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HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETING .- Elder Henry W. Miller glanced at the progress of the Church from the time he embraced the gospel up to the present. The Lord has ever been with His people, blessing them continually. Barren and forbiddinglooking though this country was when settled by the Saints twenty years ago, now it has become productive and inviting. The earth has been blessed, and the climate is changed, for the benefit of the Saints. The speaker remembered when in Weber Valley there was either snow or a heavy frost every month in the year; now it is one of the graneries of Utah, and richly productive. The Southern settlements are likewise growing in prosperity, and when he left there in June prospects were very bright. Continued righteousness, obedience to the counsels of the servants of God, and faithfulness in the performance of our duties, will bring to us continued blessing from on High.

President D. H. Wells called for plasterers, masons and laborers to work on the New Tabernacle, that it might be finished at an early day. He also called for some teams to haul laths from the kanyon.

He pointed out the importance of this work being prosecuted vigorously. Those whose services are now required voted with the body of the people at last Conference, to be on hand when called; and he hoped all interested in seeing the Tabernacle finished at an early day, would lend their influence to have all required labor, as far as practicable, concentrated upon it.

Elder Joseph F. Smith spoke of the blessings which have been bestowed upon us; and declared his belief that a large majority of the people in these valleys are striving to serve God and keep His commandments, and are growing in the knowledge of the truth. He reprehended the silliness of those who following after fashions-a long way behind them, tooape the habits and dress of the impure and corrupt of the world, that they may be thought to be among the fashionable.

AFTERNOON.

Elder George A. Smith delivered a very interesting discourse, treating upon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and passing on to the growth of the Church, showing the various officers | to judge. which were necessarily called for, as the work developed, also those which the growth of the people as a political and social community demanded. He reasoned that if a man is called to go and aid in defending the frontier settlements from Indian incursions, to work upon the Tabernacle, or do any other kind of labor, it is as much a mission as though he were sent to preach the gospel, and should be honored accordingly. To defend the outside and weak settlements is a work in which all are or ought to be interested; for if they are broken up and destroyed the centres of population, such as this city, will be in the end the great sufferers.

Elder John Taylor followed on the manner in which governments and authorities are sustained and upheld in the world. They do not ask men if they will do thus and so, in the way that is done in this Territory when men are called to perform a public duty, such as going to Sanpete to protect the settlements there; but they require all to aid in doing what is wanted; and instead of asking donations for the purpose they impose a tax and collect it by the exercise of authority.

Bishop Hunter renewed the call made by President Wells in the forenoon, for plasterers, masons, men to shift scaffolding, laborers, lathnailers and teams, About fifty men will acmay be finished to hold Conference in.

THE AFTERNOON OF THE FOURTH. -- Several of the Wards in this City had made arrangements for enjoyment on the Fourth, after the exercises at the Bowery had terminated and the processions had returned to their respective Wards. We have heard of several parties; the band and others from the 10th Ward made a short excursion out of the city and had a good time; but the 20th Ward had made the best and most complete arrangements for an afternoon's festivity and enjoyment, in which aged and young could equally participate. We have been favored with a programme of the proceedings which, while it is highly humorous, was happily arranged for the occasion. Some thirty-nine prizes were awarded for superiority in various games and trials of strength and speed, as well as for other things. There were foot races for children and young men, skipping-rope exercises, jumping, walking, "putting the stone;" and climbing a pole for a pig, which feat was accomplished by C. R. Savage's boy Roscoe. The winners in these received prizes. The oldest lady in the ward, the baby born nearest the Fourth, and the lady with the most living children, all had prizes awarded. There were swings, "round-a-bouts," and other sources of amusement; with a party at night. The Committee for the festivities were C. R. Savage, H. W. Naisbitt, G. M. Ottinger, R. Ramsey and Edward Brain.

CASHMERE GOATS.-The following letter has been received by Pres, B. Young, and is worthy of the attention of the brethren. Who will move in this enterprise, and procure Cashmere goats for keeping and breeding purposes?

