result of recommendations made in Governor McConnell's message.

Mr. Allison of Washington, introduced a bill in the house providing for the establishment of an agricultural college at Walsed.

Mr. Mahanna of Nez Perce, presented a bill providing for the establishment of a state normal school at Lewiston.

A joint memorial was passed asking Congress to appropriate $10,000 to the State Soldier's Home.

In the senate several later bills were introduced by Mr. Neill of Shoshone, one making it unlawful for employers to prevent employes from joining or to compel them to leave a or organizations as the price of their employment.

Mr. Brown of Bingham, introduced a bill establishing the office of state boiler inspector.

Snow in Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—A heavy mantle of snow covers the city of Berlin and all the surrounding country. The sufferings of the people are increased by a growing scarcity of coal, due to the miners' strike in the Saar district.

Gov. Chase's Farewell.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6.—The legislature in joint session this morning listened to the farewell message of Governor Chase. It contained matters interesting only to the state.

Kenna's Condition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Senator Kenna, it was reported this morning, passed a good night. His condition is improved.

Gold and Silver for Export.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. Two million dollars of gold and a million ounces of silver were taken for export tomorrow.

The North Dakota Electors.

BISMARK, N. D., Jan. 6.—Probably only two of the three electoral votes of North Dakota will be cast on Monday. The canvassing board has declared two Populists and one Republican elected. The Supreme court ordered the counting of certain votes which had been thrown out which elected the third Populist. In the meantime the governor has issued certificates to two Weaver and one Harrison electors. Now, the third Weaver elector, having no certificate, cannot vote and the Republicans will not vote at all on account of conscientious scruples as to the election.

AN ICE GORGE.

Loss of Boats and Coal Fleets in the Ohio River.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 6.—This evening an ice gorge in the Ohio river broke, but nobody knows precisely with what loss in boats and coal fleets. Heavy ice has been floating and forming in the river for the past two or three days, and an ice gorge formed this morning between the Louisville & Nashville bridge and the Cincinnati Southern railway bridge, covering a distance of two miles. Floating ice came down and joined the gorge. The river below was clear. The immense frozen raft locked all the coal fleets, nine packets and several towboats. The harbor boats Comet, Henwood and Alice Barr tried all day to break the gorge, but without result.

At 4:30 o'clock the immense body of ice began to move in a solid mass. The packets and towboats to all appearances escaped with slight injury. On the other hand, every coal fleet suffered. The principal damage was the following: Pittsburg Coal company, four barges and two fleets, value $10,000; Collier, Budd & Co., four barges and several fleets, value $10,000. At Ludlow, Ky., Mr. Buck lost sixteen barges, valued at $40,000. Seven miles further down the river two barges and three fleets were taken away, value $10,000. Other inevitable incidental losses are estimated at $30,000, making a total of $100,000. But the danger is not over and the situation is still threatening.

At 9 o'clock tonight the gorge stopped at North Bend, thirteen miles below. Another gorge at the same time formed just above Lawrenceburg, Ind., twenty-three miles down the river. Between the two gorges the water is clear, and there are locked coal boats and barges such as have not gone down. It seems scarcely possible to save any property imprisoned within the ice. If another gorge forms here tonight, greater damage will be done.

Letter from Palestine.

The following communication from Elder Don C. W. Musser, President of the Turkish mission, to his brother, Elder Joseph W. Musser, of this city, will be read with interest by the young man's numerous relatives and friends:

JAFFA, Palestine, Dec. 5, 1892.

Dear Brother Joseph—1892 is about to pass in its checks. Three hundred and sixty-five days have come and gone since I sent my Christmas greetings from Berlin. These lines, if all is well, will reach you about Christmas time. And, though they are addressed to you, they are meant for all who write their name with a big M, because I will not have time to write again for a week or so. I am kept very busy, preaching the Gospel in German and English, besides studying Arabic. The Lord is blessing me so much that I feel I can't begin to thank Him as I should. The more I do the more I am blessed and the more I want to do. The time flies along so rapidly that I can hardly keep account of it. Days, weeks and months seem as seconds, minutes and hours, and I fear I cannot accomplish what I should before my release comes. Since Brother Hang's death I have baptized three souls and expect in a few days to baptize as many more, among them a Jew. My heart is brimming full of love and gratitude to my Heavenly Father for permitting me, as unworthy as I am, to perform the work. It seems to me the Jews are preparing to receive the true Gospel of Christ. I have spoken to a number of them, and when I tell them of my people they confess their belief. A few days ago I met one and in other me what I was here for. I replied by reading the Articles of Faith. After finishing, he told me he had never before met a Christian (that he could invite to his home), but that he would like to come home and teach his children. He afterwards told me he would like to become a member of our Church, but he feared the persecution that would surely follow. He said his life and the lives of his children would be endangered by his being baptized. I told him he needn't expect to get off without being persecuted, for this was something the Saints of Christ had always had to contend with. But, said I, if you will humble yourself before God, seeking a forgiveness of your sins, and pledging yourself to live a better life and to obey the Gospel call, you will receive blessings from heaven, you will have strength enough to withstand the persecutions and will even find pleasure in being persecuted for Christ's sake. And even if you were called upon to lay down your life that wouldn't be any more than your Father did, and work in with a knowledge that eternal life was yours, and you would prove to the world that you loved and bared God more than your domain. I talked with him a long time, showing him the Gospel as the Christian receives, and though he said he would call, before we parted he promised the world by becoming a "Latter-day Saint." This is only one instance in many. There are thousands upon earth of sincerely good people to (no word was wanting) be to become members of our Church, but they are afraid to. For sure we should pray. Dear Joseph, I am so happy in my work! I don't fear persecution in the least. In fact, when it comes for my religion's sake I glory in it. I feel sorry for the enemies of truth, but I glory in the fact that I represent a cause worthy the presentation of the power of darkness. I find a great many friends and have been blessed with opportunities of bearing my humble testimony to a number of Palestine's leading men, among them the U. S. Consul at Jaffa, several missionaries of the Church of Englandis well informed and very intelligent Presbyterian missionary and many others. This class of people are not friendly to the truth, as a rule. When you prove to them from the Bible that they are not Christians they dare not deny it, and they do everything in their power to stop the progress of God's work. If you try to convince them of the falsity of their doctrines and of the fact that the true Church of Christ has again been restored in all its simplicity and beauty, they will say they haven't time to discuss the question and show by their acts that they have no desire to learn the truth.

