

Correspondence.

KAMAS PRAIRIE, Summit Co.,
June 5th, 1869.

Editor Deseret News:—I arrived at this place this evening, and am much gratified in finding the people of Kamas so favorably situated. The fort occupied at the present time, covers two and a half acres of ground, is constructed of heavy hewn and strongly constructed timbers to the height of sixteen feet, with large folding gates on the east and west sides, and small doors, eighteen feet apart, for the accommodation of the families residing inside. A schoolhouse, 18x24 feet, and a co-operative store occupy the centre of the fort, while strongly constructed stock-ades and stock yards are built within rifle range of the fort, which is provided to accommodate fifty families. Elder Willet Harder, of Coalville, was called to reside here last November.

The people are moving out on to their farms and town lots, surrounding the fort. They intend keeping the fort, in repair, as a place of retreat, in case of trouble. Good day and Sunday schools are well attended. Two saw mills and two shingle machines are in operation, and it is the intention to build a grist mill the present season. Notwithstanding the grasshoppers have destroyed the crops for two years past the people are not discouraged, but have sown about two hundred acres of small grain this season.

This is one of the finest ranges for stock during summer I have seen in the mountains. Timber is abundant, together with all building material requisite to erect some of the best houses and barns to be found anywhere. A good road of 27 miles exists from Echo City to this place, while Salt Lake City is not more than 40 miles distant, although the altitude of the place must be some 2000 feet greater. Kamas is situated on the head waters of the Weber, and while I write I can see the waters of the Provo, distant only three miles to the south. The course of these streams, though bursting side by side from the Summit of the Wasatch range, is in different directions, and they madly rush, hissing, foaming and surging through the narrow defiles of the mountains, as if striving to see which can encompass the greatest amount of land before mingling their waters with those of Salt Lake. Kamas has no post office nor mail service, notwithstanding the mail runs six miles of this place, to Heber City, occasioning the people to send 15 miles for their mail.

Nine years ago less than 12 families settled in this valley, and they were inclined to quarrel over the scarcity of land, and they all finally left on that account; but now there are fifty families occupying the valley with abundance of land and water, while thousands of acres are lying waste, only awaiting settlers.

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ECHO CITY, U. T.,
June 15th, 1869.

Ed. Evening News:—Dear sir, spending a few days in your Territory, I have been pleased and instructed by the reading of your valuable paper. Among the brevities of a late number, I noticed the following:

"The late Mr. John Gray Bell, of Manchester, an untiring print-collector and book hunter, devoted many years to the illustration of the Bible by inserting in Macklin's folio edition above a thousand original drawings and photographs, and nearly ten thousand engravings, with three hundred specimen-leaves of old and rare editions of the Bible. The result was sixty-three handsomely bound folio volumes with double the number of illustrations contained in the famous Bowyer bible of forty-five volumes. This big Bible is now on sale."

Perhaps it will not prove uninteresting to your readers to learn of "another Bible." I have seen and handled this one and know whereof I speak. The gentleman who owns and who "constructed" it is Professor S. J. Sedgwick, of Newtown, L. I. New York. Prof. S. has spent the best portion of his life in educational matters. This bible is his labor of love. The original book was a folio, published in Edinburgh, and edited by a Dr. Hawsis. This folio copy Prof. S. had taken to pieces and carefully interleaved with white paper, and then rebound in 22 elegant volumes, as nearly of the same thickness as the divisions would permit, and on these white pages, as close to the text as possible, he has inlaid the engravings. The spare time of 15 years has been de-

voted to this work, and upwards of 22,000 engravings are the result of this student's thorough search. If you devote five minutes to the examination of each engraving, and ten hours a day steady employment, you will readily see that upwards of five months will be necessary to see them all. Every master of any celebrity in every nationality of the world is here represented, and the customs of ages, the progress of art, the various interpretations of different texts are here spread before the reader, in the most attractive form. It would require a lengthy essay to do justice to this wonderful work.

Being a stranger to you, I subscribe myself a lover of the

CURIOUS AND WONDERFUL.

BRIGHAM CITY, June 18, 1869.

