nan who, eleven years previous when no one was disturbed about bequestion, made such a proposi-; and which he made not only to us verbally, but which he pub-dial and advocated." To my mind this is strong testi-

and concerning the wisdom that a had given to the Prophet Jos-d which was so far ahead of that station that they could not prehend nor receive it. hus the world are gradually ac-

given to His servants. Thus are adopting the truths that nevealed. Thus the influence his work is being feit through-Christendom, and its effect is marked than many of us gine. We cannot comprehend to full extent the effect that this t le having upon the world, what God is doing through us, bogh we are but a feeble peomeading. Why, it is now a very amon thing for people to believe the sick being bealed by the prayer very bit. You see allusions to it in public newspapers of the day, there are other evidences which to show the infl ence that this it and the teachings of the Elders the Church is having upon the dans of the earth. And so it the in all matters pertaining to mament. Every day we are using in strength, every day we growing in influence, every day we influence is becoming more po-it and wide reaching in its effects, the p: ople of the nation of whi h the proper of the nation of which form a part are becoming cogni-it of it. Leading men admit it. My are conscious of it. They will tadmit it in words to the fulleat int. But their movements that this work bear testimony at they, in their secret souls, feel at there is a power, an influence at there is a power, an influence, its might connected with this withat are sconer or later to make themselves felt. A people wate the meelves felt. A people web a we are, men can readily ste, ust have a great influence in the The set of every qualification that the set of every qualification that the set of no single qualification that itributes to true greatness in an indual or in a nation; and a peoggle for existence with other

wers. Another thing. While there are other nations who are fading because they destroy the f mdity of their females and take no ight in posterity, in the midst of m deems it an honor to be a moand feels it to be a deprivation bear the souls of the childmen.

Any God to fill you with His Spirit, and fill those who at unto you with His power, in Sname of Jesus. Amen.

## STERVIEW WITH DAVID H. WHITMER, ETC.

SENECA, Newton County, Missouri, Aug. 23d, 1883.

Iditor Descret News:

The town above named is situated out half a mile from the east side the Indian Territory, and near the but west corper of the State of Misori. In our journey yesterday fom Kansas City we passed through most magnificent country, whose om fields are simply immense. On baching the Indian Territory and saming thence to Venita, one is San Francisco Railroad, which cross stright angles, and is 40 miles from be eastern boundary of the Indian lerritory. Iam lying by for a few hours,

aloying a cool, refreshing breeze, ad listening to the majestic thuna listening to the majestic thun-is and the falling rain, and also be grateful change. Yesterday and he day before the mercury was maging in the hundreds, suggesting the possibility of Dante's inferno being located somewhere in this south west corner of Missouri-but that is all beak since this decision I take it all back, since this glorious hower, and venture the opinion

while enduring the intense heat. While enduring the intense heat. While is two days, my attention was

bring it with its ice cargo to this corner of Missouri, he would surely immortalize himself.

In my brief stay in Denver I was introduced to the somewhat notable railroad contractor Genaral Caseman, and his ranch partner Gen. Pierce. Mr. Caseman was a large contractor on the Union Pacific Railway, and though boasting that he is neither a Christian Bor a Mormon, seemed to pride himself in his donations to the Christian contribution box, and still more so in having once abared his bed with the President of the Mormon Mormou the President of the Mormon Church. So the General considers himself perfectly safe whichever party may win the battle. The General told a pretty good story about his regiment of young north-ern students who, during their campaign in Kentucky, astonished an old planter by refusing to drink his proffered whiskey, and who was equally astonished to see their chap-laid drink arough for all. He did ain drink enough for all. He did not tell what position the General thok, but no doubt his sympathles were with the chaplain.

