

of witnesses for the prosecution, for whom an attachment was issued by the Court.

**Assault and Battery.**—Col. O. A. Patten was before Justice Pyper this morning on a charge of assaulting and battery on the person of an old gentleman named Ellen Pettit, who resides on the north-western border of the City, near Jordan River. It was proved that Col. Patten struck the complainant twice with a horsewhip when on his own premises, but the Justice held that the assault was provoked, and discharged the accused. The affair occurred last Saturday while Col. Patten was out shooting, and the origin of the difficulty was the unwillingness of Pettit to allow the hunting party upon his land. Whether the assault of a comparatively young and abled bodied man upon an aged person was provoked or not, it was a most disgraceful act.

**The Best Potatoes.**—The publication of the result obtained by Barker Child, in planting four pounds of "Compton Surprise" potatoes, brings others forward, who have obtained still larger comparative yields. Last year Thomas Higgs planted one pound of those prolific tubers and got for his reward 120 pounds, Joseph Graham planted one pound this year and got 110 pounds, and from 1 of a pound James Van Tassell got 75 pounds.

Not only is the "Compton Surprise" the most prolific root of the kind known hereabout, but, according to the testimony of those who have raised and used it, it is not surpassed in excellence of quality by any other raised in this region, a fact that farmers are beginning to discover, and it is probable that it will soon be more largely cultivated here than any other potato.

## Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
October 18, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

With your permission I will talk a few moments about several things which occur to my mind.

### BIG THINGS.

This is [the time of the farmer's glory, and accordingly he is proud of the specimens of the big things he can produce—big turnips and big onions, big cabbages and big cauliflowers, big apples and big pears and big peaches, big bunches of grapes, big potatoes and big beets and big carrots. Talking of big potatoes, that basketful of potatoes grown "over Jordan" by Mr. Beckstead, and brought to your office, is worth going a few miles to see. People would stay and look at them even in the Centennial, and think themselves amply repaid for a few minutes' abstraction from the contemplation of the collected glories of the world in art and ingenuity. Potatoes a dozen to the bushel, all as smooth and clear as a baby's cheek, are not seen every day by everybody in every place. Would they not make a genuine Irishman's heart leap for joy? Utah is great on wheat and on fruit, but she is far greater on the potatoe question.

### GRAPES.

Why don't people plant grapes? They can be grown on the highlands and on the lowlands, but especially on the bench lands, and they do not require so much water as many other crops. Every man in this valley can sit under his own vine, if not under his own fig tree. He should plant principally early varieties, and if they are hardy they will be all the less trouble. One thing should be remembered—the grape vine is debased when it is left to grovel on the ground. If there is one thing the grape loves, it is to climb. There is no soil too poor in all this valley to produce grapes, though some soils may produce more abundantly than others. Every family ought to grow two or three hundred pounds or more of grapes. They are healthful and delicious food.

### THE WATER PIPES.

The water pipes are fast going into the ground, under the efficient superintendence of Messrs. Ellerbe, McKean, and Ryde. If the good work is continued with similar energy for a few more weeks, it will be so far advanced that the main pipes can be tapped to supply individual citizens with pure water

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for domestic use, as well as for the hydrants for use in case of fire, and possibly, if deemed desirable, for sprinkling the streets. This will be a great improvement to the city.

### LONG SERMONS.

Who likes to hear a long sermon, a long, prosy, dull, dreary, droning sermon, that sends half the congregation to sleep in spite of the best intentions and incessant endeavors to keep awake? A long sermon, except in special instances, and on extraordinary occasions, is an abomination to many people. It is a question whether more people are not preached away from meetings than are preached to meetings by the passion for long sermons. Is it not a queer taste for a man to indulge in—that of continuing to address a congregation for a wearisome time when anybody with half an eye can see that they are being bored to death? Is there any law requiring a preacher to preach from one to two hours every time he rises in the pulpit? Is he in danger of being condignly punished if he limits himself to a vigorous, sprightly, half hour's address? The old rule in the Church of England was for a sermon to occupy forty minutes, that is, half an hour and ten minutes. That rule has its advantages. One can say a great deal in forty minutes, if one knows how to do it, and, if one does not know how, is that any reason why he should occupy an hour or more in demonstrating that fact to a congregation for the hundredth time? Why should a man cultivate such a rambling disposition in preaching, and be so anxious to say everything he can think of every time he stands up before a congregation? Would it not be far better for him to take a few points for consideration, confine himself to them, and conclude in reasonable time, before he has utterly exhausted himself, his subject or his range of it, and the congregation? Now it occurs to me that it would be an excellent thing for most preachers to make it a rule to limit themselves to thirty minutes for an address. If they cannot deliver a good, interesting, lively discourse in that time, they can not in two hours. As to the hearers, it is better for them to go away with their appetites for spiritual aliment not quite satisfied than with them sated and cloyed, for, if not fully satisfied now, they will be the sharper for the next occasion, and the interest in assembling together will be likely to increase and not decrease. Short, pithy, lively, spirited sermons, then, are the things that will please the most people, and put and keep them in good humor, glad to go to meeting rather than glad to stay away, or to get away again when they do go.

