

## HOME ITEMS.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—Elder Christian D. Filstadt briefly bore his testimony to the truth. Bishop John Brown of Pleasant Grove expressed his feelings, referred to his experience in connection with the gospel and his early missionary labors, some twenty years ago, in endeavoring to preach the truth to the people of the Southern States. He testified of the blessings which are received through obedience to the principles of the gospel.

Elder George Q. Cannon urged the importance of men and women yielding an intelligent obedience to the principles of truth and the revelations of Heaven. As an illustration, when people obey the Word of Wisdom because they understand its truth and realize that obedience to it will bring the promised blessings, they will be more steadfast than if they acted from hasty enthusiasm. Those who lack knowledge should seek to obtain it by faith and prayer, and the Lord will hear and answer their petitions, bestowing knowledge upon and imparting strength to them.

## AFTERNOON.

President B. Young called for a donation from the amount saved since Conference through abstaining from the use of tea, coffee, tobacco and liquor, to aid the missionaries in going to their fields of labor. The call was responded to, by quite a number of the congregation. He referred to some interesting incidents in his own experience, of means being multiplied in his possession in a manner unaccountable, unless the Lord had done.

Pres. Joseph Young encouraged the people to live the principles of the gospel, cultivate the Holy Spirit, and live so that the blessings of God might continually be enjoyed by them.

Pres. H. C. Kimball testified to the facts related by Pres. B. Young, and spoke on various points, instructing and exhorting the Saints.

## THE WEATHER.—Friday noon:—

Great Salt Lake City, warm and sunshiny.

By Deseret State Telegraph Line:—

Logan, little cloudy but very warm and pleasant; roads dry.

Brigham City, very pleasant; sun shining; few clouds hovering around.

Ogden, warm and pleasant.

Payson, clear; very warm and pleasant.

Manti, fine, warm and clear.

Nephi, fine, warm and pleasant, almost like summer; roads dry and dusty; people beginning to plow.

Cove Creek, warm and pleasant; roads are drying very fast.

Beaver, clear and very warm; roads dry and dusty; thermometer at 65° in the shade.

Parowan, warm and pleasant.

Tokerville, fine, warm and pleasant.

St. George, very warm and sultry.

**THEATRICAL.**—On Tuesday evening Mr. Geo. Pauncefort appeared as Don Cesar de Bazan, in the comedy of the same name, and was warmly received by a crowded house. The playing in the piece was excellent. Miss Adams played Maritana, Miss Alexander Lazarillo, Mr. McKenzie Don Jose, and Mr. Lindsay the King. At the close of the piece Mr. Pauncefort was called in front of the curtain, and made a few remarks which were laughably received.

The Practical Man was the afterpiece, in which the principal character is Cloudsley, sustained by Mr. P., a most eccentric gentleman, of great theory and but little else, who contrived to interest the audience very much, in a laughable way, in his peculiarities. Mr. Lindsay played Rockstone, the next part of importance.

On Thursday evening the Romance of a Poor Young Man was performed. The cast was a strong one, and the piece was rendered with an easy grace and finish, and a life-like reality, that carried the mind away from the boards, and into the supposititious salons where the romance might have been reality. Mr. Pauncefort appeared in the role of Manuel, which he renders in a style that equals anything in which we have seen him. Mr. McKenzie's Desmarests was capitally played, and Miss Adams as Marguerite and Miss Colebrook as the Governess made their points and drew the house again and again; Messrs. Lindsay, Graham, Maiben, Mrs. Bowring, Mrs. Waugh, and the others engaged in the piece, all deserve commendation for the manner in which they acquitted themselves.

On Saturday night A Bachelor of Arts and Black-Eyed Susan were the pieces performed to a crowded house.

The pleasing and attractive comedy in the first was admirably rendered by Mr. Pauncefort as Harry Jasper, who was well sustained. Mr. McKenzie played Thornton in his usual careful and natural style, and Mr. Dunbar made an excellent Wylie. The whole of the parts were very well rendered.

