

Correspondence.

Earthquake and Magnificent Volcanic Eruptions—The Natives—Arrival of Elders.

KAMO, KAU, Hawaii, Sandwich Islands, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

The exciting occurrences that have recently transpired here cause me to indite you a few lines.

On the 5th of January last, in company with Elder Jas. Keeler, I left Laie, the headquarters of the Church on these islands, and arrived on this island, Hawaii, on the 12th, in good health. On the 20th of January we parted company, Bro. Keeler going in one direction and I in the other. On the 26th I visited the great living volcano, "Kilauea," the largest active volcano in the world.

On the 29th I felt seven distinct shocks of earthquake where I was then staying; some of them were heavy enough to make me feel very much as though I was seasick; and on the 30th there were two more shocks, but, strange to say, they were not felt here, some twenty miles distant from the crater. This frequent shaking ended in the grand display on "Manaloa" and great eruption in the crater "Mokuaweweo" on the night of the 14th February, on which occasion we had some splendid fireworks on an extensive scale.

Your correspondent spent the early part of the evening, of the last mentioned date, in a native house, where he is now lying on his "opu" (stomach) writing, as that is the way we do our writing where we are not blessed with household furniture in the shape of chairs, tables, &c.

At about a quarter past nine p. m., I stepped outside the door, when I saw the heavens illuminated with a red glare. At first I thought it a house on fire; but as it seemed to steadily increase, and as I could not see the cause of the light for the trees, I made my way to the top of one of the highest, and was well repaid for the exertion, as my eyes beheld the magnificent sight—the cause of the strange light. It was the starting of a volcanic eruption in the crater "Mokuaweweo," situated on the top of "Maunaloa."

The summit of this mountain is 14,000 feet above the sea level. At first the volcano appeared to be throwing up very high, and I could hear a hissing, cracking or roaring sound. The whole top of the mountain soon seemed to be on fire, and it was still seemingly on the increase, when I had to leave my perch on the tree, as I was in my shirt sleeves and there was a cold moist wind blowing. I awoke the household and told them that "Mokuaweweo" was in action. They seemed to think but very little of it, and acted as if it was no new thing. I secured my coat and hat, and wended my way to the top of a large flow of lava, that came down here in 1868.

From there I got a good view of the great volcanic eruption, and as the night was clear, and the mountain free from clouds, I could see the whole side of it to the south and south-east. The fire was clear and bright in the centre and was throwing up to a great height. As I looked I wished I could paint the scene before me, just as it appeared, in all its glorious splendor. It had such an effect upon my nerves that I was forced to again arouse the natives. I got one old woman out, and as soon as she saw it she ran back to the house shouting, "Oh!

Oh! this is the greatest fire I have ever seen in the mountain."

As I said before, the fire was very large, and was on the increase, and it soon brought the natives out of their houses to watch, as well as your humble servant, whom the aborigines at first thought slightly demented, as they had not felt any shock of earthquake. It was now their turn to become excited. As the eruption grew to such large dimensions it appeared as though the crater must have filled up. It was estimated to be about a thousand feet deep from the summit when last visited. The view was such as impressed me with profound feelings of awe, and caused me to tremble at the power that was displayed, as it was sure to bring destruction somewhere, and none knew where the blow would strike.

At about ten o'clock the lava began to flow in two large streams, like large rivers of fire, and to spread out on the top of the mountain to the south and southeast, not running directly toward us, for which we felt thankful. This increased in volume as it ran and spread out, forming a large lake of fire. On top the streams looked to be running fast. Suddenly we beheld a small light on the edge of the timber line. At first it appeared about the size of a lamp, but it soon increased and we could see that it was the lava flow that had broken out there. This continued to flow at a great speed till twelve o'clock p. m., when the light appeared stronger to the west and showed that a flow was going on in that direction. After this the streams that had been running to the south and southeast came seemingly to a standstill, and their brilliancy began to wane. I now calculated that the greatest lava flow had taken that direction. From this time the great strength of the crater seemed to find vent in a westerly direction; the display of strength on top was not so great, and the jets of fire did not rise so high as they had done at about ten o'clock. The strength of the eruption must have been tremendous, as from where we stood, a distance of thirty miles, we could see with the naked eye the jets of fire rising to a great height. It was acknowledged by all the old natives present that this was the greatest eruption they had ever beheld on the top of the mountain, for brilliancy, strength and volume. At about half past three the fire fiend seemed satisfied. Traces of the fire and eruption could be seen on the mountain in the morning light, and the smoke was plentiful, but strange to say no fire was to be seen the next night. The eruption was as powerful as it was short in duration. I have spoken to several of the oldest foreign residents here, and they all agree in saying that this was the greatest eruption they have ever seen on the island.

In my labors in the ministry I find the people here very slow to obey good teachings, though we strive with diligence in their midst, and endeavor to raise them from the fearful degradation in which they are living. This race and nation are fast dwindling away. I estimate the deaths to be about three to each birth. At this rate a native Hawaiian will be a curiosity fifty years hence. A few receive our teachings and testimony, but it is hard to keep them from following the course of the general herd, and taking the road to death. The leper hospital contains between seven and eight hundred patients, and there are many more who should go there. This horrible disease is still spreading in their midst, but the native Hawaiian apparently has no fear of it.

The brethren and sisters laboring in this mission were all in good health at last accounts, and all striving to do their best for the forwarding of the cause of truth. Brother H. P. Richards arrived at Laie on the 12th February, and is now laboring on the island of Kauai. By letters just received I understand that two more missionaries have arrived in Honolulu to help on the good work, in which may God ever assist the faithful in the prayer of your brother in the gospel of Christ.

