

is now nearing completion and is considered the finest of its character in the West. No written description of its beauties can give an idea of the appearance of the interior, which can be pronounced at once neat, attractive and comfortable. Three thousand persons can be easily seated in it, and with crowding, five hundred more can be accommodated. Its acoustic properties were tested last evening by President John Taylor and other members of the Twelve who were present. Hearing is perfect in every part of the building, and the brethren present expressed themselves delighted with the labors so far done. The plans of the architect, Mr. Obed Taylor, have been faithfully carried out by Mr. Henry Grow, who has had the entire building under his supervision, is one of the construction committee, and to whom, more than any other man, the thanks and appreciation of the people of this Stake are due. The NEWS congratulates Bro. Grow on his energy and success in crowding the work forward, and acknowledges his courtesy in furnishing its representative with the facts above referred to, and the opportunity of visiting the structure.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 2

The Verdict.—The Coroner's jury, sitting on the case of the late George W. Drake, last evening returned a verdict, the effect of which was, that the unfortunate man came to his death by a bullet, shot into his head from unknown hands. The prevailing opinion seems to be that the man was murdered, notwithstanding the evidence favoring the supposition of suicide, which many still hold to be sufficient to prove that the latter was the real case.

Meteorological Summary.—Sergeant Craig, of the Signal Service, furnishes us with a weather summary for the month of February, from which we make a few extracts. The highest temperature reached during the month was 62°, the lowest 5°, the mean average was 33.7°, indicating a colder month of February than any since 1874. Rain or snow fell on 15 days, the total precipitation being 0.43 of an inch; this is less rainfall than in any corresponding month in the last seven years. The prevailing direction of the wind was southeast, and its highest velocity was 41 miles per hour, attained on the 25th. There were 14 clear days and 16 days on which there was frost.

An Item of Missionary Experience.—We have perused, by permission, a private letter dated the 6th inst., from Elder Hans Funk, now laboring as a missionary in Copenhagen, Denmark. Among other interesting items, he describes a visit to the Island of Sams, off the coast of Jutland. There were no Saints on the island, but the Elders procured opportunities to hold meetings and were getting along quite peaceably and successfully, when one day they were arrested by the police for selling pamphlets. They were taken before the magistrate and fined, but declining to pay the assessment, were thrown into prison for three days and nights. Regaining their liberty at the expiration of that time, they held other meetings and baptized several persons. Soon afterward, Brother Funk returned to Copenhagen to take charge of that branch of the Church.

A Good Record.—A meeting of the board of Directors of the Provo Manufacturing Company, was held in this city last Saturday, President A. O. Smoot and Vice-president M. Tanner, and directors John Taylor, J. S. Tanner, Wm. Paxman and W. H. Winn being present. W. Bringham was absent on account of illness.

A dividend of \$12,500 was declared, which is 24 per cent. on the capital stock, payable in goods on and after April 20th, 1880. The board reserved part of the profits to use as a working capital, which is a very good and safe thing to do.

The secretary was instructed to collect all delinquent assessments, as all stockholders were drawing the same percentage of dividend, and some of whom had not paid up their assessments. This matter will be attended to at once. Each member of the board expressed himself as being well pleased with the condition of the business, the same being more prosperous and in better condition than ever before.

A vote of thanks was tendered

Superintendent Dunn for his energy and faithfulness in his duties as the manager of the institution.—*Enquirer.*

A Successful and Interesting Mission.—We received a pleasant call this morning from Elder Elijah F. Pierce, of this city, who has just returned from an eighteen months' mission to New Zealand. He was accompanied by Mr. Michael Hayman, of Auckland, a city in that country, who came over in company with Elder Pierce, and is now on his way around the world on a tour of pleasure. He is a genial-hearted gentleman, a well-to-do business man, and a Russian by birth, but a resident of New Zealand for the last twenty-two years. He is very friendly to the Saints, and expresses much pleasure at all he has seen and heard in Utah since his arrival. He has called on President John Taylor, most of the Apostles, President Wells and other Church notables, visited the Temple, Tabernacle, Z. C. M. I. and various local points of interest, and is delighted to find everything as represented to him by Elder Pierce while in his own country. He desires his New Zealand friends to know that the Elder told him the truth in regard to Utah and her institutions, and adds his testimony as a disinterested party to those already given of a character favorable to the people called "Mormons." Mr. Hayman will probably remain over Conference, then go to New York, and thence to Liverpool. He will travel via the Suez Canal back to his home in the regions of the Southern Pacific.

