366

# THE DESERET NEWS.

June 25

# WASHINGTON COUNTY JOT-TINGS.

#### HIGH WATER CASUALTIES.

PRICE, Washington Co., Utah, June 4th, 1884.

#### Editor Deservet News:

the topics of conversation just now. laid out this spring-much of it We have a superabundance of water. ploughed, put down to clover, and a The Rio Virgin River has been

#### ON THE RAMPAGE

for over two months, tearing out dams and gouging into our farming of juveniles being called to order the lands, taking wheat, lucern and in fact schools sang in concert: "Welcome to everything in its way. We have had All." Prayer was offered by Elder nearly 50 acres of our best land with Joseph Hall. Then followed a great crops on most of it, swept down number of songs, duets, recitations, stream. Brothers Henry Eyring, W. instrumental music on the organ by F. Butler, Martin Larson, David Moss, Miss Rosie Pierce, brief addresses also Samuel Miles and myself are the were delivered by Messrs. Job Pingree, heaviest losers. The land in some E. H. Anderson, Joseph Stanford, L. places being of a sandy formation and F. Monch, etc. After the close of the the river running in a zig zag course it exercises the programme was varied, caves the banks very fast. We have the changes consisted of not been able to build up the

# and for recreation. At nine o'clock this morning they met at the Central School House, where, with their respective trustees, they formed a grand procession, under the direction of Prof. L. F. Monch, marshal of the day, and then marched through some of the principal streets to the place of rende-Floods and high waters are among vous. The grounds have been newly large number of new shade trees planted.

THE CLOSING EXERCISES

#### THE VAST ASSEMBLY

#### FOOT RACES,

BREAKS IN OUR DAM in which boys and girls engaged for as yet, as what we could have put in sacks of candy, pocket handkerchiefs, would not be likely to stay long in the ribbons, neck laces, pocket knives and raging torrent. But we have strength- a host of other useful articles too ened the portion of dam that was left numerous to mention. There were and have saved it from going. Apostle also sack racing and other athletic Erastus Snow, at our two day's meet- sports, finishing up with a dance and ing, held at St. George while President a song, "Good Night,,' by the teacher's length on the temporal affairs of the the Mormon youth were taught the les- of last resort has not proven itself membered by all those who participated in it. Both the Ogden and the Weber rivers are considerably lower than they were a few days since, still they are up pretty high, and in one place or another they have done a GREAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE. think most of our wheat will mature Many acres of valuable farming land have been destroyed by the floods, and them. many acres are still under water. that score if we could have one more Hundreds of bushels of grain and scores of tons of hay have been ruined, and it is reported that in some places the farmers will not be able to raise enough grain to bread them through the coming year. Communication by here this summer, besides most of our teams is still cut off between here and other crops look promising thus far, Ogden and Weber Valleys. The people and the barren hills that were so last of the former place travel over the season, are not so now, for they are mountains to reach the city, while the covered over with flowers of nearly Weber Valley folks can come and reevery color. This no doubt will be a turn by rail. In places, distant from fruitful season in these parts if we can the ravages of the rivers the crops genonly get our dams repaired in the right erally promise a prolific yield. The time to save our crops from now on, frequent heavy rain storms have rendas there is likely to be plenty of water ered irrigation thus far unnecessary, and more time has been given to cultivating the land. In Ogden Valley the crops are reported to be in a more flourishing condition, and to give promise of greater of God, and the outside world were increase than they have done for a number of years past, and the people in this beautiful vale feel very grateful

1st.

High Council of Emery Stake.

to order.

The choir sang.

remarks.

such as furniture, brooms, etc.

the Saints.

Singing by the choir.

Benediction by Patriarch Robert Logan.