business Having some business in Richmond, Ray County, I took occasion to call on Mr. David Whitin mer, who was suffering considerably from the intense heat, but I had, notwithstanding, a long and pleas-ant conversation with him and his ant conversation son, David Whitmer, Jr. After mutusl introductions. I remarked hat al hough I had no doubt of the truth of his published statement and testimony in the Book of Mormon, I should be pleased to hear the testimony from his own lips. He said: Persons may attempt to de-scribe the presentation of the plates As shown to himself and other with nesses, but there was a glory attend-ing fit that no one could describe, no human tongue could tell the glori-nus scenes that were presented to them. Joseph Smith was there and Oliver Coundery and himself. Mar-Oliver Cowdery and himsel!---Mar-tin Harris did not come as expected, but they were shown to him a short time after." "Did the personage or angel who showed you the plates tell you his name?" I asked. Mr. Whitmer replied: "No, he did not. The idea has obtained ground that it was Moroni, the last of the Nephite Prophets. It may have been Maroni or it may have been one of the three Nephite Apostles who were promis-ed that they should not taste of death. It is not important who he was, but I know he was a messen-ger from God. I have been visited by thousands of people, he remark-ed, believers and unbelievers, amongst them a Governor of this State, gentlemen and ladies of all degrees and from many nations, sometimes 15 or 20 in a day, all wanting to know if these things are true. I have been surrounded by hostile mobs, on one occasion num-bering four or five hundred demanding I should deny what is published over my name in the Book of Mormon; but the testimony I gave to that mob made them fear and tremble, and I escaped from them.

One gentleman, a doctor, an unbe-liever, told me efferwards that the bold and fearless testimony byne on that occasion and the fear that seemed to take hold of the mob had made him a believer in the Book of Mormon." Mr. Whitmer said further: "I heard the voice of the angel, and saw the engravings on the plates, and the plates just as stated in the Book of Mormon. And of the plates, and the plates, was translated by the girt and power of God. You see that small table by the wall," he remarked. "Yze," I replied. "Well, there was a table about that size, and the heavenly mes.enger brought the several plates and laid them on the table, before our eyes, and we saw them and bore testimony of them, and our testimony is true. And if these things are not true then there is no truth, and if there is no truth there is no God, and if there is no God there is no existence But I know there is a God, for I have heard His volce and witnessed the manifesta-tion of his power." He said moreover, that when they

gigantic structure of very dark wood protruding from a glazier, and that said commissioners have al-ready penetrated into three apart-ments, but others are yet full of ice. The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Need-less to say, an American was soon on the spot, and negotiations have been entered into with the local Pacha for its speedy transfer to the United States." If he would only bring it with its ice cargo to this corner of Miscouri, he would surely would lead them to discover the ruins of the great cities, and they should have ahundant evidence of the truth of that which is written in the book, all of which," said Mr. Whitmer, "has been fulfilled to the way, better " very letter."

Mr. David Whitmer, Junr., spoke of the strange and wonderful preservation of the written copy of the book which Oliver Cowdery left in his father's charge, and the hieroglyphics which Martin Harris took to Professor Anthon of New took to Professor Anthon, of New York. In the cyclone that devasta-ted the town of Richmond a few years ago, the court-house and many other hulldings were swept-entirely sway. Some books belonging to the court-bouse were carried over 40 miles, and the Whitmer house was all destroyed, except the small room in which the said documents were kept, in which not a window was broken. A few minutes after the catastrophe he met an unbelieving scoffer in the street who sid, "Well, Dave, how about those recortant And I told him they were all right, although I had not then 1 ad an opportunity to look after them. My father was hurt by the flying timber, for the house on the westeide of the read was blown through ours, and thirty-two persons were killed and many badly wounded, but when matters hod subsided a little and we examined the room and the box where the manuscript was kept we found it to our satisfaction as we had left it, and as it is now, in a good state of preservation."

good state of preservation." I am now en route South West City, which is 28 miles from Seneca. It is in the extreme Southwest cor-ner of the State of Missouri, and is the present home of Oliver Cow-dery? wider and his outh denother the present home of Oliver Cow-dery's widow and his only daughter, who is the wife of Dr. Charles John-son. The railroad goes ino nearer than this place, I have therefore to hire some private conveyance, and the trip will take me two days. The object of my visit is to obtain a Da-gerreotype of Oliver Cowdery, one of the three witnesser, and his family have the only one in existence. The Doctor has said it shant go, and his wife commenting on his his wife commenting on his resolution said, "that's the end of it." The Whitmore's smiled in-credulously when I told them the oredulously when I told them the object of my visit, knowing the doctor bad refused to let it go. But this is a kind of imperative business. The picture is wanted for the October number of the Contributor. Th likeness of David Whitmer and Martin Harris are already engraved by H. B. Hall & Son of New York by H. B. Hall & Bon of New York; who are waiting for this to complete the group. And as it is my special mission to obtain it, I shall no doubt be successful, of which you will be duly advised.

