

TELEGRAM.—Through the kindness of Pres. B. Young we are enabled to publish the following telegram to him:

Nebraska City, July 28th, 1866.

Capt. Thompson with about five hundred emigrants left on the 25th.

W. W. RITER.

MORE TWENTY-FOURTH REPORTS.—At Smithfield, Cache Co., they had a celebration on the 21st, including artillery firing; music; hoisting the Stars and Stripes; a procession of dignitaries, representatives of Israel, aged and young, schools, &c., with banners, mottoes and beautiful emblematical designs. After the procession they adjourned to the new meeting house, temporarily roofed in with a bowery for the occasion, where refreshments were provided by br. Joseph Horton. The exercises consisted of orations, songs, recitations, music, &c., after which there were races of various kinds. Dancing was commenced in the evening and taken up on the following evening for the juveniles, when br. Horton's liberality was again experienced.

At Midway, Wasatch Co., they opened the day with musketry, raising the national flag and music by Capt. Geo. Wardles brass band. At 10 a.m. a procession was formed under Marshal Ira N. Jacobs. After marching through the streets, the people assembled in meeting under the bowery, where they had an oration, speeches, songs, toasts, music, &c. The afternoon was spent with much satisfaction to all Committee of Arrangements, John Huber, Geo. Wardle, W. R. Beeler, S. S. Higenbotham John T. Gerber; reporter, D. Van Wagoner.

Fillmore had a celebration, opened in the usual way, followed by a procession—embracing dignitaries, representatives of noted associations and circumstances, schools &c., after which the people assembled in meeting, had an oration from br. John Kelly, speech by br. R. McBride, music, singing and toasts. In the afternoon the children had a dance, and in the evening there was a grand ball. We are indebted to br. John Kelly for the report.

In Virgin City, Kane Co., they enjoyed themselves with a procession, preceded by the customary exercises, and followed by a meeting at which an oration was delivered by Wm. H. Martindale, then there were speeches, music, songs and toasts. After two hours' intermission meeting again assembled, and there were dancing, singing, recitations, toasts, sentiments, &c., with which the afternoon was delightfully spent. All was harmony throughout the day. Committee of Arrangements, S. E. Johnson, Wm. Martindale and A. P. Hardy; the latter gentleman reported the proceedings.

At Hyrum, Cache Co., they opened the day with a salute and hoisting the Stars and Stripes. Then there was a procession, followed by a meeting, with oration, speeches, songs, toasts, and music. The afternoon and evening were devoted to dancing. Thomas Potts, G. P. Ward and James Unsworth, Committee of Arrangements, Captain A. A. Allen, Marshal of the day; John Reece, orator.

PINE VALLEY.—From the distant region of Pine Valley, Washington Co., we have a report of their celebration of the Fourth, furnished by br. Eli Whipple. The day's proceedings were inaugurated with a salute of thirteen guns, followed by music and hoisting the national standard. A drill and inspection of the militia succeeded, commencing at 9 a.m.; then there was a procession, and a meeting after, where the exercises were conducted in a spirited manner and comprised an oration by Hon. Wm. Snow, extemporaneous addresses, songs, toasts, and music. In the afternoon there were races and other kinds of amusement, and dancing in the evening till all were satisfied.

MORONI.—Br. George Windows reports that, with Reuben Ames, Peter Christenson and Hans P. Olsen, Committee of Arrangements, James Cloward, Marshal, and Charles Kemp, Orator, the good people of Moroni celebrated the 24th in spirited and enjoyable style—flags, firing, procession, speeches, toasts, songs, music and dancing.

FILLMORE.—Br. John L. Smith, writes: It is a general time of prosperity here. Grain is looking well. The range is fine, and hay is more plentiful than it has been for years past.

ELDER HENRY HOLMES, of North Ogden, on Friday last favored us with a call, and says the crops in that region are excellent, with very little smut in the wheat, and good prospects for quite a variety and quantity of fruit. We are pleased to learn that fruit raising is so general and successful, for plenty of fruit in its varieties and seasons is both agreeable to the taste and conducive to a greater degree of health.

CRICKET MATCH.—The athletes of Smithfield and Wellsville had a cricket match on the 21st ult., which was played with spirit, the Wellsville boys being the victors. The game occupied from 10 a. m. to 6½ p. m., the Smithfield club making 55 runs and the Wellsville club 65 runs. There was a large concourse of spectators, and considerable interest was manifested in the game.

