

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder David P. Kimball referred to the improvement visible among the people, and especially among the young men,—their industry, sobriety and closer adherence to the principles of life. This improvement is attributable in a measure to the establishment of good schools; and to the general awakening among the people through the instructions of the priesthood.

Elder G. B. Wallace endorsed the remarks of Elder Kimball, and spoke of the various organizations established for the government of the people of Zion. He pointed out the necessity for those who are appointed to counsel and direct the people, as Bishops and Presidents, living so as to have the spirit of their offices resting upon them, that they may possess influence with the people and power from God to counsel and teach them in righteousness. If men holding authority give way to things which are wrong, they have no influence when they reprove the people over whom they preside for the same practices. He cautioned the Saints generally, and the young and inexperienced particularly, on the associations they form, that they should not admit the wicked and corrupt to their friendship and family circles; for domestic distress, sorrow and disgrace are too often the result of such associations.

AFTERNOON.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon occupied the time in the afternoon with a very interesting and instructive discourse. He reasoned at length on the principle that those who are only animated by the spirit of the world can not see God in His work, cannot recognize His hand in it, nor the fulfillment of the prophecies; while those who possess the Spirit of God can see and understand, and have a testimony of the truth abiding with them continually. His remarks were reported.

THE WEATHER.—Friday forenoon:—

Great Salt Lake City, rain mixed with snow falling lightly; rained and snowed from the previous evening.

By Deseret State Telegraph Line:—

Logan, about a foot of snow on the ground and still snowing.

Brigham City, snowing, about four inches on the ground; quite mild.

Ogden, raining and snowing;

Beaver, cloudy and cool; no snow but prospects of plenty.

Parowan, cloudy, but very mild.

Tokerville, a little cloudy, but pleasant.

St. George, warm and cloudy; looks like rain.

Monday morning:—

Great Salt Lake City, clear and cold, keen frost through the previous night.

By Deseret State Telegraph Line:—

Logan, cloudy and mild; about a foot of snow on the ground.

Brigham City, fine, rather cold; about four inches of snow.

Nephi, clear and cold; about three inches of snow in town, six inches on the prairie; stormed Friday and Saturday.

Manti, clear and cold, no snow; rained on Saturday evening about two hours.

Beaver, pleasant and clear; about an inch of snow which is rapidly disappearing.

Parowan, clear and cold.

Tokerville, warm and pleasant; clear; stormed yesterday.

St. George, clear and very pleasant.

KAYSVILLE.—Elder William Willes dropped in upon us, during a recent visit to the City, from Kaysville where he has been engaged during the winter teaching school. He reports well of the place and its enterprising Bishop. A spirit of progress is manifest; and the people evince a commendable spirit of liberality in responding to the calls made upon them of a public nature, and in the performance of their duties as good citizens and faithful Saints. A new saw mill has been commenced by Mr. Wm. Beezley who designs having it ready for supplying lumber for building the ensuing fall. The canyon contiguous contains considerable timber that can be easily made available. Building has been carried on during the past season, to some extent, and further progress in this direction is contemplated, including increased school accommodation for the scholars, and a house for the school teacher, which the trustees are putting up for him. The people have not lacked for enjoyment during the winter, having had various parties and pleasant gatherings. An evening school has also been in operation, in which the pupil teachers have received gratuitous instruction. A new turnpike road, being constructed from the head of the Creek to the foot of the Sand Ridge, passing through the settlement, is progressing under the superintendence of Bishop Layton, who has the grant for constructing it. The brass band keeps improving, and have been making arrangements to supply themselves with new instruments for the forthcoming season, with the co-operation of the Bishop and the inhabitants of the Ward. All these facts put together, indicate that Kaysville keeps moving in the right direction, which is highly gratifying.

THEATRICAL.—On Tuesday evening 26th ult. "Green Bushes" was presented, a good house. Miss Adams made a very fine Miami. Messrs. McKenzie, Dunbar, Margetts and Bowring sustained the characters of George, Murtoth, Grunridge and Jack Gong in the same excellent manner as when they played the parts before and Mr. Lindsay presented a very creditable Connor. There were some hitches in the "business" which told against the reception of the piece, and in places a lack of animation was manifest which caused some scenes to go rather "flat." The farce was "Turn him Out."

