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—TERMS IN ADVANCE—

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY OCT. 12.

Departure of Missionaries.—Between forty and fifty missionaries left for their respective fields of labor this morning. Twenty-six of the above number were for England, ten for Scandinavia, and ten for the Southern States.

Convalescent.—We were pleased to see the Hon. W. H. Hooper driving around town this afternoon. The Hon. gentleman seems fast recovering from the severe illness with which he has been afflicted since his return from Soda Springs, about a month ago.

Condolence.—We regret to learn, of the death, by paralysis of the heart, of a six-year old son of Stephen R. and Olive H. Marks, of the 17th Ward. The deceased was a fine, lively, intelligent boy, and we sympathize with the parents in their loss.

The Weekly "News."—Parties desirous of sending a paper to their friends containing an account of the Conference proceedings, cannot do better than send a copy of the News published to-day. We have printed an extra number of copies, and it would be well to purchase at once.

Fire at Kaysville.—From Mr. John G. Barnes of Kaysville we learn the following particulars: "Yesterday about 4.30 p.m., the sheds and stacks of Mr. Wm. R. Payne were discovered on fire. Quite a number of men soon arrived on the premises but were unable to save anything on account of the fierce east wind which was blowing at the time. The fire consumed about 20 tons of hay, about 15 tons of straw, and the corn and fodder from seven acres of land. Loss about \$500. The fire was started by a small boy named William Lewis who was smoking cigarettes. The brethren took up a collection on the premises and succeeded in raising about 10 tons of hay."

Southern Mission.—We have had the pleasure of perusing a letter from Elder R. A. Ballantyne (who is now laboring in the Southern States) to Brother Joseph Hall, of Ogden, from which we learn that the Elders in the Southern Mission are feeling well and are laboring energetically to spread the cause of truth. The letter is dated from Burks Garden, Va., in which State Bro. Ballantyne says he has found many kind and hospitable friends. Elder Hill and he had been laboring in East Tennessee during last winter, and while there baptized ten persons. At present he is laboring with Elder A. D. Thatcher, in Smyth County, in which county they are hopeful of doing a good work. Elder Ballantyne refers to the fact of Elder J. M. Grant being the first to bring the gospel to that part of the country 40 years ago. Since then, he says, hundreds of Saints have been gathered from Smyth County, and the other counties surrounding it. Altogether, Brother Ballantyne speaks highly of the work in the Southern Mission.

A Fatal Accident.—On Tuesday or Wednesday of last week, David Eames went to the canyon for a load of wood, and having secured it, was returning when his horses, which are high spirited animals, took fright at something and ran away, so injuring David that he returned home, leaving the load of wood in the canyon. Thursday morning his brother Joseph went after it, with a team that was deemed trustworthy, but as he did not return that evening as expected, David and another brother went after him. About 10

o'clock they found the wagon tipped over and in such a condition as to indicate a runaway; and after searching some time they found the dead body of Joseph on the slide, or dugway, lying on his right side, with his arm folded under him, and a pool of blood near him. They succeeded in getting the body down to the road, then went to the Temple wood camp for assistance. The fatal injuries were received on the head and face, which were fearfully mangled. As the corpse presented such a ghastly appearance, they washed the head and face before bringing it home. They arrived in Logan about five o'clock in the morning and a coroner's inquest was at once held. He bore a good character and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.—*Logan Leader.*

Franklin Notes.—A correspondent at Franklin, Idaho, furnishes an account of a district Sunday School Jubilee, which took place there on Saturday the 2nd inst., in which the Sabbath Schools of Franklin, Lewiston, Coveville and Worm Creek participated. The congregation was called to order at 10 a.m. by Bishop L. L. Hatch, and the exercises of the day were conducted by Supt. Isaac B. Nash. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, speeches, &c., and was very creditably rendered throughout. The jubilee was arranged by a committee of three, viz.: I. B. Nash, W. L. Webster and Joshua Hanks. After the exercises were over the children and congregation assembled in front of the meeting house and a photograph was taken of the schools by David Nelson, of Logan. At half past twelve, a picnic, prepared for the occasion, was served out to all present and at 2 p.m. the children of the schools participated in the dance, during which candies, apples, etc., were distributed to the company. All seemed to enjoy themselves and everything went off satisfactorily. In the evening the older members of the Sunday Schools enjoyed themselves in a similar manner. The season has been favorable to the farmer. Good crops have been raised and threshing was going ahead at a lively rate at time of writing. The health of the people was generally good. A disease called "blackleg" was taking off some of the young cattle.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 13.

