

CORRESPONDENCE.

NORTH KANYON WARD.

Minutes of a meeting held July 8th, 1856; Elder William Willes presiding.

Prayer by Patriarch Isaac Morley.

Elder Willes explained the object of the meeting. He had been requested by President Brigham Young, to assist in organizing a more perfect system of common schools in the several wards. After speaking of the advantages to be derived from the establishment and proper management of schools, he said he thought it wisdom that a President over the educational department be appointed in this ward.

After some interesting remarks by Judge Holbrook, Bishop Stoker and father Morley on the advantages of education, Bishop Stoker proposed that br. Thomas F. Fisher be appointed President of all the schools in North Kanyon ward, which was carried unanimously.

At a subsequent meeting, held July 17, br. Fisher called to his aid a committee of four, viz: brs. Stoker, Telford, Call and Maxwell.—Br. G. Osmond was appointed clerk of the committee.

To carry out the designs of the above meetings classes have been formed and efficient teachers appointed to teach reading, writing, arithmetic, history, geography and grammar. The energetic and praiseworthy efforts of the teachers have been attended with a satisfactory progress of the schools. The average attendance in the Sunday schools is 50 scholars and 7 teachers, who feel to persevere in carrying out every good counsel. It is designed to make out a report of the progress of this movement every quarter.

GEORGE OSMOND,
Clerk of Committee.

[Home news is always interesting, and the quarterly educational reports, doubtless, will be; but really we should like information furnished as promptly as possible, or it is very liable to lose its zest, in this fast age, and be laid aside. Brethren, furnish your communications and reports as near the date of occurrences as possible, and they will stand a better chance for receiving attention, and at the same time be far more interesting.—Ed.]

PIKE'S PEAK.

39 deg. N. lat., 106 E. long.,
Kansas Territory.

Conceiving an outline of a 24th of July celebration, from this far-off uninhabited region, may be interesting, I forward you the following summary of our proceedings:

At 4 a. m., a discharge of fire arms, also at 6 and 8.

After breakfast, we assembled, sung the hymn beginning,

"The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
Lo! Zion's standard is unfurled."

At 11, we were mustered by our chaplain, and after singing and prayer, were marshaled into line by our Capt., Preston Thomas; the brethren and sisters bearing flags with the following devices:

1st. The young men's flag, "Holiness to the Lord."

2nd. United States flag.

3d. Bee-hive, "Deseret."

4th. Daughters of Zion, "Love, purity and truth;" after which came the children with their flags.

After going through a number of evolutions, marching and counter marching to the sound of music, we were seated at a sumptuous dinner, provided by the fair "Daughters of Zion."

Capt. Thomas delivered an address on the early pioneer saints.

The following toasts were read:

Our President Brigham Young—May the rays of divine and eternal truth, as revealed by the Father to him, spread from kingdom to kingdom and nation to nation, dispersing superstition, priesthood and lies, and planting the standard of divine and immortal truth.—W. Southwick.

The Twelve Apostles—May they be known and read of all men.—W. S.

The High Priests and Seventies—May the great chain of the Royal Melchisedec Priesthood soon encircle the entire globe.—T. Whitman.

The Constitution of the United States—Revealed by the Holy Spirit to our fathers.—P. W. Hosking.

The flag of Deseret—a fountain with a shade in a parched and dreary land, where the famished and weary slake their thirst and rest.—J. McCullough.

Our captain, P. Thomas—May temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice be his pillars of honor.—P. W. H.

Zion—A bright fire in a dark land.—J. D. McC.

PHILIP W. HOSKING,
Clerk of Company.

FORT SUPPLY.

September, 15, 1856.

[From Elder Isaac Bullock, to Pres. B. Young.]

On Thursday evening, Sept. 4, it began to snow from the s. w., about 10 o'clock p. m., and continued until half past 12, of the next day. It thawed considerably while snowing, but when it ceased it was eleven inches deep in and around the Fort. Through the night it froze a little, though not enough to hurt vegetation, the wheat, oats, potatoes, peas, &c., being covered up with the snow. It was cold and lowering on the 6th, and at night we were visited by a heavy frost that killed all our crops. There were about two acres of wheat cut before the storm came, the rest was laid low with the snow. About half of our wheat will yield tolerably well for this country, the rest

will make good feed for cattle, as it was all in the milk or past.