Yours very truly. JAMES H. HART. P. S. I succeeded in getting the likeness but have not had time to wright it up. J. H. H.

## Correspondence.

## Missionary Work-Judge Cariton-Beventh-day Adventists,

SEELYVILLE, Vigo Co., Ind., August 30, 1883.

Editor Deservet Neue:

wright it up.

I, in company with Nathaniel holding meetings and explaining the principles of the gospel at the fireside; and on leaving were re-quested to call again. I returned to this place early in April last; and have labored in this and adjoining counties almost continuously ever since, in connection with Elders Hawkes, Lapien and Anderson, the " ter being with me at present. We have held many meetings which have been generally well attended, consequently we have had the privi-lege of bearing our terminony to a large number of people. We have that it may be in Texas While enduring the intense heat the last two days, my attention was called to a discovery said to have been made recently by some Turkish commissioners of Noah's Ark on Monnt 'Ararst, It is said to be a baptized two persons, and there are one or two others here who are in-vestigating our principles. Further che of two others here who ste has been reproduced from its col-vestigating our principles. Further than this we cannot say at present that we have accomplished much, saide from removing prejudice from the dope the same thing. Thinking of his articles in the Boomerang.

the minds of the people. We have considerable opposition to meet and in many places we cannot get houses to preach in and therefore contem-plate holding out door meetings, when the meetings, correspondence representation with the sector presentation to the Journal in connection with the the presentation to the sec-ond time to avoid all reference to the Journal in connection with the when the weather will permit.

About seven miles to the west of this place, is the city of Terre Haute, which is about the size of, and in some respects resembles Salt Lake City. It is the cleanest and best ordered city of its size or larger, I have seen since leaving Utah, and it is the home of Judge Carlton of the Utah Commission. I have met and talked with many who are per-sonally acquainted with him, and they all have a good word for him and they be be constructed for him and say he is a gentleman in the strictest sense of the word.

On July 1st we attended a meeting held by the Seventh Day Ad-ventists, in the town of Farmersburg, Sullivan County, and were surprised to hear them preach such plain Bible doctrine as they did. The discourse was upon the final condi-tion of the earth and its saved in-habitants. They have been holding meetings there for some weeks past, and according to report have won over about sixty persons, which would be about half the inhabitants of the place. From what I could learn from those who attended their meetings regularly, they depart far from the Bible teachings in many instances, and many of their ideas were very amusing to me. Ac-cording to accounts given by some of the newly made converts, new thembers are taken or received into tre church and are afterwards bap-They believe in and practice the laying on of hands for ordina-tion to office, etc., but not for the gift of the Holy Ghost. They ob-serve Saturday as the Sabbath and hold that the keeping of this one of the ten commandments is really the seal of God, or having the Father's name written in their foreheads, or as they say in the mind, and those who keep Sunday for the Sabbath have the mark of the besst. They hold that the signs of the second coming of Christ are all ful-filled but the last great one in the east. They claim that the sun has been darkened and the stars have fallen from heaven. They refer to the shower of shooting stars or me-teors which took place in 1833, and say this generation began at that time, and that the Savior will come in this generation is that the in this generation; and further, they claim there will only be one bun-dred and forty four thousand saved from among men living on the earth at that time, and the righteous dead at that time, and the righteons dead will rise to meet him together with those quickened who are living. New comes the amusing part to me: All the wicked on the earth will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming, and He will take all the rightcons away to heaven to reign with him a thousand years, there-fore Satan will be left roaming about alone on the earth, and will be prac tically bound because he will have no one to tempt, and when the thousand years are past and the wicked dead are resurrected, that he must tempt them for a little season, then cometh the end of the earth. This is the plan as given to me by one of their late converts. The wheat crop in this section was almost a total failure, and the corn will only make about half a crop on account of the present dry weather.

