

DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

WEDNESDAY, - - May 19, 1875.

Meetings in the Tabernacle.—

Services will be held in the New Tabernacle on Sunday next, May 16, and every Sunday until further notice, at 2 p.m.

RAIN IN UTAH.

CAPTAIN Thomas H. Bates writes to the *Utica* (N.Y.) *Herald*, giving as his opinion that the construction of railroads has been the chief means of inducing a greater spring and summer rainfall in Utah.

Whether the railroads have or have not had any influence in increasing the Spring and Summer rainfall in this Territory is a question difficult to determine correctly. But one thing is not so difficult to know, and that is, that we have had as wet Mays before there was any railroad in Utah as we have had since, and May is the principal month of the warm season in which we have had extraordinary rainfalls of late years. One year before the time of railroads here, there was not only rain but a heavy snow fall in May, the last of May, a foot or more of snow falling, breaking down the trees or their branches considerably, as they were in full leaf.

There is no doubt that there has been more rain in late Spring and early Summer hereabout of recent years than in the years of the first settlement of the Territory, though an old tradition among Utah cultivators of the soil was that the first week in May was likely to bring the last soaking shower of the season. From the undeniable fact of very wet Mays before the advent of the railroad, we are forced to the conclusion that the railroads have not been the chief agents in producing the change of climate. Railroads are very beneficial institutions, but they are not responsible for everything.

Eighteen hundred and seventy one, we believe, was a dry Summer, although the railroad was here.

It appears to us that the increase of rain in this region in the grain growing season of late years is due chiefly to two causes—first, the increased breadth of cultivated land and of irrigation, affording greater evaporating surface; and second, the blessing of Providence.

SENATOR SARGENT TO RETIRE.

—In the *Sacramento Record-Union* is some correspondence between Hon. T. B. McFarland and Senator Sargent, in which the latter says—

"You have been correctly informed that I do not intend to be a candidate for re-election. My purpose in this is the result of mature deliberation, has been long entertained and is irrevocable. I would not accept the office again if unanimously tendered.

"I have received all the favors I desire at the hands of the people, except their continued respect; and only wish to retire on the honorable conclusion of my present term of service.

"I shall seek to serve the State and nation for the next four years with zeal and fidelity, and ask such confidence and support to that end as honest efforts may merit; but no sense of duty impels me to give away more of my life to the public service after twelve years of work shall have been done."

A POINTED QUESTION.

—"*Sincerity*," writing to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, condemns the unwise policy of ambitious mothers in leading their daughters to expect rich men to come along and marry them and maintain them in luxury and laziness, and presents the following very pointed question—

"Just let some of these criminally foolish mothers ask themselves the question, 'Are dens of infamy filled more by girls brought up with proper ideas as to household duties, or those taught to despise work and worship dress and the expected rich man?'"

ALL QUIET.

DURING the last month or two Utah has relapsed into its normal condition of quietude, or rather the excitement at a distance concerning her has completely died out. Not that her people ever, of their own motion, cause any excitement, or have any desire to do so. But there is a class of sensation-mongers and mischief-breeders who do seek to create excitements concerning this Territory, especially during the sitting of Congress. This class are few in numbers, but they are noisy, restless, vicious, brutal, unprincipled in policy, impudent in suggestion, audacious in expedient, and reckless of consequences to others. Falsehood is their native element, and misrepresentation, detraction and slander their congenial business.

Cut off, at least for the present, and it is to be hoped for ever, from all hope of dishonest gain by legalized spoliation of the "Mormons," some of this class turn to their old time occupation, and prowling about in the night, seeking opportunities to garrote and rob, commit burglary, or engage in horse or cattle-stealing, being anxious to distinguish themselves in some disreputable way or other, and especially to obtain a living without doing good and lawful work for it.

The era of quietude which prevails just now in Utah, the lack of sensation incidents, the current housebreakings and other thieving felonies excepted, seem to defy even the fertile inventive ingenuity of the mischief-breeders. Their sensation occupation is evidently gone. The courts are not favoring them just now, nor is there any great prospect of favor in that quarter in the early future, whatever the more remote future may disclose.