### 2 p. m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Wm. Avery. Superintendents.

Conference at Salt Lake City, and urg- | our instruction. ed upon the Saints to purge out al iniquity from ther midst and the blessings of the Lord would rest upon

EMERY STAKE CONFERENCE. Later-day Saints. I remained in Utah position is well up among the States until six years ago. Since then I have and beyond our sister Territories. The The Emery Stake Conference was been in constant contact with the in- common schools of Utah are not Morheld at Orangeville May 31st and June fluences of the Eastern States, colleg- mon schools, except in the feature, iate, business and social; and have natural enough considering the pre-Present on the stand: Counselor O. thus been enabled to contemplate the ponderance of Mormons, that teachers Seely, Bishops of the different wards "peculiar people, with whom nature and scholars are usually of that perand Counsel, also members of the and reason have cast my lot, with the suasion. They are open to all alike dispassion of distance and changed and as free as possible from influences President Larsen called the meeting associations. Is it possible that in improper in non-sectarian schools. i mere questions of fact, I say nothing believe that I can refer with pride to of religion, I have been so grossly de- the business reputation of our people Prayer by Bishop Joseph Robertson. ceived, my senses have been so inex- at home in Utah and obroad. President Larsen made a few opening plicably dulled and misdirected, that We are accused of persistently at-I have only seen virtue where vice tempting to nullify the laws of the

different wards, which were all pros- tian darkness prevailed? It is not were alleged against us were those pering, increasing in numbers and the possible, and as I expect to render my which led to the "Mormon war" of people trying to live nearer unto God. account to my Maker I affirm that I 1857-'58. We respectfully urge that Some of the wards were intending present matters faithfully as I have public opinion was misled and aroused some branches of home manufacture, seen them. Mormonism in its every against us by various misrepresentaphase, from Idaho to Arizona, is fam- tions; as, for instance, in the allera. President Larsen made a few re- liliar to me; not only in the home but tions that we had destroyed the seals marks on punctuality and exhorted in the workshop and the church. Hav- and records of the courts, which were ing delivered my credentials I shall subsequently found intact; that the proceed to the matters at issue.

vent of the railroad and the civilizing ended only in amoke, was probably influences of Christianity, we were free | treasonable desire of Secretary of War from whiskey shops, gamblers and Floyd to put the bulk of the armyun houses of ill repute; there were no vast quantities of munitions of water thieves; and people did not dream of of the way of impending hostilities. Reports were made by the different locking their doors. Jails were empty. tween the States. quorums of the Priesthood in Emery What few policemen there were grew The anti-polygamy law of 1862 Stake, also the Sunday schools and Y. fat in indolence. And this was in a unquestionably disregarded becaus M. M. I. Associations, by the Stake frontier country, wherein it has been the prevailing opinion of its uncon the rule for lawlessness and murder to tutionality. But the Supreme C President Larsen spoke at some reign supreme. With Puritanic rigor has said we were wrong; but the c kingdom of God. Said that the Presi- sons and shown the examples of so- fallible, and we may hope in case dency of the Church were working at briety, honesty, peace, uprightness an 1 reargument that the question will the present time to unite the hearts of charitableness, not only to one anoth- considered more in its relations to the people, both temporally and spirit- er but to the stranger within their rights of others, which must be ually. He gave a synopsis of some of gates. Respect for old age and for basis of conclusion, than its relation the instructions at the last General women was an important feature of the sentiments of the majority. Ma We were raised in the school of pa- are generally wrong. Certainly innor triotism: and listened with pride to tions are ever unpopular. The Pola the story of the Mormon battalion in biil, among the first to strip in the Mexican war; to the story of the the Mormon his political rights, raising of the American flag upon Ensign Peak, above Salt Lake City, when the country was still Mexican territory. Our grievances had not been against governments but against mobs. I have heard it preached a thousand Edmunds law, on the testimony of times from the pulpit that the Constitution of the United States was inspired by the Almighty. No idea has of Georgia, unconstitutional in at les been more firmly impressed upon the a half dozen respects. It may be adde Mormon mind than the necessity of rendering themselves entirely subject persons who have never violated a to constitutional government. In the law have been deprived of their prin Book of Doctrine and Covenants, leges under this bill by the arbitra which above all books or teaching is standard among the Latter-day Saints, courts have been appealed to. are found many passages, the burden of which is that the Constitution and sion assumed to exercise the constit the laws should b : respected. We are tional right of Congress to judge off there told:

