

CORRESPONDENCE.

MOUNT PLEASANT,  
Sanpete Co., Utah,  
Dec. 4, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

Last night the first of our public entertainments for the season, a social dance, commenced in Professor Hastler's Hall, which has been remodeled and fixed up in a neat and very tasty manner, when the Hall, with its improvements, was dedicated. Bishops Wm. S. Seely and N. P. Madsen, and Jacob Christiansen first counselor to Bishop Seely, and floor-manager Prof. Hastler, E. Cliff, and others were present and took part in the opening and dedicatory exercises. Short and appropriate speeches were made by Bishop Seely and others, the good spirit prevailed throughout and the best of order was maintained by both old and young. The music by professor J. Hansen's band was choice, and well executed. Altogether it was a season of enjoyment and I trust a precursor of many more to come.

There is quite a perceptible improvement in the people here in the last few weeks, the result of a more complete organization. Health and prosperity prevail with few exceptions.

Respectfully yours,  
EDWARD CLIFF.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
Dec. 14, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

At the last session of our Legislature, provision was made, in the School Law then enacted, for the instruction of forty normal students annually, in the University of Deseret. The course of studies provided for them is to be approved by the Territorial Superintendent of District Schools, and selected in view of the qualifications requisite for competent district school teachers.

The provision, I believe, has been generally approved, in consideration of the importance of the proper education of its children.

As an institution for normal training, our University has proven itself worthy the confidence and patronage of the Territory; and I should be glad to know that its normal department is patronized, not only to the extent provided by law, but so crowded with apt and earnest young men and ladies of such natural ability as to provide our district schools with thoroughly competent teachers.

The law provides that the territorial patronage shall be distributed according to the school population, and that the Territorial Superintendent shall select the number from nominations made by the county superintendents.

I am sorry to say that the superintendents of some counties have not yet made their nominations.

As it is not yet too late to derive some benefit from the course of study provided, I hope those superintendents who are yet delinquent will take immediate steps in making their nominations. If it is impossible for them to make such nominations, I should be informed of the fact at once, and authorized to make the nominations and fill the deficiencies.

JOHN TAYLOR,  
Territorial Superintendent of  
District Schools.

Mild Weather—Health and Peace—  
More Irrigation—Schools—Factory—Shooting, etc.

ST. GEORGE, Dec. 9, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

The weather in these valleys continues mild and sunny, and when frost has crusted the ground at night, the morning sun has soon dispelled it, and thus far the "beautiful," &c., has been a stranger here.

The health of the people is much improved, and at present no ailment prevails that we hear of. Ours is a quiet rural town, and little of bustle or excitement is seen. Today a stranger here remarked that it seemed like a "Sunday town."

The citizens here have determined to open more land to cultivation, and organized "to open the old Virgin ditch, by which some 500 or more acres will be capable of irrigation and cultivation."

A new settlement has been commenced, the past season, south, on the Virgin, at the place known as "Mezquit Flats," where about 1,000 acres of arable land lies in one body

and is fine for vineyards and fruit.

Action has been taken by the authorities of the four school districts comprised in the city limits and a consolidation effected, for the purpose of being able, conjointly, to keep up here, at least a part of the year, a higher grade of school than the common district, and already we have begun to realize the fruits of such action. Miss Mary Cook, from your city, a lady thoroughly qualified and of no ordinary repute as a teacher, has been employed for the winter, and already the school has been opened and a goodly number of advanced pupils registered. Besides this, there is a district school in each of the four wards.

In Washington they have a large and commodious two story stone school-house, nearly completed, with a fine toned bell in the tower, the best school-house in the county.

The Washington factory also shows a much improved financial condition, under the energetic management of Bishop Jones, and, contrary to all precedent or expectation, a ten per cent. dividend has been declared, to be paid to stockholders, with a handsome reserve fund. The store rooms are well stocked with goods to supply the people in these southern valleys and some to spare for our northern neighbors.

Col. Hardy to-day started for Beaver, with a prisoner charged with having shot at a fellow miner. We believe his name is Dame, a miner.

The evening before last, just at dark, we witnessed with sublime admiration the grand spectacle of the passage of the moon over the face of the evening star, Venus, we believe. Whoever failed to witness the phenomena missed a beautiful sight.

CACTUS.

An Operator's Joke.

The Sum it Co. t him to send a Cable-gram to the Emperor Napoleon.

Shortly after the Atlantic cable was pronounced a success, and cablegrams were flying across the waters, a telegraph operator at Denver, Colorado, one morning concluded to perpetrate a joke on the operator at Omaha, where all telegrams from east to west were reported. It was the time of the war between Italy and France, and the young man prepared the following telegram, and sent it in the usual manner to the Omaha office:

"To the Emperor Napoleon, Garden of the Tuileries, Paris, France: Governor Gilpin will not accede to the cession of Italy to France. Please let Bohemia alone. (Signed) GOVERNOR GILPIN. Or Any Other Man."