Black-Eyed Susan has been played here on more than one occasion, and the audience were more or less familiar with it, while all seemed to enjoy it highly. Mr. Pauncefort's rendition of William was an extremely vivid and life-like impersonation. Miss Adams played Susan and played it most excellently well. Miss

Alexander as Dolly and little Miss Clive as a pretty little tar, danced a double sailor's horn pipe and drew loud bursts of applause; Mrs. Careless sang Black-Eyed Susan in a touching manner. The business of the piece went excellently, and the last scenes of the second Act were sufficiently pathetic and touching to draw tears, as the expected fate of the brave sailor who had struck in defence of his wife's virtue, drew near. The admirable manner in which Mr. Maiben played Jacob Twig, in the first Act, deserves notice. His scene with Gnatbrain was particularly rich.

**SURGICAL OPERATION.**—We admire modesty—yes, we do—especially in a professional man, but that is no reason why we should have to hunt half-a-day to find the facts in any case which has a public interest. Dr. Roberts, the object of this piece of friendly fault-finding, will bear with us for singling out his case, to call attention to the carelessness manifested in various quarters in furnishing items of interest to the press. He performed an important surgical operation on Monday afternoon, 15th inst., by amputating the leg of br. Thacker, 13th Ward, who had been suffering from a disease, which, deprived of its technical name, is known as death in the bone. The operation, as we have learned, was performed skillfully and expeditiously by the Dr., assisted by Drs. Lee and Tait, and the leg was amputated at its upper third, a little below the hip. At last reports br. Thacker was doing well. Sufferers from diseases which necessitate surgical operations, are interested in knowing the result of similar cases in others, and learning who are thoroughly qualified to perform them.

**NEARLY VERY SERIOUS.**—On Monday evening, 15th inst., while Mr. Joseph Woodmansee was superintending the measuring of some varnish and turpentine—part of the large stock of goods he has recently purchased—in the basement of his new store, as a keg of the former was being emptied out, it took fire through expanding gas reaching the flame of the candle about a yard off. The young man holding the keg emptied the varnish on the floor, on which was some spilt turpentine, when in a moment the flames burst upward and threatened to reach the body of the inflammable material. The men ran upstairs and out for water, excepting one, while Mr. W. with providential presence of mind seized a pile of gunny sacks and got the flames under at the expense of several burns though none were serious. Had the flames been permitted to reach the turpentine and varnish in the corner of the basement which were within a few feet, the entire block of buildings might have been consumed, with two or three millions worth of property, there being no adequate arrangement for suppressing such a fire as would have inevitably ensued.

**NEW BUILDINGS.**—Messrs. Folsom and Romney have commenced the erection of extensive rock buildings for Wells, Fargo & Co., consisting of workshops, stables, &c., one block east of the Social Hall. The workshops—comprising a blacksmith shop, wood-working shop; paint shop, harness and trimming shop, with coal, iron and lumber houses, occupy an area of 4,992 square feet, being 26 by 192; the stables are 34 by 80, and 18 feet high in the clear. The rock for the building is nearly all on the ground, and it is designed to rush the erection, so that they may be finished sometime in July. Closely adjoining will be large sheds for coaches &c., which will make of the whole an extensive and valuable pile of buildings.

**SANPITCHER.**—From Mount Pleasant, Sanpete, with the Editor's compliments and good wishes, comes No. 5, Vol. 1, of the *Sanpitcher*, "Editor and Publisher, David Candland," a neat little news sheet of three columns, with a Supplement, filled with editorial tit-bits and local items. We hear of one or two other interesting little papers, of a similar character, through the Territory, illustrative of the taste and desire for "news," local and foreign, which keeps growing among the people. "Forge ahead boys," the Pioneer paper of the West cordially greets your progress. Friend David has a taste for the "tripod," and a spicy way of expressing himself.

