

comes, is not so abundant as it is now expected to be? If one half of the crop was carefully put away, and the surplus of the other half only thrown into the market, the producer would receive something like remuneration for his labor, and his bins would not be full of emptiness before another harvest comes around. We can only touch at this subject in a short article, but every man can elaborate the hint for himself.

It may be that some will feel inclined to say that this is writing for the interests of one class of society at the expense of another. The statement if made would not be correct. We would like to see all classes fairly remunerated for their labor; and, in advocating the interests of the producer, we advocate the interests of every member of the community. It is a most foolish idea that high priced breadstuffs is oppressive on any portion of the working classes here in Utah. True, a sudden change from very low to very high prices, would press heavily on some for a time. But it would be as reasonable to say that high priced cutlery would be oppressive on the working classes of Sheffield, when high prices would be a certain indication that the demand was fully equal to the supply, and, consequently, that there was abundance of employment for the operatives. That is their speciality of exportation as produce is of Utah.

We do not export manufactures. We do not export the labor of our mechanics. We export produce, and that produce is actually and truly the source of employment and the means of existence for every operative, mechanic and laborer in the Territory, and every man who gains a living or makes a fortune in Utah. Hence to raise the price of produce, is simply to increase the monetary value of that which is the basis of employment, and the real source of wealth to all in the community; and the increased prosperity flowing from it would reach through every channel that permeates the community, bestowing its share of wealth on all.

We have no wish to see our neighbors from other places, who come or send to us for breadstuffs, or produce of any kind, being compelled to pay exorbitant prices for them; but we would wish to see them paying a fair remunerative price; and in the article of flour we would like to see a quality turned out that would equal the best in any market where we sell,—a brand that would command the highest figure going.

There is another view of this subject, though, which claims consideration. The quantity of grain in the Territory, we have good grounds to believe, is not near so great as it is thought to be by many. It is more than probable that at this date last year there was considerably more grain in Utah than there is now. The climatic laws which are recognized in most other grain raising countries are not found to work reliably here. Many causes might yet arise to blast the most promising hopes of the farmer. Were a hailstorm, like that which visited this city lately, to come when the wheat was about ripe, it would make destruction of the crop as far as it extended. A rain storm followed by a frost, not such a very unusual thing towards autumn, if severe; early frosts; rust; even grasshoppers and crickets, and other causes of damage to crops, are all contingencies which our past experience should teach us carefully to be prepared for. Self preservation demands it; our very existence claims it; and heedlessness or neglect on our part, leading us to part with the grain yet in our bins before that which is now growing is gathered, might teach another terrible lesson, by entailing needless suffering and want upon us.

The Latter-day-Saints have had much wise counsel given to them on these and kindred points, which they would do well not to forget or treat lightly, lest they should have to suffer for so doing.

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder John Taylor spoke on the character and influence of the gospel, reasoning on several principles of truth, and the results flowing from obedience to them, or disobedience, whether in individuals or nations.

Afternoon.

Elder John Sharp, Jun., adverted to his mission to Europe, from which he has recently returned. He had been absent a little over three years, during fifteen months of which he had labored in Scotland, and the rest of the time in Scandinavia. He bore his testimony to the truth of the gospel, and expressed his desire to remain faithful to the end.

Elder Wm. Jennings alluded to his recent visit to the East and Britain, and to the spirit of inquiry that is manifested in the latter with regard to the gold regions, and in the former concerning "Mormonism."

Pres. B. Young instructed the Saints on several matters pertaining to their duties, and reproved the spirit of worldliness that is growing among many of the people. His remarks were plain and fatherly, urging the Saints to works of righteousness.

THEATRICAL.—This was played on Wednesday night; and last night The Pope of Rome was presented on the occasion of Julia Dean's last appearance.

