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Correspondence.

A TRIP TO THE COAL MINES ON THE WEBER.

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EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—Having had occasion lately to pass through some of the settlements in Summit County, I was very forcibly struck with the many improvements made there within the last two years, a brief notice of which may be interesting.

Wanship, the county seat, is situated on the mouth of Silver Creek, and has recently been much improved by the erection of several good and substantial buildings. Among these is a very nice stone School House, in which a full school is now being taught.

At Hoytsville, quite a large settlement has been formed by the people having to move together on account of Indian difficulties in 1866. Here, also, they have a good school established.

Coalville, the largest and most flourishing town in the county, has over six hundred inhabitants, many of whom, judging by the improvements recently made, are enterprising citizens. They have the most substantial and comfortable meeting-house, according to the inhabitants, of any settlement that I have seen in the Territory. A large and well conducted school is now being taught by bro's Elnathan and Joseph Eldredge of this city.

Among other commendable enterprises, the citizens of Coalville can boast of a fine and quite an extensive library of new and well selected books, imported from New York last year. The Tithing Office is a substantial rock building. The office room is well furnished, in which the books of the Library are at present kept and distributed to the public. I was informed, however, that a suitable building has been erected for the Library, with a reading and lecture room attached, which will be used by the Association another winter.

I attended a meeting in the evening. The house was well filled, and the attentive congregation was addressed by two young Elders, who, it appeared, were "home missionaries" who had been appointed by the Bishop to travel and preach in the different settlements, which seemed to me to be a very excellent policy, and must result in much good, as these Elders seemed to enjoy the spirit of their mission. I was told that some ten or twelve were thus called to travel and preach in the district, embracing Summit, Morgan and Wasatch Counties.

Coalville, surrounded as it is, with a vast field of coal, supplying many of our largest towns and cities with this valuable article of fuel, must become a very important city in this Territory.

The road being now in a good condition for sleighing the entire distance from here to the coal mines, now is the time for the people to lay in their supply of fuel. Very respectfully,

A COAL HAULER.

SALT LAKE CITY Feb. 1st, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—Are the times of the Gentiles about fulfilled? This is a very important question, and in view of gaining a correct answer, suppose we cite some of the words of our Savior, alluding to this momentous subject. Luke, chap. XXI, ver. 25-26: after declaring that Jerusalem should be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, he says: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring." In another place, he says: "There shall be wars and rumors of wars, commotions, &c., be not terrified, for these things must first come to pass but the end is not by and bye." In the former instance, he does not seek to allay the fears of his followers as in the latter from which we may reasonably infer that the former signs immediately precede his second advent into the world

when men's hearts shall fail them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth. To a certain extent we have always heard of wars and rumors of wars; but have we always heard of nations in distress and perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring? Are not the United States of America in distress by a debt of thousands of millions of dollars? Are they not distressed by the cries of the poor in the South and in the East? Are they not perplexed with the labor of reconstructing the Government? Are they not perplexed with the political intricacies that now exist, and with the divided, acrimonious feelings that now prevail in most sections of the land? Are not tempests and earthquakes more frequent and disastrous than usual? Are not the waves of the sea heaving themselves beyond their bounds with unusual violence? If any doubt this, let them read again an account of the late disasters in the West India Islands. What wise and far-seeing statesman can look forward and contemplate the future with joyful confidence? Do not men's hearts fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, and what people, save the "Mormons," are hated by all men for Christ's sake? Is England distressed with the cries of tens of thousands of her poor in London and elsewhere, and is she perplexed with her Fenian subjects, who, armed with the spirit of destruction, go forth publicly and privately to scatter death and ruin in the land? Insignificant as the Fenians may be, yet a wasp can perplex and worry a lion. France also comes in for her share of the cries of the poor, whose chorus is "employment and bread," and by and bye their song may be a little more emphatic—"bread or blood." Is she not also perplexed in her diplomatic relations with other powers? China and Japan are full of distress and revolution. Mexico is also full of turmoil and brigandage, no safety or security there. The South American Governments are locking horns, distress and perplexity reign there also. Can our wise men and rulers see anything ominous in the foregoing and will they govern themselves accordingly? or will the day of the Lord come upon all nations as a thief in the night? "Fear and the pit and the snare are upon ye O inhabitants of the earth," it is the day of the Lord's vengeance for the controversy of Zion, He will establish His kingdom on the earth and the nations who oppose it or fight against it will crumble like well-burnt lime upon the application of water. Will not the inhabitants of the earth reflect and consider when they feel to pour out their wrath upon the "Mormons," that God's ways are not their ways nor His thoughts as their thoughts. God has chosen the "Mormons" as the pioneers of His great work to be accomplished in the latter days, and all men will do well to be slow in throwing a stumbling-block in their way.

