

In the afternoon meeting Prest. O. G. Snow made observations only and gave counsel in regard to the Saints' duties in matters affecting their welfare and prosperity, urging them to promptly do their duty.

The forenoon meeting of the 27th was mostly occupied by Apostle L. Snow, who spoke of the necessity of the Saints being tried, the condition of mankind spiritually prior to the Gospel's introduction, and the blessings of wisdom, gifts, Priesthood and salvation flowing from it; the calling of the Prophets, and of God's sustaining hand over them; the influence men have exercised with God as shown in Moses and King Hezekiah; the Saints' work is to save, not destroy, to do all the good we can, and be merciful and forgiving to all men. He made a few complimentary remarks on the faithfulness and proficiency attained by our choir, and for the sweet music rendered by it in our public meetings.

The Sacrament was administered in the afternoon, and Counselor E. A. Box spoke on the great importance of educating the young, and earnestly exhorted parents and guardians to be energetic in that work.

Counselor J. D. Burt related some interesting portions of his experience. Elders Charles Kelley, W. L. Watkins and J. C. Wixom also spoke, giving some good and timely instructions and exhortations.

Conference adjourned for three months. Singing. Benediction by Bishop J. C. Dewey.

JAMES BYWATER, Stake Clerk.

INTERESTING FROM ROCKVILLE.

ROCKVILLE, Utah,
July 24, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

DAMAGE BY WATER.

The benefits derived from the unusual snow fall of last spring have not been unmixed with counter results. Some irrigating companies failed to construct irrigating canals and dams sufficient to stem the tide until the waters began to recede about the last of June. Some of our roads and a considerable portion of our small allowance of land have taken their departure oceanward.

I have observed but one means by which the rapid current of the Rio Virgin can be

SUCCESSFULLY CHECKED.

Though not a grazing district much stock are permitted to run loose on the river bottoms, thereby preventing the growth of willows, grass, etc. By making a live fence of black willow stakes a double purpose is served, as the growth of wire grass and timbers toughen the soil so that in case the waters overflow it but little damage ensues. The black willow stakes, if set firmly in as near down to the water level as possible to prevent the water getting underneath, (they can be set out any time between the months of January and April), will form a barrier impervious to the water current, their fine fibrous roots being impenetrable, while the more sturdy cottonwood is torn out root and branch.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The army worm has committed some depredations on young field plants but I believe the pest is subsiding.

Codling moth bids fair to nearly ruin our apple crop. The fruit crop otherwise is average.

Independence day was celebrated in our town with fair credit to those participating, all the ward, which includes Grafton, Springdale and Shonesburgh, joining with us.

A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE WITH A BEAR.

The boys on the mountain have had their annual bear fight. Several young men of this Ward are engaged building a saw mill; ranching, etc., on the head of the north fork of the Rio Virgin, about 40 miles north of this place. On the morning of the 17th inst., a bear was seen in the vicinity, and five of the boys started in pursuit. The track being difficult to follow they became separated and three returned to camp while the remaining two, Alfred F. and John H. Stout, continued the chase. As they neared a small grove of birch John, the younger, (the same young man who killed a bear a year ago, as related to the News by your correspondent) who was in the rear, hearing the brush crack and a familiar growl, shouted, "There he comes!" and sprang to his brother's side. Both were armed with new Winchester rifles. The bear was foaming at the mouth with rage, and came towards them with a series of fierce "lunges," his jaws popping together like those of a maddened alligator. When the animal was within 15 feet both young men fired. The enemy turned a somersault, the force at which he was coming bringing him right at Alfred's feet. Instantly it arose and seized the latter, striking him a glancing blow on the left shoulder, and tried hard to bite the hunter's face who managed to turn the massive head aside by some unaccountable means. In the scuffle he bit through the hunter's boot and finally fastened his teeth under the knee cap. Alfred coolly said, "What you do, do quickly John, or I'm a goner." The latter however was not idle. He fired two shots into the bear's body near the heart, at which bruin made a dash for him, dragging Alfred with him, when John put in a lucky shot just behind the ear, which dropped him and he

rolled down the hill. John very properly describes this as a very trying moment. Standing between the prostrate form of friend and foe, and both apparently in the agonies of death, the call was equally urgent on the impulse of affection and sense of danger. But caution prevailed, and after putting three other shots into bruin's head he dressed his brother's wounds. They were found to be severe flesh wounds but not dangerous, no bones being broken, and he is now rapidly recovering.

