

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.—By courtesy of President George A. Smith, we are permitted to peruse a letter, dated at Liverpool, April 29th, from Elder John Jacques, and from which we extract the following: "Bro. Eldredge and Sister E. returned home from their continental trip in good health and apparently much improved therein, though a little tanned by exposure to the weather. Brother Farr has also returned to London. Bro's. Alma Eldredge and A. P. Shumway started this evening for Ireland (Dublin) thence to Belfast, thence to Glasgow for conference there May 14th. Newcastle conference the following Sunday. President Eldredge also expects to attend these two conferences. President E. has frequently expressed himself averse to spending another winter in England, but I never heard him say that he could not endure the summer. The foggy, damp weather of winter tells upon his lungs and throat unfavorably.

The work appears to be reviving in several conferences, the Elders reporting baptisms and a spirit of enquiry. I might mention Swansea, Bristol, Nottingham, Newcastle, Glasgow, and London Conferences moving a little in this way. But as a general thing, scepticism appears to be much more prevalent than it was years ago. There are no instances of very numerous baptisms anywhere now-a-days, though there is no particular disposition to persecute manifested, as a general thing. Mormonism has stood so long, it seems to have come to be considered, or be tacitly allowed to have a right to stand as long as it may.

Elder Joseph Parry expects to return home early, leaving Liverpool, May 10th. The Saints generally and some of the Elders are getting alive to the hope of emigrating, more or less of them, soon."

A LAKE "MONSTER" IN CALIFORNIA.—Blue Lake, in California, has a "Monster," seemingly some relation to that of Bear Lake, whose existence has long been asserted by the Indians and is now attested by several whites who have been eye-witness. The Russian River *Flag*, of the 11th inst., says:

"A private letter received here from Blue Lakes, Lake county, states that that fabulous monster of those waters has been seen again, and so plainly as to establish himself in the minds of those who saw him as a reality. A party of picnickers from Ukiah stopped on the shore of the lake, and the brass band began to play, when the fish or whatever he is, came to the top of the water near shore, and was plainly seen by all present. A member of the Ukiah brass band, who was in Heraldsburg on last Monday, confirms the report. The Indians have always asserted the existence of this large fish, and they regard it with superstitious awe, believing it to be something supernatural; while the most of white men, excepting the few who claim to have seen it, have thought it too big a fish to swallow; but it has been actually seen too often, lately, by respectable, truthful persons, for the existence of the extraordinary creature to be longer doubted."

FATAL ACCIDENT AT NEW HARMONY.—Numerous as have been fatal accidents through the careless use of loaded weapons, they still occasionally occur, causing sudden distress and irreparable loss in the family circle. A very painful instance of the kind happened at New Harmony, Kane Co., in this Territory, on the 3rd inst., an account of which has been forwarded for publication in the News, by a correspondent residing at that place. The victim in this melancholy affair was a little boy, aged 7 years, 6 months and 4 days, named Charles St. George, son of Joseph L. and Mary B. Heywood. The circumstances are as follows:

Mr. Heywood, having been sick for several days, left home that morning for a ride to Kanarra. During his absence one of his sons, named James Bell, a lad 13 years of age, took from the holster a horse pistol which had been loaded more than a year before during the Navajo excitement. There was no cap on the weapon, and the boy, having no idea that it was loaded, snapped it twice; he then, in a playful manner, presented it at his little brother and snapped it a third time, when the piece went off, a heavy slug passing through the child's head and instantly killing him.

Such an occurrence is highly deplorable, and should prove an everlasting lesson to all who read it, never to leave, under any circumstances, a loaded pistol or firearms of any kind within the reach of children.

The same correspondent says: "Farming is progressing rapidly, wheat looks well. The grasshoppers are very plentiful, fruit plenty, range excellent, stock looking well. Many of the citizens of Harmony are going to Panguish to settle, others are going to Hamilton on Shirt's Creek, and a few to Long Valley; thus we are being thinned out. The spirits of the people are good, with some desire for mineral wealth; but we have neither miners nor prospectors. The brethren have just returned from Conference at St. George, report good feelings with an abundance of the good spirit of God and everybody doing well, feeling well and very happy. They report the prospects for wheat in Dixie most flattering."

DESTRUCTIVE.—Bishop David James, of Paradise, Cache Co., informs us that the hoppers are there in immense numbers, and that up to the time he left, Tuesday last, they had destroyed not less than fifty acres of wheat. Scarcely any effort had been put forth to fight the insects, it being deemed useless to make the attempt on account of the scattered situation of the fields there. Bishop James is of the opinion that the crops at Paradise will be almost totally destroyed, which has been the case for the past four or five years. A large number of fruit trees were planted out in the settlement in the Spring, and the prospects are that nearly all of them will be killed by the "pests."

A CORRESPONDENT of the Chicago *Times*, writing from Milan, Ohio, furnishes the lovers of the marvelous with the latest sensation in their line. Our readers may remember seeing occasional notices, some months ago, about spirit photographing in New York, and even nearer home than that. These notices were strongly tinged with the marvelous and the sensation element; but the correspondence of the *Times* puts anything of this kind heretofore heard of completely into the shade, for while it is claimed that photographs of the departed have been taken, yet it has been by human agency; but the method has been improved, (probably patented) so that terrestrial help is now dispensed with.

