

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE PRESIDENT AND PARTY.—A dispatch from Fillmore, to-day, says that the President and Party arrived there at 4-40 last evening, where meeting was held. President Geo. A. Smith, Elders Savage, Lorenzo D. Young and John W. Young were the speakers. The party started at 8 o'clock this morning for Cove Creek, where they intend to stay over night.

ANOTHER JUVENILE BALL.—To-morrow afternoon and evening the Theatre will be devoted to another juvenile ball, the last one, we believe, of the season, as the flooring over the parquette has to be taken up for the concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The parties, during the past two weeks, have been exceedingly pleasant affairs, and none of them more interesting than the one last Saturday for the juveniles, and that to-morrow will be of equal interest. It is pleasant to see youth enjoying itself in innocent and healthful amusement; and those narrow-minded mortals, who would deny proper recreation, would learn considerable of which they are ignorant, by devoting a portion of their time to the study of human nature.

"KEEPAFTCHININ."—We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of the new paper in another column. It is certainly unique in its line—seems to meet with success—and deserves encouragement. The last edition went off in twelve hours from the hour of publication, and the 2nd edition is now out meeting a rapid sale. We heartily wish it success.

THE WEATHER, per Deseret Telegraph line:—Wellsville, warm but snowing. Ogden, snowing. St. George, cloudy, thermometer 55°; roads excellent. Cedar, roads good, cloudy but pleasant. Cedar city, cloudy and quite windy; roads dry. Parowan, cloudy and blowing; roads dry. Beaver, cloudy and windy; roads somewhat bad and muddy. Cove Creek, cloudy and cold, every appearance of snow. Fillmore, cloudy, just commencing to storm; thermometer 43°. Seipio, very light and disagreeable snow fell last night. Manti, cloudy but mild. Springtown, very mild; roads muddy. Mt. Pleasant, cloudy and blowing cold and looks like storm. Payson, cloudy, and looks rainy; snow melting fast and roads very muddy.

CASE OF POISONING.—By the Ogden Journal we learn that last Saturday morning a little girl, five years of age, daughter of Mr. John T. Reid, of the bench in that city, died from the effects of poison. The day previous a boy had found a paper containing some bi-chromate of potassium, which the little girl ate of thinking it candy. All efforts to save her life proved unavailing, and the poor child died the next morning having suffered great agony.

LAND OWNERS' MEETING IN THE 14TH WARD.—Land owners on the line of the Spencer ditch and in the 7th Ward pasture, will meet this evening at seven o'clock at the 14th Ward School house to hear the report of the committee appointed at the previous meeting to survey the best line for the waters to run to the Jordan, and to take the necessary steps to carry out the recommendations of the committee.

CORN HUSKS WANTED.—We are in want of corn husks for use at the paper mill, who among our subscribers and friends can furnish them? Let us hear from you early.

RETURNED.—Dr. Sprague arrived home on Monday evening from his mission to the eastern States. The Doctor's labors were confined mostly to the States of Massachusetts and Vermont. He was well received by his friends and the people generally and was kindly treated. As regards the gospel, the Doctor's statement corresponds with that of most of the elders, that the people do not manifest any interest whatever in religion, but are entirely engrossed with the business of making money. The people were full of enquiries respecting Utah and affairs here, and when satisfied on this score, the interest dropped. A short time before his departure he was taken sick, and is now confined to his room.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO SILK RAISERS.—We have been favored by David McKenna, Esq., with the perusal of a letter received by him from Elders Richard Tilt and William Parr, both of whom are now in Williamsburg, N. Y. These brethren have been making some inquiries in regard to silk manufacture, and have visited Paterson, N. J., to see and obtain information respecting the machinery used in that process.

Speaking of raw silk they say: "We have also shown a sample of raw silk, raised by G. D. Watt, to several silk merchants and they pronounce it very good, but rather coarse. There can readily be found a market for all the raw silk raised in Utah in this place till such time as it can be manufactured at home, so there is plenty of room for the Saints to persevere in its culture."