The Bishops gave in reports of the was rampant, only light where Egyp- United States. The first offences which immediate cause of this needless er. In my earlier years, before the ad- pedition which began in report and

rities, according to Matthew Arno never met with opposition. Govern Shaffer's proclamation forbidding militia to drill, although directly o posed to Article II. of the Amendment has been obediently observed. Commission, has not been opposed though, as alleged by Senator Brown however, that in several cases when decisions of the Commissioners, Governor Murray, who on one occ qualifications of its own members, issuing a certificate of election tot candidate who received 1,300 votes of 20,000, has without question mis presented the laws of Utah in seve as well as that of President Taylor the Mormon church. As the friend Governor Murray, I know of no wis course this lady could have pursu thau to fail to say anything about career-and her letter is significant The condition of affairs in Utah is silent. We must always accept M often misrepresented. The Associated Paddock cum grano salis; for is Latter Day Saint belief in plural m riage was made before it was annou ed as a Mormon doctrine. Elder Os Pratt published this as a feature of faith has early as 1853 in the City Washington. President Taylor isp trayed as a bully; a character as from his own as possible; a fact wh all attest who have ever listened this gentleman's discourse or com sation. With regard to the Mountain Mead Young was Governor at the time, States Court was prima facie evidence

people to get their land ready and

#### PLANT WHAT THEY COULD

and leave their dams till the high waters went down, and they have been blessed in so doing, for we have had several very nice showers of rain which have kept our crops growing, and I without any more water, although we would feel a little more satisfied on shower. And by the indications of the sky just now we will have that soon. There is a fine prospect for a good

#### CROP OF FRUIT

in the Santa Clara and other streams where water has been scarce for years.

Brother Isaac Hunt of St George had one of his team

#### HORSES DROWNED

while crossing the Santa Clara stream a few days since, he had a narrow escape with his wife and a small child for the flattering prospects. who were in the wagon at the time. Brother W. F. Butler also had the misfortune to lose one horse out of his team while crossing the Rio Virgin some little time ago, and Brother W.S. Carpenter, our broom manufacturer, came near losing some of his goods and chattels while crossing the Clara on his way to St. George a short time the running-gears which afforded him a short boat ride. But being a man that is wide awake at such times as these, he started for the shore, where he anchored in safety.

#### THE PESTIFEROUS CATERPILLARS

have not as yet appeared in very large numbers in the orchards and gardens in this city. All that has been discovered have been promptly destroyed, and as yet the trees look beautiful, fresh, green, and full of foliage and since, as his wagon bed was washed off fruit. But in some of the settlements adjacent to this town the folks are not so fortunate. In the north the pests are taking lucern and other vegetation pointed. as well as fruit. It is feared by some who have set out very large strawberry beds this season, that they will be destroyed. I was told this morning by a gentleman from the west side of the Weber River that these devouring worms exist there by millions, and are already very destructive. My informant said they are taking the ground fruits, poisoning the lucern and also commencing in some places to

The Orangeville choir sang an anthem: "O, How Lovely is Zion." Benediction by Elder J. K. Reid.

# Sunday morning, June 1st. Singing by the Orangeville and

Huntsville choirs combined. Prayer by Elder James Woodward. The satistical report was read by J. K. Reid, Stake Clerk, which showed an increase of one hundred members since last Conference.

President Larsen made a few remarks in regard to the building up of the kingdom of God.

The general and local authorities were then presented and unanimously sustained.

Patriarch Robert Logan spoke a few words. He showed what the Saints were doing, building up the kingdom striving to pull it down, but they never would accomplish their design.