Approaching Completion.—The round house at the depot is fast approaching completion. The iron roof is already on the machine shop, and all will be covered in before winter is fairly upon us.

Steel Engraving.—Mr. E. W. Tullidge showed us to day a splendid steel engraving of President John Taylor. The picture is designed for the third number of *Tullidge's Quarterly Magazine*, and is a very correct and finely executed portrait of the President.

Missionaries.—The missionaries who left Ogden yesterday, forty-nine in number, proceeded in charge of Elder Geo. Stringfellow. Of this number (we are informed by note received at our Office) twenty-eight are destined for Europe, and twenty-one for the Southern and Northern States.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 14.

Pay for Jurors.—The Court this morning ordered United States Marshal to pay petit jurors for one day's service and mileage, on United States business.

Divorce Granted.—In the case of Ann Cottam vs. John Cottam, which was heard at considerable length in the Ogden District Court some time ago, a divorce has been granted.

Send For It.—A bundle of bedding addressed "R. Heathcote, Utah, U. S. A." belonging to some one arriving with the last company of emigrants (Sept. 25) was left at Ogden, and is now in the possession of A. P. Rose, Hyrum, Cache Co., who desires the owner to send for it.

Appointment.—From the *Millennial Star* we learn that Elder C. W. Stayner is appointed to succeed

Elder John Nicholson in the editorial department of the *Star*. Elder Nicholson will sail for home on the 23d inst. The appointment is a judicious one.

Pleasant Surprise Party.—A number of distinguished ladies assembled unexpectedly yesterday afternoon at the residence of Brother Erastus Hall, in the Seventeenth Ward, to pay their respects to the veteran Sister Elizabeth Ann Whitney, familiarly known among the Saints as Mother Whitney, having rightfully earned the title of Mother in Israel through her labors for the Daughters of Zion in holy places, as well as her innumerable works of love and blessing from the days of Kirtland to the present time. The ladies brought with them baskets and pails containing a great variety of the choicest delicacies of the season. After the party had partaken of the refreshments, Mother Whitney sang one of her beautiful "Songs of Zion," blessing each one in the room. "Sister Eliza" made the opening speech, blessing Mother Whitney and dwelling enthusiastically upon their long and intimate associations together, even before they received the gospel, when they were Campbellites. All the other ladies followed with testimonies of love and appreciation, etc. One remarkable feature of the entertainment was, that there were 10 ladies present who had lived in Kirtland and were intimately acquainted and associated with the Prophet Joseph. During the exercises, Sister Zina D. Young offered up a most eloquent and impressive prayer.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 15.

Frost.—The first severe snap of frost of the season was experienced last evening. Quite a thick coating of ice was to be seen in various parts of the city this morning.

Third District Court.—The Court met this morning at ten o'clock, and disposed of the following cases:—John F. Bank v. Olif Hammer; judgment according to prayer of complaint, naming damages by consent. David E. Buell, survivor of Messrs. Buell & Bateman, v. Enos A. Wall, et al., judgment by stipulation, \$1,154.

Museum.—The Curator of the Deseret Museum respectfully acknowledges the receipt of a bound volume of the *DESERET NEWS*, containing volumes V and VI of that paper, for the years 1855, 1856 to February 25th, 1857, at which time Hon. Albert Carrington was editor. This valuable donation is presented for the Museum library by H. E. Phelps, Esq., of this city.

