAIL FACILITIES WANTED.—A correspondent, residing at Riverdale, requests us to forward his papers to Ogden City, as the mail to that place is no longer carried. Some one hundred families, he says, have now to travel from three to eight miles for their mail matter, or go without it. He adds that "if something can be done to give us our

mail again to this office it would oblige many interested."

From what we have seen and heard of Col. Wickizer, special Mail Agent for all this Rocky Mountain region, no pains will be spared by him in correcting all mistakes and in extending the requisite mail facilities as far as he consistently can.

MRS. ST. CLAIR AT SAN FRANCISCO.—From an esteemed correspondent we learn that Mrs. St. Clair, who delivered several lectures in this city, is now in San Francisco, and on the evening of the 11th instant gave a lecture on "Mormon Wives," etc. The subject is one of great interest to many people outside of our Territory, and possibly there may have been some persons attended her lecture who saw the subject in a new light and obtained a more correct idea of the condition of society here than they could from much of the newspaper correspondence which has treated largely on our peculiarities. We understand the subject was well handled and the lecture was a very fair one, and would have been acceptable to an audience in this city.

MORE ABOUT THE POTATOE DISEASE.—One of the gardeners in this city informs us that he recently dug some potatoes in which the disease was just beginning to manifest itself. They were the fruit of imported seed. He suggests, in order to avoid as far as possible all risk of raising diseased potatoes, that all gardeners and others in this city, who may need seed potatoes another Spring should procure, from the country settlements, seed known to be thoroughly reliable and to have been raised from home-raised potatoes. He also suggests, as a further preventive, that ground upon which potatoes have been raised frequently, be allowed to rest or be planted with a different crop.

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE MINSTRELS.—To-morrow morning the box office at the Theatre will be open for the sale of tickets for the minstrel performances, commencing on Wednesday evening. This promises to be the greatest musical treat the people of this city have yet had, and all who love first rate songs and music, and good jokes, and desire to have a few evenings rare enjoyment should embrace the chance now presented, for now is their time.

## FARM FOR SALE!

A FARM of 100 acres, situated in South Cottonwood Ward, 10 miles from Salt Lake City, with a new adobe House, well finished, containing six rooms, and an Orchard of 120 bearing trees. In the Pasture Land there is a large supply of wood for summer fuel. A good Fish Pond can be readily made, as there are a number of Springs on the farm and the Cottonwood creek is adjacent. Will be sold cheap if sold soon. For further particulars apply on the premises to

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JOLE HANSEN.

## LOST!

BETWEEN PROVO BRIDGE and LEHI, a Brown Leather POCKET BOOK, containing Money, Papers and a Pair of Spectacles. The finder will greatly oblige the owner by returning it to

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L. JOHNSON, Santaquin.

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CHARLES WIGHT, Brigham City.

## PIONEER LEATHER AND SHOE FINDING STORE

JUST RECEIVED, and for sale, Wholesale and Retail, low for cash and produce, a large supply of Sole and Upper Leather, Calf and Kip Skins, Boot and Shoe Findings, PROVISIONS and GROCERIES, four doors below Eldridge & Clawson's. Please give me a call.

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W. S. TRESCOTT.

## STOLEN

FROM American Fork, a Bay HORSE, white spot on face, branded G R on left hip and U X S on left shoulder; is about 8 years of age. I will willingly pay all expenses to any one who will restore the above to me.

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