

Correspondence.

THE FOURTH IN THE SETTLEMENTS.

PROVO.

The 91st Anniversary of American Independence, was celebrated with great spirit and interest, superintended by a very able committee.

After the customary salutes at daylight and sunrise, the national colors were hoisted upon the city flag staff and upon the principle stores.

Then came a procession, formed by the Marshal of the Day, Isaac Bullock, the principal features in which were Capt. Twede's well disciplined troops acting as front and rear guard; next, the City, Territorial and Federal Officers; Col. Nuttall and staff, in full uniform, mounted; the Goddess of Liberty, in a triumphal car, drawn by eight grays, personated by Miss Lilla Daniels, with grace and dignity; thirty-seven young ladies, each carrying a banner with the names of the various states inscribed thereon, and one for Deseret; thirteen veterans, in charge of Capt. M. Jones, followed by a retinue of school children.

On account of the intense warmth of the sun, the procession moved only a short distance and returned to the Bowery, where, after being seated, Elder B. K. Bullock acted as chaplain; G. M. Brown, read the Declaration of Independence, and Elder David John, orator of the day, delivered a very interesting historical address, very distinct in dates and circumstances, giving considerable information and instruction.

Next in order were speeches from Major Miller, Hon. Jno. Leetham and Capt. Hemmings.

The brass and martial bands were in attendance.

In the afternoon the juveniles enjoyed themselves by dancing in the basement story of the meeting-house; the room is commodious and well ventilated, and capable of accommodating 120 couple. In the evening it was occupied by the good people of Provo generally, who experienced quite a happy time.

No accident during the day; everything passed off peaceably.

Committee, Bp. J. P. R. Johnson, Jno. Leetham, Peter Stubbs, D. H. Kinsey, W. W. Haws.

Yours very respectfully,

S. S. JONES, reporter.

SANTAQUIN.

The Fourth of this year will be long and agreeably remembered by the people of this town. At sunrise there was firing by Capt. David Y. Thorp's company of artillery; this being the signal for hoisting the American flag.

Capt. Wm. F. Carter's martial band saluted the "Old Flag" and then serenaded the town. Cap. John D. Holladay's company of Major William McBride's battalion, assembled at half past 7 a. m. in full dress, armed and equipped, and went through their evolutions and drill in true military style.

At a quarter past 8 an escort waited upon the major and staff, and escorted them to the ground.

At 9 a. m. an escort waited upon David H. Holladay, our president, and his council and escorted them to the square. The procession was then formed as follows:—

Cap. W. F. Carter's martial band; Lieut. William Barnett and his command; the committee of arrangements; the President and Council, and invited guests; the Orator of the day and Chaplain; the Santaquin Choir, under their leader, Eli Openshaw; Fathers of '76, Pioneers and Mormon Battalion; Fathers and Mothers in Israel; Civilians; School Children; Adjutant Helis and his command. The procession on arriving at the school house, were seated by Marshal J. D. Holladay.

The exercises which followed consisted of music, reading the Declaration, an oration by Curtis E. Bolton, more music, vocal and instrumental, toasts, sentiments, &c. After 2 p. m. dancing commenced and was kept up with spirit until an early hour in the morning.

Committee of Arrangements, John D. Holladay, Edwin W. Clark, Curtis E. Bolton.

WELLSVILLE.

We had plenty of time on hand on the Fourth, from the fact that the grasshoppers have eaten our fields of grain as bare as the streets in Great Salt Lake City,—at least about two thousand

acres are entirely eaten off; yet, for all that, we passed a glorious day. It would be tedious to give the details; here is an abstract:

Two companies of infantry, under Captains John C. Reeder and Clark Ames, awaited at the Liberty Pole the break of day, which they greeted with a volley. The brass and martial bands were also in attendance, the first under Captain James Archibald, and, while the "stars and stripes" were being unfurled to the breeze, they played the "Star Spangled Banner;" then marched through the principal streets of the city, firing occasional salutes, the bands alternately playing "Yankee Doodle," "Hail Columbia," "Sherman's March," &c.

At eight o'clock everybody and their friends met, and a procession was formed under the management of Mr. Robert Baxter, the Marshal of the day, which proceeded to the house of and escorted the Mayor of the city, Bishop William Maughan, and other distinguished persons to the City Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was read and an excellent oration delivered by the Orator of the day, William F. Littlewood, and a short but lively speech by the Mayor; after which were songs, toasts, sentiments, &c. In the afternoon all came to the Public Square to amuse themselves, which they did to their hearts content—men, women, boys and girls, from five to seventy years old. Some played at cricket, some at rounders, others pitched quoits; the ladies were out in force and enjoyed themselves amazingly. Everything went off with a charm; not a drunken person was seen, nor the smell of liquor felt; all was good order and peace. The day concluded with a pleasant dance till twelve o'clock at night.