The District Courts. Judge Emerson has finished the business in the First District Court at Provo, for this term, and it is said that he will attend to the business in the Second District, at Beaver, in December, in the place of J. S. Boreman, resigned. In the latter court there is one case the learned judge will not have to attend to—we mean that of Ben Tasker. Ben attended to his own case in a way that saves both judge and jury considerable trouble.

Death of John Conrad.—We are sorry to learn of the death, at his home near Millville, Cache county, of Mr. John Conrad, for many years a resident of Logan. The deceased gentleman was well known throughout the county, and in Salt Lake. He was in business for a number of years in Logan, and was subsequently employed in Logan Branch of Z. C. M. I. Mr. Conrad has been taken away in the prime of life—being only about 40 years of age. He leaves a wife and five children.

Surveyors-General Convention.—Amongst the propositions submitted for the consideration of this convention were the following:

Q.—Are public surveys being made as fast as demanded by the progress of settlement, and could not a much larger area be surveyed annually by a slight increase of clerical force in the Surveyor General's office? A.—It is the sense of this convention that the public surveys are not extended as rapidly as demanded by the settlement of the country, and that it is to the best interest of the government and the

settlers that surveys should precede settlement instead of following it. It is further the sense of this convention that the public surveys should be completed in the several surveying districts as rapidly as practicable, and that it would be wise economy to provide the means necessary for the early completion of surveys in those districts wherein the public surveys are now nearly finished, so that the offices of surveyors-general in said districts may cease, as provided by law. It is the sense of this convention that appropriations for clerk hire and incidental expenses for the several surveyors-general offices should be increased from 25 to 50 per cent. of the present appropriation and that such increase would enable said officers to have a much larger area surveyed annually.

Q.—In what manner can the surveys be made within the limits of certain railroad grants where the law requires the cost of such surveys to be paid by the railroads, it being remembered that the government retains each alternate section of the land, and that all the sections must of necessity be surveyed together? Is it desirable to hasten surveys within railroad grants to the end, that the lands may be conveyed to the railroad companies, and hence become subject to taxation in the States and territories where situated? If so, how is this to be done? A.—It is the sense of this convention that every consideration demands the survey of such lands as early as possible, not only for the reason that the lands would thereby become subject to taxation, but, also, for the further reason that the grant practically operates to withdraw all the lands within it from settlement as long as the land is unsurveyed, because the settler is unable to tell whether he is on land belong to the railroad company or on public land. This uncertainty operates injuriously to the best interests of the country. The early survey of such lands should be compelled by legislation by requiring the companies to make deposits, the United States furnishing equal amounts for their proportion of said lands. It is the sense of this convention that legislation is necessary, providing that whenever the railroad companies pay their proportion for the survey of such lands an equal amount shall be placed on the credit of the surveying appropriation out of the Treasury of the United States.

These and many other propositions came up for consideration and discussion, and, as we have before said, the results arrived at by the convention will doubtless have an influence more or less in Congress to the end that measures may be passed alike to the best interests of the country and of the settler.

Deseret University.—The Chancellor and Board of Regents of the University of Deseret met at noon to-day at President Taylor's office, for the purpose of considering the draft of the resolution passed in the City Council, authorizing the Mayor to deed to the University that piece of land known as Union Square. The draft, as submitted, was read, and after deliberating on the subject, the Board agreed to respectfully submit that certain changes and amendments should be made before the final closing of the transaction. One of the changes suggested has reference to the reservation on the part of city, that the public shall have the right to use the grounds as a place for promenades and recreations. The Board considered that the word "recreation" has too broad a meaning, comprehending as it does, games, sports, etc., and that the ground, in any case, was too small for any such purpose. They therefore respectfully submit that this part of the resolution be modified, as also that part of the draft which stipulates that the Board shall maintain the chief building on the Square forever. The Board consider that this part should also be modified, inasmuch as the growth of the town might render it necessary to erect larger buildings somewhere else; while as the draft stands, should they ever be compelled to do this, the property and improvements they had made would revert to the city. The Board therefore

respectfully suggest that this part also be altered so that they might be allowed to build elsewhere if ever it should become necessary, and still hold the property, for school purposes. The changes suggested will no doubt be made to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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