

rendering him comparatively helpless. Some persons, coming by at the time, very kindly rendered all the assistance they could. We placed him again in the wagon and I took him home as fast as I thought it was prudent to drive, he being in great agony all the way. He has lain in an almost helpless condition ever since."

**Soda Springs.**—A gentleman just in from Soda Springs informs us that that is not conspicuous as a grain raising region, and is not likely to be, but, being thickly timbered, when the railroad reaches there a fine trade in lumber, shingles and lath is likely to spring up, which will cause the place to grow rapidly.

He also states that the medicinal properties of the springs have been thoroughly demonstrated, being especially beneficial in cases of cutaneous and kidney diseases, and therefore invalids will be likely to flock there as soon as the facilities for travel are increased by railroad communication.

The scenery in places is described as wonderfully beautiful, and natural curiosities abound in that locality.

**Choir Concert.**—The Tabernacle Choir concert at the Old Tabernacle, last night, was an immense success, in every particular, the audience being very large, and the various pieces being rendered in a very excellent manner. The efficiency of the choir was manifested very strikingly, especially in the execution of some of the glees and choruses. The glee of "Blow, Blow, thou Winter Wind," has probably never been surpassed by any body of singers in this Territory. It was deservedly encored. Mr. Geo. Teasdale's "My Word my Bond," was well received, being sung with feeling, and the duet, "Music on the Waves," was correctly rendered by Mesdames Tester and Grow. The "Scotch Selection," on the concertina, by Mr. W. Foster, was encored, and so was the song, "Maid of Lorente," by Mrs. T. E. Harper.

It is seldom that a male quartette is executed with as much finish as was "The Home of the Swallows," by Messrs. Foster, Griggs, McIntyre and Owen. The voices of these gentlemen are really fine, and in the singing of this piece they used them to splendid advantage. The "Old Sexton" was correctly sung by Mr. Owen. The "Dream of Home," by Mesdames Pascoe, Nebeker, Hamer, Triplet and Brewer, and Messrs. Triplet, Morgan, Sanders, Harrison and Harper, went off very well, being rendered quite effectively, and the solo and chorus "Inflammatus," by Mrs. Careless and the choir, was one of the finest things of the evening, there being but one defective point, but that was not on the part of Mrs. Careless or the choir. We refer to a tendency to loudness in the *sotto voce* parts by the instruments, which had a slightly grating effect. With that exception it was really delightful to listen to its rendition. Messrs. Morgan, McAllister and Owen fairly took the house by storm by their very comical and correct singing of the two catches, "Miss Brown," and "The Wives." Their singing received additional effect from their very appropriate gestures, suiting the action to the words. Messrs. Careless and Daynes executed an exceedingly difficult duet on the violin and piano, which, although given in masterly style, did not seem to be as well appreciated by the audience as some things much less deserving in point of ability.

It is unnecessary to state that the exquisite singing of Mrs. Careless was the chief attraction of the evening, and that to her energetic endeavors much of the success of the concert is due, not only in the various solos which she sang so finely, but in the singing of the various choruses and glees, her superb voice being heard above all others in all of the two latter classes of pieces. It was a little cruel in the audience to demand so vociferously an encore to her song of "Laughing Eyes of Other Days." The reason she did not comply with the request so demonstratively made was that her voice had been too much on the stretch all the evening. The Halleluiah Chorus, by the full choir, closed a very fine musical entertainment, and the audience went to their homes well satisfied that they had the full worth of their money, as well as having shown a just appreciation of the merits and services of the Tabernacle Choir by their presence at the

benefit concert of that body of singers.

Before the end of the performance Mr. C. R. Savage announced that the concert would be repeated on Thursday afternoon, as a matinee.

It is needless to comment on the ability and industry displayed by Professor Careless in getting up so good a musical entertainment, as the matter must be patent to everybody.

### Correspondence.

WELLSVILLE, Nov. 21, 1873.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Last evening I attended meeting at Providence. A goodly number of Saints were present, and a good spirit pervaded the meeting. The new meeting house in course of building under the joint direction of Mr. Jas. H. Brown and Mr. Henry Bullock, the former superintending the masonry work, the latter the carpenter and joiner work, is being pushed forward with alacrity. When completed it will be the largest and finest meeting house in the vale of Cache. The walls are of rock, the size 45 by 65 feet. High up over the front door is the bee-hive, beautiful and of appropriate design, sculptured by the nimble hand of brother J. H. Brown. J. H. Martineau, Esq., chief engineer of the Utah Northern R. R., is just now surveying additional city lots and farming land at Providence. The new lots are on the plateaus of land immediately behind the old ones, the site is a splendid one, commanding a beautiful view of the lovely valley of Cache and peculiarly adapted for the raising of choice fruits.

