

Correspondence.

Beaver Matters—New Court House—
Theatre Hall—New Paper—Sutcliffe—
Explosion, etc., etc.

BEAVER, June 20, 1881.

Deseret News:
Formerly Beaver had four school districts, but preparatory to the last meeting of trustees, they were consolidated into one district.

After the schools will be progressed, and teachers suitable competent for each department engaged as instructors. For the reason the last few years, the matters in Beaver have been going to boast of in the least, but consolidation is a step in the right direction, and will doubtless be in lasting good for the educational interests of the place.

The carpenter work on the new Court House is being vigorously pushed ahead; the contractors say they are a week in advance with their work. The building when completed will be the finest structure in northern Utah, barring one exception.

Messrs. Holt and Wildon commenced the erection of what Beaver long time has much needed, namely, a public hall for amusements. The building is nearing completion. In one end is a stage, and other there is to be a gallery. The seating capacity will be between two and three hundred. The Fourth ward is intended for its first opening.

Mr. White is putting up a very nice residence, a few unfinished dwellings are being completed, and some very large barns are being erected. Probably the largest is that of President M. L. Shepherd, which is building on his farm. Beaver is the great journal town of Utah, i.e., if the number that have been started here is to determine her greatness. Last Saturday evening many of us were surprised to have a new newspaper thrust into our hands, by the devil, we suppose. The new paper's caption is "The Enterprise."

Last Thursday night, a young man, Thomas Hoyt by name, 21 years of age, and unmarried took his life by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. The unfortunate man committed the rash act while some young ladies were visiting the room where he lay sick from the effects of liquor of which he had been excessively drinking of late. He was buried the day after.

Four soldiers from Fort Cameron Friday met with a painful accident. They were blasting rock on a road that is being built somewhere about Milford, and they were standing near a charge when it exploded, and fearfully injured the unfortunate men about their faces and heads. Though it will not prove fatal, some of them may lose their sight, which is bad enough. The ravages of the formidable blizzards are on the decrease.

The wind for the last two weeks has been very actively at work. The health of the people is generally good.

Plenty of water this year and the prospect for a bountiful harvest, is good.

LA HARPE.

END OF TRACK,
D. & R. G. R. R.,
June 18, 1881.

Deseret News:

Permit me to give your readers a sketch of matters and things over the scope of country over which we are now passing is a dry, desert-looking region. Water has to be brought in the tanks on the cars and man and beast, as there is no water from where we left the Piedmont, near its junction with the San Juan, till we reach the Los Pinos, a distance of some 12 or 15 miles. I suppose we are now perhaps two-thirds of the distance through this arid distance; between the two streams mentioned above. Where the grade is good and ties are promptly furnished, we move up at the rate of perhaps a mile and a half per day. It seems to be quite a task to keep the hands a full supply of water, as they all have to be shipped from some distance above. Take the hands as a whole, I do not think I ever saw a set work as well, and with such willingness. One cause is doubtless the clever deportment of the "bosses" under whom we work. Brother Hendricks has been with us several days, than whom a more genial, clever gentleman does not live, if I may be permitted to judge from the short time he has been

with us. We have here at work men of different nationalities, American, Mexican, Scotch, Irish, Danish, French, Welsh, &c. The train has come, so I must close. More anon.
H. P. DOTSON.

MANTI CITY,
Sanpete County, Utah,
June 25th, 1881.

Deseret News:

Early in spring our farmers commenced and finished their seeding. Immediately after, we were helped with rains, and very often, so that all the seed of good quality came up immediately. But the grasshoppers came up also; our brethren hauled out their chickens into the fields. Many men went after dark and plowed up the fallow land, so that by one way and another the husband man has won the battle, and we never had a better prospect for crops than at present.

Our orchards are laden with fruit: apples, plums, peaches and apricots, the latter we have not been able to raise for several years because of frost, but this year we have had no frosts following our rains, which is something altogether new for Manti. The Lord having, in his mercy, tended to the grain by means of genial showers, much labor has been put upon our individual homes, and while laboring at them, our public improvements have not been neglected.

The New Tabernacle, under the supervision of President Maiben, is rapidly reaching completion. Bro. Thos. Hoggan, of our city, is superintending the carpenter work, and Bro. John Grier the plastering. The people have been liberal in their donations for the erection of this house, and in fact it has become a necessity, for the one we now occupy will not hold one-third of the Mantinians, and when we get it completed it will be second to no place of worship south of Salt Lake City.