The Pope of Rome, which was played last Saturday evening, is constructed on the same principle as the most exciting sensational dramas of the present day, and is well calculated to hold its place on the boards for a long and successful run in any city with a large population of theatre-goers. The piece was mounted and played in a manner that fully sustained the credit of the Management and the Company. Julia Dean sustained the character of Adrian Peretti on this her last appearance; and though a part not by any means equal to her high order of histrionic talent, threw an interest and force into it that called forth responsive sympathetic feelings. As Hugo Mr. McKenzie showed considerable of that fire which aided him in reaching his present position in the company, with a dry and reckless humor that took wonderfully. Mr. Lindsay played the wily priest, Montalto, and rendered the character very well. Mr. Teasdale appeared as Count Colonna, Mr. Graham as Fabio and Mr. Margetts as Lorenzo. The lady characters were sustained by Mrs. Bowring as the Countess Colonna, Miss Emilie as Bianca and Miss Adams as Sister Monique. We would like to see the play repeated.

At the close of the performance Julia Dean was called for, who appeared and, in a few sentences spoken with much feeling, tendered her thanks to the audience for their kindness, to others for courtesies received, and expressed a wish that the same purity which reigned in the Theatre here prevailed in every temple of the drama, and bade farewell to the public of Great Salt Lake city.

THE FOURTH.—The News hands, their families and cousins, and the public generally, are enjoying a holiday and going in for a good time.

GOOD YIELD.—Br. W. R. Adkins, of the 20th Ward, has gathered three and a half bushels of strawberries from a patch of three square rods, and a large quantity was destroyed by the hail storm. The varieties are the Vicomtesse and Wilson's Albany.

OBITUARY.—Elder Gibson Smith, father of St. N. K. Whitney, died on Saturday, 30th June, about 11½ a.m., aged eighty-six years, five months and thirteen days. Br. Smith was a member of the Church from 1832, having been baptized in Kirtland, Ohio, in that year, while on a visit from Canaan, Litchfield Co., Connecticut. He arrived in this city on the 9th of August, 1839, being then in the eighty-first year of his age, and had stood the tedious trip across the plains remarkably well for his advanced years.

He was buried at noon, of Sunday 1st inst.

FORT HERRIMAN.—Br. John J. Stocking, of Fort Herriman informs us that everything looks well around that locality, with splendid prospects for crops, and for an abundance of fruit. Good health prevails and good feelings are enjoyed by the people.

He report twelve cows having been poisoned by eating larkspur, which grows about six inches high with an indigo blue flower. Nine of the cows belonged to Br. T. Butterfield, of which two were saved and seven died, two belonged to Br. Stocking, of which one died; and the other belonged to Br. W. Freeman. Vinegar is said to be a sure antidote for the poison of this weed if used at once.

Bunch grass is abundant and over three feet high around Fort Herriman. Capital, that, for stock, if there was no danger from poisonous weeds around. Several people living along Jordan are reported as going within about a couple of miles of Herriman to cut bunch grass for hay.

CIDER.—George Goddard offers cider in any quantity to city and country buyers, wholesale and retail, for the 4th and 24th. There was a quantity imbibed in the office a day or two ago, and the vocal testimony on the article was "excellent." It is a cool drink for hot weather, very pleasant and entirely uninterfering.

RETURNED.—N. S. Ransohoff, Esq., of the firm of Ransohoff & Co., returned to the city from the East last Saturday. His purchases, for the market here, have been selected by himself, and are on the way. The firm is well and favorably known.

RETURNED.—General H. B. Clawson, Wm. Jennings Esq., and Elder John Sharp, junr., arrived in the city from the east, on Wednesday morning, 27th ult., in good health and spirits, after a very pleasant and quick trip across the plains, having left Kearney on the 18th ult. High waters on the route made travelling at times rather difficult, but the lowering of the streams is removing this cause of detention. The few Indians seen on the route manifested friendly feelings.

Gen. Clawson, while east purchased a very splendid stock of goods for the firm of Eldridge & Clawson, which are on the way to this city. Mr. Jennings during his absence from home visited Britain, and transacted business in the East to a large amount. Elder Sharp returns from a mission to Europe, where he has been for nearly two years.

POLICE COURT.—Two men named Crawford and Webb were brought before Alderman Clinton, on Friday, charged with drunkenness, and fined respectively in \$10 and \$5.