In consequence of this loss, some whose families, or portions of them are in the valleys will go there to winter, and others are going in for supplies, but expect to return and remain here. All the crops of the island field are destroyed, except a few potatoes and beets. There will be enough provisions raised and saved to sustain about half the community, the remainder we will have to procure from elsewhere.

ISAAC BULLOCK.

Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society.

NAMES OF AWARDING COMMITTEES, OCT. 1856.

CLASS A, STOCK.

Bryant Stringham, Chairman; George Thompson, Peramor Little, Joseph B. Nobles, John Benbow, Erastus Bingham, sen., Judson Stoddard and William Smith.

CLASS B, AGRICULTURE, PRODUCE, &c.

John Neff, Chairman, Edward Sayers, Elijah Thomas, Joseph Holbrook and Leonard E. Harrington.

CLASS C, FARMING AND GARDENING IMPLEMENTS.

Levi Richards, Chairman; L. W. Hardy, Samuel Bringham, Alonzo H. Russell, A. C. Hodge.

CLASS D, MACHINERY.

William H. Hooper, Chairman; Gilbert Clements, John Lyon, Shadrach Holdaway, John R. Winder.

LADIES' WORK.

Mrs. Mary Ann Young, Mrs. Vilate Kimball, Mrs. Lydia Partridge, Mrs. Bathsheba Smith, Mrs. Margaret Smoot and Mrs. Margaret Hoagland.

CLASS E, MACHINERY.

David Sabin, Chairman; Frederick Keeler, Nathan Davis, Samuel Ensign, Ephraim Turner, and J. V. Vernon.

CLASS F, FRUIT.

Wilford Woodruff, Chairman; Albert Carrington, John Nebeker, L. D. Young, Edward Sayers.

CLASS G, PLOWING MATCH.

Abraham Hoagland, Chairman; Barna L. Adams, Joseph Holbrook, A. P. Rockwood, Reuben Miller, E. D. Woolley and Edward Hunter, Jr.

CLASS H, ESSAYS.

Daniel H. Wells, Chairman; Albert Carrington, Joseph Young, Elias Smith, and George P. Stiles.

The foregoing members of Committees are requested to be in attendance at the Deseret Store at 8 a. m. of the 1st of October; failing their attendance, others will be appointed in their stead.

Are our Schools Injuring the Bodies of our Children?

There is not a more important interest in the State than the Common School. Occupying the exclusive attention of those who are to be the men and women of the next generation, for many hours of each day, its influence upon society can scarcely be overrated, and any error of physical training that by implication or by constitution it circulates becomes a serious wrong.

We have often queried whether there were not something decidedly wrong in the amount of time that the Common School demands of our children for study, and in the still greater amount that it spoils for recreation.

Our City schools require—and it amounts to about the same thing throughout the State—that the scholar shall be on hand from 9 o'clock to 12, and from 12½ to 3. Now 5½ hours would not be too much for any healthful child, if with the ringing of the dismissal bell there came a season of relaxation until 9 of the next day. But when we meet our boy of ten years old returning from school, we find him always loaded down with books—geography, astronomy, physiology, and a half a score of the sort beside—in several of which he assures us that he must get a lesson before morning. And upon farther inquiry, we find that except exercises in arithmetic, reading, spelling, and writing, all his studying is to be done out of school hours! Of course, if he is bright, he soon learns how to make short work of his lessons, and by hurried or stolen reviews in school to "stuff" for recitation. But if he is dull he has a harder lot. Coming home from school he is jaded and weary. He loathes the sight of a book. He longs to put his old "trousers" on and kneel in the gutter or on the crossing to have one good game of marbles, or he agonizes for a game at ball, or "tag." He wants to expand his lungs and stretch his legs, and shake himself unhampered by a nice coat and out of the sight of grumbling teachers or guardians.

The prudent parent may consent to this in the summer time, but in winter there is no larger margin for play between the last hour of school and the first night than a supper of proper length should entirely occupy, and none like to have their children out rioting after dark. Then, with the coming dark, the lad must sit down to his books. Under the most favorable circumstances he shares a light with the other members of the family, and while they talk of new dresses and gossip of the day's affairs, he must keep his attention on problems that he abominates, or strive perpetually to commit to memory dates, names, figures, in which he can have no mortal interest. He is three times as long about it as if he had learned the same lesson in school; has acquired a habit of studying lazily, or rather has fallen into a habit of "mocking" over books and calling it study, besides finding his temper soured, and his spirits broken by the constant repetition of rebukes that really kind parents and sisters inflict upon him for listening to their conversation rather than attending to his business. But with the end of his labors it is bedtime, and with the end of breakfast it is school time again. So whatever of recreation, whatever of physical training, whatever of development of muscle or exercise of body he gets, is stolen during the week or lumped together upon Saturday, when there is no school.