A second installment of tithing wheat is arriving in Logan just now from Bear Lake. I met six wagon loads on my way to Millville this morning, some thirty teams are being employed in its conveyance, Bishop Budge in charge. The Bishop looks well and hearty. The wheat, when it has all arrived, will be forwarded to Salt Lake City by U. N. R. R. This is the first year any wheat has been sent from Bear Lake, the crops having been destroyed by frost heretofore since the foundation of the settlement.

The people of Millville, as well as those of Providence, are very busy preparing ties for the Utah Northern railroad between Smithfield and Franklin.

Hyrum appeared very quiet, the bishop and most of the brethren being away in the canyon after timber. A fine granary is in course of erection here.

The beautiful little town of Paradise, a new settlement, numbers sixty-five families, with two day schools, Sunday school, meeting house, a good co-operative store, doing a brisk business, under the able management of Mrs. Emma Shaw. A tithing granary is in course of erection, a splendid crop of first-class grain having been raised during the past season. G.

BERNE, Switzerland,  
November 3, 1873.

Editor *Deseret News*:

Elder Naile feels well in body and in spirit; his visit among his friends and the Saints in Germany has apparently done him much good, for his health was very poor when he arrived here. He intends soon to return to Germany.

Elders John Keller and Henry Reiser are out among the Saints and friends of truth in their respective fields of labor. We are all well, trying to spend our time as well as we can in advancing the interests of God's kingdom in these lands. Once in a while we find people who are honest enough to believe and obey the truth when they hear it. There is always something to be done here with the help of the Lord.

The political, religious and financial quarrels, the strikes and other movements, which have very heavy and generally demoralizing bearings upon the people, appear to make them indifferent to anything but money. Whatever we can do among the inhabitants of this land we must seek to accomplish among the hills and vales of those regions where "civilization" has not destroyed all feelings of honor, honesty and piety. There we find many good people yet, and our labors are generally directed towards converting them, in which we have had some very satisfactory success, for which thanks be given to our heavenly Father.

JOHN HUBER.

### THE DECAY OF AMERICAN MANHOOD.

The following caustic and sarcastic letter in the New York *Graphic* is worth reading. The writer evidently is satisfied that the fierce fire of American energy is destined to burn out American vitality, moral and physical. His letter doubtless contains some truths, but there is no necessity for plunging recklessly into war with Spain for all that. Here is the indictment—

"Your correspondent 'Jeremiah,' who recently wrote of the decay of national pride among Americans, has emboldened me to write upon the kindred topic of the deterioration which all races seem to me doomed to undergo who inhabit the Western Continent. Look back to the civilization of the Peruvians and the Aztecs. Those races had developed a very high degree of civilization when they were discovered by the Spaniards; but they had so deteriorated mentally and physically that they were easily crushed by the invaders, and are long since totally extinct. Look, too, at the race whom antiquarians term the mound builders of the Mississippi Valley. They must have been a powerful and civilized people, but they have so completely died out that no memory of them remains. Look, too, at the Spaniards who colonized South and Central America. They belonged to the most powerful nation in Europe, but today their degeneracy is universally acknowledged. And is not a similar fate overlooking the people of the United States? For myself, I have not a question of it.

"Your women have become weak, thin, flat-chested. They cannot nurse their children or walk a mile without fatigue. They die early of consumption, or linger through life the victims of nervous diseases. Your men are gaunt and feverish in appearance. They are the victims of dyspepsia, and suffer tortures from decayed teeth and aching heads. A hale, hearty old man is a rarity in America, and here paralysis and apoplexy, which in Europe attack only the old and the improvident, strike down young men whose thin cheeks and spindle-legs ought to guarantee them exemption from that terrible disease.

