

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PRESIDENT YOUNG AND PARTY.—The following dispatch was received last evening too late for publication in yesterday's News:

Deseret Evening News, St. George, Dec. 8. President Young and party, on Monday evening we presided at Parowan, President Young, Doctor M. McCune and myself occupying the time. The meeting-house is nicely finished. The congregation was large. On Tuesday forenoon we traveled in a snow storm and at 11 o'clock arrived at Cedar City. We remained at Kanarra over night. President Young and baggage train, remained at Leeds on Wednesday night, while Elder B. Young, Jr., and myself went to Harrisburg. Arrived here safe at 12 o'clock. The roads have been good and the weather mostly fine. The black rocks in the road are as abundant as ever. Our journey has been entirely prosperous and we have had no accident with the exception of a few damaged carriages. The weather is cold but very fine. Thermometer was at 32° at Harrisburg and 29° at 9 o'clock.

Geo. A. Smith. A second dispatch from President Smith, dated St. George 9, says, "President E. Snow delivered an interesting lecture to the St. George Lyceum last evening upon the ancient history of America, which was followed by an address by Doctor M. McCune on the inhabitants of Asia."

THEATRE.—To-morrow night the splendid drama, "Ucle Tom's Cabin," will be performed. For power and pathos combined this piece has few equals. It will doubtless be played in good style as the cast includes all the best talent of the company.

WILL REMOVE.—The Fourteenth Ward Branch of Zion's Co-operative Institution will move into their new store, east of the School House, some time next week.

PARTY.—A Social Re-union Party of gentlemen and ladies met last evening at the 14th Ward Hall, and spent the time very agreeably in dancing, singing and social converse. It was a very select assemblage, and the managers, Messrs. Geo. Swan, W. L. Binder, Thomas C. Griggs and J. K. Hall, acquitted themselves admirably in attending to their duties. The music was furnished by the brothers Smith and C. Evans, and was excellent, while James Curry, Esq., as caller, left nothing to be desired. A fine supper was provided by the committee at the house of Mrs. Wm. Ayerton, of which the musicians, the committee and invited guests partook. Among the number present was President D. H. Wells. It is probable from present indications that there will be a grand ball in the city this winter, when any one given, we trust to hear of their being conducted as unexceptionally as that of the 15th Ward last evening.

CHEAP FURS.—We dropped into the Wholesale and Retail Department of Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution last evening, and were surprised at the prices at which they were selling a lot of furs, which the Superintendent, H. B. Clawson, Esq., was selling at a great bargain and which he was closing out at a small advance on cost. They are worth examining, if for no other purpose than to compare old times and prices with those we have at present.

ANOTHER COUNTERFEIT NEWS LETTER.—A gentleman in this city, called at our office yesterday, very indignant at the receipt of a letter from a gang of counterfeiters in New York, offering to sell spurious greenbacks, "warranted impossible to detect," at the rate of a hundred dollars for ten of the genuine articles. The letter is very elaborate, giving full details of instructions how to carry on the business successfully, so as to insure a big fortune in a couple of years. It is signed, "Thomas W. Pierce," and the address 89 Nassau St., New York; with a private office, at room 5, 52 John St. The scoundrel pleads eloquently for the gentleman to whom the letter is sent to keep quiet and not betray him, so he deals on the "secrecy," and claims to be strictly trustworthy. We think it is high time the counterfeiters of these villains were stopped. They are not carried on clandestinely, but are well known. It is possible that the law is so lax that such an extensive swindling game can be carried on with impunity? Or are the police bought over to wink at the nefarious operations? It seems scarcely possible to entertain either supposition, but there is abundant reason for entertaining both so long as such swindles are successfully perpetrated.

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FISH AND OYSTER CULTURE.—Those interested in these branches of industry will read with pleasure the following communication of A. M. Musser, Esq.:

SALT LAKE, Dec. 9, 1870. Editor News.—A careful perusal of the articles on fish and oysterculture, in the Agricultural Report for 1910, discloses the fact that those interested in the propagation of these much needed products, can find in them a fund of very valuable information as to the modes operated adopted in the Eastern States, Europe, Africa and China, based upon the experience and observations of many years and indefatigable labor by eminent fish and oyster farmers. Some twenty-five pages are devoted to the cultivation of fish, and some twelve pages to the propagation and culture of oysters. Some eight of these pages are illustrated, showing the implements, apparatus and other means employed, and the progression and changes the lake place in the successive stages of the art. Will you please transfer this information to the columns of your paper, so that all interested, and I trust they number "many souls," may take advantage of the lessons thus freely given, and seeing to the limited number of this report sent to the Territory, it will be impossible for all our people to obtain the information direct from the work itself. The following extracts will partially illustrate the value of the treatise.

Mr. Seth Green, of Mumford, New York, says: "I began to operate June 18th, at Holyoke, on the Connecticut River, and hatched about 40,000 ova and by July 22nd, had caught 100,000 oysters. In the warmer water than 78 degrees, the spawn cannot be carried more than a two days' journey. All the waters of this country are filled with fish adapted to them. Any acre of water worth one acre of land, if properly farmed, yields one thousandth part of the sum spent in utilizing the same in cultivating the water, and fish may be sold in our market at two cents per pound.

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