

bridegroom, the son of Apostle Chas. C. Rich. May their happiness increase as the years roll on.

In another column, will be found particulars of the marriage of Mr. John Cooper, of Tooele, and Miss Elizabeth McEwan, daughter of Mr. Robt. T. McEwan of this city. We also extend our congratulations and good wishes to this newly wedded pair.

#### Excommunicated.

SPRING LAKE WARD,  
Utah Co., Dec. 23d, 1877.

Editors Deseret News: Dear Sirs,

This is to certify that Jacob S. Spainhour was cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Nov. 18th, 1877, for apostasy.

Also Thomas Parks was cut off the Church on the 16th inst. for unchristianlike conduct.

B. F. JOHNSON, Bishop.

D. T. LEBARON, Jun., Clerk.

**New Meeting - House.**—From Brother L. B. Hunt, of St. Charles, Bear Lake County, Idaho, we have the minutes of a meeting held on Sunday, December 23rd, in a new meeting house, just about completed, in that place. William Budge, James H. Hart, and George Osmond, of the Presidency of Bear Lake Stake, were present, and spoke to the people upon the necessity of co-operation among the Saints in their efforts to build up the Kingdom of God. Bishop John A. Hunt also addressed the assembly. The instructions and the spirit enjoyed on the occasion were good.

The new building is commodious and comfortable, and is 55 feet long by 32 feet wide.

**Appleton & Co's Cyclopaedia.**—We draw attention to a communication in to-day's NEWS in relation to Appleton & Co's Cyclopaedia. The strictures of our correspondent are truthful and eminently just. Having only received the first seven volumes of the work, and having been led to understand, by a former agent, that the information in relation to "Mormonism" and "the Mormons" had been obtained by the publishers from what we knew to be authentic and reliable sources, we were not aware of the tissue of falsehood that had been incorporated in the book on that subject. The work is not only an unreliable authority on "Mormonism," but gives a contemptible misrepresentation of that system, prepared and written by its bigoted and bitter enemies.

**Clarkston.**—Brother Richard Godfrey, of Clarkston, sends us the minutes of two days' meetings held there on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15th and 16th. The occasion was the dedication of the fine new meeting house, just completed. It is a handsome building, the outside ground measurement of which is 56 feet six inches by 34 feet six inches. Moses Thatcher, William B. Preston and Milton D. Hammond, of the Presidency of the Cache County Stake of Zion, were present and President Thatcher offered the dedicatory prayer.

Instructive and appropriate remarks were made by the Presidency of the Stake; also by F. Rigby, George Pitkin, S. Roskelly, John Henry, James Mack and S. Parkinson.

During the proceedings on Sunday the Elders of Clarkston and Weston were organized a quorum, with John Dahle as president, and Alfred H. Atkinson and Lars Peterson as his counselors. William Sparks and Moroni Jenkins were appointed home missionaries of the Stake.

The work of building the meeting house was accomplished within a little over a year, since John Jardine was appointed Bishop of Clarkston, and the enterprise was carried through, under peculiarly difficult circumstances, three-fourths of the crops of the people having been destroyed by grasshoppers last season.

We quote from the correspondence:

"The health of the people is excellent. We have a good day and Sunday School. The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association meets every Thursday evening. Bishop Jardine takes a lively interest in the same, as he does in everything pertaining to the interests of the people and the furtherance of the work of God upon the earth."

**Elders' Quorums.**—The Elders' Quorums of the Salt Lake Stake of

Zion, have been numbered as follows:

The Elders' Quorum composed of the Elders in the Fourteenth and Seventeenth Wards, presided over by Edward W. Davis, will be known as the First Quorum of Elders of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion.

That of the First, Tenth and Sugar House Wards, presided over by James E. Malin, will be known as the Second.

That of Second, Third, Eighth and Ninth Wards, presided over by Thomas Gerrard, the Third.

That of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Farmer's Wards, presided over by Robert R. Irvine, the Fourth.

That of the Fifteenth and Brighton Wards, presided over by James W. Ure, the Fifth.

That of the Sixteenth Ward, presided over by Francis Cope, the Sixth.

That of the Nineteenth Ward, presided over by Robert Haslam, the Seventh.

That of the Thirteenth and Eighteenth Wards, presided over by Henry A. Woolley, the Eighth.

That of the Eleventh and Twelfth Wards, presided over by John Coulam, the Ninth.

That of the Twentieth Ward, presided over by Levi W. Richards, the Tenth.

That of the Twenty-First Ward, presided over by William P. Affleck, the Eleventh.