On Thursday evening "Damon and Pythias" was performed, in which Mr. Lyne fully sustained his reputation as Damon, while Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Lindsay presented fine renditions of the devoted friend Pythias and the tyrant Dionysius. Mr. Lyne makes some capital points, in his rendering of Damon, one of the most noticeable and most effective being made when Lucullus informs him that his horse is slain. His agonized ejaculation, impressive action, and mute suspension, while he stands with his robe covering his face, bespeak a depth of passion more intense than any roaring of an "elemental war of words" could do. The applause was loud and frequent during the performance of the drama, and the curtain hid the last scene from the sight of a gratified audience.

"An object of Interest" followed, in which Miss Alexander as Fanny Gribbles elicited an amount of interest, accompanied by bursts of laughter that should have satisfied even that adorer of the Susan Hopely "persuasion." Mr. Dunbar made the most of O'Dwyer; and the other characters were well sustained.

Notwithstanding the terrible storm which raged "fast and furious" on Saturday evening after about forty-eight hours continuance of rain and snow, there was a pretty good house to witness the performance of "Pizarro." The play was put on the stage in excellent style, finely mounted, with appropriate appointments, scenery and costumes, and was well performed; Mr. Lyne's Rolia ranked fully equal to anything we have seen him in previously. Mr. McKenzie's Alonso; Mr. Lindsay's Pizarro; Miss Adams' Cora; and Mrs. Bowring's Elvira, were marked with the well known ability of those to whom they were cast.

Too Much for Good Nature is a capital farce. It created lots of mirth, was played like clock work, and gave much satisfaction. We presume it will be repeated.

PAROWAN.—By a letter from Dr. W. C. McGregor, Parowan, to Elder George A. Smith, we learn that they have had good times there through the winter, not the least pleasant of which was a visit in February from some home missionaries, embracing Bishop Gardner, Elders J. G. Bleak, J. O. Angus, Moody, and H. Burgess from St. George, with Bishop Lunt from Cedar, and other brethren, whose instructions were valuable and received with gladness by the people. These missionaries had been to the Muddy, and had held meetings in the settlements south of Parowan, which were well attended, and a goodly portion of the holy Spirit was enjoyed. Pres. E. Snow had also held meeting at Parowan on the 18th of Feb., about a week after the home missionaries were there. He preached to a large and much interested congregation. All is peace, harmony and good feeling in the settlement.

PARONED.—The Executive clemency has been extended to Andrew J. Stewart, who was serving his time in the penitentiary, for killing his nephew under circumstances that went far towards extenuating him. Our readers will remember the case. He was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, a considerable portion of which he has already endured; and Governor Durkee, having had the facts laid before him with a petition for Mr. Stewart's release, has pardoned him.

A "PAYING STONE."—We saw a nice little "chunk" of gold in the office of Hussey, Dahler & Co., on Thursday last, weighing 222 ounces and representing some \$4000. It was the result of 7½ days run of Postlewait's fifteen stamp mill, from the Kearsage lode, near Virginia, Montana.

WET MAILS.—We saw a pile of mail matter on Saturday, in the Post Office in this city, in a semi condition between paper and pulp, having swam, apparently, all the rivers and streams from the Missouri to the Jordan. As for reading the contents, or finding who the matter was designed for, neither could be done. Of course the officials in the post office here are in no way responsible for such a condition of mail matter placed in their hands; but it seems strange that, with regular occurrences of this kind, water proof sacks are not used to bring the mails in over a line where they are liable to be tumbled into creeks, or have to swim rivers, and undergoing the saturation process *ad id.*

PROLONGED STORM.—The most prolonged storm of the season commenced on Thursday evening and continued until late on Saturday night, during which time a great amount of rain fell in this valley, terminating with snow which commenced on Saturday evening and fell till late in the night. On Sunday the clouds which had hung overhead for some days began to disperse, and on Monday it was clear and sun shining, but freezing hard in the shade. Numerous snow slides are spoken of in the canyons, but no lives lost, as yet reported. And the continued rain placed a great many adobe buildings in a very rickety condition.

READ ESTATE NOTICE.

Correspondence.

"HURRAH!"

[For the DESERET NEWS.]

The other day, as the mature wisdom of four years stood in the door-way, watching the snow-flakes as they were gently covering the ground with a feathery dress, he was heard quietly talking to himself; and it was discovered that he was hurrahing for God. His mother reproved him, and said he should not talk so irreverently; whereat he looked up, his face radiant with the happy visions of future sled rides, and said: "Why ma, you say God makes it snow," and, as he is in the habit of saying "Hurrah for pa," "Hurrah for ma," or "Hurrah for brother," when either do anything that pleases him, he thought of course that he must "Hurrah for God" who sent the snow.