This should be encouraging to all who have commenced raising silk worms and mulberry trees to persevere more energetically than hitherto. The occupation is so light that it can be followed wholly by women and children, and with climate and soil so favorable as ours it might, in the course of two or three years, be made to produce a large annual revenue and so add greatly to the wealth and prosperity of the entire people.

PRIZE SHOOTING.—Yesterday afternoon the members of the 2nd company of the 3rd regiment of infantry had a target shooting match a little east of the graveyard. Although the weather was most unpropitious when Captain Crow and his company started out, the snow falling at the time, there was a good muster, the members of the company manifesting great interest in the object of the turn-out. There were several prizes shot for, which were awarded to the best marksmen. The weather turning out fine, the company had a very pleasant time together and returned in good spirits.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.—Mr. Reasoner, agent of the American Bible Society, is meeting with better success than he anticipated. During the few days that he has been here, he has already received orders to the amount of six hundred dollars for Bibles. Every family in the Territory should embrace the present opportunity of purchasing the scriptures, as they may be obtained at the Bible Society's prices and in almost every variety of print.

ACCIDENTS.—The Ogden Junction tells of the following accidents in that city:

On Saturday Wm. McGaw, a seven years' old boy, son of James McGaw, Esq., got kicked by a colt, leaving the left cheek cut clear through and being very badly bruised. At date of publication he was doing well.

On Monday a young man named William Stender, accidentally shot himself in the left hand while handling a Sharp's revolver, near the Utah Central bridge. His hand was badly mutilated and the bone shattered by the ball. A finger had to be amputated.

Thomas Heller fell from a horse on Monday and dislocated his shoulder.

Died:

At Orem, Utah, Abernethy, Mammouth, Jan. 18, 1870, George Phillips, aged 53 years.

At Swanton, Lancashire, Jan. 17, John W. Hanks, aged 30 years, 3 months and 1 day.

Near Bath, Somersetshire, Jan. 22, William and Hannah Yates, the former aged 22 months and 22 days, and the latter 75 years, 9 months and 22 days.

The above are from the 36th Annual Star of Feb. 1st and Feb. 8th.

Correspondence.

70 ROBERT STREET, Everton, Liverpool, February 9th, 1870.

Editor Deseret News.—Dear Brother, Having a few leisure moments, I thought I would drop you a few lines, knowing the interest you have in the spread of truth and righteousness upon the earth. It is eight months to-day since I landed upon the shores of old England, some 28 years having elapsed since I left this country, while but a child, with my parents, for the then, far distant west, the City of Nauvoo, the place which had been appointed for the gathering of the Saints of the Most High God. I can assure you that peculiar feelings ran through my mind when I put my foot on the land of my nativity, and thought of the great changes that had taken place during that time.

From the time I first gathered with the people of God up to the time I took my departure for this land, the kingdom of God has made rapid progress. It seems to me to be almost impossible for a person to realize the blessings that the Saints of God enjoy in the peaceful vales of Utah, without experiencing the opposite. To see the degradation and poverty in this country is enough to make the heart bleed with pity and sorrow. Wickedness and abomination stare you in the face in broad daylight. The Saints in Utah are a blessed people, far away from civilization, so called, and my prayer is that the civilization that the enemies of truth would like to bring among us may never take root in our mountain home.

The work of God in this land at the present time is making but slow progress. The hearts of the people seem to be closed to God and goodness. There is but very little enquiry after truth. The minds of the people are taken up with the things of this world, they have no time to spare in thinking of their souls' salvation. It seems to me that the day is not far distant, when the nations of the earth will be preached to in a different manner than what they have been accustomed to. The Lord will preach a sermon that will make them think of the testimony of His servants which has been faithfully delivered to them. Then there will be a famine in the land, not for bread nor for water, but for the word of the Lord. The world is fast ripening in iniquity; villages the very years ago that were comparatively free from many of the vices of old cities are now as corrupt as they know how to be.