He thought, of course, that the operator at Omaha would understand that it was a joke, would receive and read it, then tear it up. But it didn't turn out that way. The Omaha office was a very busy one, and the operator had little time to decide whether a telegram which passed through his hands was intended for a joke or not, and the man receiving it placed it on the Chicago hook, and in due time it was forwarded to Chicago, thence to New York, and from there by cable to the French Emperor. Cablegrams are cheaper now by far than they were in those days. The cost of ten words from Denver to Paris was \$187.50 in gold.

Nothing more was heard of the message until the end of the month, the time for squaring accounts, when Billy Woodward, the manager of the Denver office, received the following telegram from the treasurer at New York:

"Come down with the dust."

For the life of him he did not know what it meant, and telegraphed back to New York for information. He received the following reply:

"Your cable of the — inst., to Emperor Napoleon, Paris, France, signed Gov. Gilpin, or any other man, amount due \$187.50"

This was a stunner, and Bill scratched his head again and again, trying to think what it all meant. He knew very well he never received any such amount for the message, nor was there any record of its having been sent. He questioned the operators about it, when one of them remarked, "H—! wonder if it is that fool thing I sent to Omaha?" Inquiry develop-

ed the fact that that was the identical hair-pin which had caused the row, and the young man's face was a study for an artist when told that he would have to pay the modest little sum of \$187.50 for the enjoyment he derived from his practical joke. No doubt he considered it extremely practical. An offer was made to have the Cable company remit the amount, but did not succeed, and the result was, the operator had to "come down with the dust" himself. He paid it, and ever afterwards when he sent a cablegram to Omaha he would always inform the receiving operator that it was not a joke.

The whole telegraph correspondence, and that which passed through the mails concerning the matter, was framed, and can be seen in the Omaha office at the present day. Just what remark the Emperor of France made when he received the message, has not been recorded in history, but we have no doubt it was more forcible than complimentary to the Colorado Governor.—Louisville News.

MARRIED.

December 11th, at the residence of D. B. Brinton, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Samuel Woods and Harriet Arnold, Bishop D. B. Brinton performing the ceremony.

OBITUARY.

FRANKLIN, Idaho, Dec. 14, 1877.

Editors Deseret News:

William Cornish, son of John and Margaret Cornish, was born in Kirkarboy, Ballydoole, Isle of Man, on the 20th of May, 1805, and departed this life at 3.40 p.m. on the 13th of December, 1877, at Franklin, Idaho. Brother Cornish was baptized in 1841, in the Isle of Man, and labored in that island until 1850, then left his family to prepare the way for their emigration to America; sailed from Liverpool in the ship *Josiah Bradley* for New Orleans; lived in St. Louis and other places, earning money and sent for his family in 1851. Came to Salt Lake Valley in 1855, settled in Kayvalley till 1863, when he started for Cache Valley, and settled in Franklin when it was considered in Utah.

William Cornish was ordained a Priest December 28, 1842, ordained an Elder May 21st, 1848 in the Isle of Man. Ordained a High Priest on the 7th of October, 1857. He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters and 38 grandchildren.—Com.

At Spanish Fork, Dec. 10th, of general debility an old age, WILLIAM WILLIS. Deceased was born at Kingston, Warwickshire, England, June 25th, 1810. He died as he had lived, firm in the faith of the great Latter-day work. He was much respected by all who knew him.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

[ HAVE in my possession the following described animal: One black COW and CALF, some white under belly, no ear mark, brand on left side illegible, four years old. If not claimed and taken away before December 19th, will be sold at my place to the highest bidder.

JONATHAN LEMASTER,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Scipio, Millard Co., Utah, ds&w  
Dec. 9, 1877.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

[ HAVE in my possession: One red steer CALF, crop off left ear, which if not claimed, will be sold on Dec. 22, 1877, at 8 a. m.

L. A. BAILEY,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Nephi, Juab Co., Dec. 12, 1877. ds&w

ESTRAY NOTICE.

[ HAVE in my possession: One red STEER, about eighteen months old, branded with a diamond and some other illegible brand on left hip, square crop off right ear. If not claimed and taken away before December 16, 1877, he will be sold according to law, at one o'clock p. m. at the estray pound.

JENS F. MORTENSEN,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Salina, Dec. 12, 1877. ds&w

ELI B. KELSEY,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC

A few doors East of Deseret National Bank,

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,

Will practice in defense of criminal cases before the Police Court in Salt Lake City, and as prosecutor or defender in civil cases before said court.

Special attention will be given to all cases presented to him for action before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Salt Lake City, in procuring Homestead, Pre-emption, Desert Land and Scrip Entries.

Papers made out in applications for mining patents, or for protests against issue of mining patents, when the same may be in contest.

Correspondence is solicited from those who may design to employ my services, to which prompt answers will be given, explaining the modus operandi of proceedings in Agricultural, Coal and Mineral land cases, free.

