

## THE DESERET NEWS.

TRUTH &amp; LIBERTY.



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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 28.

## Flora's Festival.

Mrs. Cooke and her pupils will present this much-admired Musical Recreation to their friends and the public on Wednesday evening, the 4th of June next, at the Social Hall. Tickets can be obtained at Mrs. Cooke's residence, or at Messrs. Hooper & Williams, Gilbert and Gerrish, and Livingston, Kinkead & Co's. stores. For further particulars see bills.

[It is presumed that the well known taste, skill and judgment so invariably manifested by Mrs. Cooke and her pupils will insure them a crowded hall on the evening of June 4th, to the gratification and encouragement of the lovely Flora and her retinue, the amusement and edification of a numerous audience, and the highly deserved benefit of one who labors so indefatigably to promote the moral and intellectual improvement of those placed under her charge.—Ed.]

## The World and the Saints.

It is written that the heathen are a law unto themselves, for this reason these brief remarks will be confined to that portion of the world professedly called christians. They allege that Joseph Smith was an impostor, we know that he was and is a Prophet of the Most High God. This is a material difference, and one position is based upon mere assertion while the other is founded upon actual knowledge, which is still another item of marked dissimilarity. Now the world and the devil may assert, and may hammer, batter, persecute and kill a saint, but can they by so doing convince him that he does not know what he actually does know?

Again, we know that Prest. Brigham Young most lawfully and worthily succeeded Prest. Joseph Smith in the Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on the earth, and how many assertions do the world imagine it would take to convince us that our knowledge on this point is all a mistaken delusion?

We will answer for them, more, infinitely more than they will ever be able to make in time and throughout all eternity. It would really seem then that this constantly crying "impostor," "delusion," &c., was a poor method of making headway against true knowledge, and so it is, but for some cause or other it is very popular and prevalent with the enlightened of this boasting century, notwithstanding they can daily observe, and know if they would, that the truth has been progressing in a rapidly increasing ratio, for more than twenty six years.

One may go through the earth with the teaching that 1 and 1 are equal to 2, and all of every denomination will most cordially assent to the instruction, and would laugh to scorn any one who might endeavor to convince them to the contrary. But is that fact any more true, any easier of clear, tangible, definite, satisfactory comprehension and knowledge than is the fact that the Lord has again restored the gospel to the earth? Not one whit. Why not then learn and admit the one as readily as the other? From the simple fact that the flesh, the present dwelling of our spirits, is weak and through it the adversary, who is strong, has power over such spirits as are not manful in self-denial and obedience, so fast and so far as they may be privileged with light. Whereas, on the contrary, both saints and sinners are ready to receive and profit by the mathematical truth that 1 and 1 are equal to 2, that operation of the mind requiring no great effort and no privation of darling schemes and indulgences, as does repenting and being baptized for the remission of sins.

After all that has been or may be said and written for and against 'Mormonism,' it is the plan devised by the Almighty for teaching salvation to mortals and exalting them, with resurrected bodies, to a celestial glory and eternal lives, and sooner or later all the sons and daughters of Adam will know this fact for themselves. The Lord has revealed that this plan is adapted to the capacities of all the accountable portion of the human family, then most surely is it at least as easy of comprehension as the science of mathematics, with the exactness of which people are so pleased, and for a proficiency in which so many pride themselves and spend their lives.

That 1 and 1 are equal to 2 is one truth and

is therefore a part of 'Mormonism,' but the Saint does not stop there, he diligently presses on in the pathway of righteousness, gathering valuable truths wherever they can be found, in faith and obedience under the dictations of the Holy Spirit, and nothing can stay his course of advancement to an eternal reward but his own transgression. When the scoffs, jeers and oppressions of the ungodly are hurled upon such a character, like the traveler with his cloak, he merely clings closer to his faith, and is the more careful that he lacks no part of the gospel armor. This fact accounts for that cheerfulness of Saints, under all manner of adverse circumstances, which has been and still is so puzzling to the world.

We have not been careful to quote Scripture or sayings to back up the ideas now advanced, for we know of but one method by which any person, whether rich or poor, noble or ignoble, learned or unlearned, can arrive at a knowledge for themselves of these and far greater facts in the plan of salvation. What is that method, it may be asked? No more difficult, no more costly, and no harder a requirement than to honestly repent of all sins, be baptized for their remission and continue faithful in obedience to the commandments of God and the counsels of his servants, doing no evil.

If the Christian world have a better plan we should like to know it, and as that is the faith of the Saints, and their uniform practise except when occasionally overcome by the weakness to which humanity is subject, it might be supposed that professed Christians would occasionally be ashamed of their unwise conduct towards the 'Mormons.' But doubtless that is too much to expect from any except those who are ready to yield a cheerful obedience to the pure principles of the everlasting gospel.

ENCOURAGING.—From all that we have yet learned from examining letters and papers by the last eastern and western mails, TRUTH is steadily pursuing its quiet, unobtrusive, but resistless progress, greatly to the chagrin, discomfiture and dismay of its opponents.