BRIGHAM YOUNG, Esq:

DEAR SIR:-I have been engaged in raising Cashmere goats for several years, near Brownville, Nebraska. I now have several hundred grades, and about one hundred full bloods. From what I have heard of your country I believe it is in every way suited to these beautiful animals. If you, or any of your people, would like to engage in this business I could be induced to drive some two hundred of them to your city.

Our government has sent Hon, Q. S. Deihl to Asia to import workmen, machinery and looms, for making the celebrated Persian or Cashmere shawl.

Hoping to hear from you, I am Yours truly.

JOHN WALKER. Fayette, Howard Co., Wis.

|See American Agricultural Report for 1863, page 225.]

HOME-MADE. - The home-made cloths for sale at President B. Young's Woollen Factory, are not to be considered the coarse and poorly finished material that has heretofore been known as home-made. We know several gentlemen in his city wearing them who get credit for being dressed in imported cloth of good quality. These cloths are by far the best yet made in the Territory, and have already reach that point in superior quality and cheapness of price which is the first effective step towards driving imported goods of the kind out of the market here. Read the advertisement, see and examine the cloth, and if you do not prefer it, for quality and price, to anything of the kind yet imported why you differ very much in opinion with all who have yet inspected it and were competent

EASTERN MAILS .- From official reports received we find that up to Monday morning, the 8th, there were due at the post office in this City and laying somewhere between Denver and here, 196 canvas sacks of mail matter. We understand there is a larger quantity between the Missouri river and Denver, but have no official information on the subject. The leather sacks with brass and iron locks, which were forwarded from Denver up to date of last waybill, have been received. Express matter and passengers continue to arrive freely.

WEBER CITY.-Elder Thomas Colborn reports favorably of the crops at Weber City and in We ber Valley generally; and that the repairs on the Weber River Kanyon road are substantial and durable.

WEBER KANYON ROAD .- We met Gen. G. D Grant in the city a few days ago, who informed us that the Weber Kanyon road was again in traveling condition to Echo. The intelligence will be satisfactory to travelers.

OPENED .- Mr. P. Margetts has opened the Shakspeare Refreshment Rooms, on Second South St., where he invites his friends to call and see him and refresh the inner man with sturdy edibles and lager. He is so well known complish all that is required, and their services | that the simple announcement of his business are needed right away, that the Tabernacle should draw to him a large share of the kind of The Speaker an nounced the following patronage he solicits.

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Gold.-While there are a few willing souls ever ready to start on the "prospect" for gold, particularly in Utah, we were shown a "nugget" a few days ago by W. Hussey, Esq., firm of Hussey, Dahler & Co., bankers, which weighed nearly seventeen ounces, and he afterwards poured out a bag-full of smaller "chunks," all taken from a gulch in Highland, Montana, nearly 60 miles from Virginia. Some nuggets have been taken out there worth talking of, in the way of "paving stones," one having been sent to San Francisco worth about \$900 in coin. This gold is said to be the purest yet found on the continent.

CONCERT.-Professor Tullidge gives a Benefit Concert in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms, on Saturday evening. From the array of talent announced on the bills for the occasion, and the character of the past concerts given by the Professor, we presume there will be a house crowded on Saturday evening with the lovers of harmonious sounds. The vocalists and instrumentals embrace the names of a number of popular favorites. There is little doubt but the concert will be a success and well worth patro-

MAJOR JOHN STRATMAN, Publisher, Stationer and News Agent, San Francisco, has our thanks for a package of pictorial papers, magazines, &c. By the way, if printed mail matter is not better carried on the eastern route than it has been for a long time past, it will prove more satisfactory to look to the west; in which case we are not aware, if one orders through an agency, of a more reliable Agent than Major Stratman.

WOOL CARDING .- Moses Cluff advises the citizens of Wasatch and Summit Counties, that he is prepared to do wool carding at Heber City, Provo Valley.

THE MISSIONARIES .- We are pleased to publish the following telegram to Pres. B. Young. which he has kindly furnished to us:

New York, July 5.

Pres. B. Young: Heber, Zebulon, Chariton and the rest arrived yesterday, all well. H. B. CLAWSON.

READ notice of lost cow.

[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

London, 4. The Fenian prisoners Burke, Doran, McCafferty, McClure and others have been brought from Ireland to England. Paris, 3.