**SURPLUS STOCK.**—From the numerous buyers we expect a general depletion of our range. A mania is now raging to sell stock. While not seeking to throw discouragement on the "policy" yet a re-action will come and stock will be stock. Replace them by a good breed and thus do a double good. Import some choice stock.—*Sanpitcher*.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—The Grand Jury of the U. S. District Court handed in their report on Wednesday, with no business before them, and asked to be discharged. The Court adjourned their next sitting to the first of July, but did not discharge them.

**NICE "CHUNKS."**—Warren Hussey, Esq., showed us lately three nice little blocks of gold, received at the bank of Hussey, Dahler & Co., in this City, from Montana, assayed by Messrs. Bohn and Mollitor, worth about five thousand dollars. We don't dig much gold in this region, but we gather golden grain; each good in their place, though a man will live longer and get fatter on the latter than the former.

**INTERESTING.**—The following communication explains itself. We are gratified that Bro. Meredith has been successful in his trip, in navigating the "Dead Sea" and "Jordan" of the West, with a cargo:—

G. S. L. City, April 16, 1867.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

SIR:—I arrived on the 14th instant, with the schooner "Star of the West," at the Jordan river, near the bridge, with a cargo of salt from the Great Salt Lake; and as this is the first vessel that has sailed up the Jordan, thus proving the river navigable, please publish this in the NEWS, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

JOHN B. MEREDITH.

**BUSY.**—The fine weather that we are now enjoying is giving an excellent opportunity to gardeners and farmers in this valley, who are making the most of it, busy men and busy teams being the order of the day.

**BENEFIT.**—Mr. P. Margetts is announced for a Benefit on Thursday evening. He was for years a member of the old D. D. A., has won a high position as a comedian in public estimation, and on this the occasion of his first Benefit should have a house crowded in every part. You who have laughed until your sides ached, and have enjoyed many an evening's amusement at the risible-touching comedy of Mr. Margetts, step forward and fill the house on Thursday night, that is, as many of you as can get inside.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**—The Sunday schools in this City are weekly growing in usefulness, the attendance in nearly every instance being large, and the interest manifested by the teachers and pupils increasing. Some have been organized but a few weeks, and already number a little over or a little under two hundred scholars each. Thus the good work grows.

**CHOIRS.**—We noticed recently the excellence of some of our City choirs, and further acquaintance with them confirms the opinion then expressed. We had the pleasure of enjoying some very fine singing of hymns and anthems by the 13th Ward Choir on Sunday evening. It is under the leadership of Professor Tullidge. Who favors the combination of choirs as proposed?

**HOME MADE.**—At the photographic gallery of Edward Martin we were shown, a few days ago, a very well executed group of heads comprising Bishop Edward Hunter, his counselors L. H. Hardy and J. C. Little, and his clerk George Goddard, with the twenty Bishops of this city. The plate was enclosed in a handsome gilt frame, of neat design, made on the premises, the whole was consequently home workmanship and entitled to much commendation.

**GONE SOUTH.**—President B. Young, Pres. D. H. Wells, Elders John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff and George Q. Cannon, of the Twelve Apostles, Elders A. M. Musser, Joseph F. Smith, Claudius V. Spencer, John Squires, Bishop A. H. Raleigh, and some others, started on Monday morning for a trip South. Pres. Young and company intend visiting some of the principal settlements in our "Dixie," with those by the way, preaching to and instructing the Saints on their travels. We wish them a happy time, with all the needful blessings to be with them.

Elder George A. Smith preceded the company a few days, to Utah Co., but will go south with them.

**PHONOGRAPHY.**—We direct attention to the communication from br. Sloan, on this subject, and without dilating on the value of phonography, or the superiority of phonetic spelling over that now in use, we would urge our young men, especially young men in business, to become acquainted with the art; and hope to see it yet taught in our schools to our children, as reading and arithmetic are now taught.

SALT for sale.

READ list of Estrays.

SEE Howard's distillery notice.