Be it remembered that when God sets up His kingdom on the earth, it will be different from any other kingdom that exists; if not so, He would set up no kingdom, but select the one, out of the many that was after the order of his own will. To make the kingdom of Heaven like the kingdoms of this world would be to plan for the Almighty, and not allow Him to plan for Himself.

Very truly, O. B.

AN ACT

Changing the name of Richland County to Rich County.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah: That the name and style of Richland County, wherever it occurs in the records and on the seal of said county and elsewhere, shall hereafter be Rich County; and that all questions, rights, property and interests pending and accrued under the former name and style, shall be continued and deemed of the same force and virtue under the new name and style of Rich County.

Approved, January 29th, 1868.

CHARLES DURKEE, Governor.

AN ACT

Changing the names of Great Salt Lake City and Great Salt Lake County.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah: That the name and style of Great Salt Lake City, wherever it occurs in the Charter and on the Corporate Seal of said City, and elsewhere, shall hereafter be Salt Lake City; and that all questions, rights, property and interests pending and accrued under the former name and style shall be continued and deemed of the same force and virtue under the new name and style of Salt Lake County.

Approved, Jan. 29th, 1868.

CHARLES DURKEE, Governor.

HOME ITEMS.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

BEAR LAKE VALLEY.—Br. Augustus E. Pearce writing from St. Charles, Bear Lake Valley Jan. 17th, informs us that at date, the snow was about a foot deep, the weather pleasant and clear, the health of the people good, and all was peace and quietness.

HONORABLE.—The Dalles Mountaineer credits the DESERET EVENING NEWS with the Eastern dispatches which it extracts from our columns. This is honorable, now that it is becoming fashionable in some places to take dispatches and original matter bodily from the columns of other papers, and give no credit for them.

THEATRICAL.—On Saturday evening the "Huguenot Captain" was repeated and well played. The farce dragged somewhat, though Messrs. Margetts and Graham, Miss Colebrook and Miss Alexander, exerted themselves commendably. To-morrow evening Mr. Lindsay will take his benefit. He has selected "Hamlet" for the occasion, and will appear as the "philosophic Dane." The ambition which prompts him to essay so arduous a task is commendable, and should secure a large attendance to witness home talent in this most difficult of Shakespearean roles. The splendid tragedy is well cast. In the very laughable farce of "Boots at the Swan," he will appear as Frank Friskey, Mr. Graham playing Earwig. Capt. Croxall's band have some beautiful music, lately received from the east, which they will play for the first time here. And Miss Colebrook will sing between the pieces. We hope to see a house crowded in every part.

THE WEATHER still continues cold, with a slight fall of snow flakes each morning and the sun shining out towards the afternoon. We have received the following by Deseret Telegraph line:—

Brigham City; very cold.
American Fork; very cold and frosty; foggy; snow about three inches deep.
Nephi; stormy. It has been snowing for about one hour, and there are appearances of a heavy storm.
Beaver; pleasant and very cold. Very cold nights.
Parowan; clear and cold; snow from 12 to 14 inches deep.
Cedar City; very severe frost, but clear and beautiful.
Torkerville; clear, the wind blowing very hard from the north; quite cold.
St. George; clear; not a cloud to be seen; severe frost last night. Thermometer 45.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder W. Woodruff touched upon the great blessings enjoyed by the Saints, and the duties that lie before them. As a people we are required to become one, and to prepare for the second coming of the Son of God. Many people on the earth believe in the second coming, and some of them have declared that he would come at times which they stated; yet, if they understood the scriptures they would know that certain things have to be done before that event;—the prophecies have to be fulfilled; Zion has to be built up; and the Saints have to arrive at a condition of unity much higher than they have yet reached. They have to purify themselves, establish righteousness, build up the Zion of God, and fulfil the prophecies uttered concerning the coming of the Son of God, and the preparation which must precede his advent. The Saints have done much in spreading the gospel, and declaring the will of God to the nations; and the Lord is working among the inhabitants of the earth preparatory to the fulfillment of His purposes. He exhorted the people to increased faithfulness in the performance of the duties devolving upon them.