J. K. Reid made a few remarks on adopting the mountain time as it had been recommended by the Presidency of the Church.

It was then moved by President tained.

Elder O. F. Anderson spoke at some length on the benefits of Mormonism. His remarks were listened to with considerable attention and were very Elder Wm. Howard showed the ground the Saints stood on by obeying the commands of God and also by obeying the commands of man. He was in favor of obeying God and letting the consequences follow. J. W. Seely.

We believe that all religious socities have a right to deal with their members for disorderly conduct according to the rules and regulations of such societies, provided that such dealings be for fellowship and important respects. He finds a wa good standing, but we do not believe that defender in Mrs. Paddock, who sa any religious society has authority to try | she is acquainted with the public char men on the right of property or life, to take | eer of this distinguished Kentuckian from them this wold's goods or to put them Larsen that the Saints throughout in jeopardy of either life of limb; neither to Emery Stake adopt the mountain inflict any physical punishment upon them; standard time. Unanimously sus- they can only excommunicate them from their society and withdraw from them their fellowship.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The health of the people here is very good at present, compared with previous seasons, as we are subject to chills and fever, or rather we have been in times past.

We get our mail from St. George, as there is no post office nearer, but we are frequently bothered on account of portions of our mail matter going to Price, Emery Co., instead of coming to Price, Washington Co. Sometimes papers of importance, calling for answers immediately, are delayed on that account. Please take notice everybody that send any mail to us and address to the St. George post office. N. R. F.

CORRESPONDENCE. OGDEN CITY, Utah, June 13th, 1884.

## Editor Deservet News:

The exultation of the republicans here has subsided, the excitement has died away, and the people have found cause for a new sensation in the

#### HOPT CASE.

This morning the folks of the town, Mr. M. B. Wheelwright, died of scarespecially on Main, were on the qui let fever. The little fellow was cut vive for news from the Capital in rela- down like a beautiful flower. He was tion to the action of Acting Governor only sick twenty-four hours. Within MORMON TRAINING-DEVOTION TO THE Thomas in the matter. Speculation a few years death has made terrible ran high, and the people were divided | inroads into his family, and not a few in their opinions as to His Excellency's of them have met with a tragic enddecision. There were few, however, one crushed beneath the railroad cars-

#### DEVOUR THE WHEAT.

Where they exist in the fields in such was administered. myriads it is almost impossible to fight and destroy them without at the ciple of Celestial Marriage. same time very much injuring if not ruining the crops. Whether it is better to let the worms eat the grain, to kill them off-or at least all that can be vegetation I cannot tell. But it certhem now. They are beginning to cause much anxiety among some of thank thee O. God for a Prophet." our grangers.

#### THE HEALTH

of the people, generally, is pretty good, although diphtheria, pneumonia and scarlet fever have made their appearance among the children, and some of them have succumbed to these dread maladies.

This morning, a four-year old son of

# 2 p. m.

this valley.

Smith. The congregation sang "We Benediction by Elder N. L. Guymon,

J. K. REID. sen.

Stake Clerk.

[From the New York Tribune, June 2. THE MORMONS DEFENDED.

BRIGHAM YOUNG'S GRANDSON AN-SWERS MRS. PADDOCK.

CONSTITUTION-THE MOUNTAIN MEA-DOW MASSACRE.

To the Editor of the Tribune:

Press being particularly unreliable, it not a writer of fiction by occupation is a foregone conculsion that any anti- Concerning Mr. Taylor: he was Mormon twist facts are capable of will France, not in 1856 but some six ye be made, and non-residents furnished | earlier, and any denial by him of with a distorted account.