At the date of writing, (the 15th ult.) the correspondent says that for the two months previous, Milan had been the centre of a good deal of sensational talk, owing to the fact that upon the windows of several buildings in the city, pictures of human faces had appeared which resembled daguerreotypes taken when the art was in its infancy. These portraits are not perfect to begin with, but are gradually developed. When they first appear the glass is of a stony steel, interspersed with a dull ashen color. In others there is the appearance on the surface of the glass as of water with tar or crude oil mixed with it. In this stage there is no clearly defined outline; but gradually, day after day, human faces become more and more distinct, until finally there is the appearance as of persons looking out of the room through the window into the street. If parties go into the room and look through the panes thus decorated there is nothing whatever to be seen, the glass appearing perfectly clear. Most of, but not all, the rooms are vacant in which the windows are thus adorned, and the origin of or agency by which these appearances are produced is a mystery which the savans of the place are vainly trying to solve.

One of these pictures is said to be the face of General Washington, at any rate it is the face of a man in a military three-cornered hat; another is the portrait of a Major Marsh, a soldier of the late war, who died at Milan soon after the close of the war. Another of the pictures is a female figure bearing the reclining form of a man. A window in the store of a Mr. Ashley, a deacon in the Presbyterian church has been operated upon, and has caused the deacon considerable annoyance. The picture in this instance is that of a negress, the border of her cap being plainly visible. The deacon, though a Republican and a good member of the church, did not like this, and he did his best with soap and water to obliterate the appearance; but failing with these, he put on a thick coat of paint and let it remain on a number of weeks in hopes of getting rid of it; but when the paint was cleaned off there was the old negress as plain as ever, so the deacon has concluded to let her stay in peace.

The correspondent says these are the facts. The pictures draw wondering sight-seers from all parts of that section of country, many of whom have a theory of some kind to account for this new method of photographing, but the origin of or agency by which they are produced is a mystery to all.

THE St. Louis Sun deems it an evidence of the folly of the age for people to pay the sums of money they do to hear famous singers. Nilsson, the great songstress, had just sang at St. Louis. She goes through four or five pieces of an evening, and for the pleasure of listening, four dollars is demanded from each individual. This the *Sun* thinks altogether too high. It says:

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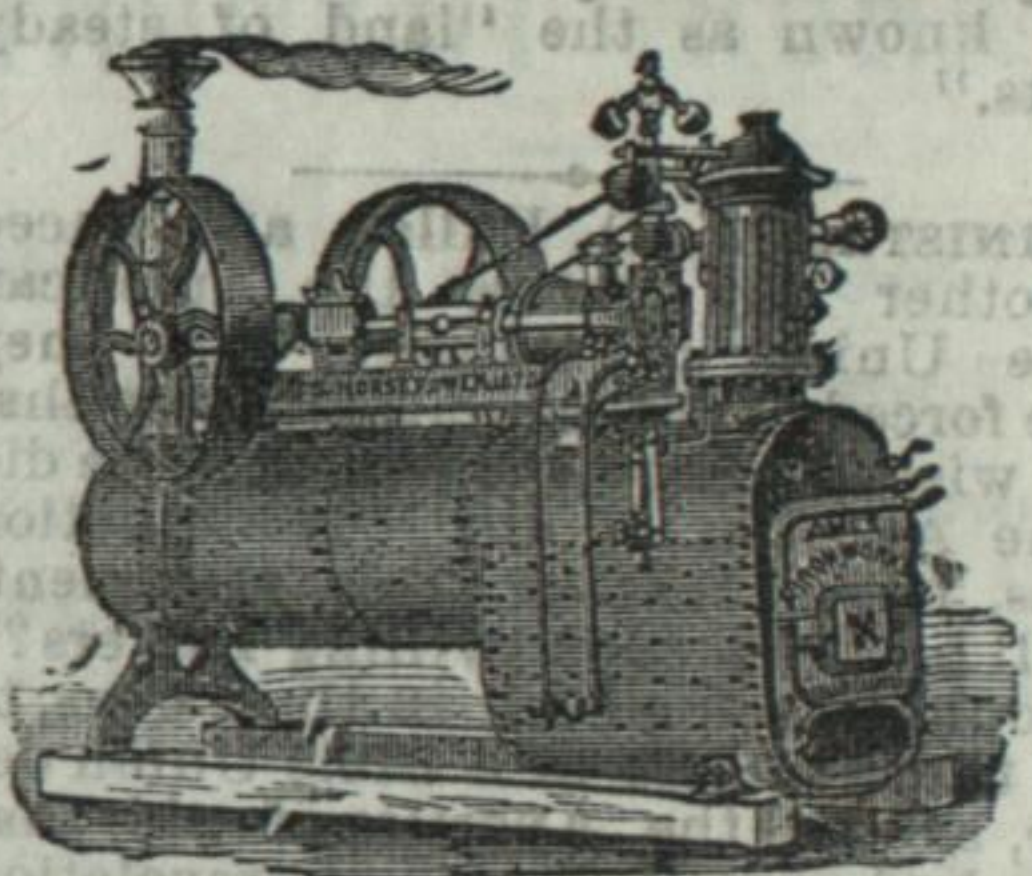
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