That of the four Jordan Wards, presided over by John A. Egbert, the Twelfth.

That of the Mill Creek and East Mill Creek Wards, presided over by Amos B. Fuller, the Thirteenth.

That of the two Cottonwood Wards, presided over by George Smith, the Fourteenth.

And that of the South Willow Creek, Granite and Union Wards, presided over by Charles M. Peterson, will be known as the Fifteenth Elders' Quorum of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion.

**Descriptive Geology.**—We have obtained some facts relating to these valleys from Mr. Barfoot, the curator of the Deseret Museum, which, although they are not perhaps a continuation of the history of the Great Salt Lake, as published in our columns last October, have a close connection with our ancient lake history that will make them interesting to the general reader. As we then stated, Professor G. K. Gilbert had made observations on the Great Salt Lake, with a view to definitely settle any doubt respecting the history of our great inland sea since the exploration by Captain Stansbury, in 1849, and its present condition. We also publish a report forwarded to us, by courtesy of Mr. Gilbert, as the geologist of the Powder expedition. It appears from the recent report published by Major Powell, the chief of the exploring party assigned to make a geographical and geological survey of the Rocky Mountain region in 1876-77, that among the geological work done, "Mr. Gilbert made an excursion in search of the outlet of 'Lake Bonneville' (the ancient lake which covered these valleys) 'the great fossil lake of Utah. During an epoch which was probably coincident with the glacial epoch, the broad interior basin of Utah was covered by a great lake, which overflowed its rim and sent an outlet to the ocean by the way of Columbia River. When the climate became gradually warmer and drier, the evaporation grew greater and the rainfall grew less, until finally the overflow ceased and the lake began to dry away and shrink within its shores. To-day only Great Salt Lake, Utah Lake, and Sevier Lake remain, but high up on the mountain is carved the Bonneville beach, a prominent record of the old flood tide. The search for the point of outlet was successful, and it was found at the north end of Cache Valley, a few miles beyond the boundary of Utah, in the Territory of Idaho. The bed of the outflowing stream was traced for a number of miles. The beach lines were seen to run quite to the pass through which the channel was cut, but beyond, on the side of the drainage of the Columbia, no trace of them could be seen."

In addition to these interesting discoveries, it is also stated that more complete observations have been made of the Wasatch Range, and it is found that there are evidences of recent movements at the western base of that mountain range, the old shore lines having been elevated or depressed in

places, although they were originally level. It was found that in determining the present altitude of four different places as compared with the present elevation of the Great Salt Lake the difference ranged between 966 feet to 1,059 feet. These measurements were all made in the immediate vicinity of the lake. It is found that the discrepancy is several times greater at points more remote from the lake.

Major Powell considers these changes as worthy of notice and as evidences that "The operation of mountain making is a work of the present as well as the past ages, and that the grand displacements by faults and folds are caused by slow and intermittent movements."

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 29.

**Quarterly Conference.**—A Quarterly Conference of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, will be held in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms, beginning at 10 a. m. on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1878.

ANGUS M. CANNON,  
DAVID O. CALDER,  
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,  
Presidency of the Stake.

**Recovering.**—William Jeff, who recently had his leg amputated, is gradually recovering.

**A Thief.**—A fellow giving the name of Wm. Butler was arrested last night for stealing a couple of coats from Mr. Erickson, a Second South Street saloon keeper.

**Those Keys.**—The person who called at this office and obtained, by mistake, a lost bunch of keys, will please return the same, the rightful owner having claimed them.

**Badly Frozen.**—A man was brought to the City on the Utah Southern train this morning, badly frozen. He had been out in a snow storm in the Wasatch Mountains for eight days. We did not learn his name.

**District Court.**—Saturday, December 21st.

Margaret A. Fuller et al vs. Alfred Schraeder et al; default and judgment.

Helen Tarbet vs. the Flagstaff S. M. Co.; argument on motion for an injunction and receiver continued.

**Matrimonial.**—Last week nearly twenty young couples came to this city from Ogden and vicinity, and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. That is just what young people ought to do. It is a healthy sign.

**New Music.**—"Come Back to our Cottage so Lonely," song and chorus; "Fresh Garlands," collection of easy piano pieces; and Marche Romaine also for the piano forte, with all the popular music of the period can be had of Calder & Careless at their music store, East Temple Street.

**New Year's.**—Remember the toy matinee for the children at the Theatre on New Year's Day at 2 p. m. Gifts and amusements. Also the fine play of "Eustache Baudin" and the burlesque of "Pocahontas," in the evening, when each ticket holder will receive a useful present. See advertisement.