NORTH WEBER VALLEY.—Br. Thomas Colborn, just from his home in Weber City and from traveling through the settlements in Weber Valley, informs us that he never saw wheat and other crops look more promising than they now do there, and that a very large breadth of land is under cultivation. He also says that the Weber canyon road is progressing rapidly, under the energetic supervision of Genl George D. Grant. The bridge at the mouth of the lower canyon is to be finished by the 1st of September, and the bridge opposite Weber City by the 1st of November.

The people are so industrious that they have no time for bickerings, and are therefore prospering. Success to all the good works of the good people of North Weber Valley.

PASSING.—Mr. J. S. Martin, father of Br. Jesse B. Martin of Round Valley, is, with a portion of his family, visiting and recuperating at Elder George A. Smith's, preparatory to continuing his journey to Russian River, Cal., where he purposes residing.

FLOWERS.—If the man who causes a blade of grass to grow where none grew before, is a public benefactor, is he not also one who gives his care and attention to adorning the earth by cultivating beautiful fragrant flowers, where their bloom and fragrance were before unknown? These lovely products of nature which the great Creator has formed.

"To minister delight to man,

To beautify the earth."

The cultivation of flowers is commanding attention now to a considerable extent, a fact which is fully established by a visit to the grounds of some of our citizens who may justly be considered florists. We spent a short time on Thursday evening, with much gratification, among Dr. S. L. Sprague's flowers and was delighted with the beauty, variety and perfume of those in bloom. There were gorgeous roses in immense clusters, of which the Dr. has some eighteen different varieties, sweet williams, jonquils, French pinks, snapdragons, forget-me-nots, and a number of other kinds "of varied shade and hue," odoriferous and beautiful, including several native specimens, which grow in great profusion in various parts of the Territory.

Looking at the roses with a utilitarian eye, we could see profit in their cultivation. The abundance in which they blow, and the powerful perfume thrown off by them, ought to induce their cultivation for otto of roses and rose water. As a community we aim at the production and possession of everything that ministers to man's comfort and righteous gratification; why then should we not commence the making of perfumes and scented waters from materials within our reach? Dr. Sprague we believe is one of the pioneer rose growers of the Territory, and from the abundance and variety he has under cultivation, it is evident his love for them and for flowers in general is not decreasing. We hope to see the desire for flowers become more general than it now is, for, to cultivate the beautiful and lovely, is to cultivate that which refines and elevates, and makes us better able to appreciate the works of our eternal Father, to whom we seek to approximate.

We are pleased to say that the Dr's daughter, Sr. Mary Ann, continues to gain strength, and her ankle keeps improving. This will be gratifying to the friends of the family.

Doctor, accept our thanks for the roses and beautiful bouquet sent to the *sanctum*; they were appreciated.

CALIGRAPHY.—On our desk is the photograph of a splendid piece of calligraphy executed by Br. W. J. Silver, which equals, in the original, the best specimen of the kind that we have seen anywhere. Unique in design and excellent in execution, it attracts the eye at a glance and fixes attention, while appreciation of it grows on inspection. It is a Testimonial to Ex-Mayor A. O. Smoot, Esq., by the city police force, expressive of the esteem in which they hold him as a man and a public officer. The border contains portraits of the members of the force, the centre one in the top being that of the ex-Mayor himself. The body of the Testimonial is in black and colors, written in several styles of letter, by a masterly hand.

We call attention to Br. Silver's card on calligraphy, and, from the specimen before us, have no hesitation in saying that he is in every way fully competent.

TELEGRAMS.—The following telegrams have been kindly furnished us by Pres. B. Young.

Nebraska City, June 23, 1866.
Captains Ricks, White, Nebeker, Chipman, Holladay and Rawlins' trains have arrived. The others near.

W. W. RITER.

Nebraska City, June 27, 1866.
The second company of emigrants have arrived in good health.

W. W. RITER.

BIG CAULIFLOWER.—Some people imagine that cauliflower cannot be grown here before fall. But this idea, like some others, is practically knocked on the head. A magnificent cauliflower, grown in Br. Joseph A. Young's garden, by his gardener, Br. Adkins, was brought into the News Office on Saturday morning. It is a huge treat for the season on any table, and would do credit to a good gardener anywhere.