The Saints are feeling well in the work of the Lord, though they are very poor as a general thing; they are very anxious to be gathered home to Utah, where they may assist in building up the kingdom of God. Many who left this country, that promised to help out their friends, have seemingly forgotten them altogether. They must have forgotten the feeling that filled their breasts while in this land of tyranny and oppression. Their brethren who are left have got the same anxious desire to be delivered, and the majority of them are not able to emigrate without help. They must be helped by their friends in Zion or else they cannot gather. If the Saints in Zion would keep their promises to their friends it would cause more pleasant feelings to exist among the Saints throughout this country.

I feel well in trying to disseminate the principles of truth to this dark and dreary world, the Lord has blessed me with His Holy Spirit. I am thankful that I was considered worthy to be an ambassador of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. My desire is to be a humble instrument in the hands of God in doing some little good, and as little harm as possible. I trust I shall be able to profit by the experience that I may gain while upon this mission and that I will be able to hold out faithfully to the end of my earnest desire.

I will now close, praying God to bless you with His Holy Spirit that you may be able to magnify your high and holy calling.

Your brother in the new and everlasting covenant.

GEO. ROMNEY.

GRANTSVILLE, February 23, 1870.

Editor Deseret News.—Dear Sir:—As Grantsville is seldom heard from through the columns of your paper, I thought that I would venture to write a short communication, hoping that it may find a place in your columns. The first subject that I wish to write upon is that of a grand military picnic ball given by the cavalry company of Grantsville on the anniversary of Washington's birthday, Tuesday Evening, Feb. 22nd.

The people began to assemble at the Social Hall at an early hour. At half past seven prayer was offered by Maj. Barrus (commander of the infantry). After prayer, the cavalry formed into line for roll call. They were then numbered for the dance according to rank, by Capt. S. W. Woolley, who is in command of the cavalry forces of Grantsville, and was chief manager of the party. Of the invited guests present, were the commissioned officers of the infantry companies, also President T. H. Clark, President E. Hunter, and a number of

other influential gentlemen. The hall was well decorated with flags and weapons of war, and everything was so well arranged for the comfort of the company, that too much praise cannot be given to the committee of arrangements, Capt. Samuel W. Woolley, Lieut. Alma H. Hale and Lieut. Wm. R. Judd.

Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock p. m., and was kept up until 11, when the company took up the line of march for the meeting house, headed by the Grantsville string band. On arriving there we found the tables spread with pic-nics of great variety and of the choicest kinds, and the company, which numbered about two hundred persons, ladies and gentlemen, sat down at the tables, and a more lively and sociable company I have seldom if ever seen. The manner in which the tables were spread showed great skill and judgment on the part of the ladies, who arranged them. After supper a few speeches were made and songs sung, and at 1 o'clock dancing was resumed and continued until near five in the morning. Good order was maintained throughout the evening. And I think that the anniversary of Washington's birthday will be long remembered by the civil and military citizens of Grantsville.

I will now describe our Grantsville theatre in as brief a manner as possible. The Social Hall has been fitted up with a stage and some very good scenery for the use of the Grantsville Dramatic Association, which has given several exhibitions during the winter, which have been satisfactory to all who have witnessed them, and notwithstanding the inexperience of the actors and actresses they do exceedingly well, and we think that some day they will be able to become brilliant stars in the dramatic world.

J. R. CLARK.

The above came to hand Wednesday, rather behind time, but a desire to oblige our correspondent induced us to publish it in the NEWS.

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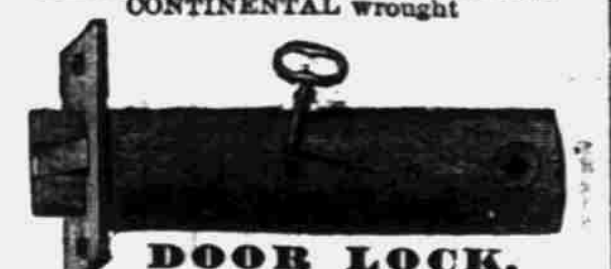
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