**School-House Closed.**—Workmen are now engaged finishing the interior of the Seventeenth Ward School-house. In consequence of this no Sunday school, regular religious services or other meetings will be held in the building until further notice.

**Chambers' Encyclopaedia,** new and revised edition, 10 vols., bound in leather, the best work of reference in science, biography, and general literature. Prices reduced from \$60 to \$47. Trade edition, 10 vols., sheep, \$22.50. This is just the work for Mutual Improvement Societies.

JAMES DWYER.

**Effects of a Scald.**—Brother George Anderson, the well known herdsman, had the misfortune recently to have his foot severely scalded. Being anxious to attend to his business he did not give the injury that attention it required. The consequence was that inflammatory symptoms, accompanied by severe pain, set in, and he is now completely disabled and unable to leave his bed.

**Crash.**—Last evening Mr. Leo Clawson was out for a sleigh ride. His horse ran away on East Temple Street, near Old Constitution Buildings. The young man was thrown out, and the frightened animal rushed on, turned the Des-

eret Bank corner, and making a wide sweep, caused the cutter to dash against the window of McComas' saloon, smashing the frame and spilling a good deal of liquor. The vehicle was badly wrecked.

**North Ogden.**—To-day we received a call from Brothers Fred. Ellis and Thomas Norris. The former is superintendent of the North Ogden Sunday School and director of one of the three "Sunday School Musical Districts" of Weber County. He is in the city for the purpose of making purchases of holiday gifts for the pupils under his charge. The school is in excellent condition and has a roll of two hundred scholars.

**Trunk Factory.**—We understand that a gentleman of this city has proffered to Mr. J. H. Clemetshaw the use of extensive premises on East Temple Street, in which to begin business again in the manufacture of trunks, valises, &c. Perhaps some others will step forward and aid him to make a fresh start. It would be a commendable act. Mr. Clemetshaw is an unexceptionably excellent workman, and his labors in his particular line of business would be a public benefit. He lost all his tools when his premises were burned.

**Joseph Smith's Leynestslob.**—Number seven will contain a concluding two pages of the 8th, the whole of the 9th, and the two first pages of the 10th chapters, the contents of which two last chapters are as follows:

**A Council is Convened.**—The Elders' School is Established—The First Introduction of the Law of Tithing among the Saints—The Twelve Apostles are Called and Set Apart for the Ministry—The First Quorum of the Seventies is Organized—Mr. H. M. Chandler Calls upon Joseph—Some Singular Records—How Joseph Becomes Acquainted with the Book of Abraham—The Book of Doctrine and Covenants is designed as a Law and Rule for the Church—William Smith's Bad Conduct is the Cause of Much Grief to Joseph—Fragments of an Affecting Letter—A Hebrew School is Established in Kirtland—Brief Description of the Kirtland Temple—An Interesting Vision—Description of the Dedication of the Kirtland Temple—Extraordinary Manifestations of the Power of God—The Endowment of the Elders and the Saints—The Savior, Moses, and Elijah Appear unto Joseph and Oliver Cowdery in Several Succeeding Visions—Visit by the Uncles of Joseph.

#### The Cyclopaedia Question.

SALT LAKE CITY,

Dec. 29, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

A communication, under the non de plume of "Bruford," appeared in yesterday's NEWS. The correspondent takes exception to my recommendation to any public or private library, of Appleton & Co's Cyclopaedia. I have to say, in explanation, that at the time of writing the note alluded to I had not thoroughly examined the work in question. I imagined, however, that I had done so sufficiently to enable me to judge regarding its general character, which appeared to me to be excellent. In addition I was given to understand that the articles pertaining to "Mormonism" and its leading exponents were supplied for the work by persons capable and willing to treat the subject without bigotry or prejudice. Discovering that I was misled on that point I frankly thank "Bruford" for the correction, and here state that I emphatically withdraw my recommendation of the Cyclopaedia in question, as it is most remote from any design on my part to endorse or recommend any work whatever that reflects upon and misrepresents a system I hold to be true, or the characters of men whom I heartily esteem.

T. B. LEWIS.

**Religious Belief.**—The rabid, extreme class of opponents of the Latter-day Saints, of whom there are a few that we could name in this region, are a conspicuously inconsistent lot of mortals. In their stump and other utterances we have heard them disclaim in the most positive and emphatic manner that they opposed the "Mormons" because of their religious belief. "We care nothing at all about your belief. With that we have nothing to do. It is your practices that we are determined to combat." The bills recently introduced in Congress,

which were inspired, if not framed by the same parties, give the plain lie to those hypocritical professions. Those anti-republican measures are eagerly endorsed by the rabid class of bigots referred to. Those bills incorporate a provision intended to deprive the "Mormons" of a leading right guaranteed by the constitution, on account of belief that a certain thing is morally right or wrong.