At home all is peace, industry and prosperity; the people are cheerfully passing through the remaining period of scarcity of provisions, and from all present operations and indications the lesson of privation has accomplished a decided improvement. More skill, energy and diligence are being put forth for the production of various kinds of sustenance; more care is exercised for the growth and protection of crops, and more preparations are being made for carefully securing the products of an abundant harvest, of which there is now a flattering prospect.

Abroad the elders are faithfully proclaiming the gospel upon islands and continents, wherever the laws, traditions and superstitions of the 19th century do not wall and roof out the light of Heaven's truths. The honest and upright are being gathered from every quarter, while the wicked are constantly striving to bring their serried ranks into closer and sterner opposition.

In the newspaper department, while the columns of many are teeming with misrepresentation, and nearly all omit the publication of any truth in our favor, The Mormon in New York city is fearlessly, eloquently and plainly dealing out salvation to all who carefully peruse its contents, and The St. Louis Luminary will soon again shed its cheering rays over a benighted land. The Millennial Star is shining brightly upon the British Isles, and its light is dispelling error from the minds of the thousands upon thousands who prefer truth, and The Western Standard is flung boldly to the breeze upon our western coast, to the terror and confusion of our vilifiers.

Faithful elders in nearly all parts of the earth, publications, besides those above named, in the German, Scandinavian, Welch and other languages, and increased faith and good works in the tops of the mountains, all indicate the power and rapidity with which the latter-day work is rolling forth, notwithstanding the powerful combination arrayed against it.

THE CALIFORNIA MAIL arrived on the 24th; it contained but few letters and papers. Packages from J. W. Sullivan and the Noisy Carriers came safe to hand, also numbers 3 and 4, vol. 2, of The Mormon, and 7, 8, 9 and 10 of The Western Standard. No eastern dates so late as those received from Independence; San Francisco dates of April 26. The news gleaned as interesting will be found under appropriate heads in this number.

ARRIVALS.—Br. John Tobin arrived from

Oregon on the 24th inst.; he left the scene of Indian hostilities in that region on the 21st of March, and states that the war was still conducted with much determination by both parties.

Elder John S. Woodbury arrived from his mission to the Sandwich Islands on the 23d inst.; he passed the winter in San Bernardino.

ARRIVED ON THE COAST.—We learn from the Western Standard that Elder F. A. Hammond and family arrived, in San Francisco, on the 11th of April; he is returning from his mission to the Sandwich Islands, having been absent from Utah since March, 1851.

Elders James Graham and John S. Eldredge reached San Francisco on the 23rd of April, en route for Utah from their mission in Australia; they left home in October, 1852.

IRRIGATION.—As the soil in many city lots is becoming dry it will be necessary to carefully notice the tender vegetation, and wherever it appears to droop or wilt under the hot sun it is high time that water be applied, especially on ground that has been manured this season.

STRAWBERRIES.—Are ripening, peas are filling their pods and currants are being made into sauce and pies. Wanted, by many, Hovey's seedling and the Early Scarlet. Cannot br. Walter E. Dodge of San Bernardino, or some one else in California, or in any other State or Territory, manage to forward roots to Utah at the rate of 8 Hovey's to 1 scarlet? They will be well paid for so doing.

TO KILL WIRE WORMS.—It is said that salt sown broadcast, at the rate of 5 or 6 bushels to the acre, will kill such insects as harbor in the soil, and at the same time benefit the crops. In patches where the wireworm is destructive, it could certainly do no harm to try the salt remedy.

OSAGE ORANGE SEED.—The Osage Orange flourishes finely in our valleys, and promises to be very useful for enclosing ground with an efficient and durable fence. Will not the Elders in Texas secure and forward quantities of orange seed properly matured and saved?

Small parcels can be forwarded by mail, larger ones by those who are coming to Utah.

FRUIT TREES, &c.—Ashes, leached or unleached, though unleached are best, are a good article to sprinkle around fruit trees, shrubbery and vines. A peck is a fair allowance for a well grown peach tree, from which amount the right quantity for other sizes and kinds can be determined. A light dusting of soot or ashes upon the leaves of vines tends to keep off insects.

## San Bernardino.

Prest. Charles C. Rich writes, May 3, that it is a time of general good health in that region; that the prospects are flattering for an abundant harvest, plenty of rain having fallen lately; and that the Hon. Jefferson Hunt had returned from the Legislature, that body having adjourned.

## Parowan.

Col. Wm. H. Dame writes, May 17, that the inhabitants in the southern settlements are very busily engaged in farming operations; that wheat looks well, and that the people are in the general enjoyment of health.

## Payson.

Bishop Charles B. Hancock writes, May 20, that they have completed digging the cellar of the tithing office in his ward, 30 feet by 50, and 8 feet deep, and expect to be able to inclose the building by fall.

This is another indication of the enterprise of that thriving settlement, and will not only serve to mark their progress in useful improvement, but will also furnish many needed facilities for the transaction of business.