The Temple here, under the direction of Supt. W. H. Folsom, is making rapid progress, and is beginning to assume the proportions of a city set upon a hill which cannot be hid, at least in Sanpete, and we expect ere long that its effects will be felt on earth and in heaven.

We have four families getting ready to start for Colorado; they belong to the family of Andrew Poulson, who was called to that country at the Sanpete Stake Conference one year ago last May. He has sent them flattering reports of the country, and they are going to join him. The general health of the people is good, and while trouble, turmoil and death is stalking abroad on the face of the earth, and men's hearts who occupy high places among the nations are falling them for fear, we are living at peace, and have none to make us afraid.

Respectfully, etc.,
J. O. BROWN.

SUNSET, Apache Co., Arizona,
June 18th, 1881.

Deseret News:

Thinking a few items from this far-off land would be interesting to your readers, I accordingly endeavor to give them. I, in company with Prest. Lot Smith, Wm. C. Allen and John Bushman, have recently returned from an agreeable visit to the Saints in Tonto Basin, the northern limits of which, lie probably 80 miles south of this place. The "Basin" is a peculiar one, being filled with mountains, rugged hills, ravines and gorges, with a few fertile little valleys interspersed.

Among the latter, Pine Creek is the most suitable for settlement of any we visited. Six or eight families now reside there, they are anxious for more settlers, and I think 25 families could do well there. The country faces the south, the soil is rich, warm and productive, needing little if any irrigation, and well adapted to the production of corn. Potatoes do exceedingly well, and I saw some good wheat headed out. There is a great amount of excellent pine timber and considerable black walnut, oak, sycamore, maple, box-elder, juniper, cottonwood and tag alder. In the forest deer, antelope and wild turkeys abound. The stock range is good, but owing to the density of timber and the great number of hills covered with brush, the finding of stock will be difficult. Among other disadvantages are a remoteness from markets and points of supply, a rough road into and through the basin, dearth of mail services and high taxes (about 4 per cent.), all of which will probably be

ameliorated as colonization advances. Two sawmills are in course of erection, and one small grist mill (without a bolt) is running. A number of mines are being worked in the Basin by outsiders. While there a ward organization for the Saints of Tonto Basin, was effected with Bro. Rial Allen, of Pine Creek, as Bishop. Besides Pine Creek, there are Green Valley, Round Valley, East Verde and Tonto Creek all well spoken of for small settlements, with numerous springs which would answer well for ranches all through the Basin.

Here at Sunset, generally, good health and prosperity prevail.

Respectfully your brother,
L. M. SAVAGE.

At Home in Sanpete.

June 25, 1881.

Deseret News:

I am induced from certain transpiring circumstances to ask the question of many of the Latter-day Saints that have these traveling sectarian preachers in our territory got to give us in exchange for what we know and have received through the inspired ones of the last days? There are those who ridicule us at home and abroad, our costly temples, our churches, our schools, our facilities, etc., and draw, as I believe, invidious distinctions, and speak of the first named as evidence of our serfdom, yet they almost demand the occupancy of the church, the school on Sundays, to give their stale and stereotyped renditions, and by some we are expected to sit and hear. Have we the time, say nothing of the patience, to hunt among a bushel of chaff for the stray grain of corn?

One Reverend gentleman here literally screamed aloud to his hearers the importance of having a Bible, not one word of God who gave the truths therein, nor of Jesus who in His life exemplified them, nor of the Holy Ghost by whose inspired aid the same truths could be understood. The lunatic could read as he rode in his chariot, but it needed a God-sent, inspired Philip to teach him and take him into the water of baptism.

After preaching, praying to be delivered from Babylon, and ultimately "coming out of her," because she follows, must we, forsooth, waste our time at Sunday morning services to listen to the same twang and give up our pulpits to those who if from policy's sake are silent on the "Mormon" question when among us, must and do, when among their conferees, take a pronounced stand against us?

Is it necessary that our children should go to hear them to make a contrast? Certainly not.

Testimonies and men being equal as to man and man, is not my testimony of 49 years in this Church as to its truth and divine mission as potent, as much to be believed, as he that comes from nowhere? The reverends of Resolution fame desire to work among the young of Utah; they desire to have the boys and girls endorse their schemes and then saying, "You have been gulled, duped and egregiously fooled by your aged father and mother. They have both 'inherited lies, wherein there is no profit.'"

