

## Correspondence.

LAIE, OAHU, Sandwich Islands,  
April 11, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Brother, I give you a few items this morning that perhaps will be interesting to yourself and the readers of the NEWS. Rumors have been in circulation for the last few days, that the island of Hawaii, the largest of the group, was undergoing a tremendous shaking with a series of earthquakes. Yesterday the coasting steamer arrived with correct news so far as has been ascertained, and the rumors prove to be too true; and the facts appear to be of a much more serious nature than the most fearful anticipated. It seems that on the 28th of March the people began to experience what they thought to be heavy shocks of earthquakes, which, followed in quick succession until the 2nd of April, when the most violent shocks and the most powerful eruption took place that have been placed on record for centuries, and the large island of Hawaii with her mountain peaks, fifteen thousand feet from their base, did, in reality, "reel to and fro like a drunken man," or a ship at sea. The ebb and flow of the sea were wonderful, and can be truly said to have been beyond their bounds. I send you some papers that will give the particulars.

The vast clouds of smoke arising from the crater and lava flowing through the green forests have spread the heavens over with smoke, and the sun when seen, appears as a ball of fire. It has a sad and gloomy appearance, and reminds me of an Indian summer in the Western States. There have been one hundred or more lives lost, and even herds of stock have been destroyed. It is to be hoped that the worst is over, but the last news is that the island is yet trembling.

The brethren and sisters in our settlement are all reasonably well and in good spirits. During our late Conference, of the 6th inst., there was a good and lively interest manifested by our native brethren, and the business of the Conference was transacted and the Priesthood sustained by a unanimous vote, as heretofore. Much valuable instruction was given by the Elders. The reports show 40 members added to the Church since last October.

Napela is with us, and George Raymon and some others who were the first fruits of the Gospel here. They have been seeming indifferent to the work until recently. They are now full of faith and good works so far. They have formed themselves into a company to work in the sugar business, and are plowing and planting cane.

Our crop looks promising. I have purchased a mill to crush the cane, and we are now commencing our buildings, and if the Lord will, we will commence making sugar as soon as our crop is matured, which will be in October or November next.

Times are very dull and business men downcast. Our labors here and the Mission are in a more healthy condition than they have been at any previous time.

Bros. A. L. Smith, E. Green and C. Boydon expect to start home in the early part of May next.

I am, respectfully, your brother in the Gospel,

GEORGE NEBEKER.

## EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

The Spiritualists have recently been holding, in various parts of the States, the 20th anniversary of the advent of modern spiritualism. At Boston, Mass., the anniversary was celebrated with a public procession of about 500 children, and terminated, in the evening, with a public meeting, addresses, supper and dancing. Dr. H. F. Gardner, who presided on the occasion, said it was claimed that the Spiritualists of the United States numbered 11,000,000. In Europe also they are quite numerous and their numbers are continually increasing.

The history of Spiritualism shows the great tendency of the human mind, whether cultivated and refined, or otherwise, to receive with avidity anything bordering on the supernatural, or professing to reveal the mysteries of a future state. In the short space of twenty years it has gained millions of adherents, among whom are to be found numbers of the rich and learned as well as the poor and illiterate, converted to the faith, probably in every instance, by some so-called supernatural manifestation.

These exhibitions of spiritual mani-

festations are being continually given and are cited as proofs of the divine origin of Spiritualism. One of the latest sensations of this character was published in the New Hampshire Gazette of the 4th ult. The medium at this exhibition was a young lady about fifteen years of age, named Laura V. Ellis. The performance was conducted in a small cabinet about 5 feet high, 4 feet wide and 3 feet deep. Dr. Parsons was appointed by the audience to see that everything was done fairly. The wrists of the young lady were bound together with strips of cotton cloth and were then secured to an iron ring at the back of the cabinet. Her ankles were also bound together, and a piece of cloth placed across her neck and nailed at each end to the back of the cabinet. A strip was also tied tightly about her neck. Upon the cabinet being closed for a moment a man's voice was heard within, and immediately after, the cloth that had been put on Miss Ellis's neck was found on her lap, and in scarcely a moment's time was tied by the invisible gentleman into nine hard knots. A stick of wood was next placed on her lap, and upon the cabinet door being shut the stick was heard striking with great force in all parts of the cabinet. It was then put out at the door, and Dr. Parsons, being permitted to take hold of it, gained possession of it only after a stout struggle. A bell, placed in the lap of the medium, was wrung and then thrown into a corner, and "Sweet Home" was played on a small harmonica, which, on opening the cabinet, was found between the girl's lips.

A number of other tricks equally astonishing were exhibited, and to conclude, a jack knife was laid on the girl's lap, and the invisible power was requested to sever the bands with which she was bound. This was done as requested and the girl walked out at perfect liberty. Upon being examined, the imprint of the cloth was found upon her flesh. The audience were informed that the various manifestations were performed by the spirit of a Mr. Blake, a Union soldier, killed at the battle of Bull Run.