Everything goes to show that when our citizens are treated half fairly, and have officers anything like fair-minded, they are the easiest people in the world to get along with, they being peaceable and law-abiding by nature, profession, and practice. Everything also goes to show that, were it not for the few sensation-mongers and mischief-breeders, who are ever on the alert in their evil pursuit, there never would be any trouble, excitement or unpleasantness in or concerning Utah of the political character that was so common for the four or five years preceding the last month or two. It is these few mischief-makers that make all the disturbance, and make most of the hullabaloo about it, and, what is more, when things are boiled down nothing is found in any of these loudly trumpeted disturbances but the venom and lies and evil acts of the few mischief-makers, who all the while are working to make political capital to further their own ulterior and nefarious purposes.

THAT ALIMONY DECISION.—The *Sacramento Record-Union* of May 12 has the following—

"The Chief Justice of Utah takes a different view from his predecessor regarding the title of Ann Eliza Young to *ad interim* alimony. Chief Justice McKean awarded her \$500 a month, but Chief Justice Lowe rules that she is not entitled to anything, unless she can disprove Brigham's allegation that her marriage with him was polygamous, and consequently, in the eye of the law, adulterous. This decision appears to be good law, and will throw upon the plaintiff the onus of proving that she married the Prophet in ignorance of the nature of the contract she was making. To assume that the laws can be appealed to for the purpose of securing compensation to such as have injured themselves by deliberate violation of those laws, is to assume that Equity has no connection whatever with Justice. In effect, moreover, this suit of Ann

Eliza's is altogether too much in the line of a black-mail proceeding to merit sympathy. It is not probable, finally, that she can establish such a proof of guilelessness as will induce Chief Justice Lowe to reconsider his present decision."

While denying that marriage, single or plural, is adulterous, we maintain that the plural marriage of the Latter-day Saints, being purely and entirely a religious ordinance, is altogether outside the cognizance of constitutional civil law, as much as is the ordinance of baptism, or any other religious ordinance that interferes not with the constitutional rights of other persons or parties.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAY 11.

Warm.—When the mercury gets up to 82 and thereabout, as it has done this afternoon, it is rather warm and exhausting weather this time of the year.

Caterpillar.—The festive caterpillar begins to spread itself upon the branches of the fruit trees and shrubs, and should be carefully searched for and put through a fiery ordeal before the foliage suffers too much.

Petty, Petty Larceny.—Some "ladies" the other day stole a bird from a cage at the door of a cottage, and the other night some "gentlemen" (it is presumed) dug up and carried away some flower plants from the nursery of Mr. John Reading. This is small potato business.

Sad Accident.—We have been informed that Stephen Barton, a young man about 16 years of age, while out on a stock drive, was riding over the hills on horse back, when the horse stepped into a gopher hole, precipitating young Barton over its head, the horse falling on him and breaking the young man's leg above the knee. The rest of the party who went out with him had separated from him, but as he did not join them again as soon as they anticipated, started to hunt for him and found him lying in the sage brush. The company took him to his father's mill, where he was taken care of.—*Beaver Enterprise*, May 11.

Grading.—A correspondent sends in the following—

"A great many teams are depositing the dirt from the new Co-operative cellar, in some of the streets of the city. Could you make a suggestion in the paper that they might deposit two or three hundred loads on North Temple Street, between First and Second West Streets? On the south side there is a very large hole, extending half a block. The City Council was petitioned to fill it, but only filled it along the ditch to keep the water from overflowing. This will one day make one of the principal drives to Agricultural Park, and its filling up would tend greatly to beautify that locality."