Committee of Arrangements, John Stoddart, Levi Minnerly, J. H. Haslem, Charles Bailey, I. Huntsman.

Yours,

THOS. BRADSHAW.

SPRINGVILLE.

The Fourth was celebrated in this city in a very appropriate manner; all things passing off, as "merry as a marriage bell."

There was a very general observance of the day by the citizens, especially the Sunday school children, to whom Maj. D. W. Rhodes, U. S. Indian Agent, delivered a very suitable address which is herewith inclosed, and if not intruding too much upon your space would be glad to see the same in print.

There was also an oration delivered by Bro. A. Noe, which was in every way characteristic of the author; full of interest and the spirit of '76.

Extemporaneous speeches, songs, recitations; &c., were the order of the forenoon services, enlivened by music from Prof. Clegg's martial band, and Mr. Shepherd's class of girls and boys, who have been practicing the tonic-solfa system of singing.

No "regenerating clique" or modern "civilization" was introduced to mar the peace and good order of the day.

Yours,

LYMAN S. WOOD.

The excellent address of Maj. Rhodes we perused with pleasure, and handed it to Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, for publication in the *Juvenile Instructor*, believing that thereby it would reach more of the juveniles to whom it must be especially interesting.—[Ed. News.]

FORT GUNNISON.

The Fourth of July at this place was celebrated by the citizens and the soldiers at Fort Gunnison.

The firing of musketry at daybreak by the infantry of Gunnison and Capt. Binder's infantry at camp, awoke those enjoying their peaceful slumbers both at camp and fort. At sunrise, a national salute was fired by Capt. Miles' cavalry, and the stars and stripes were hoisted to the breeze. At 8:30 a. m. quite a concourse of people assembled at the bowery and a procession formed under the direction of John E. Metcalf, sen., marshal of the day.

After marching through the principal streets, and arriving again at the bowery, all being seated, the Declaration of Independence was read by J. E. Metcalf, jun.; and an oration was delivered by Maj. R. F. Fraser. Then came the song, "Flag of our Union," by J. M. Westwood; an address by Cap. Binder, and song, "Star Spangled Banner" by Thomas Hunt, followed by numerous patriotic, sentimental and comic songs by different individuals. The assem-

blage was then dismissed by the Chaplain, George Hawley. After a short intermission, a sumptuous dinner was provided by the citizens of Gunnison, and in the afternoon dancing commenced and continued until an early hour next morning.

The proceedings of the day and evening were conducted in a manner highly creditable to all concerned. Much credit is due the Committee of Arrangements and the citizens of Gunnison for their unremitting endeavors to promote the enjoyment of the company.

SANPETE CAVALRY.

MANTI.

As day broke, three rounds of heavy artillery were fired. Almost at the same instant, a splendid new national flag, purchased by the people of Manti for the occasion, was unfolded to the breeze, while flags and banners were to be seen all over town, bearing various mottoes appropriate to the occasion. At six a. m., Major Barton's command of infantry assembled in the public square, and fired three salutes in honor of each State in the Union. A salute was fired and three right hearty cheers given in honor of our worthy leader, "Brigham Young," thereby showing to the few who are among us, but are not of us, how much the labors of that great patriot are known and felt, and how much they are appreciated by this people. The Manti brass and martial bands then serenaded the city.

At nine a. m., a grand procession was formed on the public square, headed by a body of cavalry under the command of Major George P. Billings. I was pleased to see how well these men were mounted and armed, and how they have progressed in the knowledge of military discipline during the present summer, under the direction of their officers; then came the Manti brass band, under Mr. Hans Westenscow; his Hon. the Mayor, Aldermen and councilors of Manti City; the martial band under Mr. George Snow; two companies of infantry; thirty-six young ladies dressed in white, with wreaths of flowers upon their heads; the children belonging to the several schools with their several teachers; Captain Bench's command of silver greys, and another company of Major Billings' command of cavalry brought up the rear of the procession. The feeling to make each other happy and comfortable was manifest everywhere.