No more certain proof of the tolerant nature of the people can be found Elder James Woodward was the next | than in a referance to the bitter charspeaker; singing; Benediction by Elder | acter of the opposition press in Salt Lake. One paper or another has existed there since my earliest recollection whose pleasure it was to malign, Singing, and Prayer by J.D. Hilpack. with all possible bitterness and per-The sacrament of the Lords supper sonality, the character of our leaders and the nature of our religion. It is Bishop Pulsipher spoke on the prin- not long since the organ which now represents the revolutionary element Massacre, it is true that Bright President O. Seely spoke a few words in Salt Lake advocated in a leading in regard to the early settlement of editorial the plan of tempting Mormon it must remembered that his of boys to drunkenness and debauchery, term was put an end to, and the ju President Larsen spoke on Order in and of luring Mormon girls to ruin al business of the Territory suspe killed, and at the same time destroy meetings and assemblies. He also and shame, urging that such would by the approach of Johnston's l much of the present season's grain and dwelt at some length on Celestial Mar- better be their end than that they Moreover, ever since the close of riage, and read the revelation on the should remain Mormons. Did ever a ernor Young's last term, the Go tainly would be very difficult to get at subject, as given to the Prophet Joseph more damnable doctrine of hate and ors, attorneys and judges, exce immorality remain unpunished? In the Probate Courts, have been any community other than one accus- formly non-Mormon. But why, tomed to meekly bear the spurns put asked, did not the Probate Cours upon them, punishment would have vestigate this affair? The answer been complete and summary. But the that a Mormon acquittal of Mor Mormon, being a proscribed party, leaders would have been pointed must walk an exemplary life; for the a travesty on justice, regardless d lightest trifles urged against him be- righteousness of the decision. come more strong than proofs of holy Brigham Young to appeal writ Apostates have ever lived in a Probate Court were a stud Utah. in peace and security, all state- presumption of his guilt; ments to the contrary notwithstand- him to seek judgment in a Un

It is the testimony of Judge Black of his innocence. And it is incontrol that our "Territorial government has vertible that he made a personal ap been conducted with surprising purity, peal to the first judges and districts wisdom and justibe. Simple in its ma- torney that came to Utah after i chinery and impartial in its laws; its "Mormon war" to investigate to burdens are light and its protection black crime, offering to assist them universal; no cheating at elections, no every possible manner. Such demand official defalcations, no special taxes, were made year after year since t Sir: In the Tribune of March 30, and not a dollar of public debt." One reason of non-investigation we were of the Muddy river, and each while at question with great wealth of ideas record. At a certain election the When the investigation came, Summe But when the dispatch arrived an-nouncing that a reprieve was granted a great number of citizens openly ex-pressed, their dissatisfaction at the pressed their dissatisfaction at the sympathies of many of this communi- her living, unquestionably all of her got possession of a county court, and his opposition to the Latter-da conduct of the acting Governor in the ty. premises. However as such a result has been so singu-However, as such a result has been lar and changeable that much of the consideration of which it may be in- bate judge for expenses in contesting earth, and that he had given the judge reached and as there is no other alter- garden products are far behind what vidious to suggest that her views are the seat of the representative to the unanswerable documentary evidence native left for them, but to await the they were this time last year, and un- not entirely unbiased, nor her motives Legislature from that county; during proving that the Mormon authoritie final outcome, the law must have its less we have a late fall, it is question- free from question. able if some of the crops will mature. With your permission I will an un- 50 per cent. A startling misuse of the after it was committed." To one at The last term of the school year And yet we have seen the bows in the varnished tale deliver of the reason of only authority ever acquired by the quainted with the breadth of mind, the having expired, all the district schools clouds which give promise of "seed my devotion to the cause of a misrep- "Liberals," and one which points a strength of character and the love of the devotion to the cause of a misrephumanity which characterized so em WEBER. Lake City in 1858; my parents were By the last census our educational nently the late Brigham Young, the

who did not believe the assassin would another met death beneath meet

### THE MURDERER'S DOOM.

course.

in this city wet to-day, at the pavilion | time and harvest." in Lester Park Square for

# THE DARK WATERS