

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY OCT. 27,

**Missionary in Minnesota.**—The friends of Elder Charles M. Nielson, who is laboring in the State of Minnesota, will be pleased to learn that he is enjoying his mission and doing what he can to spread the knowledge of the Gospel in that locality. He has been traveling with Elder H. M. Payne since September 8th, through the counties of Sherburne, Anoka, Isanti, and Mille Lacs, until the 15th inst., when Elder Payne was called elsewhere to labor and Brother Nielsen was left alone. He had borne his testimony many times both in English and in his native Norwegian tongue.

**Birthday Party.**—The friends and well-wishers of our aged and respected friend and brother, Counselor Daniel H. Wells, (and their name is indeed legion,) will be gratified to learn that to-day he attained his 69th year in the enjoyment of his usual excellent health and spirits. It has been a custom in his family for many years, to appropriately observe the veteran's birthday, and in consonance therewith the members of his household will meet together this evening to tender their congratulations to their honored husband, father and friend, and indulge in those festive and social delights which belong to occasions of this character. A sumptuous dinner will be served at 5 o'clock, and the rest of the evening will be whiled away in social pastime, and in musical and literary exercises, in which the members of his talented family will take part. We join with many thousands, who on reading this will heartily respond Amen, in wishing Brother Wells every possible prospective happiness, and a renewed lease upon a life which he has ever striven to render honorable in the sight of God and man.

**Fort Douglas Affairs.**—A rumor has been abroad for several days to the effect that the ambulance traffic between Fort Douglas and this city was on the eve of being abolished, by the establishment of a new line of railway, reaching from the Fort to the Utah Central and Denver & Rio Grande depots. This new line, it has been said, was to be independent of and apart from either the cable tramway recently proposed, or the railway route, portions of which have already been surveyed, between the Utah Central depot via City Creek Canyon and the dry bench to Red Butte Canyon and the Fort. Deeming such a movement rather improbable, not only from the fact that an independent railway in the face of the two others would be a comparatively useless and unprofitable scheme, but from the no less unusual circumstance that neither the city authorities nor any one connected with the administration of municipal affairs knew anything about it, a News representative yesterday interviewed an officer from the Fort to whom, the subject being broached, it was as much a matter of surprise as to anyone. He said he had no doubt that the report of a new railway was simply an outgrowth of the discussion on the other two ventures referred to, and there was no further foundation for anything whatever on the subject. It was probable that, with two distinct lines of transportation between the Fort and the city, the local ambulance traffic might be materially lessened, and even done away with in time, but he thought that even this rumor was due to the fact that there was a general movement throughout the army to dispose of surplus stock, such as wagons, etc., with a view to improving and replenishing.

The work on the four new sets of barracks at the Fort is progressing steadily. These barracks are built as extensions—two sets on each end—of the crescent-shaped building now known as the Officers' Quarters, only the new additions, instead of continuing the segment of the circle, are built straight along from their respective terminations. An entire regiment is now stationed at the Fort and will be from henceforth. It is said, outside of the authority just quoted, however, that Fort Douglas is destined to be the main distributing military post between the Missouri and the Pacific.

**Shooting Scrape in Ogden.**—The Ogden *Post* contains one particular of a shooting affair in that city on Friday afternoon, which was briefly mentioned in a dispatch to the Salt Lake papers received this morning, and is to be found elsewhere in the News this evening. The