Editor Deseret News:—I haste to inform you briefly of the very melancholy affair which has just happened in Brigham City. On the 5th day of June, James Manley, Morris Kahn and Wm. Smith, alias English Bill, were examined by Justice Ephraim Wight, of Box Elder Precinct, on a charge of robbery, committed in Corinne City, on the 4th inst., on the person of Edward Kinney; after violently assaulting him by striking him two heavy blows upon his head they took from his pockets \$130 in legal tender notes. In default of bail the Justice committed them for further trial in the Probate Court, at the regular June term, 1869. On the 2nd day of said term the grand jurors presented a true bill of indictment against said defendants for the crime of robbery, whereupon they were arraigned in Court and plead not guilty.

The witnesses on the part of the people failing to attend, the trial was postponed until Friday the 18th and an attachment was issued to compel the attendance of the absent witnesses, who, the prisoners had evidently believed would not attend.

Upon the issuing of the attachment, the prisoners became much more concerned. The officer in charge, seeing such a manifest change in their demeanor from extraordinary glee to absolute despondency, and the jail being insecure against such desperadoes (having been lately broken and one Wm. Myers, charged with larceny having escaped, in daylight, the Sunday before,) the Sheriff was convinced that an additional guard was necessary to insure their safety, which was increased, consequently, to the number of three persons. At about one o'clock in the night they simultaneously rushed from the cell, broke through a door in the next room, and furiously started in different directions, resolved, at all hazards, to make good their escape, when they were shot dead before reaching the gates, in the Court House yard.

They had at one time before in attempting to get away been stopped after they had got out of the jail into the adjoining room, and safely placed in their cell again. At this time all remonstrance was disregarded, and no other alternative was left to secure their re-confinement and safety, except that of the one herein described. We regret to have to state that Jonathan T. Packer, one of the guard, was wounded severely in the thigh by a shot from the revolver of one of the other guards.

This morning an inquest was held by the Honorable Ephraim Wight, Justice of the Peace. The verdict of the jury was "that James Manley, Morris Kahn and William Smith alias English Bill, whose bodies were there found lying dead, came to their death by being shot by the prison guard, on the 17th June, 1869, when in the act of making their escape from the county jail in Brigham City, wherein they were confined, and awaiting their trial on an indictment for the crime of robbery."

Respectfully,

J. C. WRIGHT.

LIST OF PASSENGERS PER STEAMSHIP "MINNESOTA."

Thomas and Jane Stamp; John, Ellen and Reuben Davies; Joseph J., Jane and Elizabeth Roberts; Philip and Ann M. Ferris; John A., Matilda, Louisa and Ernst Wecker; Hyrum and Nancy Davies; Alexander, Isabella, Thomas and Charles Brunker; John Dolland; Anna Phillips; Daniel Poole; Charlotte and Joseph Parry; William, Ann, Henry, Elizabeth, Wm., John, Joseph and Sarah Millard; Mary Jones; Mary Reynolds; Roderic Davies; Thomas Evans; James Phillips; Benjamin Jones; Wm. Smith; David, Margaret, Wm. and Isabella Charles; Richard and Richard Griffith; Louis, Ellener, Margaret A., Nephi, William,

