

# DESERT NEWS.

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**Presidents Young and Kimball** arrived from San Pete, on Monday eve, in good health and spirits, after a pleasant ride of five days out, a good visit, and five days return. We learn by the President, that the crops look well at San Pete. The Clerk of this journey has not made his returns; therefore, we cannot give particulars.

**WIND AND RAIN.** The 8th and 9th inst. were characterized in our Valley by strong winds, and some rain. Sunday evening, 11th inst. the water fell faster than the earth could absorb, for several hours; and it is supposed that small grains will ripen without more irrigation.

**Harvest.** We understand, that a majority of the wheat in our Valley is harvested.

**STATE HOUSE.** The covering of the State House is completed with the best of San Pete shingles.

**JUSTICES COURT.** Aug. 12, Justice Snow presiding. State vs. Rev. Alvin Musset, of Mo. Testimony. Defendant's cattle destroyed wheat at the Welch settlement. The cattle were impounded, Musset forcibly wrested the cattle from the stray pen, threatening the keeper of the pen & repeatedly placing his hand on his pistol. *Decision*, fine \$10. Damages \$15. and costs.

**Cucumbers. How to multiply.** In picking cucumbers, cut about one eighth of an inch of the cucumber on the stem; split that one eighth with the stem, to the vine, into four equal parts; It is said that each quarter of the stem will bear a cucumber. Try it, and know for yourself.

The First Assistant Post Master General has decided that newspapers can be sent from the office of publication, in bundles to one person or firm in California, without prepayment of postage.

## ASTRONOMY!!

A lecture on Astronomy, will be delivered in the Bowery, on the evening of Wednesday, the 21st of August, commencing at early candlelighting, by F. LANGWORTHY.

Admittance 25 cents; children under ten years, half price. Two doors will be open for the reception of company; one at the east, and the other at the west end of the building. The Brass Band, in full concert, will be in attendance, and will entertain the audience with their spirit-stirring strains, both before and after the lecture.

**The Baptists of Washington and the New Testament.**—At a meeting of the Baptist churches in this city, on Monday, the 22d ult., the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted: *Nat. Intel.*

Whereas it is announced by reliable authority, that a proposition is to be submitted to the American and Foreign Bible Society, at its approaching annual meeting, to adopt and publish under its sanction a *corrected version of the New Testament*, which has been prepared with that view, by the Rev. Spencer H. Cone, C. D., and Wm. H. Wycoff, Esq., in connexion with others, a leading object of which is understood to be to render its text in reference to the ordinance of baptism more explicit as to the true import of the original; and whereas, we consider that the action of the Society in this matter must affect vitally the character as well as the strength and efficiency of our denomination: Therefore—

*Resolved*, That this meeting consider it of great importance to the interest of religion, and to the welfare of the country, in this season of agitation and of actual rupture of Religions, and threatened rupture of civil bonds, that the American and Foreign Bible Society should adopt no new policy or measure in the prosecution of its work which is calculated to its adoption and circulation of "a *corrected version of the New Testament*," proposed by the officers of the Society.

GEO. W. SAMPSON, Chairman,  
GEORGE WOOD, Secretary.

For the consolation of our Baptist Friends at Washington, (a place of most places, from whence light and intelligence should emanate,) we would say, be not over anxious about Messrs Cone and Wycoff's "*corrected version of the New Testament*," for if they have wisdom enough to remove all interpolations, and restore many of the most plain and precious truths that have been taken away by wicked and designing men, in gone-by ages, their version may do good; but, if they have only worldly wisdom, and doubtful faith and intelligence, like many of their predecessors, in translation, their version will do very little evil; for it is written "ye can do nothing against the truth, but for it;" as you have been *unanimous* in your *fears*, be *unanimous* in your *faith*, and doubt no more.

[W.E.]

**THE FLORIDA INDIANS "WONT GO."**—The steamer Monmouth, from Indian river, Florida, arrived at Savannah, Ga., on Saturday week. The *Georgian* says:

She brought several officers of the army in Florida. We have not obtained much news by this arrival, but sufficient to satisfy us, in connection with news direct from Tampa, that the Indians have determined not to remove peaceably.—Billy Bow Legs has evacuated his town with his followers, and with Sam Jones, has retired into the southern extremity of the Everglades, where they are perfectly secure from the operation of the army during the summer.

The *Georgian* also gives a letter from a gentleman in Florida, well acquainted with the Indian movements, which says:

The Indians never intend to go; they are smart, and are fooling the army. General Bow Legs is some. He has got clear of the crying widows of the grabbed Indians and a few old grand dads—sold his fat hogs, received a good supply of blankets—but he cannot come in.