two combatants, Leroy S. Swigart, a brakeman on the Utah & Northern, and E. S. Winn, deputy sheriff of Oneida County, Idaho, between whom there had existed bad blood for a long time, met on the streets and exchanged several shots, Swigart being the aggressor and, as it afterwards transpired, the only one who was hurt. The affair occurred as follows: Winn came up Fourth Street to the corner of Main, and stopped to converse with Deputy Sheriff Wm. Barnhart, also of Oneida County, Winn's back being turned to Fourth Street. Mr. James Sprunt also stood by in the same position. Suddenly, and without the slightest warning, Leroy Swigart stepped to the rear of Mr. Sprunt, placed his six-shooter alongside his head and shot at Winn. The powder burned Sprunt's face, so close was the weapon held to him, and the bullet passed harmlessly between Winn and Barnhart. Winn then turned round to see who the assailant was, when Swigart fired a second shot. Winn then drew his revolver, covered Swigart with it and attempted to shoot, but the gun snapped twice. The third time it discharged, but harmlessly, while Swigart got in a third ineffectual shot. By this time the latter had moved out into the middle of the street, and the two men continued firing at each other until their revolvers were empty. Swigart who had evidently been wounded, then staggered into W. G. Child & Son's store, while Winn started down Fourth Street, but meeting officer Moroni Brown, surrendered to him, and was taken into custody. A dozen shots were fired in all. Swigart, who had received four shots, two in the right thigh, one in the left and the other in the right foot, was taken to the Chamberlain House and attended to by Drs. Mitchell and Adams. He was enduring much pain at last accounts, but was perfectly conscious. He admitted himself as being wholly to blame for the shooting, but attributed to Winn certain domestic difficulties between him and his wife, which drove him to attempt the desperate deed. Both men, it is expected, will be bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

## GRANGER AND VICINITY.

AS SEEN BY A TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT.

Granger, on the U. P., is in Wyoming Territory, one hundred and fifty miles from Ogden City. A junction is made here with the Oregon Short Line, which stretches away north and west until it connects with the Utah and Northern. Granger possesses importance because of this connection, and bleak and barren though it may be, yet it might be made much more attractive than it is, being situated on Ham's Fork and near to its confluence with Black's Fork; there is, therefore, water in abundance. The first stream is turbid and said to be detrimental to stock, the latter is clear and sparkling, apparently fitted for domestic purposes, yet the two streams are conjointly running unused into Green River on the Coast.

There are some forty teams engaged in levelling, making grade and excavating for switches and connections between the two lines, and for the O. S. L. a round house is laid out to stall eighteen or twenty engines, it being about 400 feet in diameter. A townsite is plotted, lots are being sold, and much anticipation is being indulged in as to this stirring and possibly permanent town. These teams which, in plowing, scraping and teaming, create an ever changing panorama, are from Hooper, Weber County, Utah, and Montpelier, Bear Lake County, Idaho, and have for this season nearly completed their work. It is evident, however, that their must be much more needed, as consequent on the increasing northern traffic ten more engines have been ordered for the line. This implies warehouse room, repair shops, hotel accommodation, dwellings for workmen of all grades, and the consumption of much which if not raised there, must come from Utah or Idaho settlements and command a good price. At the Granger Hotel a mixed car-load of vegetables had just been received from the West, the first cost of which was \$235; there seemed, however, to be some room for complaint that the freight charges amounted to \$165, thus making potatoes, cabbage, etc., somewhat of a luxury and sparingly supplied at the table, although 50 cents only a meal is charged.

The weather is fine, the people are full of activity, preparing for the inevitable, which comes and lingers on these elevated table lands and spreading valleys, of this rapidly developing section of the coming mountain States. H. W. N.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 29.

**Emigration.**—The S. S. Wisconsin, of the Gulf Line, sailed on Saturday the 27th inst., from Liverpool, with the last company of this season's Church emigration from Europe, numbering 358 souls. A telegram to this effect from Agent Jas. H. Hart, at New York, has been received at President Taylor's office.

**For Arizona.**—Apostle Heber J. Grant left to-day on a mission of two months or more among the Lamanites in Arizona. He intended to join Apostle Brigham Young, who went south a few days ago, and the two will labor together during their absence. We wish them health, prosperity and good success.

**Important Notice.**—The presidents of the various Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations of the Salt Lake Stake, are hereby requested to see that the names of the officers, the day and time of meeting, and such other information as they may think necessary, is forwarded immediately to me, at the Deseret News Office. J. A. EVANS, Sec'y.

**Burglary.**—On Saturday night the residence of Mr. Charles Burton, brother to Bishop R. T. Burton, in the Fifteenth Ward, was burglariously entered and about \$75 or \$100 worth of articles taken away. The house was a temporary structure into which the family had moved while their new house was being finished, and it is supposed some one loitering about the premises took advantage of the unsettled state of affairs to commit the robbery.

**Mammoth Murphies.**—Two fine specimens of the Early Rose potato, with an aggregate weight of three pounds, ten and a half ounces, were brought from St. Charles, Bear Lake County, Idaho, by Thomas Watkins of Liberty, in the same county. The potatoes were raised on the farm of William Foster, of St. Charles. While not the largest ever exhibited here, considering the climate in which they were raised, they are remarkably fine tubers.