This is "liberalism" with a vengeance. To place a person in a condition of semi-disfranchisement on account of his belief, which is a mental condition superinduced by evidence, and over which he has in reality no control! We know the "Mormons" are right in their belief, but suppose, for the sake of argument, they were wrong, would such measures even educate them to a higher standard of belief? Just about as much as the persecutions by the Roman Catholics, in the 16th century, changed the belief of the Huguenots, against whom it was directed.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

In Galt, on December 18th, by the Rev. Father Ryan, Mr. Charles C. Aiche, Ontario Mill, Park City, Utah, to Emma Gertrude, eldest daughter of Mr. William Heinhold, Galt, Ontario.—Galt (Canada) Reporter.

In this city, Dec. 27, 1877, by Elder Erasmus Snow, John Cooper, of Tooele City, to Elizabeth, daughter of R. T. McEwan, Salt Lake City.

#### DIED.

At Escalante, Iron County, December 12, 1877, of injuries caused by falling from a horse, GEORGE EM. NOEL HALE, son of Henry and Elizabeth Stokes, aged 11 years and 5 months.

Millennial Star, please copy.

In Provo City, December 19, 1877, ANN, the beloved wife of Edward Rehr.

She was born in Chorley, Lancashire, England, December 27, 1814; was married to Edward Creer June 21, 1835, in Chorley. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Preston, January 28, 1838, by David Widger, and confirmed by Heber C. Kimball. Was set apart to labor as a midwife among the Latter-day Saints by Wilard Richards. She labored in that capacity until within two years before her death, and the predictions of Elder Richards upon her certainly have been verified, very truly. In the year 1847, she with her husband and family emigrated to St. Louis, Missouri, and arrived in Utah September 24, 1848. She died in Provo City. Her remains were brought to Spanish Fork for interment, the funeral taking place on Saturday, the 22nd. She was the mother of a large family, seven of whom are now living; all members of the Church and respected members of society. She lived faithful until the end of her days.—COM.

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December 21st, 1877, at his residence in Nephi, Juab County, Utah Territory, SAMUEL PITCHFORTH, son of Solomon and Ann Pitchforth.

D. ceased was born November 23d, 1826, in Alitax, England; and was the first person to offer himself for baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the Isle of Man, being baptized by Elder John Taylor in September, 1840. He emigrated to Nauvoo in the spring of 1845, and on the 9th of April of the same year was ordained into the 24th Quorum of Seventies, and participated with the Saints in the drive from Nauvoo, his mother dying from exposure on the road, leaving him with a frail constitution at the age of 19 with a wife and three sisters, the youngest being only four years old. He crossed the plains in Elder John Taylor's company in 1847, resided in St. Louis City until the fall of 1852, when he moved to Nephi, where he continued to reside until his death, where he took a most active part in all the responsibilities incident to the development of a new country. Was ordained a president of the 49th quorum of Seventies on the 18th of May, 1857, and a patriarch in July, 1877. Was also superintendent of Sunday schools for many years. He was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Utah for five consecutive sessions, and assistant clerk of the House for two years. He was also recorder and assessor and collector for Juab County during many years. He leaves behind him two wives, seven children, one adopted son and two grandchildren. With a name unsullied he literally wore out his body by a life of useful and active labor in all that pertained to the building up of the cause which he had espoused.—COM.

At residence of parents, on the State Road, JANE, daughter of John and Margaret Gillies, on Saturday night, December 29th, 1877, from diphtheria, she being the fourth child that has fallen a victim to this disease in Brother Gillies' family in sixteen days. Every means has been adopted to preserve the lives of the children. Disinfectants have been used, and are being used to prevent contagion or infection, as directed by the quarantine physician.

The funeral services will be conducted at residence at 11 a. m., Dec. 31, 1877. COM.

Millennial Star, please copy.

At Springville, Utah Co., November 15th, 1877, of marasmus, JOSEPH WHEELER

in the sixty-first year of his age. Deceased was born in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England; baptized in 1847, emigrated in 1853. He resided in Springville till his death and was respected by all. He lived an exemplary life, true to his God and his religion, and died in full faith of glorious resurrection.—COM.

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