In consequence of the death of Maximilian the French Court has been ordered in mourning, according to usual state form, and the grand military review ordered for to-morrow, with the imperial fetes which were to take place to-morrow in honor of the Sultan of Turkey, has been countermanded by the Emperor. Great preparations had been made for the celebration of the 4th by the Americans, but the arrangements were brought to a close and the celebration will not take place.

Washington, 5. The House passed a resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Sheridan, for the able and faithful performance of his duties as military commander of the 5th district; also a joint resolution of thanks was tendered to Sickles, Pope and Schofield. Adjourned to the 8th.

Mobile, 5. The capitulation of Vera Cruz was signed on the 27th; the garrison marched out with colors flying, were saluted by the Liberal forces, were allowed to retain their arms and to be furnished with national vessels to leave Mexico.

Washington, 5. Judge Swayne, of the Supreme Court, died in this city this afternoon.

New York, 5. The Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, reports that yellow fever prevails there, and twenty-five per cent. of the cases prove fatal.

New Orleans, 5. Santa Anna was shot in Sisal on the morning of the 25th.

Washington, 5. committee on reconstruction: Stevens, s56-2&w1.

Boutwell, Bingham, Farnsworth, Hulburt, Beaman, Paine, Pike and Brooks. Farnesworth, from the joint committee to wait on the President, reported

that he had no communication at present to make to Congress.

In the Senate the resolution agreed upon in caucus, to restrict the business of the session to legislation directly connected with reconstruction, was passed. It very carefully guards against the introduction of any bill not plainly necessary for amendments to the last session. .

In the Surratt case Mathews testified that the letter Booth handed to him to deliver to the National Intelligencer, and about which there has been much speculation, contained the statement. signed by Booth, Payne, Azteroth and Harrold, that they had tried all in their power to abduct the President, but had failed, and that they had resolved that they would sacrifice their lives for the welfare of the country, and remove by death the President, whom they considered the cause of all its woes. It will be noticed that Surratt's name is not signed to the letter; this omission the defense intend to use as proof that he had no knowledge of or instrumentality in procuring the assassination.

New York, 6. A New Orleans special says a fillibustering fever, with a watch word "on to Mexico," prevailes there in all circles; both confederates and federals partake

St. Louis, 6. A Topeka, Kansas, special says the Osage Indians left their reservation in the southern part of the state in a regular warlike style, their rear picket guarded; no whites are allowed to approach their camp; Little Bear, the chief of the tribe, refused to accompany them, and has no control of the band; they say they are going to hunt buffalo, but they stole 80 horses, and Gen. Kelly reports that he believes that they are on the war path.

Gov. Crawford writes to Senator Ross, on the subject of Indian affairs in Kansas, in which he says that outrages will probably cease for a week or two, as the Indians who have been committing them are to meet Col. Leavenworth and Maj. Wynkoop at Salt Plains, in the southern part of the state, to receive their annuities; as soon as they receive these goods they will return to robbing and murdering. The Governor deprecates the peace commissioners' plan, and says war is the only way to settle the troubles. He makes a strong appeal to Congress for aid, and charges some Indian agents and traders with gross misrepresentations in stating that their Indians are quiet and peaceful, when it is a notorious fact that they are murdering and scalping whites wherever found. The Governor further says that 5,000 persons have been killed during the past year, and declares that, if Congress will not protect the citizens of Kansas and the railroad interests and prevent a blockade of the routes of travel, he will take the matter in his own hands.

An Omaha dispatch says several steamers on the Upper Missouri have been attacked by Indians, and 5 or 6 men killed.

New Orleans, 6. There have been 5 cases of yellow fever and two deaths by black vomit in Galveston, Texas; there are no fears of its spreading.

Washington, 6. The receipts from internal revenue during the week were \$8,351,822.

Paris, 4. Lord Lyons has entered upon the duties of his office as Embassador to the Court of Napolean, vice Lord Cowley.

SMALL brindle COW, with bell on, branded A O on left thigh, and A o and E D w on left horn. The person returning her or giving information of her whereabouts will be paid by ALBERT CARRINGTON.