Conference at Manchester.—According to the *Millennial Star* a Conference was held at the Temperance Hall, Grosvenor Street, Manchester, Sunday, April 11. The following missionaries from Utah and other Elders were present on the stand—Joseph F. Smith, President of the European Mission; Robert T. Burton, Prest. London Conference; R. V. Morris, Prest. of Birmingham Conference; David McKenzie, Prest. of Glasgow Conference; Wm. B. Barton, Prest. of Liverpool Conference; E. N. Freeman, Prest. of Sheffield Conference; H. S. Gowans, Prest. of Manchester Conference; L. John Nuttall, *Millennial Star* Office; John H. Smith, of Birmingham, Peter Barton, of Sheffield, Edward Snelgrove and L. Holbrook, of Manchester Conference, and John Miller, Prest. of Manchester Branch. Meetings were held morning, afternoon and evening, and the congregations were addressed by the above named Elders.

Prests. Gowans presented and read the statistical and financial reports of the Manchester Conference for the year ending the 31st of December, 1874, as follows—15 Branches, 64 Elders, 31 Priests, 8 Teachers, 16 Deacons, 380 members; total, 499; 46 baptized, 16 cut off, 11 died, 63 emigrated, 11 removed. The total receipts on Tithing, Books, Individual Emigration, Poor and Public collections, £330 19s. 2d.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 15.

Missionary Appointment.—Elder Geo. G. Bywater will preach at Farmington, on Sunday, May 23.

Dropped Dead.—To-day the delivery horse of the California bakery dropped dead on First South Street. Cause—got too much corn and was foundered.

An Outrage.—To-day Nathan Pratt was fined \$50, in the police court, for flourishing a double-barrelled shot gun, loaded and cocked, and threatening to shoot Mrs. Harvey, of the 6th Ward. The accused could show no justification for the outrage. A very slight punishment for such a crime. Fourteen years' confinement at hard labor would have been nearer the thing.

Thanks.—The committee of the Old Folks' Excursion beg to tender their sincere thanks to the many friends who contributed means to assist them, to Prest. B. Young for the street cars, to the officers of the Utah Western Railroad, to Captain Dorus, of the *City of Corinne*, to Dr. Clinton for use of hotel, and for the thousand and one manifestations of kindness and attention on the part of bishops and counsellors, and those who furnished teams and music gratuitously to make glad the hearts of 250 of the aged and infirm veterans, who enjoyed themselves on the day of the excursion.

The following is a statement of finances—

Cash subscribed -	\$77 50
Expenses -	\$62 25
On hand for excursion of orphans at some future time -	15 25
Total -	\$77 50

EDWD. HUNTER,
GEORGE GODDARD,
C. R. SAVAGE.

Proceeding Extraordinary.—To-day, after Wiggins, who killed Kreamer, had been arrested by the City police, placed in jail and affidavit had been made and filed against him, a U. S. Commissioner issued a warrant for his arrest, which was placed in the hands of a U. S. deputy marshal, who made a demand on Chief of Police Burt for the prisoner. For some reason or other prosecuting attorney Snow advised the giving up of Wiggins to the U. S. officer, and he was accordingly handed over. In consequence of this proceeding extraordinary the examination of the case will be held before the aforementioned U. S. Commissioner.

If this proceeding is not anti-republican and anti-constitutional, in taking or attempting to take nearly every vestige of the power of enforcing the local laws out of the hands of the chosen officers of the people, then what is? That has been the policy of a certain clique for years, and the result is seen in the centralizing here of the ruffianism and rascality of other States and Territories.

Again, the U. S. officers have already shown that they either won't or can't keep Wiggins and others of that "ilk."

Pleasure Seeking.—The following was handed in to-day—

"The children of the 1st Ward day school and the 2nd Ward Sunday school, in charge of W. L. Ball, spent a delightful day yesterday at Glendale Cottage, formerly known as Wagstaff's Pleasure Gardens. The sun shone in his glory, the flowers yielded their sweetest perfume and the thrilling sounds of music combined to fill the young hearts with joy and gladness.

"Bro. Wagstaff generously threw upon his greenhouse, stocked with the loveliest and rarest plants and flowers, and yet such was the good conduct of the happy throng that not a single bud, branch or leaf was disturbed during the day.