## Correspondence.

G. S. L. CITY,

April 22d, 1867.

EDITOR NEWS:—

I have been endeavoring for some time back to extend a knowledge of Phonography, and incite to its study, that so valuable and important an art may become as much appreciated and as widely understood as it should be. I find that there are quite a number of practical phonographers in the Territory, all more or less adepts at writing it; but they do not all use the same vocalization, nor the same logographs, or words represented by signs.

To adopt a uniform system of phonography over the Territory, so that all may write alike, and be able to read each others manuscript with equal facility, it has been proposed to organize a Phonographic Society, on the principle

of the old Society organized by Isaac Pitman, the inventor of Phonography. To this end a meeting of phonographers was called at Conference, and those who attended expressed themselves very much in favor with the idea. They left it to me to appoint a meeting at which the Society should be formally organized. I would therefore request the Phonographers in this city and contiguous places, to meet up stairs in the Old City Hall, on Wednesday evening, 25th inst, at 7 o'clock, for this purpose.

I will organize a second class for the study of phonography on that evening, and will receive pupils for it up to Wednesday, May 1. Names are also being received for a juvenile class.

The object in view is to have phonography introduced into and taught as an elementary branch of education, in our common schools. Teachers will receive instruction at reduced rates.

Yours obediently,

EDWARD L. SLOAN.

## Miscellaneous.

**THE POOR OF NEW YORK.**—A New York correspondent says:

I accompanied, the other day, one of our city missionaries who makes his daily round among the poor of the city. Besides the vicious poor, we have a great crowd of persons who are industrious, but whom sickness and misfortune reduce to the lowest position. It exceeds belief to walk around among the tenement houses, and see what poverty is. In one house, in Forsythe street, every room is rented, the stairs are narrow, dirty, unlighted and unwholesome, without plastering or windows, and some of the rooms without doors, not a chimney nor a fireplace in all the house, human beings live and suffer. In one room I entered in the attic there was a little stove, not bigger than a man's hat with a funnel running out of the side of the house. A hole near the roof served for a window, but it was without glass or shutter, and covered with a piece of old canvass to keep out the cold and also the light. In this room lived nine persons. The youngest was four years old and the oldest sixty. There was not a table, a chair or a bed in the room. The parties all slept on the floor promiscuously, huddling together to keep warm. The rent of this room is four dollars a month. The owner lives in a splendid house on fifth avenue, is well known in Wall street, and is a perfect Shylock in collecting his rents. There are hundreds of such tenements in New York, and thousands of such occupants. The degradation and suffering of little children are untold.

**CONCESSION TO THE JEWS IN RUSSIA.**—The Russian Government has made another important step in advance. It has partially thrown open to the Jews two important towns formerly closed against them. Jewish merchants of the second and third guild may now settle at Sebastapol and Nikolaieff, trade there, and may even acquire real estate. A still greater boon to the Jews, and one which has also a political significance, is the offer made by the Russian Government to the Jews of Bokhara and other central Asiatic countries, to take them under its protection. The offer, it is said, has been eagerly accepted by them, as they were fearfully oppressed by the Mohammedan rulers and population of those countries.

**THE "ARNOTT SCHOLARSHIP"** of Queen's College, London—founded by Mrs. Arnott, in 1865, for the promotion of the study of natural philosophy, and the highest scholarship open to women in England, has just been gained by Miss Matilda Ballard, a young lady of seventeen, daughter of Dr. W. R. Ballard a native of New York, and for some years the leading American dentist in London. The prize, the money value of which is not far from two hundred dollars, consists of one year's free instruction and perpetual free admission to certain lectures always interesting and instructive.

UPON the introduction of the full-choir service in a church in Scotland, a lady of noble family, anxious that a favorite female servant should hear it, asked on her return what she thought of the music, etc.,—"Oh, it's varra bonny, varra bonny; but oh, my lady, it's an awfu' way of spending the Sabbath."