Our Board of Education and excellent corps of teachers could scarcely adopt a more ingenious device to secure a generation of puny people.

They inject great quantities of elementary knowledge into the mind, and surfeit it where they should feed it with the greatest care. The body is ignored—its organs recognized only as things to be mortified. They struggle vigorously to crowd boys in the Free Academy, but take very feeble measures to prepare them to face the world and take part in its stern conflicts. Our own impression is—perhaps it may be a crude and undigested one—that the five and a half or six hours a day is an ample time to detain young children upon any intellectual exercise that is not positively alluring to them. We are not alarmed lest our children should study too much—they and Nature conspire to prevent any such evil. But Nature and the child together are incompetent to prevent the wrong that our system imposes in abbreviating the hours of physical exercise.

We are aware that some of the order and fine show of the school-room must be sacrificed if this doctrine is adopted. But, we think, neither the health of the scholar nor the convenience of families can afford to construe our school-rooms into mere recitation rooms, or halls in which to parade the military precision of classes. Let the school hours be divided between recitation and study, and the scholar will have time enough for exercise. The body will be encouraged to keep pace with the growing intellect. The winter evenings will come to be envied seasons of rest, and for pleasant reading. What is now a drudgery and a bore to so many—the common school—would become a pleasure, and of course a most certain profit.

We observe that the Boston Friends of Education have taken the very ground we urge, and discourage strongly the practice of giving the public school children tasks to be overcome out of school. They may have gone too far, but the importance of the subject warrants our careful investigation of the matter. All such reforms the public look to physicians to initiate. If they sound the alarm, and unite to protest against any patent evil of the sort, there is no question that the authorities will soon interfere to protect the suffering of the children, and save the next generation from its threatened impotence.—[American Medical Monthly.]

TERRIBLE TORNADO IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, N. Y.—One of the peculiarities of the storms this summer is that they usually end in a tornado.—We have had an uncommon number of hurricanes, destroying a large amount of property. Next in destructiveness to that in Philadelphia last May is a storm which occurred on Monday, of last week in Franklin county, New York, an account of which we take from the Republican:—[Balt. Sun, July 9.]

Between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock on Monday morning last a fearful tornado passed over the towns of Constable, Burke and Chateaugay, in this county, and extending into Clinton county, doing an incalculable amount of damage—sweeping down forests, scattering fences, destroying all manner of buildings and other property, and leaving nothing but desolation in its track. A heavy and portentous cloud was first observed rising in the northwest, and soon another appeared in the southwest, moving in the direction of the former. These clouds met about two miles north of this village.

A friend, who was watching their coming together, said there was an instant crash of falling trees, fences, house, &c. From this point it swept on with fearful rapidity and force, making a path through the forests and over the fields in nearly a direct course to Burke and Chateaugay—leveling trees of every size, and buildings as it went. It struck the North street of Burke, near the Town House. The store of Keeler & Stewart was here unroofed, as were also several dwelling houses and other buildings, and passing a small hollow with little damage it again struck with force about a half mile further on, and from this point on to Chateaugay, a distance of six miles, hardly one building escaped uninjured and not a barn was left standing. Jeremiah Thomas, in the employ of Mr. Mitchell was killed.

From the west line of Burke to and including the hotel of S. D. Roberts, at Chateaugay Corners, one hundred and eighty-five buildings, either unroofed, blown down, or moved from their foundations, can be counted as you ride along the road. This does not include those partially injured by the loss of a few shingles or the tearing off portions of covering, but such as are nearly or quite destroyed.

The village of Chateaugay is a complete desolation. Not a building escaped injury, and a great number—we do not know how many—are completely destroyed. The scene is one which baffles description. Stores, churches, dwellings, barns, sheds, out-buildings, all present a sad spectacle—they are awfully shattered and broken to pieces.

Beyond Chateaugay we have heard of from sixty to seventy buildings which were more or less injured. The tornado extended for a distance of from thirty to forty miles—perhaps further, and it must have injured and destroyed nearly 400 buildings. \$100,000 will not, probably, cover the damage.