**District Court.**—The trial of Geo. Gibbs, on Friday last, resulted in a verdict of not guilty, and the defendant, charged with assault with intent to do bodily harm, was discharged from custody.

Redman E. Joyce, who had previously pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, was sentenced on Saturday to four years imprisonment in the Utah Penitentiary.

The case against Ezekiel Price, charged with assault to murder, who on Thursday last was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty, was dismissed on Saturday.

This morning a number of civil cases have occupied the attention of the Court, but nothing of general interest has taken place.

**Fatal Accident.**—The following special to the News was received at this office shortly after noon to-day:

SILVER REEF, UTAH,

October 29th, 1883.

A sad accident which resulted in the death of two men and the injury of a third on last Saturday evening, has just come to light. On Saturday afternoon Henry Mangum and two Mexicans, while on their way home, stumbled into a shaft 34 feet deep. Mangum and one of the Mexicans named Don Jose Mendez, were killed; their necks being broken by the fall. The third man was not very badly injured. They lay in the shaft for nearly 24 hours, when a man who was passing, on hearing some one moan, went to the mouth of the shaft and discovered what had taken place. In a few minutes afterwards, several miners were at work, and the bodies were brought to the surface.

**How to teach Gospel Doctrines.**—A resident of the Twenty-first Ward informs us that the meeting house was well filled last evening with people who assembled to hear an address by Elder John Nicholson on the subject "How to teach the doctrines of the Gospel to the Young." The speaker had the profound attention of his hearers, and during the hour and a half he occupied, was only interrupted once. This was when he intimated his intention to

stop, whereupon the audience made a general request that he continue. A number of young people in the Ward, having as their object the study of the Gospel principles, have been formed into a class with Bishop W. L. N. Allen as teacher, and will hold their first meeting on next Saturday night. The plan to be pursued in teaching this class is that formulated by Elder Nicholson and published in his *Preceptor*.

**Pleasant Valley Coal.**—The coal mines in Pleasant Valley, Spanish Fork Canyon, are turning out considerable quantities of coal to supply the market in different parts of the Territory. The Denver & Rio Grande mines are yielding about five hundred tons per day, and the Utah Central claims are also being worked, but not so extensively. The mines owned by the two railway companies are the only ones which are in active operation, although various other persons own mining property in that region. The Utah Central Company bought out Phillip Pugsley, of this city, and compromised with the Denver and Rio Grande, agreeing to abandon the pushing ahead of their broad gauge track up that canyon, on condition that the D. and R. G. ship half of the coal brought by it from Pleasant Valley, from the Utah Central mines. Most of the Pleasant Valley coal finds its way into southern Utah, being especially adapted for smelting and furnace purposes, but it is also popular for general domestic use and some of it comes north to supply Salt Lake City.

## THE FIRE FIEND.

SALT LAKE THREE VISITED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

Saturday evening's issue of the News contained a brief notice of a fire which broke out in its incipency at the Richards' Building, on Second South Street, where a chimney had ignited from some falling soot, but was extinguished by the firemen before any serious damage had resulted. The loud peal of the alarm bell had scarcely died away, the afternoon's fire and its fortunate termination had no more than ceased to be the theme of general conversation, and the inhabitants of our peaceful city were quietly slumbering through the "wee sma' coos ayant the twal," than the same brazen voice once more sent forth its awful warning that the fire fiend was again at his destructive work. This time it was Causey, Harkins & Company's skating rink, a few doors south of the Continental Hotel, that had taken fire, and a huge column of smoke and shining cinders, shooting up into the heavens from the scene of the conflagration, showed that the devastating element had gained alarming headway. The bell sounded at about five minutes to three o'clock, and Chief Engineer Ottinger, who arrived on the scene of the fire from his home in the Twentieth Ward, about twelve minutes later, found his men from the Hall already on the spot and actively at work. Seeing all hope was lost of saving the building, which was a mere wooden shell, the rooms of which were lined with canvas and as combustible as tinder, the efforts of the firemen, after the falling in of the roof, were principally directed towards saving the houses on either side. The residence of Col. Beattie stood within two feet of the blazing pile, and it was with the utmost difficulty that the flames, which several times caught the roof and inflicted more or less damage, could be fought back and the building saved. As it was, much of the furniture was broken in the carrying out, and in all the injury to the property will amount to between \$300 and \$400. Luckily it was insured to the extent of \$2,000, and all losses will thereby be covered. The loss to the Skating Rink Company, on whose building there was an insurance of \$3,000, will possibly amount to between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Among the articles consumed were some band instruments and a large lot of skates. Every exertion was made by the firemen to rescue the property, but owing to its combustible character, notwithstanding the rapidity of their movements, it was a mass of charcoal and cinders by the time the water began to play upon it. The firemen remained upon the scene about an hour and a half, at the lapse of which time the last sparks were extinguished. The cause of the fire is uncertain. By some it is attributed to incendiarism,