As the Lord continues to bless me in the future as He has done in the past, I will not care how long I am kept in this part of the vineyard, for I have, time and time again, dedicated my life to His service, and what matters it which part of the vineyard I am called to labor in? I should feel very much disappointed were I to be called home at the present time, for I feel that I am just beginning to be of use.

You ask me for a description of the Holy Land and its people, and I am very sorry I am not better able to gratify one. There is plenty to write about, but I am such an exceedingly poor hand with a pen that I find it would be impossible for me to give a description of this land of antiquities and people. The Arabs are a peculiar people. Every move and act of an Arab is as entirely different from those of other people that one cannot help feeling amused and interested even if he disapproves of what he sees. Their customs and habits are as old, nearly, as time, and if the Arab had his way they would be older than time, for if there is one thing that Arabs dislike more than another, it is progression. They don't want the telegraph, the telephone, the electric light or the railroad. They have no use for a printing press and education is entirely unnecessary. If you ask an Arab how old he is, he will answer "God knows." He can't understand the use of burdening his mind with the date of his birth. Ask an Arab woman the age of her child and she will confidently reply "God knows." Ask an Arab how many inhabitants this city has. He will shrug his shoulders as one answers, "God knows." Arabs do everything backwards, at the same time laugh at us for doing it frontwards. They worship with their hats on and shoes off. They read and write from right to left. When a husband kiss his wife good-bye he sets starting on a journey he doesn't kiss her; he simply gives her his hand, she kisses it and sometimes weeps over it and the parting scene is over. A son does the same way with his mother and sisters, but father and son embrace and kiss each other three times, once on either cheek and once right smack in the mouth. If a man meets a friend he hasn't seen for some time he kisses him just the same as he kisses his wife or father. It nearly makes me sick to see a friend remove the cigarette from his mouth to kiss another friend, but one can see such scenes at any time if he is walking in the city.

Father and mother will, if all is well, spend Christmas in Bethlehem, where the wise men of the East were directed by the star, 1893 years ago. Affectionately,

DON C. MUSSER.

The Word "Bayou"

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7, 1893.

Editor Deseret News:

Seeing a communication in the News regarding the word "Bayou" it might not be considered improper to state that I have often heard the term used by the rafters along the Sweetwater River to designate a former channel of the stream, where at present there is some water with little or no current. The accent is on the first syllable which is pronounced like we in the word second syllable has the sound of oo or as short. The word is much used by the French settlers along the Mississippi and is probably of French origin. Respectfully,

J. H. WARD.

LEAN MEAT VERSUS FAT.

The Excess of Fat in the Pork, Beef and Mutton of This Country.

Attention is directed by Professor Atwater in The Experiment Station Record to a deficiency of protein in our agricultural products, which tends to increase the already too great proportion of fat and carbohydrates in the food we eat. Corn, our great staple, is poor in protein at the best. The larger part of our pork is made from corn. Pork made from corn analyzed by Atwater relatively to the lean. The same fed pork in the lean but is mostly fat. On this subject it is said that the pork you see in the market is fat, not lean. To be certainly a consumer of fat. Lean cattle nowadays are by most people in the markets of the world, Asia and Europe. Hence serious competition in the fat of other meats, in mutton, of all in poultry. The home market is relatively overstocked with fat pork.

There are, then, two things for the farmer to consider. He can make pork fat or leaner pork. Lean pork can be obtained by the use of appropriate feeds—skimmilk, bran, tares, cottonseed meal, if it can be obtained cheaply, cabbages, peas, clover, alfalfa and other leguminous plants. It is, however, impracticable for many corn producers to change their system of feeding.

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