Elder Pierce was obliged to return home on account of ill health. He has had a very successful mission and in company with his conferees, has done a good work, which is still growing and spreading in that far off land. He left here on the 16th of November, 1878, and landed in New Zealand without a penny, but was blessed and sustained in a wonderful manner from the very beginning. In the patriarchal blessing, given previous to leaving Utah, he was told that on reaching New Zealand he should be met and assisted by a stranger, and that it should be a testimony to him that that land would receive the Gospel. This was verified to the letter. A gentleman named Adams heard Elder Pierce preach on board the vessel, on the way across, (a privilege accorded him by the captain every Sabbath) and on their arrival in port walked up to him and putting his hand on his shoulder, said, "I know you are a man of God." He then gave him \$10, to assist him on his journey. Brother Pierce has presided over the New Zealand Mission, which is now in a very prosperous condition, since first arriving in that country, and has had a very thrilling and interesting experience. He was mobbed once by 1,500 people, but escaped uninjured. The mobbing took place in Christ Church, at the instigation of "Christian" ministers, who first turned off the gas in a meeting where the elders were preaching, and then incited the multitude to surround the brethren after they had emerged from the building, and followed them for a distance of four miles, throwing rocks at them, hitting them with flour sacks, and heaping other indignities upon them. However a great many have been baptized, and quite a number have emigrated.

The Elders left in the field, among whom were several natives, were working faithfully and arduously. The Saints were poor, but hopeful and contented. When Elder Pierce left New Zealand, he set apart Elder George Batt, of Logan, to preside over the mission. Elder Thomas Shreeves, of this city, had charge of the Wellington Conference, Elder Neils Grundland of the Canterbury Conference (headquarters of the Saints), and Elder John P. Sorensen of the district of Auckland. Elder H. Allington was at Karoie, laboring faithfully, and intended returning home soon. Brother White was also doing well. Elder Wm. Burnett was on the way home with the main portion of the emigrant company. Taking the mission as an entirety, everything was prosperous and promising. Brother Pierce is satisfied with his work, and returns feeling assured that he did his duty to the best of his ability.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 3

Ho for the North!—Brother Wm Clegg, of Springville, is about to start on a tour of the northern settlements, for the purpose of delivering lectures on the history and beauties of the Bible. He will also recite original poetical compositions,

All who know Brother Clegg are aware that he is a poet. Those who have not the pleasure of his acquaintance should make it. We introduce him to the good people of the north as a genial, good-hearted friend and brother, whose literary entertainments will be appreciated.

More Silk Worm Eggs.—Samuel Cornaby, secretary of the Spanish Fork, (Utah County), Silk Association, under date of the 31st ult., in answer to our inquiry regarding the silk worm eggs for sale, writes as follows: "I have about 143 (oz.) of good healthy eggs, that are reliable, having been well kept. They are the French annual variety."

Mary Stark, president of the Brigham City (Box Elder) Silk Association, writes on the 25th ult.: "We have about 6 ounces of silk-worm eggs, to dispose of here."

A New Zealand Brother.—We had a call this morning from Brother John Thomas Lunnon, of Christ Church, New Zealand, one of the brethren who accompanied Elder Pierce on his return from that country. Brother Lunnon is a native of Middlesex, England, but has been in New Zealand since 1859, when he was 5 years of age. He was baptized last Summer by Elder George Batt, and confirmed by Elder Pierce. He states that in his land there was a widespread feeling of unrest, a desire to emigrate to other shores. Twenty men would have come to Utah on the same ship that brought our informant, if they had had the means to pay their passage over the ocean. He felt assured that the gospel would spread in New Zealand and a great many embrace the truth eventually. All it required was the persistent labors of good, faithful elders to remove existing prejudices. The people as a rule, were peaceable and well-behaved, but there were some who at times acted differently. Scenes of violence were extremely rare.

"Leader" Locals.—From the Logan Leader of the 2nd inst:

Young Rowe, of Mendon, who was seriously injured by the snow-pow at the same time that Baker, his companion, was killed, made a visit to Logan on Monday last. He has not yet entirely recovered.

On Wednesday a boy aged thirteen years, the son of Mr. Samuel P. Hall, who resides near Wellsville, was playing with the cylinder of a dragon revolver. The chambers were loaded with powder and ball, and young Hall conceived the idea of capping the tubes. He seated himself on the ground, placed the cylinder on his left leg, and then began forcing on a cap by means of a small iron bolt. The pressure was too great. A load was discharged, and the bullet entered his leg. Before reaching that part of his body, however, it left traces of its journey by taking off the end of one of his fingers and gashing several others. He sprang to his feet and ran into the house with his clothes on fire. The flames were extinguished; he was put to bed; and a messenger was dispatched to Logan for the boy's father, who was here on business. Mr. Hall started home immediately, taking with him Doctor Groesbeck. The surgeon made an examination and found the injury a serious one. The bullet had passed entirely through young Hall's leg, very fortunately missing the femoral artery, and only just grazing the thigh bone.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 5

Removal.—The Latter-day Saints' Conference House in London, lately at 20, Bishop's Grove, has been removed to 10, Dorset Street, Bride Street, Liverpool Road, Islington, London, N., where communications should hereafter be addressed.

Another Race.—Another "hare and hound" race is going to be run in a few days if the weather will permit. A larger pack of hounds, and a trial of endurance governed by certain established rules, will make the contest more interesting than the former one.

Pretty Bad.—The roads between this city and Parley's Park are in a horrible condition. A young gentleman who was twenty-four hours in traveling the distance from here to Park City writes that the "mud is as soft as love's young dream."

Hay Burned.—The following special to the NEWS was received this morning:

Richfield, April 5, 1880.