H. A. Taylor, Esq., of this village, who passed over the road on Tuesday, informs us that there are 364 buildings, of all kinds, from the west line of Burke to and including the village of Chateaugay, that were injured, unroofed and destroyed—and more than two-thirds of that number completely ruined. Among the 364 are 128 dwellings, 4 stores, 2 churches and 3 schoolhouses.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.—European capitalists recently offered to pay a premium for a million of dollars' worth of the bonds of this company. These securities, to the amount of \$640,000, were recently sold at New York at par.

Talking about women voting, Saxe, of Burlington Sentinel, says:—"Cradles are the ballot boxes for women—in which they should deposit not votes, but voters. That makes a Warwick of every mother of 'em."

MARRIED:

In South Weber Fort, Davis county, on the 7th inst., by Bishop Thomas Kingston, Mr. WILLIAM DRAPER and Miss MARY GALLEY.

Millennial Star please copy.

DIED:

At Jordan Mills West Jordan, on Monday, 15th instant, of cholera morbus, DANIEL R., son of Daniel R. and Eliza Allen, aged 1 year, 7 months and 24 days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Look Here, Stranger!

W HOOVER picked up three City Scrip Bills, will oblige by leaving them with Mr. Barlow, Watchmaker, that the owner may obtain them. 29-1

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession a SPOTTED yearling HEIFER, red and white, brand on the left hip not visible. The owner is requested to prove property and pay charges and take her away. 29-1

D R ALLEN,
West Jordan Mills.

LAST CALL.

I DESIRE those indebted to me to call and settle previous to Conference, Oct. 6. I will take wheat, flour, oats, corn or cattle, at market price. One word more—brethren, I am in debt, and without you pay me I must sacrifice my property. Again, those who will not and do not (no man excepted) give heed to this call will be complained of before the proper authorities on my return. My family will receive dues while I am absent. 29-1 S. M. BLAIR.

NEW COOPER SHOP.

REMOVAL.—ABEL LAMB has now his Shop on west side East Temple street, one door south of C. H. Whitehouse's Tin Shop, directly opposite Townsend's long row, where he will make to order, and keep on hand, Barrels, Tubs, Kegs, Wash Tubs, Pails, Churns, Washboards, and every other article in the line of Cooperware. I will receive cash, all kinds of country produce, store pay, &c. Please call, as I intend to sell Cooper Ware cheaper than it has usually been sold in this valley. 29-3m

PERCUSSION MATCHES.

ENCOURAGE HOME MANUFACTURE—and you save money. The subscriber manufactures matches in the 13th Ward, that give double satisfaction—I. e., 80 in a bunch in lieu of 40 foreign made. Considerable allowance made to those that wish to retail throughout the Territory. All kinds of produce and Lumber, received in exchange at the market price. Let Utah support her own Matches, and that will lessen foreign catches. Wholesale and retail by NEIBAUER & GODBE. 29-3

WANTED,

FOR SALE at the DESERET STORE, immediately after the Fair and during Conference—Flannels, Jeans, Cloths, Sattinets, Linsey, Blankets, Yarn, Carpeting, Boots, Shoes, Leather,

HATS, CAPS, &c.

Persons contributing to the Fair, and wishing to leave their articles on the premises for sale, will please notify W. G. Mills the receiving clerk accordingly.

DANCING SCHOOLS.

HENRY MAIBEN'S Dancing School FOR JUVENILES Will commence on Saturday, October 18, at 2 o'clock p. m.

FOR ADULTS,

On Monday, October 20, at 6 o'clock, p. m., In Capt. BALLOP'S MUSIC HALL, 14th Ward. TERMS FOR 13 LESSONS: Adults per Couple, \$6; Juveniles each \$2.50. Payment in advance. Applications for tickets to be made at J. B. Maiben's Store, East Temple street. 29-3

STRAYS.

I HAVE in my possession the following described cattle:—

One sorrel HORSE, branded with some scars on the left shoulder, bad scar on the left buttock.
One roan HORSE, star in the forehead.
One 2 year old red STEER, white ring around the neck, branded on the left hip.
One 2 year old BULL, branded H on the left shoulder.
One large red OX, branded W on the left horn, right horn drops a little.

The owners of the above named property are requested to prove property, pay damages and take them away. They will be sold on the 1st day of November next. Also those who have taken up strays are notified to bring them and put them in the Pound two days previous to the above named day of sale for the inspection of all whom it may concern. E. BILLINGSLEY, Pound Keeper, Provo. 29-2

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General Trading Store, for wheat, oats, shelled corn, and barley; also for old gold, silver, watches, chains, &c., &c. All kinds of scrip ken. White Lime wanted. 29-3 H. J. JARVIS