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Editor Deseret News:

By the regular tri-weekly arrival of the American mails, with their ever welcome news of good cheer from over the water, among the most eagerly anticipated of which are the columns of our old friend and stand-by, the Deseret News, I am continually reminded of the fact that while it is a duty and a pleasure to myself to devote as much spare time as possible to the thoughtful perusal of its interesting pages, it might be considered by others, especially such as are instrumental in providing pecuniary for the public mind, a duty I owe them to contribute in a small way—the only way at my command towards such entertainment in their behalf. True, I have nothing much to tell, which in itself may be a pleasant piece of information, as a short horse is soon carried and one gallop of proof is quicker read than two, and quite oftener more profitably. But a truce to levity, and as to brevity or longevity that point can be better settled as we proceed.

At present little can be reported of an unusual character in the condition and prospects of the British Mission. As far as we are well aware, the most favorable time for the prosecution of missionary work is not the winter season. Still, efforts have been made, and will continue to be made, to make the most of the season. The winter months, during which open-air preaching is deemed impracticable at any rate, are spent in disseminating by means of tract distribution and fireside preaching, a knowledge of the saving principles which the Elders are here for the purpose of advocating and making plain. Commendable exertions have been put forth in fulfilling the commandment, "break bread beyond the ocean," and "carry the war into the enemy's country"—if such it is, in this case, to make the devil as mad as possible by releasing as many of his captives as are willing to be unbowed. Wherever this has been attempted and the Elders have struck right into the midst of the enemy, without purse or scrip, and relying entirely upon the Lord, their efforts have been attended with encouraging success. I can speak most positively of the fields immediately adjacent to Liverpool. In this conference, which is ably presided over by Elder George A. Smith, a marked success is manifest by increase in baptisms and attendance at meetings in several of the branches. This speaks for Liverpool, which has been looked upon as being on its "last legs" for a long time. In parts of the island the work advances somewhat slower at present, and in others still faster—the faster wherever opposed.

The wise counsel of President Cannon, published in two recent numbers of the Standard, together with President Smith's address, "Breaking new ground," being his watchword—have all had quite an effect upon the minds of the Elders, some of whom were nearly disheartened at seeing no results of their labors, encouraging them to renew their exertions and press forward in the faithful discharge of their duties, preaching by example as well as precept, converting wherever possible and at any cost, and by the way, to the perverse generation of the judgments of Almighty God, that are impending over them. In some places it really seems as if the work were all that remains to be done, for so long in apathy as to spiritual things are the people, who are either infidels or men who are "have no need" of any more salvation, that "Mormonism" no longer provokes either interest or opposition. A bad sign, to say the least, and one which cannot be judged as that which is to be feared, is generally less hopeful than active hostility. Saul, of Tarsus, became a convert to the religion he scolded, but doubtless there are thousands in his day who, while not opposing the cause of Christianity, continued to ignore it to the detriment of the souls of a shaking up to bring Saul to his senses, and I guess that is what the Lord is preparing for many people in this dispensation. He says he will "convert" those who come to the feast, who are too busy to respond to the first invitation, and my experience with the Al-malby has been in confirming that. He is a being who is very apt to keep his word.

The statistical report of the European Mission, in the last issue of the Standard, already called, obviates the need of my furnishing you any figures relative to the work done during the past year. The emigration record for the current year will soon be upon us. The first company is expected to sail on the 11th of April.

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**BRIDGEPORT, Conn., 17.**—While Mrs. Anne Roland was kneeling in front of the stove yesterday saying her prayers, a live coal fell on her clothing setting it on fire. She was shockedly burned, and died this morning. Three of her daughters were badly burned in trying to extinguish the flames.

**New York, 17.**—A special Washington dispatch says: The Department of State is informed that every measure possible is being adopted by the Chinese government to drive Americans from the Empire. Chinese restrictions are placed upon their business and new enterprises are entirely prohibited if conducted by Americans.

**St. Louis, 17.**—The receiver appointed to take charge of the Marion Trust Company, located in this city, reports that the concern has been in existence about a year, during which time nearly \$300,000 were taken in and \$50,000 paid out. The victims to the swindle number about 500. Investigation shows that the assets consist of the office furniture.