"Not only are you degenerating physically, but morally. What has become of the courage that you inherited from English ancestors? Once Americans did not hesitate to go to war with the mistress of the seas in defence of their flag. Now you hesitate to resent an insult even against Spain, and your journals continually talk of the inability of your fleet to meet the Spanish fleet. You fought well during the civil war, I admit; but did not both sides starve their prisoners, murder pickets, and commit other acts that characterize timid and semi-barbarous nations? Your moral tone has suffered as well as your moral and physical courage. In reading the New York papers I find almost daily accounts of embezzlements and swindles perpetrated by bank officers and railway directors, but which are never punished and seem to excite no more than a passing remark. You are conspicuous among all the nations of the world for the corruption which prevails in your political and business circles—and you know it.

"Another mark of degeneracy is the fact that, like the Chinese and the East Indians, you are a nation of talkers. You content yourselves with talking instead of action, both in Congress and in private life. What a howl has been raised all over the country by the press in relation to the *Virginian* massacre. That is all you will do about it. You will talk, but you will not forget that talking is cheaper and safer than fighting.

"In degenerating physically, in losing your courage and your sense of honesty, and becoming a nation of chatterers, you have only followed the example of the races who have preceded you on this continent. There is something deadly in the air; and I do not doubt that in the ages to come a day will arrive when it will be utterly abandoned by Europeans, and will sink in an oblivion from which no Columbus will care to rescue it."

"AN ENGLISHMAN."

—New Jersey people don't say "liar" right out, but remark, "Sir, you remind me of my lamented brother, who could pervert truth with the greatest ease."

### PIOCHE NOTES.

From the *Record*, Nov. 22—

Pioche narrowly escaped a destructive fire in the heart of the town, Nov. 21, caused by a Chinaman carelessly putting some ashes against some boards.

Pritchard, it appears, is about establishing an opposition line of stages from Palisade to Pioche, by the southern route. The agent of it here speaks of it as a fast freight line, but from the fact that the stages which arrived and departed yesterday were principally loaded with passengers, most people look upon it as a genuine opposition stage line.

—The matrimonial bonds of four couples were severed by Judge Hallett Wednesday morning. Getting divorced seems to be about the easiest thing in the world. Your lawyer stands up and says something which nobody can hear; then the sheriff goes to the door of the court room, and three calls out the name of the individual whom you once promised to love, honor, obey, and stick to through thick and thin; the Judge makes a few scratches with a pen in his big book, and—you don't love, honor, obey, or stick to anybody any longer, and you can walk round and look out for another mate as soon as you have a mind to.—*Colorado Springs Gazette*.

### ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described estrays, which, if not claimed on or before the 5th day of December, 1873, they will be sold at public auction, at the Estray Pound in Tooele City, at 10 o'clock a.m., Dec. 5th, 1873:

One white ten-year old HORSE, branded something like 3 on left thigh.  
One dark bay twelve-year old HORSE, strip in face, black mane and tail, with saddle mark brand on left hip.  
One light bay ten-year old HORSE, black mane and tail, collar and saddle marks, strip in face, left hind foot white.  
One eight-year old blue HORSE, right hind and front legs white, white in face and flanks.  
One eight-year old sorrel HORSE, right hind foot white, star and strip in face, with saddle marks, two notches in left ear.  
One white nine-year old HORSE, grey mane and tail, branded J on left thigh, also branded on left shoulder.  
One four-year old roan HORSE, strip in face, black strip on hip, branded H.D. on right hip low down.  
One twelve-year old grey HORSE, dark legs and feet, Spanish brand on left thigh.  
One two-year old sorrel HORSE COLT, strip in face, light mane and tail, hind feet and legs white, branded on left shoulder.  
One dark brown four-year old HORSE, spot in face, left front and hind feet white, black mane and tail.  
One dark red four-year old BULL.  
One red brockle faced five-year old STEER, white under belly, square crop off each ear, upper and underbit in left ear, branded on left hip.  
One dark red COW, four years old, and calf, square crop off left ear, with hole and underbit, crop off right, branded J with half circle on top on right shoulder, N on left side, brand on left hip.  
One black four-year old COW and yearling calf, star in face, white under belly, in flanks and on legs, branded 23 on left side, brand on left hip, half crop in left ear.  
One roan four-year old COW and calf, slit on nose, branded 7 on left shoulder, right horn drooped.  
One red and white four-year old COW and calf, star in face, white under belly, upper slope in left ear, brand on left hip.  
One eleven-year old yellow OX, white feet and legs, white under belly, on rump, in flanks and on tail, branded on left horn MILES L. W., brand on left hip resembles figure 12, crop off each ear.  
One yearling brind-e-d, line back STEER, white belly, hip, flanks and hind legs, crop and slit in right ear, underbit in left, branded on left hip.  
One roan-sided, line back yearling STEER, white face, belly and three legs.  
One red and white six-year old STEER, white feet and legs, white on rump, tail, flanks and under belly, crop and slit in right ear and under slope in left, brand on left hip.  
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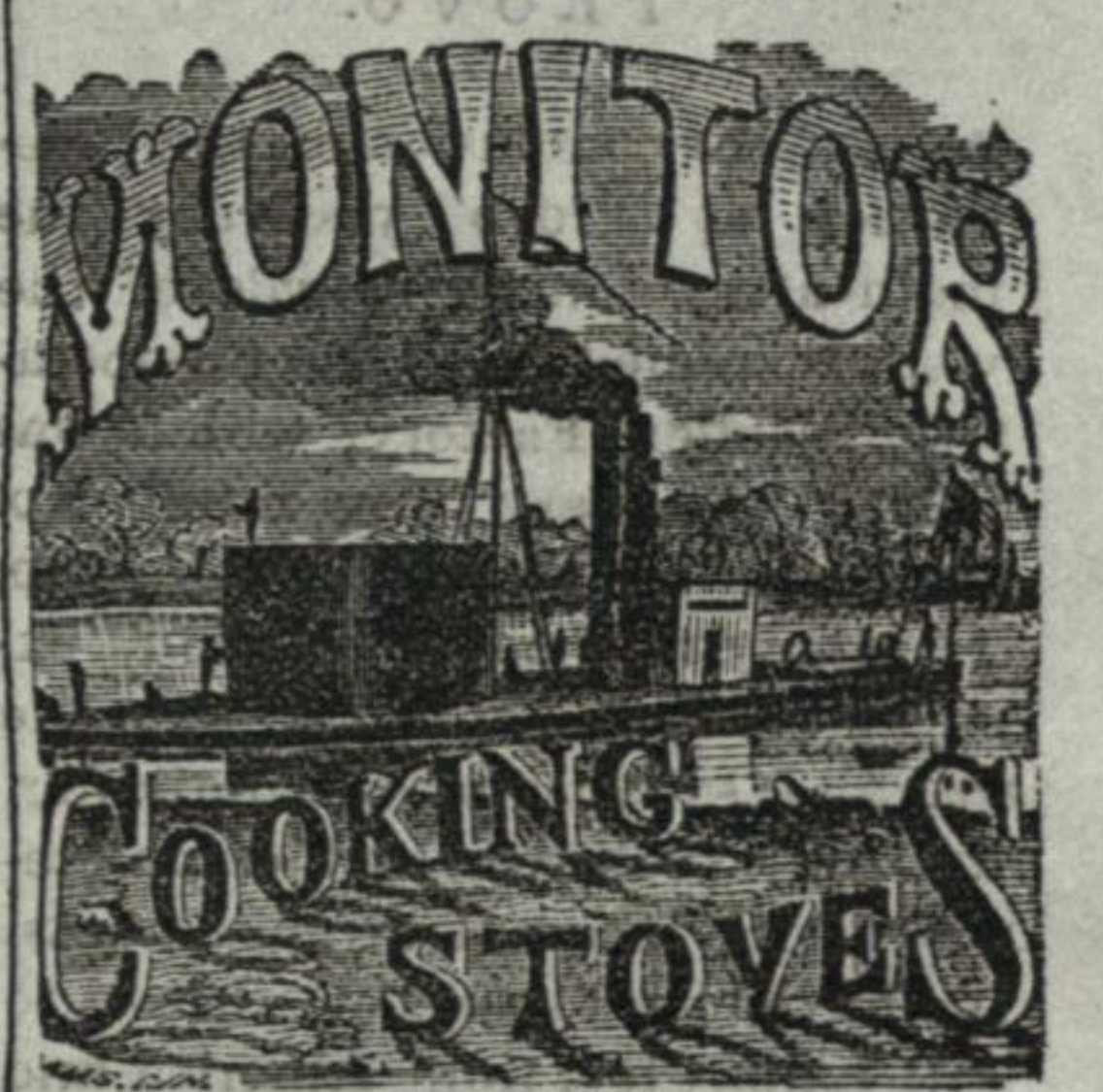
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