## Summary.

—The lava stream had ceased to advance towards Hilo, March 17.

—The ice in breaking up did much damage to boats at the wharves in Cincinnati and St. Louis.

—The Indians are still troublesome in Washington and Oregon, and have caused some disturbance in the northern part of California.

—Rain has again visited the golden State, much to the benefit of miners, farmers and stock raisers.

INFORMATION IS WANTED, by Mrs. Mary H. Coston, of Philadelphia, of the whereabouts of her son, Joseph Coston.

## GIBRALTER MISSION.

BY ELDER EDWARD STEVENSON.

LETTER NO. 8.

Sept. 30th. Repaired to the police office with my Book of Mormon and Bible (as my attorneys) to answer to the notorious summons I had received the day previous.

Just previous to going into court I had the pleasure of exhibiting and defending the Book of Mormon to about fifteen persons, until prohibited by the police, when I quietly submitted and appeared before the magistrates, and faced my opponent, who appeared quite frustrated, being only able to answer such questions as were put by the court; and as it may be novel, I will insert the procedure as immediately penned in my journal.

The question was asked the plaintiff, "Do you know the defendant?" "Yes, sir." "When was your first acquaintance with him?" "Soon after he came here." "What, then, did he give you those books (holding up some books I had sold the plaintiff, and he had failed to pay for them) to change your religion?" "Yes, sir." "Did he come to barracks afterwards to see you?" "He did some time afterwards." "Did he want you to join his religion?" "Yes, he said I ought to be baptized." "In what way did he want you to be baptized?" "By immersion all over in the water."

"Did he speak against the established religion?" "He said sprinkling little children was not right, as they were not old enough to judge for themselves; they were not accountable." "Is this all he said?" "His books say all the churches sprang from the mother of harlots—the abominable Catholic Church." "Can you find it?"

Then they began to search my books, when I availed myself of this favorable opportunity of opening my Bible to Revelations 17th, handing it to the clerk, saying, here it is, sir, if you will allow me.

After reading some time, said, "Oh, this is the Bible." "Certainly, all of our books are quoted from the Bible; this is the quotation alluded to."

The clerk, being not a little chagrined, proceeded with the plaintiff.

"Did he perform baptism on you?" "No, sir; but he did on Alexander M'Call, No. 4, Dock yard police."

The clerk then turned to me in a sort of exhortation, saying, "Did you not know you were not allowed in barracks," &c. "Seeing others pass and not being prohibited by the sentry, I thought I had as good a right and privilege as others."

The clerk then stated, and it was decided by the magistrate that I had interfered with the military and ought to give bonds of \$200 not to have any intercourse with the military whatever.

The bond was forthcoming and the magistrate was kind enough to offer to receive me as bondsman. When the bond was prepared, I called for the reading, and replied, "I suppose if I sign this bond I shall not be permitted even to speak to the military." As the reply was I should not, I demanded my right of defence, although I saw but little to defend, and was often interrupted, being desired to sign the bond. The refusal placed me in the hands of the police to be marched to the prisoners' room, by order of Mr. Paget, magistrate, as this was his decision, I should sign or go to prison.

I left my testimony of the gospel with them, also the Book of Mormon, Voice of Warning, and my official documents. The clerk soon followed and was willing to modify the bond, so that it did not materially interfere with my rights; when I signed it, and was set at liberty with a threat that I probably would be indicted for baptizing persons by immersion.

Corporal McDonald, who I have previously mentioned received a summons to appear as a witness against me, was at court, but was not called upon as he previously had to appear at his orderly room, where it was ascertained his testimony would be in my favor. This man I soon after baptized. Distributed some tracts and returned to my quiet home, and held a private meeting in the evening, where I sold some books.

This difficulty, although designed for evil, resulted in raising friends.

Oct. 9.—Steam packet Siberia left port, having been under quarantine as much excitement prevails on account of cholera. Up to Sept. 22 995 had died; in 1831 and 2, date as above, only 161 died in the same section of country.

Difficulties are about taking place between the governor of Gibraltar and Spain concerning quarantine, so that communication between Gibraltar and Spain is about to be closed, cutting off supplies of fruit, vegetables, &c.

14.—This day ends the half-yearly inspection of the military—a scene attended by most of the inhabitants. Early in the morning splendid music is heard on the alameda, which has been well described by a traveler in No. 5 of this present volume of the 'News.' The soldiers are beautifully arrayed and trimmed with as much taste and pride as would our young gents and ladies of this country for the feast or ball room.

The governor and staff are present each day to inspect the troops. The most splendid and perfect evolutions and marching I ever beheld was exhibited on the present occasion.

MERCURY.—The planet Mercury can be seen about 25° N. and 1h 35m. after the sun. Its setting for several days varies but little from 9h 11m. It can easily be distinguished, being about 3° and 49' n. of Saturn in his ringed majesty. The two planets resemble in appearance, 'Castor and pollox,' a few degrees higher. KING'S JESTER.