The procession passed through the principal streets, and then retired to a comfortable bowery, erected for the occasion, at the instigation of Bishop A. J. Moffat. When the people were all seated, the band played in good style the "Star Spangled Banner," after which the Declaration of Independence was read by F. R. Kenner, and a very spirited and patriotic oration was delivered by John Patten. Refreshments having been partaken of, the people returned to the northeast part of town, where there were sports of various kinds for prizes, liberally donated by Tuttle, Fose, Peacock, Snow and other merchants in this city. We had some of the best shooting done that has been done in Manti. It is pleasing to see what progress the boys are making in the use of the rifle.

Everything passed off with spirit and harmony during the day. W. K. Balton, John Crawford, Eric Ludwickson, Committee of Arrangements; James C. Brown, Reporter.

[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

St. Louis, 10.

An Omaha dispatch reports that on the 6th some soldiers from Laramie went to Rafferty's ranch and demanded whiskey, which was refused; the soldiers then attacked the storekeeper, and one of their number was shot. The Provost Marshal, with 50 soldiers, subsequently arrested the occupants of the ranch and took the desks and safe out of the building. The safe was afterwards robbed and the ranch burned by the soldiers. The proprietor estimates his loss at \$80,000. The matter is being investigated by a court martial.

Indian depredations are again reported on the Platte.

Washington, 10.

In the House a resolution was adopted requiring the committee on foreign affairs to report immediately whether any American citizen had been arrested, tried and convicted, or sentenced in Great Britain or Ireland, for words spoken in the United States.

Wilson said the judiciary committee was directed, at the last session, to make a report at this, on the impeachment of the President; the committee was not now prepared to report, but will be at any session that may be held on or after the 16th of October. Five members of the committee are of opinion that such high crimes have not been proven as would call for impeachment, while four are in favor of impeachment.

London, 10.

An important diplomatic note from the Russian Cabinet, in regard to Ireland has just been published; it is addressed to the Ambassadors of Russia and France; they are requested to call the attention of the governments to which they are respectively accredited to the existing state of affairs in Ireland, and are instructed to represent that, in the opinion of the Russian Cabinet, the condition of that Island invites joint inquiry on the part of the governments of Russia, France and the United States, in conjunction with that of Great Britain.

The Hon. Mr. Schofield, M. P., is dead.

Havana, 4.

The insurrection announced to have taken place in Porto Rico turns out to be a military revolt led by a Captain of artillery; it was easily quelled, after some skirmishing, winding up with surrender and a few executions by court martial.

New York, 11.

A telegram from Ellis Cliffs, 22 miles below Natchez, says that the army worm has appeared two months earlier than usual, and is threatening the destruction of all the cotton plantations on the overflowed banks.

The reports at headquarters show that, out of 111,544 persons registered in Louisiana, there have been only 37,428 whites against 74,116 blacks.

A dispatch from Fort Wallace says the Indians made another attack and were repulsed; 13 soldiers were killed.

Washington, 11.

In the Senate the reconstruction bill was taken up and passed; there were only six negative votes.

In the House, yesterday, Pike's resolution to meet on the 13th of November was carried by 93 to 50.

Ft. Monroe, 12.

Several blood thirsty attempts at murder and robbery have been lately perpetrated in the vicinity of Norfolk and Portsmouth by negro highwaymen.

New York, 12.

The *Herald's* British Honduras correspondent says numerous families from the southern states had arrived.

Washington, 12.

Stevens, from the committee on reconstruction, reported back the Senate reconstruction bill with several amendments, mostly verbal, as a substitute for the first section, declaring the true intent and meaning of the Act of March 2, 1867, to have been that the governments then existing in the rebel states were illegal, and therefore such governments, if continued, were subject in all respects to the military commanders and the authority of Congress. Among the new sections is one directing that no officer of registration shall pay any regard to the decisions or directions of the Attorney General or any other officer of the government, except as directed by Congress. The bill was debated until half past three, when Stevens moved the previous question, calling for a vote on the various amendments; the amendment substituting the first section of the House bill for that of the Senate was adopted; the amendment referring to the Attorney General's decision was modified to read that no district commander or officer of the board of registration should be bound in his action by any opinion of a civil officer of the United States, and thus agreed to; other amendments were agreed to, and the bill goes back to the Senate.

Chicago, 12.

In a collision on the Chicago and St. Louis road last night, between a passenger and freight train, both locomotives were smashed, a baggage car and express car burned, a brakeman killed and several passengers slightly injured.

New York, 12.

Gen. Acosta has been formally inaugurated President of Columbia, and a cabinet has been formed.

Cholera has again appeared in Nicaragua.

The officers of the British man-of-war, dispatched to the Pelew Islands, beheaded the native King for having put to death an English ship Captain trading in his territory.