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**Montreal, 17.**—There is great excitement in financial and commercial circles over the fact that the Bank of Montreal has taken out a warrant for the arrest of Thomas Hodgson, the great produce merchant, for obtaining advances from the bank on false pretenses. The accused has absconded. It is said several other local banks are also badly stuck by the defaulter, who was supposed to be one of the richest merchants here.

**Stock Market.**—The stock market is completely demoralized owing to the losses the banks are likely to sustain by the delinquency.

**New Orleans, 17.**—The steamboat *Grand Isle*, which took the place of the lost *Tacoo*, was burned at Wilson's landing on Bayou River, Thursday. The boat and cargo, 500 tons of cotton and 2,000 sacks of seeds, are a total loss. The boat was valued at \$35,000. Cargo and boat insured.

**FOREIGN.**

**Latest Trans-Atlantic Dispatches.**

**Paris, 17.**—Twenty-two Communist banquets and meetings are announced for to-morrow in various parts of the city. It is probable that the Interior will not meet in the Champ de Mars as was expected, but will choose another place unknown to the government.

**London, 17.**—It is stated that Gen. Timasheff, ex-minister of the Interior, has been arrested in connection with the defalcation of Makoff, who committed suicide recently. Perillat, formerly director of the post office, has surrendered himself to the police, and has confessed his implication in the fraud.

**Wrecked.**—The wrecked ship *Dunelm*, from Calcutta via Dundee for Liverpool was wrecked on the coast of Aberdeenshire; fifteen men besides a number of women and children were drowned.

**Opera House.**—The Opera House Stock Company presented "The Duel in the Snow" last evening to a good sized audience, playing it with their usual ability. The play is somewhat dreary and did not excite much enthusiasm; but the farce of "A Dead Shot" created much merriment and being acted in a lively style sent the audience home in a good humor.

**Run Over.**—Yesterday officer William Calder was run over by a loaded wagon while attempting to stop a runaway team. He was considerably bruised about the lower limbs, but we are pleased to learn that his injuries are not serious.

**From Santiago.**—Bishop Geo. Halliday, of Santiago, was in town to-day, cheerful and hearty as usual. He reports all well in his diocese.

**DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE.**—The attendance on both days, March 16th and 17th, was large, and a veritable spiritual feast was provided for the brethren by the speakers. President Joseph F. Smith and Apostle W. Woodruff.

**On Saturday evening** in response to a call by Bro. W. Woodruff, the house was well filled with an attentive audience composed mainly of the young.

**The far-reaching effects of sin,** the "rude and bound of those who hold the priesthood, and the great reward in store for those who preserve their integrity as well as some reminiscences of early Church history were the leading subjects dwelt on by the speakers. The musical conference business was also attended to. It was truly a timely meeting and the Gospel light burns brighter in many a heart than it did before the conference at East Bonville.

**J. H. WILCOX, Clerk.**

**A Picture to the Life.**—Take a young man, a tall young man, with a small hat, a long face, a lengthy nose, a short body, a pair of long and slim legs, with some

match, and both arms and legs, largest at the extremities. Put him in a Bayswater coat, encase his legs in calico pantaloons, with sufficient blue in the legs to give passing glances between them of the flesh and of astonished world that lies ahead of him as he walks; cram his flat feet into pointed shoes; tie an eyeglass to his lappet; give him a delicate mustache and come to play with him—and if there be a grander sight under the canopy of heaven, we haven't time to think it up. Perhaps a monkey with a tin tail comes nearest to the phenomenon.

**Beginning to Squeeze.**—Two or three years ago a Jersey City pension lawyer took the case of a widow who wanted about \$2,000 back pay, and the papers went to Washington to be hidden away among the cobwebs until some clerk had nothing else to do but examine them. After three months had passed a young farmer came to ask about the case, and regularly every ninety days since that time he had dropped in with his: "Well, any good news for the Widow Jennings?"

At his last visit the other day, the lawyer replied after the same stereotyped fashion, and added: "Do you live near the widow?" "Only one farm between us." "And she has told you to watch for the money?"