and by others to accident from a stove inside the building.

At half past 11 o'clock, Sunday forenoon, the alarm again struck and indicated the breaking out of a fire on the premises of Mr. B. F. Whittemore, proprietor of the saloon and hotel restaurant which occupies the corner across the street south-east from the Utah Central depot. The flames originated, it is supposed by some, in the south end of a stable in the rear of the other buildings, and were communicated from the saloon to the hotel on the east end and a butcher shop adjoining. All three, with the barn itself, in which were a horse, two pet bears, and several vehicles, were destroyed with most of their contents, the animals and vehicles perishing in the flames. Through the exertions of the firemen, who arrived on the scene within three minutes after the alarm was sounded, a large quantity of liquor in barrels, in the cellar, was saved. The Utah Central hose company were first upon the spot, but unfortunately their apparatus burst soon after the water was turned on, and thus limited the extent of their usefulness. The origin of this fire is also shrouded in uncertainty. Some say it occurred from the falling of a stove pipe; others that some fat got into the fire while cooking was in progress, and still others, that it started in the stable, as above mentioned, from some unknown cause. The loss to Mr. Whittemore is estimated at from \$5,000 to \$6,000, with an insurance of \$2,000 to meet it. A number of boarders at the hotel are reported to have lost money and various articles of value. A gentleman and his wife just arrived from Ogden, had taken rooms there, and he had but a moment before taken out his pocket-book containing about \$500, and laid it down, when the flames burst into the apartment and both of its occupants summarily fled, leaving their property behind them to be consumed. An immense crowd gathered on the scene, and some of them endeavored to help themselves to the beer and liquors that were taken out into the street, but Chief Engineer Ottinger ordered his men to turn the hose on them, and this had the effect of slaking their thirst in a more temperate way, and rescuing the spoil from their eager hands. The firemen remained upon the scene about three hours. Mr. Hooper, foreman of Company No. 1, while at work, was accidentally struck in the face by a stream of water, the force of which was so great as to tear the skin and inflict an ugly cut under the eye. He was knocked almost senseless by the concussion, but soon recovered. At the Skating Rink fire, eight hours before, Messrs. Gilbert and Hansen, two firemen, were also slightly injured, the former by tumbling into a hole and cutting a gash in his head, the other by a falling board which struck and cut him over the eye.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

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## FOREIGN.

PARIS, 26.—Gen. Bouet, late commander of the French forces in Tonquin, has arrived at Marseilles.

The *Republique Francaise* publishes the edict of Dr. Harmand, French civil commissioner in Tonquin, in accordance with which by virtue of the Hue treaty, all persons, no matter of what nationality, who continue to fight against the French, will be put to death.

The Chinese Legation, finding the Yellow Book full of omissions, has determined to publish all the documents bearing upon the Tonquin negotiations, in order to set themselves right in the public opinion of Europe.

Official statistics show that the decrease was only 31 per cent in the present year's exports to the United States from Berlin, Breslau, Chemnitz, Dresden, Hamburg, Leipzig and Stettin, as compared with last year. The same statistics show an increase this year of 29 per cent over the exports of 1881.

St. Petersburg, 26.—Gen. Gourko, Governor General of Warsaw, while recently reviewing 75,000 troops in Poland, severely commented upon their inefficiency, and emphasized the urgent necessity for important reform.

Owing to jealousy of foreign enterprise, newspapers are fiercely attacking the establishment favored by the government, of a mixed com-