

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 9.

Omaha, Neb. March 9.—The Union Pacific road has donated twenty-five thousand dollars to the Transmississippi exposition. All but three roads entering Omaha have made a total contribution of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

A decidedly important dispatch came over the wires from Omaha this afternoon affecting as it does the railway and other material interests of Utah and the West. It is nothing more or less than the apparently well founded and thoroughly authenticated report that the Oregon Short Line and other closely identified interests have again become a part of the Union Pacific. The information was conveyed by the Associated Press in the following language:

"It is announced here on excellent authority that the Union Pacific is now in control of the Oregon Short Line. The formal announcement of the absorption by the parent company of the great branch is looked for this week. It is the first step in the rehabilitation of the overland system. The Oregon Short Line carriers with it control of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. It is also announced that the Union Pacific will secure control of the U. P., Denver and Gulf from Denver to Julesburg."

On receipt of the dispatch a representative of the "News" promptly hunted up and interviewed Mr. Bancroft, vice president and general manager of the Short Line. When the telegram was shown to that official he smiled and politely declared that it was the first intimation he had received concerning the transaction.

"But what is your opinion as to its correctness?" continued the "News" man.

"Well," was the reply, "I haven't any opinion upon it at all. It is news to me and may and may not be true."

Beyond that Mr. Bancroft would say nothing and when General Passenger Agent Clay of the Union Pacific was interviewed he was found in the same significant state of unaccountable bias. Here, too, the telegram was news to the officials who took a copy for their own consideration.

One thing, however, was very noticeable about the headquarters of both companies and that was the air of certainty and assurance that was manifest concerning the correctness of the telegram. Not one official could be found who questioned it and some freely admitted that things had been pointing that way for some time. The consolidation of the two companies means that some very important changes will be made in the official personnel of the respective organizations as they now exist in this city. What they will be the near future must demonstrate.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 10.

Elder Fred Pieper of the Twentieth ward of this city, who recently returned from the Netherlands mission over which he presided, has been chosen to succeed George D. Pyper as secretary of the Deseret Sunday school Union and First Council of Seventies. Elder Pyper was compelled to give up the duties of these offices on account of having been selected to take charge of the Utah exhibit at Omaha at the Transmississippi Exposition. Elder Pieper has already been inducted into office and is familiarizing himself with his new duties.

Baker City, Oregon.

March 7, 1898.

A few words from Baker City may be acceptable to you. The mills are situated about a mile from the center of town, and in their vicinity nestles a quiet village, to which the Bakerites give the nickname of "Mormontown." South Baker is the official name. It contains no saloon or gambling house, nor house of ill fame, all of which is a credit to Mormon and Gentile alike, for about one half of the population is Gentile.

The sawmills have started up to their full capacity, and our new and enlarged electric plant supplies Baker City with plenty of light. The box factory is doing a little.

All are busy workers here. Elders Hunt, Jensen, Monson, Lamb and Lewis have worked their way back to Baker county, ready for our conference, which will take place on the 26th inst. The missionaries have met with gratifying success, and the prospects for the Lord's work in Oregon are encouraging.

Our esteemed brother, Joseph A. West, celebrated his silver wedding on the 4th inst.

The "News" is eagerly sought for here. It brings us the latest news in quicker time than any other Utah paper.

SWANSEA.

Hyrum, March 8, 1898.

Elder F. M. Lyman of the Council of the Apostles has lately visited Hyrum to inspect the electric light plant with a view of putting one in Tootle city. He was not only very much pleased with the plant, but with the town. He occupied the pulpit Sunday evening when the large church was packed almost to suffocation and many had to go away. The sermon was the broadest Gospel that we have ever listened to and was not only needed but will bear fruit for a long time to come.

Our electric company are placing street lamps five feet above the poles, suspended on iron pipe, two pieces with pulleys and weights to lower the lamps for repairs. The pipe is not only bent and painted but forms an ornament and the lamps thus suspended throw the light clear of the crossbars or poles and thus the street gets the full benefit of the full illumination. This is a great improvement on the old plan and our master builder, Mr. James L. Jensen deserves the credit of the suggestion.

As the result of our electric plant Mr. Garff has moved all his machinery and will start a box and wood working factory. The machinery came yesterday.

A flour mill is the next with every modern improvement. So one plant only encourages more, all these industries are to be run by electric power.

Now if the "News" will bring its powerful influence to bear on the powers that be of the O. S. L. R. R., to bring that loop to 7,000 people living in the most fertile country you would receive our thanks and blessing. S.

The special weather report for the "News," compiled by the Deseret Telegraph company today, brings welcome tidings of the wide extent and far-reaching effect of last night's snow storm. It will of great benefit to the farmers, and they are rejoicing accordingly. The report from all over the State is as follows:

Paris, Ida.—Snowed about one and a half inches last night.

Logan—Snowing slightly; cloudy and cold.

Ogden—Windy and cold; some snow fell last night, but not much.

Provo—About one inch of snow; stormy.

Nephi—Snowed two inches last night; cold this morning.

Payson—About four inches of snow last night; cloudy this morning.

Fillmore—Six inches of snow fell last night, and still snowing.

Kanosh—Eight inches of snow fell last night; snowing yet.

Beaver—Snowed last night about five inches and is still falling.

Parowan—We had about five inches of snow last night, and storm continues today.

Cedar City—Snowstorm last night, six inches fell; still snowing today.

Toquerville—Been raining and snowing nearly all night. Cloudy, north-wind blowing.

St. George—Rained and snowed most of last night, and rain still falling. Fine thing for this part of the State; farmers are rejoicing.

Kanab—Cloudy and looks like rain.

Moroni—Three inches snow last night and still coming down.

Mt. Pleasant—Snowed last night three inches; doing much good here.

Ephraim—Cloudy and snowing; now about four inches on ground.

Manti—Snow, four inches, fell last night and still very stormy; considered a good thing in this county, and farmers feel well.

Gunnison—We had a fall of snow of about three inches last night; cloudy and very cold this morning.

Salina—Four inches of snow fell last night, and still snowing.

Richfield—A light snow fell last night and it is still snowing.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 11.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

L. D. S. Mission, Apia, Opolu, Samoa, Fagalli, Feb. 23, 1898.

Please publish the following for the benefit of all interested in Samoa: Steamers will leave San Francisco one week earlier than usual for Samoa commencing on Feb. 23, and thereafter every four weeks as usual, March 23, April 20 and so on.

Respectfully,

ED. J. WOOD.

Through an interview with one of the Elders of the Latter-day Saints I learned of your paper being a help to persons hunting for relatives who have become estranged from home. If you could only give me some information in regard to my father (M. W. Banks) my prayers for you would never cease. When I last heard of him he was at Big Cottonwood, about four years ago last winter. He has been in Utah about 26 years, as near as I can remember. My heart yearns for him as only a daughter's can for a parent that is so far away.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, yours respectfully,

MRS. KATIE BANKS GLASS.

Chico, Butte County, Cal.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 12.

Elder A. W. Wright of Hinckley, Millard county, departed for home on the 10th inst., having returned on that day from a mission to South Carolina, for which he left June 27th, 1895. Conditions are very favorable, he says, for continued good work in this state.

Elder I. T. Freeman, of Herriman, Salt Lake county, also arrived home on the 7th inst. His mission was performed in the Southern States in the Middle Tennessee conference. While there he reports having made many friends, and says the conference is in a flourishing condition. Elder Freeman entered upon his mission September 12, 1896.

Salt Lake City, March 7. I had a letter today from a friend of mine in Belfast, Ireland, requesting me to inquire for the brother of a lady, Wm. Price, one of our people, supposed