There are many children of, a larger growth who feel like hurrahing and thanking God that He has blest them so far beyond their deserts, in giving them a home in their loved and lovely Utah where holy men of God guide and direct the affairs of His Kingdom. Their hearts swell with "Hurrahs" to the Giver of all good, that in these days of sin and iniquity, when destruction and desolation stalk through the world with long and rapid strides, to us His chosen people are given these quiet valleys, watered and made fertile by streams of melting snow furnished by the white capped mountains which surround us. Fruits, flowers and the good and pleasant things of earth abound, where, but a few short years ago, naught was seen or heard but the track of wild animals or the whoop of the scarcely less wild red man.

Who, in the face of all nations, has wrought this wondrous work? Surely not man, for we can see that wherever he holds rule anarchy and confusion sway the hearts of the people. The Prince of Darkness? Away! The very name forbids further thought in that direction. Who is it, then, that, amid all the turmoil, war and bloodshed that cover the earth as with a mantle, has reserved a place where peace and quiet reign, whose Prophets and Apostles are inspired with wisdom to counsel and direct in righteousness, where the hearts of the people are filled with the Spirit of unity and every thing tends to the ushering in of the millennium of peace? "Order is heaven's first law." Then "Hurrah for God," for it is He, and none other, who has accomplished this great and wondrous work whose course is onward and upward, until man shall eventually be rescued from the thralldom of sin and ignorance.

Mrs. M. ADA F.

Payson, Feb. 22.

[The customary use of the word hurrah makes its position in the foregoing anecdote and comments thereon seemingly irreverent, but the little four-year old was not so far amiss according to Webster, who defines hurrah to be a "shout of joy or exultation."—ED. NEWS.]

AMERICAN FORK, Feb. 22.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

DEAR SIR:—As American Fork Settlement may yet become a manufacturing district of importance, owing to its excellent water privileges, it may benefit the readers of the News to know that Mr. Arza Adams has built a first class grist mill in this City; everything connected therewith is of the latest improved style. It seems that Mr. Arza does not believe in making money by advertising.

The weather continues to take strange freaks, warm enough in the morning to take off coats, and cold enough at night to cool off one of your first class "regenerators" and give him an appetite for a bacon supper.

The matter contained in your Editorial column of last issue, relating to machinery being imported into this country, I think ought to sink with weight on the mind of every capitalist in Utah. Which of our far-seeing men are so ignorant, if selfishness is laid aside, as not to see the good result consequent on their right action in this matter? I believe a man's loyalty consists in the amount of good he performs (as well as in the integrity of purpose) for his country's greatness. I wish all our capitalists would so consider, and never mind if they die without amassing an independent fortune. Let them direct their energies in that channel productive of the most public good. A dozen good carding machines with a corresponding supply of spindles and power looms, situated on American Fork River, would do more towards perpetuating an honorable name to future generations than would all the imported goods they could sell in a lifetime. There are valleys west of Cedar Valley where tens of thousands of sheep could be husbanded to good advantage, and the sooner we direct our energies to self-dependence the better. And may it soon be said of Utah products, as friend Linforth says of California and Oregon home-made goods, "they have been profitably sent to eastern and other markets for sale."

Let all Utah capitalists carefully weigh the insurrectionary movements among the nations, the breaking up of commercial relationships, and view those political strikes that are eating away our own nation's greatness; also consider the thousands of young men and women that are growing up in our own mountain home, and then act as loyal citizens, having their country's welfare at heart.

M. W. C.

AMERICAN FORK, Feb. 22.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

A few items of local matter may not be amiss to your increasing readers, for I speak advisedly when I say that your efforts to please and instruct are appreciated, and in a substantial manner are being approximately recompensed.

We have been very well cared for of late by several visitants from your city. Our esteemed friends the President and Chaplain of the Legislative Council, accompanied by Gen. Eldredge and the indomitable Faust, have been instructing us and others throughout this County, teaching the important principles tending to our spiritual, mental and financial improvement. The instructions were opportune and good, and the impressions received are working a desirable result. Although the meeting at this place was in the morning, yet the meeting house was densely crowded with anxious listeners.