Philosophers have attempted to account, satisfactorily for these manifestations, without having recourse to powers invisible; but their theories and hypotheses have hitherto failed, and it is now pretty generally conceded that they are the result of spiritual agency. But even if the latter theory be the true one, it by no means follows, as the Spiritualists claim, that this is the method God has adopted to make known His will to man. Indeed the Latter-day Saints, in thousands of instances, have traversed the civilized world over to testify to the contrary. They have laid the truth before the world, but as it was in the days of the Savior, so it is now—the people are eager for signs and they are given over to strong delusion.

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## ESTRAYS.

I HAVE in my possession the following described estrays, which, if not claimed and taken away before the 12th day of June, 1868, will be Sold at Public Sale, in Fillmore City:—

One sorrel yearling Mare, blaze face.  
One brown 9 year old Horse, branded JH, combined, on left shoulder; x on left thigh; H.G. on left hip, gentle.  
One bay pinto 8 year old Mare, gentle, branded R. M. on right shoulder; S on left shoulder.  
One clay-bank 6 year old Horse, blaze face, white on under jaw, three white feet and legs, ox yoke brand on left thigh.  
One bay yearling Horse, small star in forehead.  
One iron-gray yearling Mare, left hind foot white.  
One sorrel yearling Mare, white spot on face, hind feet white.  
One brown yearling Horse.  
One chestnut-sorrel 3 year old Mare, blaze face, hind feet white.  
One sorrel blaze-faced yearling Mare.  
One bay 3 year old Horse, four white feet and a white nose.  
One bay yearling Horse, four white feet and white on face.  
One red and white yearling Steer, both ears off.  
One brown Calf.  
One pale-red 2 year old Bull, under half crop and under slit in right ear; branded R.K., wrong side up, on right hip.  
One brindle yearling Bull, white in the forehead.  
One red 2 year old Bull, swallow-fork in each ear, white in flanks and on rump.  
One black mooly 2 year old Steer, white belly, underslope and crop on right ear, under half crop in the left; H. R. on left hip; illegible brand on left side.  
One red 2 year old Bull, HJ, combined, on left shoulder.  
One red 2 year old Steer, white spot in face and on belly, T on left side, illegible brand on left shoulder, P on left hip, H on right thigh.  
One red 4 year old Stag, short horns and lop back, white on the belly, hind feet and tail, crop and under half crop in left ear.  
One red brockle-faced 2 year old Steer, illegible brand on right hip, crop and under half crop in right ear, crop and slit in the left.  
One red and white 2 year old Heifer, slit in each ear.  
One red and white 2 year old Heifer.  
One brindle 4 year old Steer, white on rump, under half crop in each ear, illegible brand on left side and hip.  
One red line-backed 4 year old Cow, freckle belly, crop off both ears, illegible brand on left shoulder, M on left hip.  
One dark red 2 year old Heifer, illegible brand on left thigh, swallow fork in right ear.  
One brindle and white 3 year old Cow, illegible brand on left hip, crop and hole in right ear, swallow fork in left ear.  
One strawberry roan and white Calf.  
One brindle and white 7 year old Cow, Church brand vented.  
One brindle bob tail yearling Heifer, white on belly.  
One light red 2 year old Heifer, white on belly, illegible brand on left hip, crop and upper and under bit in right ear, under bit in left.  
One red 2 year old Steer, underbit in both ears, C F on left thigh.  
One red and white 2 year old Cow, crop and underslope off right ear, upper and under slope on left, illegible brand on left hip.  
One red 2 year old Bull, white in face and on belly.  
One red bull Calf.  
One brindle 2 year old Heifer, star in forehead, two underbits in left ear, big scar on left shoulder.  
One red yearling Bull.  
One roan yearling Heifer, crop off right ear, and bit out of point of left, M and 2 on left hip.  
One red and white yearling Heifer, slit in right ear, illegible brand on left shoulder.  
One red yearling Heifer.  
One red roan 8 year old Ox, illegible brand on left hip, crop and under slope in right ear, under bit in left.  
One red yearling Steer, under bit in each ear.  
One brindle and white yearling Heifer, crop and upper and under bit in left ear.  
One black and white 5 year old Ox, branded N on left side, crop and hole in right ear.  
One brindle yearling Bull, crop and half crop in right ear, underslope in left.  
One light-brown 5 year old Ox, two slits in the left ear; E on left thigh.  
One red 2 year old Steer, under bit in right ear, slit in left; O on left jaw, L on left side, A.F. on left.  
One red and white 7 year old Ox, point of right ear froze off, illegible brand on left horn.  
One red and white 2 year Bull, right ear cut off.  
One black and white 4 year old Ox, crop off right ear and slit in left; T on left side.  
F. M. LYMAN, County Poundkeeper  
Fillmore City, May 9, 1868. s29:2-w15:1

## ESTRAYS.

WILL be Sold, at the County Pound, Provo, if not sooner claimed, June 6, 1868:

MARE, 4 years old, brown, one white foot, circle G right shoulder; Spanish brand on left thigh.

MARE, 4 years old, brown or dark-roan, K on left foot; stripes on nose; spot in forehead.

STEER, 2 years old, red and white, crop and slit in right and crop in left ear.

HORSE, 2 years old, bay, hind feet white, small spot in forehead.

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