INDIANS.—On Sunday morning, 24th ult., a band of Indians made a rush on a number of brethren at Thistle Valley, north end of Sanpete Valley, run off some horses, killed a young man named Charles Brown and wounded Thomas Saarr in the leg.

On Tuesday morning, 26th, before day-break, a body of Indians made a raid on the Spanish Fork pasture and got off some thirty head of cattle and about half that number of horses. They made for Maple Canyon, a small canyon south of Hobble Creek, and were followed by a party of men from Springville and Spanish Fork, who overtook them about seven miles over the divide, and recaptured the cattle with as many horses as had been run off. Br. John Edmiston, son of John Edmiston of Mantl, was killed and Br. A. Dimick, of Springville, badly wounded.

We understand, from reliable authority, that the work of fortifying keeps progressing in the southern settlements. It is hoped they will soon be secure against the attacks of savages who are inclined to be hostile.

SMITHFIELD.—Bro. Charles Wright, on a business visit to the city from Smithfield, Cache co., dropped in to see us on Saturday, and reports good things of Smithfield in particular and Cache co. in general. Grass and grain are looking most promising, and the rains have precluded the necessity of irrigating up to the present, except in gravelly dry spots. At Smithfield, their meeting house, a fine rock building, 60 by 40 feet, is in progress of erection, and will be up to the square by the 24th. A common school, with a large average attendance, is in a flourishing condition, and while the more commonly required branches of education are cultivated, those which promote good feeling, harmony and refined tastes are not forgotten. Part of Br. Wright's business in the city was to purchase instruments for a military band, the members of which have been improving themselves under his tuition for about three years, with home made instruments. Success to their efforts in this as in every other good direction, and increased harmony in their music and movements. Bro. D. Huntington supplied the required instruments.

The new Tabernacle at Logan is rising, and the telegraph poles from Box Elder to Logan are up and ready for the wire.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—In Richmond, Cache county, June 23, an orphan boy named George Case, aged 17, was instantly killed by the caving of a clay bank.

VIEWS.—Savage & Ottinger offer for sale a large collection of stereoscopic and other views of the great Overland Route and Utah Territory. Bro. Savage is now on his way from the east, taking photographs of all the places of interest on the way. We trust, friend Charles, that you will save your scalp and get in with your "plunder" at an early day. The capital style in which their views are got up requires no eulogy; it is well known. Of course everybody would like to have good pictures of places of interest, and we think the idea of supplying our citizens and travelers with correct representations of prominent scenes on the Overland route, and in Utah is a capital one, and will be highly successful.

[From the *Millennial Star*.]

Through the blessings of our Father in heaven, we are enabled to chronicle the sailing of the *American Congress*, with 294 adults on board. She cleared from the London Docks, on the 23d of May. Late in the afternoon the vessel moved from her berth into the Shadwell Basin, when a meeting was held on board, and the usual organization effected, Elder John Nicholson being appointed President, Elder Joshua K. Whitney and John Rider, his Counselors. Early on the morning of the 24th, the vessel was taken in tow by a steam-tug, and moved down the river to Gravesend. Elder N. H. Felt and several others of the brethren remained on board until reaching this point, and assisted in organizing the people into wards, appointing the most efficient men to take charge concerning the preservation of good order and cleanliness.

The *American Congress* is the third ship which has left these shores this season, bearing the Saints of the Most High—flying like a cloud towards the promised land. The Almighty has blessed his Saints and servants thus far, during the business of the emigration, beyond their most sanguine expectations, for He has controlled the winds and the waves, and made them subservient to his purposes. The ship *Caroline*, which cleared from London on the 5th of May, met with westerly winds which detained her in the channel nearly a week, but after that time she got away nicely. Those winds which were unfavorable to her, brought the vessel—were we expecting to, and did charter, to sail from this port on the 30th ult.—from New York harbor to this port in eighteen days. Immediately on the arrival of this vessel (*Arcturion*), the wind veered around to the east, and what is almost unprecedented at this time of the year, has continued to blow steadily from that quarter for two weeks, and vessels which sailed about the same time as the *Caroline*, have been spoken by steamers far on their voyage across the Atlantic.