

was admitted into the finishing room, to see the clocks. One of the workmen desired to make the experiment; accordingly the old man was put to count; striking on the bench with his hand in time with the clock, he went to sleep in three minutes, and was kept under the influence for nearly an hour. His dog, that had followed him into the room, upon discovering his situation exhibited alarm and ran about howling in a most dismal manner; all this did not disturb the sleeper, but the moment the clock was stopped he awoke, and was surprised to find that so much time had passed.—There is some great principle established in these phenomena that is truly mysterious.”

## DESERET NEWS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1850.

**WHEAT GLEANING.**—There have been large quantities of wheat gleaned from the harvest fields this season; even some of the ladies, we hear, have gathered more than will be necessary to supply them with bread till another harvest. What! Ladies glean wheat? Yes. When that is the most important thing they can do. Ruth was a lady, and followed the reapers; and why should not her daughters do likewise and be ladies too? Any woman who would be a lady, must be ready and willing to do any and every thing that ought to be done; there are no other genuine ladies in our world. It is reported that a great portion of the emigration are almost entirely destitute of bread stuff on their arrival; and if it be so, it is highly important that all the grain possible should be saved. It may appear late for gleanings, but we are just informed there are many large fields that will well pay for the gathering.—We have some 60 acres ungleaned, which any one is welcome to, and we presume that all who have raised wheat would say the same. If the ladies do not wish to do it all, let them take their children along to help them, while the gentlemen are plowing and sowing to raise another crop. Silk gloves and idleness never made either lady or gentleman.

**CALIFORNIA.**—Sketches from late California papers which we copy this week, show the general state of affairs in that country.—The PLACER TIMES EXTRA, of Aug. 15th, is clothed in deep mourning, it is presumed, for the murders of prominent men by the mob on the 14th. The Mayor of Sacramento was

dangerously wounded. The monopoly of aristocratic land holders;—the tax on, and proscription of foreigners are represented as being the fruitful source of robberies, thefts, murders, fear and consternation throughout the length and breadth of that peaceful happy land of gold and plenty, insomuch that scores of decisions from their courts are registered in most of their papers, for nearly all manner of crime that men are capable of inventing. From the diversified accounts, the reader might almost suppose that the time was approaching for the scriptures to be fulfilled, that he who will not take up the sword against his neighbor must needs flee to Zion.

“**DESERET**, is quite behind the times,” says our neighbor. Very true, in some things. The annual term of the Great Salt Lake County Court was held on the 7th instant at the Bowery. It was not enough that a Full Bench, Grand and Petit Jurors, Clerks, Lawyers and Sheriff were in attendance, they could not raise a case; in a city of near ten thousand inhabitants, not one robber, thief, burgler, murderer; not one man in chains could be found; not one culprit of any description; not one trial could be had; not one decision could be given: Yes, there was one trial, one decision: The patience of the court, jurors and officers was tried by their long sitting and nothing to do, when the court decided to rise, and walk, and wait another year, to see whether business would not improve; but the prospect is very dull, for we have not heard of the first trial before any county court in Deseret this fall. Dull prospect indeed, when we look abroad among other States and Nations, we confess, “**QUITE BEHIND THE TIMES:**” Our Judiciary will have to stick to the plow or starve, if the times don’t improve, of which there is very little prospect previous to the sitting of the Supreme Court, on the first Monday of November next.

**EDUCATION.**—The enquiry is frequently made; “What course shall we pursue with regard to our school? I should like to take a school this winter, what shall I do to accomplish it?” and many more such like queries are daily presented, which we beg leave to refer to the proper source for information, viz: the Regency of the University, whose meeting we have not had the opportunity of attending, of late, and are not informed of their conclusion on many points which are now exciting a deep interest among parents and teachers; and while the Regency are using all due exertion to cause the fencing and inclosing of the University Lands, this fall; might not frequent communications from the Board, through the News, in relation to primary schools, be a source of great profit to the people? We understand that school

houses are being erected in the several wards, where they do not already exist; and the spirit of enquiry and thirst for knowledge is increasing with the increase of the cold weather, and the decrease of the intense labor of the harvest, and we consider it a most appropriate time for our masters in science to speak out and put us on the right track.

**FROST AND SNOW.**—The first frost of any consequence, this fall, in the vicinity of the State House, was on last Saturday night;—there had been some slight frosts some nights previous, on the lower lands. Snow fell in North Cotton Wood Canyon, from 15 to 18 inches on Thursday, the 10th instant, and on most of the mountains adjoining the valley, more or less.

**EMIGRATION CLOSED.**—Bishop Hunter and company arrived on Sunday. Elder Woodruff, with his family, and company, on Monday. Both companies were east of the 2d mountain on Thursday, during the snow storm, and passed through considerable snow in coming in, though they arrived in health; and most joyfully are the last camps of the Saints welcomed in the valley, and particularly after so long absence our old friend and PIONEER, Bro. Woodruff.

**WHAT HAS BEEN MAY BE.**—Last week we had a saw mill crank forged ABOUT RIGHT—and from this we infer if any of our brother sawyers are in want of a like article, they can be accommodated to their pattern, by calling at the blacksmith shop on Temple Block, where is a heavy forge prepared for the business. One thing is wanting, in the valley, a heavy lathe for turning cranks, without which it is hardly possible to complete a perfect mill.

**INDIAN DEPREDACTIONS.**—A small band of Indians committed depredation on the grain in the Big Field, and on the Church Farm—and, as we understand, assumed a menacing attitude towards some of the citizens in that vicinity; but when Capt. Grant visited them Monday, with a portion of his Guards, they agreed to behave themselves, and dispersed.

**THE NEWS.**—Lack of paper will prevent the issue of the News as hitherto. Until further notice it may be expected Semi-monthly, or every other Saturday.

**JOB PRINTING** will be executed as usual at the News office, but more conveniently, during publication week.

**SCHOOL ROOMS** should be built high, with ventilations both at the top and sides.

**THE EASTERN MAIL** arrived on Tuesday evening, by which we received no papers, but through the politeness of our friends, and perusal of the New York Herald of Aug. 11,