Afternoon.
Elder John Taylor delivered a very interesting discourse on the duties and responsibilities of those who have received and embraced the everlasting gospel. The great question which every Elder in Israel should ask himself is, What is the will of God concerning me? And having learned that will, every power, energy and

ability we have should be employed in doing it. The Saints pray for the Lord to make known His will through His servants, and exercise faith in their behalf; then, when they deliver instructions to the people those instructions should be obeyed, or why do we pray for the will of God to be thus revealed. Elder Taylor treated upon the gospel, which we have received, and the great blessings that accompany and follow obedience to it.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon followed, treating upon the eventful nature of the times in which we live, and the work which the Lord is accomplishing in this generation,—a work looked forward to by all the ancient servants of God, and hoped for by many who did not understand the prophecies, but desired to see the condition of mankind ameliorated. He referred to the feeling of many in the Church years ago, who looked for the consummation of the purposes of God in a year or two, and were filled with enthusiasm in consequence; but became lukewarm and lifeless in the faith when they found they were mistaken. Yet, he reasoned, although that consummation has not been reached so quickly as some may have thought it would be, it is none the less surely approaching. And the Saints should, by increased faith, prayer, and righteousness, prepare themselves for a stricter obedience to the requirements of Heaven, and the bringing to pass the purposes of the Almighty.

Feb. 3, 10 a.m.

Council.—President Geo. A. Smith presented a petition from John R. Murdock and others citizens of Beaver, praying for an appropriation to improve the road and erect a bridge on Bear river. Referred.

Councillor L. Snow, chairman of the committee on roads, &c., to whom was referred the petition of Saml. Roskelly and Geo. Barber, Cache valley, praying for an appropriation to build a bridge across Bear river, reported adversely to said petition.

On motion of Councillor E. Snow, the Secretary was requested to furnish the Council with copies of *Our Dixie Times*.

Councillor L. Snow, chairman of the Committee on roads, bridges, &c., to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Muddy valley, praying for an appropriation to improve the roads, reported favorably and recommended an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars. The report was accepted, and the committee on appropriations instructed accordingly.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 1 p.m.

House.—Mr. Rockwood presented petition of Archibald Gardner, asking the Territory to reimburse him for expenses incurred in building the bridge across Jordan river, near Gardner's mill; read and referred.

Bills for city charters were presented for the cities of Morgan city, Morgan county, Kayville, Davis county, and Smithfield, Cache county, which were read and referred.

The committee on Indian affairs reported it inexpedient to legislate on the petition of Peter Rasmussen and others, citizens of Salina; but recommended the petition to be filed in the Adjutant General's Office.

Mr. Rich presented petition from Wm. Hydo and 284 others, citizens of Cache county, in relation to delinquent taxes; referred to special committee.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 1 p.m.

THE REGENCY.—The Regents of the University will meet this evening, at 7 o'clock, in President Young's Office.

BIRTH.—On the 14th January, 1868, at Farmington, Fanny, wife of Mr. Charles W. Stayner, of a daughter.

Died:

In Brigham City, on Sunday morning 19th inst., of lung complaint, Eliza, wife of William Gilbert, aged 22 years, 10 months and 9 days.

Deceased was truly one of the most exemplary and lovely of her sex, as well in her profession of membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as in the social relations of wife, mother and friend. The day previous to her death, she was conveyed, at her own earnest request, to the residence of her mother, Sister Wm. C. Thomas, at the Brigham City Hotel. Wholly conscious of her approaching and speedy dissolution, she calmly matured every proper disposition of her affairs, and to the hour of her departure retained possession of all those refined, intellectual qualities which marked her life. Her last words were, "Father, shake hands with me. Mother, kiss me for the last time on earth. I bid you all farewell. I have a clear conscience. I have never injured a person in my life."

She was a native of Carmarthenshire, South Wales; came to Utah with her mother in the fall of 1852; was baptized in Brigham City at the age of 8 years; and has gone to join the sanctified who await the redemption of their bodies, leaving a husband and three small children to deplore their early bereavement of a dutiful and loving wife and mother. She was interred on Monday afternoon, a numerous concourse of friends following her remains to the grave; funeral services were previously held at the house of Bro. Thomas, and a very consoling and instructive discourse was delivered on the occasion by Elder James McKnight. [Com. Mill. Star please copy.]

In child-bed, on the 29th of January, 1868 Fanny, wife of Mr. Charles W. Stayner, at Farmington, aged 25 years.

She was much beloved by all who knew her, and is sincerely mourned by her husband and friends, but they realize that their loss is her gain.

Mill. Star please copy.

On the 30th ult., John Morris, son of George M. and Phoebe Ottinger, aged 21 months and 1 day. "Peacefully sleep."