"Well, not exactly that, but I've kinder taken it upon myself to do so. If the Widow Jennings gets that \$2,000 before the first of April, my heart is going to yearn to marry her. If she doesn't get it I'm going to marry an old maid with 21 acres of land and a yoke of oxen. I wouldn't have come in to-day, but I was kinder sick and the old maid is looking purty as a bed of onions, and things is beginning to squeeze on me."

**Curious Indian Belief.**—Lately Robert S. Gardner, a special agent of the Interior Department, has been inspecting and investigating the tribes of "red neck" men, who cumber the earth in various parts of Washington Territory. In an interview Mr. Gardner made some interesting statements about two tribes in Eastern Washington. We extract what follows: "The Sapoel tribe numbers about four hundred Indians, and they all belong to a stock known as the Grosvenors. They are looking for another flood, which they expect soon to come upon the earth. In order to be prepared they have secured all the necessary material for the building of an ark in which to sail off, as Noah did, when the flood comes. Among the material is 50,000 feet of lumber. The ark is to be built of cedar and about fifty or sixty feet wide.

"The dreamers have a small following among the Indians of the Salween, Snake River, Warm Springs, Unalakleet and other tribes. They believe that the whites will all be drowned when the flood comes and that they only will be saved and will be able to live on the top of the land without having to work at all. The direct followers of Chief Moses do not number over 14, although the number of his followers among Indians of other tribes. He has never occupied the large reservation set aside for him and his people, but lives in the Inappell valley, where he has resided for years. This valley is between Priest's rapid and Camp Spokane. I shall recommend that this valley be set aside for Moses and his people, and that his reservation, which embraces a number of rich mines, be thrown open to the public. In lieu of this large tract of land I have recommended that the Moses be paid \$100,000 in money, in installments. For instance, \$20,000 as the first payment and \$10,000 each for eight years thereafter."—Seattle (W. T.) Post-Intelligencer.

**MARRIED.**—EDWARD BICKMAN—in this city, March 16, 1906, by Minister D. H. Wells, Joseph M. Edwards and Miss Maria L. Bickman.

**WHITE-LABRETT**—In this city March 15, 1906, by Minister D. H. Wells, Mr. Thomas Adams White, of British Ward, and Miss Annie M. Lambert, of Kansas.

**DIED.**—BURK—At Sunset, Arizona, March 2nd, 1906, of pneumonia, George Russell, son of Robert B. and Laura D. Burk; born October 3rd, 1881.

**HAYCOCK**—At Pasqueto, Garfield County, March 15th, 1906, of pneumonia, Almira, daughter of James and Rhonda Haycock, and wife of Thomas Haycock; aged 19 years, 11 months and 11 days.

**WILLIAMSON**—At Pasqueto, Garfield County, March 15th, 1906, of pneumonia, James Williamson, aged 72 years, nine months and 23 days. "Deceased was born at Rufford, Lancashire, England; became identified with the Church in July, 1860, at Pasqueto, Lancashire. He died in full faith of the Gospel.

**JACQUES**—At Nephi, March 10, 1906, Sarah Jacques. Born Oct. 6th, 1816, at Foles Hill Warwickshire, England. She joined the Church in 1853; emigrated to Utah in 1854 with three daughters and a son. She lived and died a faithful Saint.—Cot. M. Star please copy.

**MORE**—At Huntington, Emery County, February 26th, 1890, of inflammatory fever, Hetty Marsh, daughter of Joseph and Hannah More, aged 14 years, 6 months and 25 days.

**ROBINSON**—At his residence in Springfield, Utah Co., March 15th, 1890, of old age, Thomas Robinson. Deceased was born May 22nd, 1802, at Stanbury, Northumberland, England; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints June 24th, 1837; emigrated to Utah in the year 1838, making his home in Springfield; went on a mission to the White Mountains in the year 1838, afterwards returned to Springfield, where he lived in the ordinary manner of a farmer and a good and successful man, and died in the hope of a glorious resurrection.—Cot. M. Star please copy.

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