GENERALITIES.

President Henry Eyring, of the Stake Presidency, with other home missionaries visited us on the 19th and 20th insts., held three meetings and gave us good instruction.

Pioneer's day with us, is notable only for unusual quiet.

Sore eyes, the usual companion of "Dixie" summers, are now quite prevalent among children.

BUN.

A PHILADELPHIA ESMOND.

REJECTED BY THE DAUGHTER HE MARRIES THE MOTHER.

A prominent minister in this city was asked whether he often had widows come a second time to have a nuptial knot tied.

"I don't think I could strike an average for you, if that is what you want," he replied, "but widows do come very frequently to be remarried. And why not? The second marriages of widows are rarely unhappy ones."

"Nearly thirty years ago I married a very young couple in this city. The husband whom I will call Mr. Tomson, was not more than 21 and the wife was only 18. They were very fond of each other. After three years of happy married life Mr. Tomson was taken sick with inflammation of the lungs and died, leaving his widow with a little daughter, in fairly good circumstances. She was quite inconsolable at first, but after a time became reconciled and devoted all her time to the bringing up of her little girl, who grew into the veriest little fairy. She was the apple of her mother's eye and the pet of everybody, and very naturally became rather self-willed."

"When she was sixteen years old a young Englishman came to this city to live. He made the acquaintance of Mrs. Thompson and fell in love with Nellie. She had many other lovers, but she appeared to prefer young Edwards, at least she flirted more with him than with any one else. He was a member of my church. Nellie would not engage herself to him. She said she liked her freedom too well and didn't want to be tied down to propriety just yet. At last Edwards went West and did well as a cattle raiser in Colorado."

"He was away two years, and came back still thinking of Nellie, who was still unmarried. He asked her again to be his wife. She took his presents and helped him to spend his money, but was not only as obdurate as ever, but was very much faster and more of a flirt than before. Mrs. Tomson, who was at this time 36 years old, had developed into a charming and beautiful matron. She took pity on the young man, whose age was about eight and twenty, and appealed to Nellie in his behalf. Then he took her into his confidence, and she was very kind to him. Eventually, I am sorry to say, Nellie disappeared. Edwards spent hundreds of dollars hunting for her, but without success. He had taken up his abode in Philadelphia at Mrs. Tomson's house, and his heart was nearly broken at the loss of Nellie and the terrible mystery which hung around her disappearance."

"It was almost six months after her adoption that one morning while I was sitting in my study preparing my sermons for the next Sunday, Edwards came rushing in upon me with a telegram in his hand. He was in a state of the most intense excitement, as white as a sheet, and hardly able to speak. I took the telegram. It was from Nellie, and dated from a hospital in the city. It ran thus:

"I am dying, Willie. Won't you come to me?"

"We went together to see her. Well, we brought her home and she did die, but not before she had seen something happen, which, I think she must have anticipated long before."

"That was nothing less than the marriage of Edwards and her mother. I married them myself in her sick room. She told me before she died that she knew her mother had loved him from the first, and she believed that he had only fancied he had loved the daughter because he couldn't imagine he was in love with her mother. They made a very happy match, and are now living on the ranch in Colorado. They have three lovely children, are very rich, and usually spend their summer in Europe."—Philadelphia Times.

A Quebec telegram says that John C. Eno has instructed his lawyers to proceed against Defective Fahey, High Constable Bissonnette, and other officials in that city for damages for false arrest.

The 9-year-old son of Mr. E. C. Ray of Barbour county, West Va., makes the proud boast that alone he shot and killed the last week a bald eagle that measured six feet seven inches from tip to tip.