Professor Tullidge, Mrs. Oliphant and Mrs. Tomson gave us a musical entertainment that was listened to with pleasure and profit, and was decidedly good. Not being Lowell Mason,

nor D. O. Calder, I am not qualified to particularize, but the above is my opinion.

We have also not been neglected by all the minstrel bands and shows of less note which serve to make "variety the spice of life." In addition to our visiting friends, our own Brass Band, under the direction of its efficient instructor Professor Grant, assisted by our excellent choir and some very good singers from Lehi, with the addition of some celebrated comic talent, have been giving several concerts with encouraging success. May the hopes inspired by the promise of their first efforts receive their fruition in a brilliant future. If any one doubts either the ability or aptitude of our people (time and occasion concurring) to make our own amusement, a short sojourn among us will convince the most skeptical, that we are indeed "Merry Mormons." While upon this subject I may as well add that dancing parties and social reunions receive a full share of attention. Last mentioned, but first in importance of all our assemblies, our religious meetings are well attended, and the people in general consider it good to be here in the mountain valleys.

Superintendent Bullock last week visited our three schools, and suggested several improvements in the discipline and management thereof, and gave good advice to teachers and scholars; he takes much interest in schools, and his exertions are duly seconded by the parents much good will be the result.

Some of our literary citizens have formed a club for mutual improvement, and hold stated meetings at which important questions and principles are discussed upon.

Merchandizing is decidedly conforming to the union and best interest of the community. If our enemies hunger we have generosity enough to give them bread, but patronage belongs to another channel.

Concerning annexation to Nevada, we think it rather a long way for them to come to the seat of government. However, "men are to run to and fro, and knowledge is to be increased," for the law will go forth from Zion," and we are taught, by an authority paramount to every other, that "wise men and rulers shall seek light from Zion's sons," and that "God reveal His secrets to His servants the Prophets," therefore we may rest assured that men will come from much farther distances seeking for wisdom. History informs us that a young rhetorician went from a distance to Carthage to instruct Hannibal in the art of war; I think he went away sorrowing; he had overrated his acquirements. "But wisdom is justified of her children." Latter-day Saints understand the science of government and their own rights.

Fraternally yours,

L. E. HARRINGTON.

ALPINE CITY, Feb. 25.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

Seeing in your last issue a request to be informed "how we are prospering and spending our time in the cities and settlements," I will try to post you as to our little city.

We have a sufficiency of snow, so that all who are prepared have sleighing to their heart's content. We also have our share of dancing and merry-making; yet in the midst of our enjoyment we try to improve our minds, and have a large and well conducted school.

A "Mutual Education Society" is formed, which meets two nights each week, wherein reading, criticism, writing, arithmetic and English grammar are taught, and it is calculated to prove of great and lasting benefit to those who engage in it.

A few evenings since we were highly entertained with a concert given by the Choir. The recitations, dialogues, &c., by the juveniles, were very creditable, and gave unmistakable evidences of the talent in our rising generation. Many of the pieces performed by the juvenile choir were selected from the *Juvenile Instructor*. The Dialogue between Jenny and Carry, from the pen of E. R. Snow, was recited by two little girls, nine and eleven years old, without a mistake or the least prompting, and brought many tears from the audience.

The *Juvenile Instructor* is sought for with much interest in this place, and will prove a great blessing to both young and old. I think that we are a reading community, for of home publications we take more copies than there are heads of families in this settlement, besides a few eastern news, agricultural, and other papers. Among these you may be assured the *DESERET NEWS* receives a large share of interest, for we wish to be posted by the News, and to have the good and wholesome counsel contained in it, to prepare us to apply the talents and the ability the Almighty gives us for the accomplishment of the great purpose of our being.

Your brother in the Gospel,

JOHN W. VANCE.

SEXTON'S REPORT.

G. S. L. City Sexton's Report for the month ending Feb. 28th, 1867.

Males,	12
Females,	8 20

Adults,	11
Children,	9 20

DIED OF THE FOLLOWING CAUSES AS REPORTED:

Consumption	3
Dropsy,	3
Diphtheria,	2
Teething	2
Heart disease,	2
Inflammation bowels,	1
Inflammation lungs,	1
Typhoid fever,	1
Rheumatic fever,	1
Liver complaint,	1
Croup,	1
Fistula,	1
Old age,	1 20

Total interments, 20

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, Sexton

An idle man always thinks he has a right to be affronted if a busy man does not devote to him just as much time as he himself has leisure to waste.