The clubs design playing another match sometime in September.

RETURNED.—F. A. Mitchell, H. Naisbett and W. Bringham, Esq's, returned to the city, by stage on Wednesday 1st inst., from a business trip to the East.

DISPATCHES.—Now that the Atlantic cable is a grand success, it is to be hoped that EXTRA exertions will be put forth to keep the single wire across the plains in constant working order. The public expect that at least that much will be done, and are ready to help along the second wire, which we are pleased to state is expected to be in working order at the earliest possible date. This event is anxiously looked for, with the fair presumption that a week at a time will not then pass without any dispatches, nor that they will so often stop just as they have caught up with the current date, as of late has so often happened.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday evening, about half past six o'clock, four wagons were standing opposite the store of Morris Bro's, corner of 2nd South and 1st East street, and a little girl, daughter to A. Huntington, was on the tongue of one of the wagons, when the wagons started, and the little girl in trying to get off, was thrown under two of the wheels passing over her head. She died in about fifteen minutes after from the injury received.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Sanpete County. A friend writes that the 4th and 24th were appropriately observed in Mount Pleasant, the ceremonies, amusements, &c., being participated in joyously and generally.

In the midst of numerous other labors, they completed a good sized fort in six days, which will serve to check the operations of vagabond Indians.

Rains in Sanpete have increased the grass on hay grounds and ranges, benefitted the crops, and made an excellent opening for reapers, mowers, threshers, more grist mills, and a much larger population, especially of mechanics and manufacturers in all branches.

There is a small furniture factory at Mt. Pleasant—a beginning in the right direction and a help—but they want factories of all kinds, co-operative stores and the various other aids for building up intelligent, comfortable, pleasant and self-sustaining settlements throughout the rich valleys of Sanpete and Sevier, which increased numbers can do, with the requisite energy and skill, without much additional capital for starting any given enterprise.

NEW TOLL ROAD.—The road from this city to Wanship, Summit Co., has, by virtue of an Act of the Legislature, been made a toll road. This, being one of the great thoroughfares into this city, we might say into this Territory, necessarily requires to be kept in good repair, that travel may not be obstructed; now that it has been put in good traveling condition, we are glad to see that those using the road will be required to pay for that use that it may be kept in good condition.

INFORMATION WANTED by W. D. WILLIAMS, 13th Ward, G. S. L. City, of GEORGE DAVIES, supposed to be a tailor by trade, who emigrated to this Territory some 8 or 10 years ago, from Dowlais Iron works, Glamorganshire, South Wales.

ALL who wish to learn the art of cutting and fitting clothes of all descriptions, in a few hours, will do well to consult Mrs. Curtis, opposite 13th Ward School House.

SEE after the Estrays.

ANSWER TO CHARADE IN NO. 69.

Friend Heward, Meguire has solved your charade.

Although to his noddle some trouble it made, "The welcome visitor," so many peruse, You here have the answer, THE DESERET NEWS. I now will remind them, too many decline To tend to their duty, as in my last line, Although they neglect it, yet still they peruse, And forget to PAY IN ADVANCE FOR THE NEWS.

W. W. M.

Correspondence.

SOUTH WILLOW CREEK SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

EDITOR OF NEWS:

It affords me much pleasure to write you a brief report of the examination of the South Willow Creek Ward School, which took place on the 30th ult.

Like most ward schools at this season the number of pupils is small, forty-five names being all that were enrolled during the past quarter; in winter, however, this number is more than doubled. The recitations in reading, arithmetic, geography and grammar were very creditable indeed.

The school room is well seated, commodious and airy, and is well supplied with school apparatus of which I noticed the following:—A full set of Petton's outline maps, a twelve inch terrestrial globe, a Tellurion, a full set of Wilson's family charts (twenty-two), a very large black-board and several of less size, a globe representing the zones and principal circles on the earth, a set of geometrical solids and a box of colored crayons used for drawing maps on the black-board.

The Tellurion above named was constructed by a mechanic in the settlement under the direction of the Teacher and is designed to illustrate the various phenomena resulting from the relations of the sun, earth and moon to each other; the succession of day and night; the change of the seasons; the change of the sun's declination; the different lengths of day and night; the changes of the moon; the precession of the equinoxes; the difference of a solar and sidereal year; the relations of the sun, earth and moon to the constellations of the Zodiac; eclipses of the sun, moon, &c., &c.

