NEWS OF THE WEST.

Apprehensions of a Cricket Pest in Idaho.

A CARLOAD OF YOUNG ELK.

A Child Falls Into a Creek and Is Drowned—A Bartender Shot—Objectionable Preachers.

The use of stock in Cache county, Utah, is about at its zenith. The county has an extensive agricultural society.

The Dairymen's association of Cottonwood county, Utah, will hold its annual session in Boulder during the first week in May.

William Moore, a miner, lately shot at Snake, is reported to a Salt Lake paper, to be doing well. The ball passed through both cheeks and lodged behind the right ear. Linnehy, who the prisoner claims was the aggressor, is still living and is said to have been shot in the back.

The Chinamen appeared in La Plata City, Colo., on Sunday evening and celebrated in a quiet style their new year. The town was quiet enough on that day, and the Celestials had a good deal of fun among themselves. The Chinamen are the only of outright cost opening.

The Jingoboy mills now running in Idaho and are to be offered from the Pacific Coast. Mr. Wm. Ashby of Ashby Wall sends to the Texas Panhandle country. Take it the cities street of cattle to that country, highlands, accompanied by Jesse Lincoln. The Jingoboy cattle have passed in the Pecos valley for more than thirty years.

The Colorado, Colo., Orchard and Irrigation company has been busy for some time past in exercise the fruit lands along the Denver canal. These are now about seven thousand acres of the finest fruit land in the United States, including H.D. and Dodgeton, for in sale. They are to be divided into tracts of ten acres each, and are colonizing adapted to the growth of all varieties of fruit.

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A census of forty young ash trees, that in the remote part of the town, passed out through the city limits, remarks the Lakeside (Wyo.) Sentinel. These animals are been specimens of agriculture in Pennsylvania and it is understood that they will become the property of Mr. Smith of New York. The Sentinel says that during the winter while the snow is deep, being the cause by hunters in Bonneville. They are then and brought out to our railroad stations.

Last Saturday, says the Moscow (Idaho) Mirror, the five-year-old daughter of George Hill, of Viola, while playing on the bank of Paradise creek, fell into the water and was drowned. An older child saw the little one fall into the water and managed to get out and give the alarm. The body of the little girl was carried over a mile down the stream by the racing current, made swift by the melting snow on the mountains above.

Alarming reports come in regarding the cricket pest for the coming season and causes a great amount of apprehension, says the Boise (Idaho) Tribune. They have served for decades in the valley immediately surrounding Weiser, having kept extensively to the hills and higher valleys, and it is feared that they will overrun the valley during the coming summer. They are reported to have commenced to immigrate toward the valley from Weiser during crickets are to Weiser during crickets are to be at Crooked Spring valley they are hatching by the millions.

MEETS A CAMPBELLITE.

An Interesting Religious Debate Held in Spencer, Tennessee.

An Excellent Feeling Throughout Was Manifested—Good Results Expected—Great Change in Public Sentiment.

Bible Correspondence.

SPENCER, TENN., April 12, 1884.—Some time ago some of our friends in this enlightened town were challenged by a "Campbellite" minister to make him a public debate, and discuss the merits of the two respective creeds from Biblical standpoint. The Elders accepted the reversal gentleman, but they were not hunting a debate, but if he was anxious to one he could be accommodated. He stated that he was eager for the fray, and was desirous of having "Mormonism" by the horns, and show the people the nothingness of it. In fact, he would knock it into splinters so that we would never get it together again.

The challenge was accepted and articles of agreement drawn up and signed, after which your correspondent was appointed, at the last, that he had been selected as the man to defend our cause. The date for debate was set for the 20th and 21st.

The news spread like wildfire. The whole country seemed very much interested in the coming event. When we arrived at the place (Spencer, Van Buren county), we found the debate to be the general topic. Long before the appointed time a large concourse of people had assembled to witness the affair, and were accordingly very curious to see a goodly of the celebrities, especially your correspondent, as Mormons were a rare sort of curiosity in this country.

The church house was filled to overflowing, the aisles were full and many standing with their arms folded against the windows looking in from the outside. There was enough room for the participants.

We each selected a moderator, and the moderators selected a third man to act as chairman. We were given a half hour each to open, and twenty minutes in which to reflect and close our case, making the time of debate at 3 hours and forty minutes, which was divided up into four meetings. The congregation was almost exclusively Campbellite, hence our sympathizers in logic were very limited in number. But after the fire, most of it was very evident that the tide had changed. Many of the prejudice which existed at the beginning had now vanished away. We succeeded in each ground, cutting the ice manner of the contest, and at the close of the debate we could easily carry the votes. The sentiment of the great majority of the people was in favor of Mormonism and a decided defeat of Campbellism." Every the least it was a big lesson for Mormonism, but we doubt more good will result, as the result. We take not the honor unto ourselves, but we made it a matter of prayer and fasting, and realized the blessing of the Lord in our behalf. It was, in compared to another battle of David and Goliath. Mr. Campbell boasted of his experience years experience in the ministry, and of his ability to lay man to himself in three minutes. But this is also in the "twelve things of the world" and "confusion the wise" and relate wise against great odds.

After the close of the debate some Campbellites came to Hicks and said, Next morning we were called upon to go to the Sunday school, after which we were invited to dine with some of the brethren at night. Next morning we were certainly invited to attend the "Burnt College," and upon arriving at the place we found a good deal of curiosity that the students had published the prestigious of the college to us on the school, which was really amazed. After thoroughly we were after soon we hear of their most valuable time, and were treated with the greatest courtesy by full professors and students. After our work at the college we were kindly requested to hold a meeting at night for the M. E. chapel. The people turned upon our coming and we had a good time in the house and as much attend as we be observed.

We had a most enjoyable time during our visit at Spencer, and it is needless to say that we are entirely satisfied with the outcome of the debate. I believe it is my opinion that the prejudice that were set upon the minds of the people in general will be healed. We were treated with the greatest respect by one and all. I feel to have special mention of Mr. J. B. Holmes (our chairman) in account of the fairness of his decisions and his minutest kindness; also Mr. Mauldin, my opponent, Rutherford, who with the wife treated us with perfect kindness. Mr. Campbell, the president of the Baptist school, was also the first and. Hundreds are Elders have been under the necessity of sitting in the road to the house of worship. But now we have more pressing invitations to come and make ourselves at home whenever we are in town. The seeds we have sown bear will no doubt take root and bring fruit in one time.

The work throughout this conference is progressing nicely. We have an excellent set of Elders, and are encouraged in their labors. Many people are seemingly material to the Word, but many is an insurmountable obstacle. We have good reason to believe that we have not taken our stand in vain.

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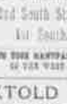

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