### INDIAN SUMMER.

Hazy, dreamy Indian summer is here. The fields have donned their russet mantle, the sere and yellow leaves are multiplying on the trees, yet the melancholy days, the saddest in the year, have not yet come. Indeed, the present is the pleasantest time and these are the best days, meteorologically, in all the long year, the most agreeable, the most favorable for enjoyment. Now "gather your rosebuds while you

may," finish your out-door junketing, for rain and snow and sleet and mud may be here any time. The saddest days, when the least enjoyment is to be had, in or out of doors, come along in August, when the heat is torrid, and when the corporeal system is consequently rendered decidedly limp and lymphatic, and "nobody wants to do nothing." But those days are gone by for this season; no regret for that.

### THE CO-OP. BUILDING.

The new Co-op. building has assumed immense proportions of late, and the roof timbers go up fast. Paradoxically the front is the most backward in advancing towards completion. It will be one of the most noticeable buildings in the city, strong and substantial. It is bound to play an important part in the mercantile history of the Territory. That it will long be a blessing to the community is the wish of every good member of the community.

### THE DESERET BANK BUILDING.

The new building for the Deseret National Bank, since the arrival of the iron front has put on an imposing appearance. It promises to be one of the chief ornaments of the city, a goodly habitat for a prosperous institution. By the bye, don't you think there would have been room for a few more windows in the bank front and a few less in the sides of the co-op. building? But I suppose windows are not considered so fire-proof as dead walls for the latter structure.

### LAW AND GOSPEL.

Quite a curious production was that sermon by a judicial gentleman. How false and flippant in its statement of "facts!" (What elastic things those "facts" are!) How absurd in its conclusions! How unmanly and mean in its aspersions, especially upon the feminine portion of the community! Why it became at once the common laughingstock, the general butt of ridicule. How strangely perverse it seems for a man, and a judge at that, to be found asserting that certain main characteristics of a religion are not religion, and he knows they are not, when at the same time scores of professors of that religion are manifesting their faith by preparing to go, without salary or fee, to preach that religion to the ends of the earth! Would the judge do as much to prove his faith in his religion, if he has any? He might, but I doubt, very much doubt, that he would.

### RAMBLER.

"You never saw my nan's as dirty as that," said a mother reproachfully yesterday to her little eight-year old girl. "Cause I never see you when you was a little girl," was the prompt answer.

Mrs. Dobbs, of Providence, says she made her lazy and dead-and-alive husband move to a lively posture for once in his life. She placed a stiff hair brush in a shaded spot in the bedroom, so that he stepped on it with his bare foot.

Betty, the servant maid of Dr. Samuel Johnson's landlady, usually had a shabby appearance while in service, and was discharged. Afterward Johnson saw her nicely dressed, and remarked to her that she appeared to be getting up in the world. Her reply was, "Law, Doctor, don't you know that I have been ruined?"



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### Administrator's Notice.

W. P., the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court of Sevier County, Administrators of the estate of Joseph A. Young, (deceased), hereby give notice to all persons who have claims against said estate to present them to us on or before the first (1st) of January, 1876, for settlement, and all persons owing said estate are hereby required to pay said indebtedness to us within said time.

A. K. TRUBBER,  
W. H. SEEGMILLER,  
B. S. YOUNG.

Richfield, Sevier County, Sept. 16, 1875.