This settlement although widely scattered and in all numbering only fifty-two families hire a competent school teacher, Mr. J. R. Park, the year round and pay him twelve hundred dollars in gold, besides furnishing the school apparatus above named.

From the Teacher's return and Trustees' reports received from this school I expected much, and can truthfully say that I was not disappointed; but my anticipations were more than realized; such schools are an honor to Utah.

Bishop Stewart and the Trustees attended the examination, also Elder Bywater from G. S. L. City.

Very respectfully,

ROBT. L. CAMPBELL,
County Supt. Common Schools.

We were pleased to learn from the above correspondent that the wheat harvest had begun at South Willow Creek; the average of the wheat crop was estimated at twenty-five bushels to the acre; the crops of oats and barley were very good, the corn and sorghum backward. The leading settlers have set out acres of peach and apple orchards, some of which are bearing; those set out at the commencement of the settlement having been nearly all lost owing to the scarcity of water; but since the settlement have added Dry Creek to their waters they have been able to keep all their fruit trees alive. The settlers, however, feel that they have a heavy tax of from three to five dollars per acre yearly in cleaning their ditches from the ever-accumulating sand which the waters bring down from the benches through which they brought the additional waters of Dry Creek. The settlement cultivate about six hundred acres in grain and the same amount in meadow and pasture.

Elder Geo. A. Smith's courtesy enables us to publish the following:

30 FLORENCE ST, ISLINGTON
London, England, June 25, 1866.

DEAR BRO. GEORGE A. SMITH:—

I embrace another opportunity of writing to you in tolerably good health, though not as good as I enjoyed the first seven months that I was here. I have been troubled with a pain in my chest, but am getting quite over it.

I am soon to leave London, after living in it a little over ten months. I go to Sheffield, to take charge of the district.

I am very thankful for the privileges that I have enjoyed by taking this mission. It has afforded me an opportunity of bearing my testimony to the work of the Lord and of his servants, and of gaining a more extended knowledge of the world and of the labors connected with the building up of the Kingdom of God. And when I see the labors and responsibilities resting upon the Presidency and Twelve, and feel that I have been found worthy to assist in the great work, it gives me joy. It affords me an excellent opportunity to prove myself, and learn whether the principles of the gospel have had their effect in correcting my life, and fortifying me against the evils that surround one in the world.

It has afforded me an opportunity of seeing my parents, and I hope that yet my visit to them will have the effect of causing them to see the right, that I may yet rejoice in their society gathered with Israel.

I esteem it a great favor to have had the privilege of living in London, where a person can see so much of the world, and I have tried to profit by all that I have seen. But I shall leave London without a regret, as I am pleased to have the privilege of seeing more of this island than I would were I to remain here. I have been very busy most of the time since I have been here, and more especially during the emigration, as the people know but little about leaving their homes and traveling.

Pres. B. Young, Jr., and his brother John W. left week before last, for Scandinavia, to visit the Saints in that land. They expect to be gone two months.

This morning W. P. Nebeker, Joseph Weller, Abraham Hatch and B. W. Kimball left for Paris, their intention being, if war does not cause a retrograde, to make a continental tour.

The elders generally feel well, and are laboring faithfully to spread the truth, but it seems like sowing grain against a heavy wind; it will not spread, but returns to you.

Br. N. H. Felt is here, and enjoys excellent health.

I attended the great volunteer review at Hyde Park, on the 23d, and, in perhaps an awkward way, made a brief report to the DESERET NEWS; but perhaps br. Carrington will not consider it of interest enough to publish; if not, I shall not feel offended.

Bro. George:—Please remember me kindly to Presidents Young, Kimball and Wells, your brethren of the Twelve, the Office brethren, sisters Smith and all connected.

I remain your brother in the gospel,

A. K. THURBER.

[The report of the review has not come to hand. ED. NEWS.]

THE "Morrill Universal Oil Stove," made in Worcester, Mass., is the latest novelty for heating and cooking cheaply, and is really a very economical and handy arrangement. The fluid used for heating is kerosene; it gives good heat, and the large sized stoves, at a cost of about six cents an hour, will bake, boil and broil at the same time.