"At the close of the day short addresses were delivered by W. L. Bull, R. Marshall, of the 10th Ward, and W. Wagstaff, congratulating the children on their remarkably good behavior.

"Glendale Cottage promises to become a favorite resort for pleasure seekers, as many attractive improvements are in contemplation by the generous and genial owner of these romantic pleasure grounds. For Sabbath or day schools or other pleasure parties these beautiful gardens present a fine opportunity for enjoyment, and, what is of the highest importance, the morals of

the young are strictly guarded from even the appearance of evil, as nothing but the mildest summer beverages are dispensed to purchasers."

Man Shot and Killed.—Shortly after two o'clock this morning John G. Wiggins, the three card monte man, of jail-breaking notoriety, was walking down the west side of East Temple Street, in company with Mr. Dobson, the night watchman on the Exchange Buildings Block. John Kreamer, better known as "Dutch John," was sitting on the wooden steps on the outer edge of the sidewalk, opposite the Salt Lake House and, when opposite to him, Wiggins suddenly stepped behind Mr. Dobson, and a shot was fired; the last named person turned as a second shot was being discharged, by Wiggins, and Kreamer threw up his hands, saying, "Don't shoot me. I haven't got anything," or something to that effect, almost at the same moment seizing hold of Dobson, as if to shield himself behind him, and as he was falling or reclining over, Wiggins shot him again. Wiggins then walked down the street some distance, when officers Phillips and A. Smith, who happened to be on the street at the time, went after him, arrested him, and took him to jail, where he now lies. After Wiggins had left Kreamer, and when opposite Carter's cigar store, he discharged another shot, but at no particular object.

After receiving the wounds Kreamer died in a few minutes, having expired before he could be conveyed to the City Hall. One ball passed into his chin, ranging downwards and backwards to the left, and lodging under the shoulder, and a second entered the right side and passed clear through the body.

Wiggins is well known as a hard man, and the deceased was also a hard case. "Dutch John" had been in many shooting scrapes before, having been probably shot at not less than twenty times, but never hit till this time, when he was suddenly called away, by a couple of shots, either of which would have been necessarily fatal. The two men had had a dispute earlier in the night, in which Wiggins beat him over the head with a pistol.

It appears that Wiggins had been strongly in the fighting line last night, having had a quarrel with William Bean, the same who was shot and wounded by one King not long since, Bean being also beaten over the head with a pistol in the hands of Wiggins.

Bean was subsequently arrested on a charge preferred by Wiggins of attempting to murder the latter, in that he presented a pistol at him, which was caught by a woman, Bean being subsequently disarmed by Wiggins.

A large number of people have visited the City Hall to-day, anxious to see the body of Kreamer.

A Novel Excursion.—The Old Folks' Excursion on the Utah Western Railroad yesterday, to Clinton's, including a sail on the Great Salt Lake, on the steamer *City of Corinne*, was one of the most novel and interesting of anything of the kind that was ever got up in this Territory. In fact, perhaps it has had few if any parallels anywhere. A large number of spectators assembled at the depot before the time of starting, and, as the train left, exactly at 8 o'clock, there was considerable cheering and waving of hats and handkerchiefs from groups of people along the street on the line of the railroad, in town.

Besides the baggage car, there were seven cars, or regular passenger or box cars, and three flats, filled to their utmost capacity with the interesting company.

Some idea may be formed of the activity and interest manifested in preparing to take the party over the line when it is considered that the three flats were at Clinton's, loaded with freight, at three o'clock in the morning, and had, after that hour, to be telegraphed for, brought to town, unloaded, fitted up comfortably with benches, and otherwise arranged for the aged passengers.

It was as interesting a sight as ever eyes beheld to pass through those cars and see those old folks, with countenances radiant with pleasure, engaging in reciting to each other the events of by-gone days, indulging in innocent, jocular pleasantries, each seeking to