Last night the valuable hay stack of Stanley I. Davis of Prattville, containing probably 50 tons, was

destroyed by fire, supposed to be incendiary.

Improving.—The Old Fort block, now known as Pioneer Square, is being improved by the setting out of two rows of poplar trees around the whole block. One row is placed just inside the fence; the other is in the usual place, alongside the water ditch.

Killed by Lightning.—A communication from Logan bears the sad intelligence that on Friday last about three o'clock, Mr. John Cowley, of that place was killed by lightning. He was found in a barn across the street from his residence, with a small wound on the back of his head and several marks of the destroying element on his body. He leaves a wife and six children, and his loss is felt by the entire community where he was universally respected.

A Seven Thousand Dollar Fire.—A special has just been received per Deseret Telegraph line, as follows:

MONROE, U. T.,
April 5, 12.10 p.m.

The "People's Store," dealers in merchandise, was burned here, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. Being a frame building, the flames spread rapidly, destroying everything it contained. Salesman Madsen and family, who lived in an adjoining room, narrowly escaped with their lives. Loss estimated at \$7,000. There are strong indications of the fire having been incendiary. Great indignation and excitement prevail.

The Vote.—Voting in all the precincts is unusually light. The number of those who have neglected to make use of their privilege in this respect is astonishing, but it is gratifying to learn that the requisite two-thirds majority vote necessary to enable the city authorities to complete the canal will without doubt be obtained. In the main precinct, the City Hall being its polling place, only 230 ballots were cast up till 2 o'clock. In the first precinct the negative votes are quite numerous, but in the others a large majority for the affirmative is anticipated.

The Emery Testimonial.—The Junction of Saturday says the gift which has been purchased for presentation to Ex-Governor Emery by the citizens of Ogden is a beautiful watch and chain, of the purest gold, with a most excellent movement, made by that widely known and eminent firm of jewelers, Appleton, Tracy & Co., Waltham, Mass., and on the inner case is handsomely inscribed: "Presented to Hon. G. W. Emery by citizens of Ogden, Utah, regardless of party, April 3d, 1880."

The presentation was to take place on Saturday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, in the Ogden Court Room. The public were invited, and doubtless a large audience assembled to witness the proceedings and hear the addresses.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Priesthood of this Stake convened according to appointment in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, on Saturday, April 3d, 1880, at 11 a.m.

There were present on the stand: Of the Twelve Apostles: President John Taylor, and Elders Wilford Woodruff, Charles C. Rich, Franklin D. Richards, Joseph F. Smith and Moses Thatcher; the Presidency of the Stake; Presiding Bishop Edward Hunter, Counselor L. W. Hardy and others.

There was a fair representation of the members of the various Quorums of the Priesthood, excepting the Teachers' Quorums. All the Wards of the Stake were represented, excepting the 9th, 14th, Mill Creek, Granite and West Jordan Wards.

President Angus M. Cannon explained that in view of the fact that the General Annual and Semi-Annual Conferences were held in this Stake it had been deemed advisable to omit the Quarterly Conferences of the Stake in April and October and only hold them in January and July, and hold the regular priesthood meetings on the first Saturday of April and October as usual, which would be devoted to the reading of quarterly reports and such other business as would properly come before such a meeting.

The following reports were then read:

The statistical report of the Stake for the quarter ending February 28, 1880.

A report of the amount of tithing paid by the various wards of the Stake. The total for the Stake being \$114,000.

Reports from the 2d, 3d, 9th, 11th, 12th and 14th Quorums of Elders.

Also reports from Relief Societies, Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, Sunday Schools and Primary Associations.

In conclusion Elder Jos. F. Smith addressed the congregation upon the subject of the projected canal from Jordan to this city, showing the necessity of a prompt and united action on the part of the residents of Salt Lake City as delay might greatly increase the expense of the project. While he considered the building of this canal a wise and necessary measure, he did not wish the people to vote against their convictions of the right, but urged the people to be united in the matter and avoid all contention.

Adjourned to meet at 11 a. m. on Saturday, May 1st in the same building.

Court Certificates 1878-79.

The holders of certificates for per diem and mileage for attendance as jurors and witnesses on the Third District Court, during the years 1878 and 1879, are requested to deposit said certificates with N. W. Clayton, Esq., Auditor of Public Accounts, at his office, No. 11 First South Street, Salt Lake City, within thirty days from this date. Mr. Clayton will receipt for said certificates and hold them, pending examination into the service for which they were issued, by the Special Commissioner appointed by the Legislature. So soon as the investigation is finished, (due notice of which will be given through the newspapers,) the Auditor will issue Territorial warrants in payment pro rata, (so far as the appropriation made by the late Legislature will admit,) of all such services as found legal and proper under the laws of the Territory.

JOHN T. CAINE,
Special Commissioner Third Judicial District.

SALT LAKE CITY,
April 5th, 1880.

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L. B. MATTISON.

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BEFORE BREAKFAST

Always use SOZODONT, and rub it in well. It gives such pleasant relief from parched tongue resulting from sleep, promotes the healthful secretions of the mouth. It will cost more for meat and such things, but don't begrudge it. d eod s dw