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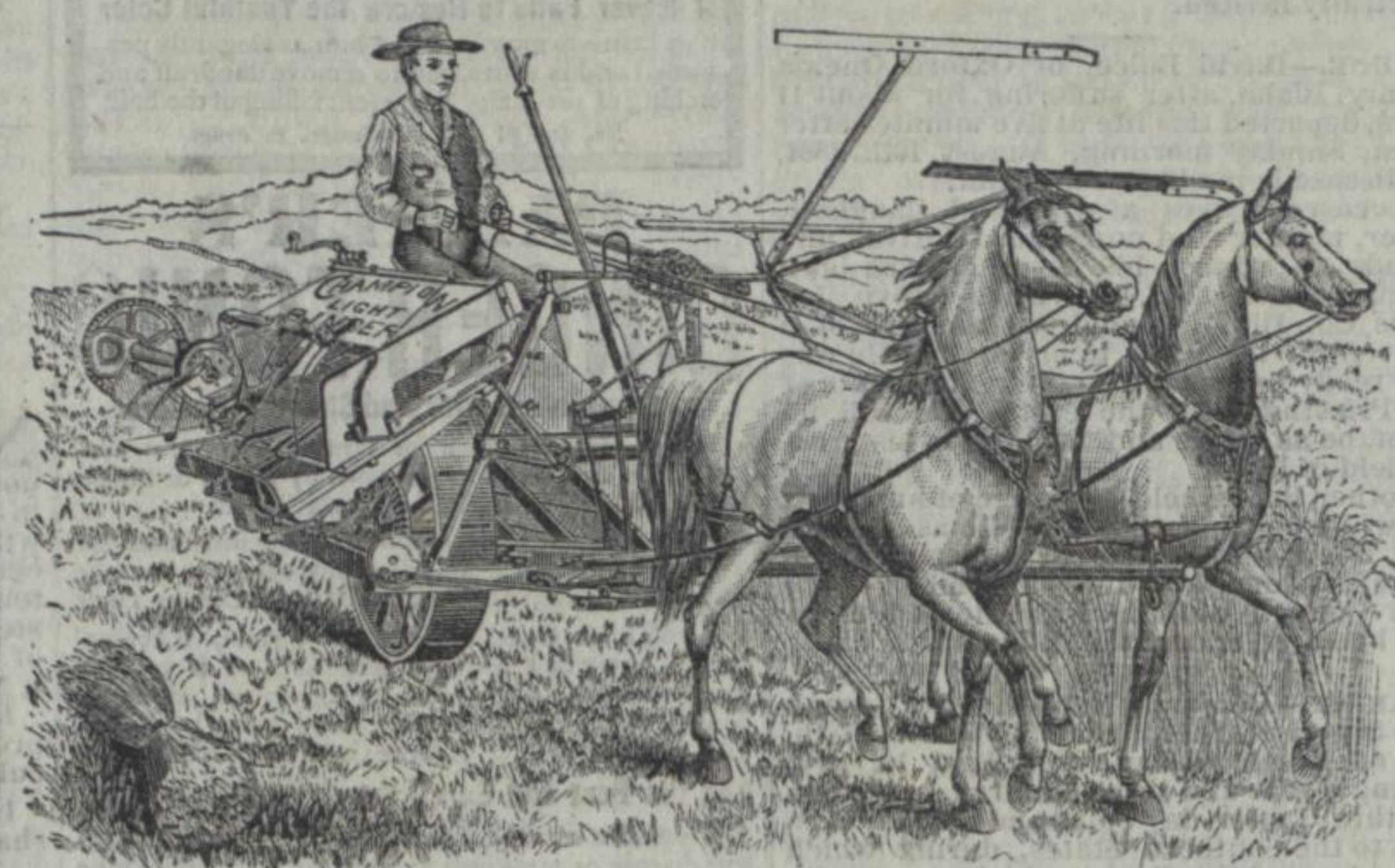
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