R. G. LAMBERT.

Our Country Contemporaries.

Beaver Enterprise, March 15—

Charley Lee, who escaped from the sheriff, has not yet been captured.

The Leeds Mill Company is shipping from four to six bars of fine bullion every other day.

The Jury in the case of Stokes, assignee of Dupax vs. the Lincoln Mining Company, to-day decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Why this connubial infelicity? Beaver ranks high in the marrying business and it may be a second or third-rate place for divorces likewise.

Many of the Saints in the northern settlements are wending their way to St. George to be present at the Temple dedication ceremonies.

Mr. Charles Weeden of Minersville called this morning and informed us that the farmers of his town have their wheat crop all in and a great deal of it is up.

Mr. E. M. Fuller, the editor of the Salt Lake Herald, arrived in Beaver last evening.

Two horses were stolen from Mr. Isaac Riddle's corral, in Beaver last night. They were tracked a short distance this morning by Mr. Riddle's son, who, in company with another man, has gone in pursuit of the thief.

MARRIED.

In this City, March 15th, by Pres. D. H. Wells, Mr. W. M. HEUSSER and Miss MARY LUND, of the 2nd Ward, Salt Lake City.

List of Letters

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SPECIAL NOTICE

to Farmers, Sheep Raisers, Butchers, and others: Z. C. M. I., of this city, is paying the highest market price in cash for Wool and Hides of all kinds. Wool contracts closed and the usual advances made on the same. We have every facility for handling these products in any quantity, and parties will find it to their interest to consult us before making other arrangements. Parties shipping their Hides or Wool to us will please mark them Z. C. M. I., care H. B. Clawson. Depot at the Wagon and Machine Yards, opp. the Institution. H. S. ELDRIDGE, d97 Supt.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession: One brown 3 year old STEER, no marks or brands visible. One brown three year old HEIFER, crop and slit in left ear, under half crop off right. If not claimed they will be sold at the Draper District estray pound on Saturday, March 31st, 1877, at 2 o'clock p. m. ABSOLOM W. SMITH, District Poundkeeper, Draper, Salt Lake Co., March 17, 1877. d 87 s w

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of William Hailstone, deceased. ALL persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers within ten months from date of this notice, to William Peterson, three doors east of Kimball & Lawrence's Store. JOSEPH MORRIS, WM. PETERSON, w7 Administrators of said estate.

NOTICE.

THERE will be a meeting of the Tax-payers of the Thirty-third School District, at the school-house known as Neff's, on Monday, the 27 day of April, at 6 p. m., for election of School Trustees and other business. H. B. SKIDMORE, School Trustee. d 88 w7

THE TRADE MARK CHEW---SMOKE MATCHLESS. PINEST PING TOBACCO in the World. ASK FOR IT. TAKE NO OTHER. FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS IN PLUGS. THE PIONEER TOBACCO CO., BROOKLYN, N. Y. ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS. Ask for ALLCOCK'S, and obtain them, and so avoid miserable imitations. B. BRANDRETH, Prest., Office, 291 Canal St., New York. d27 w48

Before the hectic flush, which has been poetically called "The Rose of Death," appears on the wasted cheeks, and the cough, which always precedes it, arrest it with "Hale's Honey of Hoarhound and Tar," the most powerful anti-

dote to pulmonary disease ever offered to the world in any age or country. It is a perfect balsam to the irritated lungs and throat, and relieves hoarseness and all affection of the breathing apparatus with a rapidity almost beyond belief. Sold by druggists everywhere. Depot, Crittenton's Medicine Warehouse, 7 Sixth Avenue, New York. Prices 50 cents and \$1. Great saving to get large size. Pike's Toothache drops cure in one minute.

TREES!

- HORSE CHESTNUT (makes a very fine tree for shade and ornament), three for \$1.00. SYCAMORE, eight to fourteen feet, 50c. to \$1.00. SUGAR MAPLE,.....75c. each. PEAR TREES, three years from bud, \$25.00 per hundred. BLACK, RED and WHITE ENGLISH CURRANTS, \$1.00 per dozen for fine rooted plants. RED GIANT RASPBERRY, \$1.00 per dozen. PIE PLANT ROOTS, \$1.00 per dozen, fine variety. LAWTON BLACKBERRY,.....25c. each. STRAWBERRIES—Nonanor, earliest, Juncuda, fine and large, late, 50c. per hundred. ROSES.....40c. For sale by T. W. ELLERBECK, 17th Ward, Salt Lake City. d95 s4w

THE SUN, MOON AND STARS AS LIGHT REGULATORS.

BY DR. M. L. PLANT. The diseases prevalent at this season, both for the young and middle aged, as well as those of mature age, require the use of herbs properly administered under the direction of a practitioner of well-known ability, who combines from Nature's own variety of shade the variegated colors produced by Nature's own sun rays. All medicines, simply considered, are hot, cold, moist, dry, or temperate. The qualities of medicine, when understood, require to be regulated suitably to the physical condition of the patient. Culpepper's idea of the astrological influence of the planets upon herbs is now recognized as exploded. Modern experience has taught us that herbal medicines must be used properly, in accordance with climatic surroundings, as experimentalists have discovered in the present progressive age. As a careful herbal student and a successful practitioner, I am ready to wait upon patients at my office in Market Row, Salt Lake City. Dr. M. L. PLANT, Herbalist. March 10th, 1877. d98 w7 3t

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