Catherine, Ellener and Elizabeth Lewis; William Pugh; William Davies; John R., Ann and Jane Bowen; Elizabeth and Margaret Trueman; Wm., Jane, Hyrum, Martha, Daniel, Dan and Jane Perkins; John, Mary and Mary Stevens; John, Ann, and Ann Taylor; Rich., Mary, and Wm. Gibbs; Richard Morris; Mary Ann Williams; Philip Phillips; Mary Humphrey; William, Ann, William, David, Charles, Jane, Mary, Harriet, and Sarah Morgan; Thomas Rees; Thomas Mary and Mary Lake; Evan, Martha, Mary, Rees, Eneuron, Gaswallon, Gwofeth, and Arthur Lewis; David, Ann; John, David, Wm., Mary, Edward, and Rees Jones; Sarah, Elizabeth, Frances, and Mary Rees; Gwenllian, John, Barbara, and Johanna Williams; Wm. Woolley; David, Hannah, William, John, and Elizabeth Roderic; John Powell; David Jones; Charles, Orson, Sabina and Charles Shepherd; John, George and Joseph Chugg; Allen Avery; Henry Gardner; Albert Gray; Margaret Rees, Mary A. Harris; Robert, Annie M., and Harriet Tipton; Edward, George, and Elizabeth Lynham; John, Mary, Lorenzo, Dan, Geo., and Mary A. Thos.; Sarah, Margaret, Ann, Martha, and Rachael Williams; John, Ann, and Ann Colclough; Sophi Thomas; Ann, Lizzie, Martha, Mary, and John Jones; Rowland Thomas, sen. and jr.; John and Lydia Morgan; William, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Luther, Jimima, Mary A. and Rosetta Christmas; Hannah, Lewis, and Lillie Allen; James Hudson, William and Mary Haggood; George Newbald, William Richards, Fanny Williams, Richard, Hannah, Frances, and Caroline Hayes; Mary Ann Unger, Margaret Williams, Thomas Lewis, Mary Davies, Jenkin Williams, Johanna, Morgan, David, Mary A., and John Davies; Sarah and Sarah Phillips; David, junior, and Mary, Mary and Evan Morgan; John and Ann Davis; George Morgan; David Phillips; Jenkin, Elizabeth, Thomas, Sarah, Elizabeth, John and Margaret Evans; Catherine Jones; Jane Butler; David, Elizabeth, Edward, Thomas, Ann and Elizabeth Llewellyn; David, Ann, David, Hyrum, Nephi, John and Henry Vaughan; Michael and Peter Parry; Robert, Margaret and Margaret Parry; Margaret and Thomas Conway; Joseph Ward; Parley Davies; Mary Edwards; Philip Lewis; Joseph Fowles; John and Rebecca Williams; Harriet, Emma and Wm. Thomas; Joseph, Elizabeth and Emily James; Griffith Jones; David, Christina, Robert, Andrew, James, David, Jessie, Margaret, Alexander and Harvey H. Adamson; Thomas, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Thomas, Jennie, Elizabeth, John, Vere and James Forrest; Mary A., George and Elizabeth Thompson; William Dee; Edward, Ann, John, Edwin, Henry, George, Sarah, William and Matilda Glead; Elizabeth and Margaret Thomas; John and Margaret Evans; Margaret Thomas, Danl. and Margaret Stevens; Ellinor, David, Thomas, Evan, Mary and William Thomas; Hyrum Thomas; Moses Jones; Thomas, Elizabeth and Hannah Powell; Margaret and Daniel James; Peter Reynolds; Elizabeth Davies; John Walters; Brigham Barlow; Wm., Ann, and Isabella Smith; Elizabeth McEwan; Sophia Woolbridge; John H. Moorby; Jane Parry; Margaret Howell; Thomas Polat; Wm. Howell; Elizabeth Rodgers; Mary Rees; David Parry; Ann, Isabella, Annie, John and Elias Pearce; John Page; William Howells; Margaret Rees; John Robbins; William Parry; Johanna, William and Brigham Lloyd; David Jones; Susan Holland; Catherine and Catherine Rees; John May.

Total 338 souls.

Elders Elias Morris and Orson C. Holbrook, returning Missionaries.

DIXIE.—Bro. W. G. Mullin, of Harrisburg, has just arrived on a visit from the South, where he has been engaged in the cotton mission for seven years past. He reports the health of the people tolerably good. The grasshoppers have destroyed a great portion of the fruit and wheat crops. The cotton, cane and corn crops look very promising, and the iron-clad pests, having taken their flight the people feel confident and happy under the blessing of God.

Died:

At Mantl, Sanpete County, May 30th, 1869, of lung fever, Louisa, daughter of Albert and Sophia C. W. Smith, aged 9 years, 8 months and 14 days; also on June 8th, 1869, of lung fever, David, son of Albert and Sophia C. W. Smith, aged 4 years, 6 months and 15 days.

At Star Valley, Lander County, Nevada, of small pox, Archibald, son of Alexander and Isabella Williams, aged 29 years.

At South Cottonwood, May 26th, 1869, Joseph Richard Helm, aged 22 days, son of John and Emily Helm; his wife late of Herefordshire, England.—*Millennial Star* please copy.

At Millville, Cache County, on the 15th instant, of inflammation of the lungs, Laura Lothrop, youngest daughter of Bishop George O. and Maria Pitkin, aged 2 years, 2 months and 5 days.

On Monday, June 7th, at Plain City, Weber County, of yellow dropsy, Mary, wife of Thomas Davis, and daughter of William and Elizabeth Aneon.

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