What new heaven-born truth have they to tell? What light, if any, to throw on the scriptures that they have received? Have not the "Mormon" scriptural standpoints permeated every Church, creed and pulpit? What is the source of their credentials? If Joseph Smith was not called of God, he had as much right as any of the legion of gospel-expounders to the faith and credence of the people as they.

But when there is added the irrefragable fact of his divine authority, testified of and known by thousands and among them none more than your correspondent, what shall we say? Shall we dance in the market place because these men pipe? Shall we waste time to listen and by listening and attendance give our little ones to imagine we may have a doubt, and if we doubt may they not fear?

The whole superstructure of the latter-day work is based upon the fact of the call of Joseph Smith. This being true, what need have we that any man should come and pretentiously tell us we have been deceived? I know better and there are thousands like me.

Having proved this work true, why need we go from synagogue to synagogue thinking to find anything superior?

Based upon the rock of divine and continuous revelation with God as

our Father, Christ as our elder brother, the Holy Ghost received to guide into all truth, of whom shall we seek for the words of eternal life if the word is not with us? We have proven oft and many times that their "cisterns hold no water."

No more eloquent sermon was ever preached by men than when the priesthood of the world met on the anti-polygamy platform. On all else they differ, but on the crucifixion of this one hated thing—the "Mormon" Church—the Pharisee, Sadducee, Essene, and scribe struck hands, and with one breath cried out "crucify, crucify it." And if Garfield was to wash his hands of the question and say Pilate-like either "Mormonism" or Brady must be released, these pious howlers would say "release Brady by all means." Shall we be acquiescent and attend their ministrations?

ITEM.

Escape of Prisoners.

PLEASANT GROVE,
June 30, 1881.

Deseret News:

Lost evening about 6 o'clock, John Pierce and a young man by the name of Brown, convicts, escaped from Mr. Thurman, at Provo, while they were coming from the field with a load of hay, they wished to walk, got a little behind and skeddaddled. Guards were placed at the principal roads leading out of town; they managed to escape, came here in the night, broke into the Co-op. Store, helped themselves to hats, overalls, etc., then came to my store, broke the window and were about to enter, when the nightwatch of the store caught one by the hand, but he pulled loose and they scampered off at a lively pace, leaving the old hats and a pair of new overalls. Mr. Thurman was here early this morning in pursuit, and identified the hats as those worn by the runaways. They also took a horse belonging to Mrs. Pierce, and took to the hills. News has just been received that Sheriff Turner has found Brown in the hills east of here, he had with him a new satchel taken from the Co-op. Pierce was sentenced a month ago, with three others of this place, for petty larceny. Brown was in for stealing a mule. They are about 17 and 20 years of age. A Danish boy 12 years old, one of the four, was liberated, yesterday, to come home, but his parents have not seen him since, they fear he is with Pierce.

Yours truly,
F. BEERS.

BEAVER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Beaver Stake Quarterly Conference was held on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, President John R. Murdock, presiding.

There were present Apostles F. M. Lyman and John Henry Smith, Elder Junius F. Wells, of Salt Lake City, the Presidency of the Stake, John R. Murdock, John Ashworth and M. L. Shepherd, Bishops, their Counselors, etc.

At 10 o'clock a. m. of Saturday the Conference was called to order and after the opening exercises the statistical reports of the Stake were read by the clerk, followed by verbal reports from the several wards.

Apostles F. M. Lyman and J. H. Smith, President John R. Murdock, Bishops White, Smith, McKnight, Counselor J. P. Bush, President Dalton, of Parowan Stake, and Brother Wm. Holyoak were the speakers of the day. The subjects—obedience, unity of the Saints, celestial marriage, political matters, etc.

On Sunday the speakers were: Apostles Lyman and Smith, Ira N. Hinckley and Joseph V. Robinson, of the Millard Stake presidency; Junius F. Wells and President John R. Murdock. The subjects dwelt upon—the contrast of the condition of the Saints now and their circumstances at the rise of the Church, the growth and power of the Kingdom of God in the latter days, promises of our Heavenly Father and privileges we enjoy as Saints, the necessity of our being united as well in political as other matters, with many other good instructions.

The conference was well attended from the settlements in this county, and surely we had a "spiritual feast of good things," and it is to be hoped that all will try and put in practice the wise counsels of the Apostles and others who occupied the time.

The general and local authorities

were presented and unanimously sustained by the conference.

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