RELATIVE DURABILITY OF TIMBER.—Mr. Ambrose Kimball, of Reading, Massachusetts, states as the result of fifty years' experience—constantly working and using all kinds of timber, and more especially oak, ash, and walnut—that he has found when timber may be cut and have no worms, or powder dust as it is called. He says: "Cut timber from the middle of September to the middle of November, and you cannot get a worm into it. October and November are, perhaps, the best months, and sure to avoid worms."

CEMENT FOR THE MOUTHS OF CORKED BOTTLES.—Melt together a quarter of a pound of sealing wax, the same quantity of resin, and two ounces of beeswax. When it froths, stir with a tallow candle. As soon as it melts, dip the mouths of the bottles into it. This is an excellent thing to exclude the air from such things as are injured by being exposed to it.

NEWS ITEMS.

A STRANGE and fatal disease has broken out among draught and farm horses in Maryland. They sicken and die in less than 12 hours.

THE late excessive heat caused a large increase in the number of deaths in New York and Brooklyn, quite a number being from sun-stroke.

WHEAT is reported only worth sixty cents a bushel at Salem, Oregon. An intelligent farmer of French Prairie expresses the opinion that it will not sell for more than fifty cents after harvest.

THE Albany papers challenge any locality to produce the equal of Mr. David Hart, who, although now in his 99th year, hoed 650 hills of corn in a quarter of a day recently.

THE cannon that fired the first shot in the rebellion at the steamer Star of the West, at the entrance of Charleston harbor, January 9, 1861, recently passed through Cairo, Ill., in charge of four soldiers.

THE Le Roy Gazette says: The wife of John Mitchels, of Bethany, finished hoeing potatoes on Friday, and on Monday gave birth to three daughters—one weighing 11½ pounds; another 11½, and the third 10½—all as lively as Guinea pigs.

THE family newspaper in Rhode Island is classed among the articles of prime necessity, along with the pig and potato, and is safe from the flood-tide of commercial disaster. Creditors cannot touch it—the sheriff must respect it. Happy people! Happy publishers!

A MAN living at a village near Mobile, on Monday night, attempted to frighten some girls by wrapping a white cloth around his body and personating a ghost. All ran but one, who pulled out a revolver and deliberately fired six balls into the head and body. At the first shot the ghost fell, but she continued firing. She then went home and related the circumstances, and parties returning to the spot found life completely extinct, two balls having penetrated the forehead, and the other four the regions of the heart. The sympathy of the people favored the girl and she has not been arrested.

WHAT a shame it is that so little regard is paid to the Sabbath, in our country. Even here, in our quiet village where there is no earthly excuse for openly violating the Sabbath in business, it is continually done. Stores are open, goods are sold, bargains are made, etc., as though law and gospel, morality and religion, public policy and private peace did not demand a different course. No good citizen should encourage such a course. No interest of society, nor of any individual in it requires it. We fret about dull times all the week and then open our stores on the Sabbath to customers, who, by every rule of propriety and decency should have supplied their wants during the week.—*Visalia (Cal.) Delta.*

A LETTER from Gleiwitz (Prussia) mentions the following incident:—"The men of the landwehr were on the point of starting; the train was ready, but the wives of soldiers opposed its departure, throwing themselves in their despair on the rails in front of the locomotive. The station-master proposed to the women to accompany their husbands, but in separate carriages. The poor creatures consented, but when the train started, the carriages with the woman did not move. The station-master had them detached. He took care to get away before the discovery was made."

PORTLAND, July 9.—The Merchants' Bank vault has been opened, and the contents found entirely uninjured. This was the last vault opened, and all have been found safe. There is hardly a blackened ruin in the burnt district, nearly everything being turned white by the intense heat. The tents among the ruins look quite picturesque, and are a study for an artist. The church bells were all melted by the heat. Self-registering thermometers in Lowell & Sentel's vaults showed only 110 degrees at the highest point in the lower vault, and 130 in the upper vault. This vault was built fifteen years ago. Live bugs crawled out of the Merchants' National Bank vault, when opened. This vault was exposed to the heat for a long period, there having been many tons of coal on fire in the cellar, and the fire is still burning. The vault was built some twenty-five years ago. The contents of the First National Bank vault came out in beautiful order. Safes of all descriptions proved worthless in most cases when unprotected, and the few which did not fail were probably saved by circumstances.