We have had here a cool dry month and vegetation looks bad. We are both enjoying good health, and also the same in regard to spirits, and are determined to push

on in the good work. We go to Johnsonville on Sept. 13th, to attend our Conference, which will be held Sept. 15th and 16th.

Your Brother in the Gospel of peace. ENOS L. BTOOKEY.

## A LITTLE TOO CAPTIOUS.

WE flad in the Utah Journal of September 12th, the following inquiry, addressed specially to the DESERET NEWS:

"Is it not a violation of journalistic comity to reproduce from an exchange, original news or other mat-ter, which has been obtained and published at the expense of the journal in which it first appears?"

The reason for asking this question appears to be that in our daily of the 8th inst, we failed to give credit to the Journal for the Littlefield-Smith correspondence which has been reproduced from its col-unins. The Journal proceeds to say:

correspondence reproduced from its columns, has suggested, the above query."

The Utah Journal is a little too captions. It is one of the last pa-pers that should complain about so simple a matter. We have noted in its columns many times articles that have been taken or adapted from the DESERET NEWS, and seve-ral sermons reported for this paper which have been copied into the Journal without attempt at credit. Also local items which first ap-peared in this paper and subsequently found their way into an-other, have appeared in the Journal with oredit to the paper through which they have been flitered. But we made no public complaint of this, and think that if the Journal had any real occasion to feel aggrieved its vexation might have found vent

n another way. But let us see how much truth there is in the grumbling of our northern neighbor; for we do not pretend to claim that its errors are any excuse for our wrong-doing. In looking over the file of the NEWS we find that the first Journal letterfrom L. O. Littlefled which appeared in our columns was on May 5th, for which due credit was given at the end of the letter, and we said editorially. editorially:

"We reprint to day an open letter to certain 'Josephites,' written by Brother L. O. Littlefield, and pub-lished in the Utah Journal of April 27th."

The next that appeared was on June 2d, when a reply was publish-ed and another letter from Brother Littlefield. In each of these letters' the Utah Journal is mentioned, showing that the correspondence was originally in that paper. On Angust 4th, appeared further cor-respondence from the same writers with "Utah Journal" added at the close. On the 1st of September we noticed editorially the whole corres-pendence, between the parties in pondence between the parties in these words:

"We considered the position tak-on by Drother Lyman O. Littlefold in his correspondence with Mr. Smith, which we reproduced from the columns of the Utah Journal, giving both sides of the controversy, had been established beyond reason able doubt."

One week later we gave our readers the letters which had but a few days before appeared in the *Journal*, and marked due credit in the copy, which was overlocked by the proof-reader or Utah Journal would have appeared as before. So there is just one occasion in which the name of the highly sensitive organ of Cache Valley was not duly heralded as the first paper in which some letters appeared. How much has it been is jured by the uninten-tional omission? The Journal tional omission? The Journal shouldn't cackle quite so much, because it didn't really lay those literary eggs; the only effort on the part of our contemporary was putting them in print.

Now if we had felt any disposi-tion to rob the Journal of the least ray of its glory or a line of its original matter, we should not have called attention so repeatedly to the fact that this Littlefield Smith correspondence was taken from its columns, and the insinuation that "care seems to have been taken to avoid all reference to the Journal," is a little too near bearing false witness against its neighbor, to give the Journal that elevated tone which we know its projectors desire it to maintain. We have no wish to cross swords

with our friends, howe Ver ed a touch of dyspepsia may have made them for a moment, hut we are too careful on the score of giving credit to contemporaries and "honor to whom honor,"to allow this unjust attack to pass unnoticed. If all our country contemporaries were as par-ticular as the DESERET NEWS to name the sources of their informa-tion, there would be little cause for complaint as to "proper credit."

"Bill Nye."--"Bill Nye," former editor of the Laramie Boomerang purposes settling in Hodeon, Wis-consin. He has tendered his resig-nation of the postmastership of Laramie. Ha toid a Deaver reporter