ELI B. KELSEY,  
P. O. Box 363, w&g

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING in the Post Office at Salt Lake City, Dec. 13, 1877, which, if not called for within one month, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

LADIES' LIST.

A B C	Hammell L	Olsen S
Anderson A	Harrison L	Palmer M J
Anderson C	Hawley J	Roundy S
Askew H	Hatchman E	Reeves E
Burr W W	Hemmery E	Ramsel E
Baxter	Hall C M	Rawley E
	Heath A C	Riley H
Campbell B	Johnson A L	Rogers G
Carton Mrs	James J T	Rausem A C
Carter J P	Joie J L	S
Casslett M	Judd S	Sanders C
		Shill G
Davis M	Knight C	Spencer K C
Dillon E	Kennedy K	Stevenson M
Dalles E	Kimball S E	Symons L
De Marr E	L	Skidmore S A
Dobson C	Losee A	Sanders W
	Lacey A	T
	Lindquist H C	Thompson M
Edmonds A J	Lee L G	Tarder L
Elliot E	Loughton M	Toon E
Evans M A	Lloyd M	U
	Larsen M	Uett S
Farnham M	Alamar M W	Usher S A
Foland R	Loveland W A	W
Fowler H	H	Wurzburg E
G	M	Williams E
Giles A	Mousley E M	Willam T
Ganderson D	Makinney H	Y
Giesler E	Morris H	Young V R
Gallacher G	Meyers M	Young I
Gillett M	McGany L M	
	O	
Herbert S	Openshaw N	

GENTLEMEN'S LIST

Avery & Rice	Holt E D	Roser H
Arnold A G	Hansen H	Rasmussen H
Anderson C P	Hust J	G
	Hayward G	Rowley G
Auld J	Hurd H S	Riddle J
Anderson J	Hedger G W	Ratcliff J R
Ajax W	Hansen H	Reed J
	Hayward H	Bees J F
Brunkerhoff J	Hudley J	Russell J
Bowers J	Hull J	Rhenstom J
Brown H J	Henerson J B	Riley J
Brownell J	Hawkins J B	Rogers J
Brewer J	Hawkes J	Rasmussen J
Ball J	Hansen J H	Roberts W J
Brooks J	Harbin J M	Ruser M
Barnes M	Harrison M C	Ramsden R
Bond L	Hyler M	Reynolds T
Bradford L H	Hodgson O	Rights W W
Bergstrom M	Holt K	
Brooks P B	Hardie T	Scharville Dr
Burns R	I	Stohanski Dr
Buttle W	Irvine J	Soderberg A F
Bowman W H	Jensen H	2
	J J	Serogie A
Burns W	Jackson T B	Slime D
Ball W M	Jones W R	Stoffers C H
Burgerstrom CM	" G D	Stevens C
	" T B	Stevens C R
Bridge J M	Kelly J J	Stewart J Z
Brand G 2	Kury N	Sadler J
Black G N	Kafer L	Shanks J
Barrosa D	Kilpatrick P	Sorensen J
Begeman C F	Lamoureux	Spencer M
	estate	Sanders M M
Ranks C	Lawson A	Staufner A U
Banill D D	Levander CM	Stallbury W
Bitner BB	Lindsay G es	Stewart W or J
	Larsen J	Schwartz W
Christensen C	Lane J	Stewart W G
Claus C E	Leavitt J H	M 5
Carlson C P	Larsen J M	Sheppard W
Crowther E	Lund J	Saunders D A
Chandler E H	Larsen J or W	
Clarks G	Lund J	State of
Connell J O	Lawson J M	Stewart W or J
Clark J	Leifer J A	Schwartz W
Crane J S	Larset J	Stewart W G
Conrad J	Little M E	M 5
Carson J A	Livingston W	Sheppard W
Coult J		Saunders D A
Condit	Miller Mr	
Dyke J J	Miller E	Townsend A G
Dick J	Mousley E D	Thornberg H J
Davis J N	Martin F	Taylor G A
De-pain O	Mash G D	Thorne J A
Davis G H	McKinney H	Thompson
Dix W 2	McClelland T	T J & J
Delmore W	McIntyre S W	Trego M G
Dodd W R	McBride J H	Taylor J
Dorcher C	Morris J	Thornberg
the 15 ER	Mortensen J P	Maj
	Maquire J	Trainer P
E	Mickelson J	Thompson S
Evans E	Moore J W	Townsend W
Eaby J	Murdock N C	Taylor W W
Evans J	Mayfield O	V
Edwards J	Morri R	Vincent J
Ekman J H	Mills W	Vance J C
Everitt W R	N	Veil O M
Ellis W 2	Newton H	Vickers S B 2
	Nie son P A	W
Frantylid A	Ness W	Walters B N
Fawks J	Newsome WD	Wilcox Mr
	P	Woodmansee
Glenn A	Pendleton BA	D L
Gugaly G	Parker C	West F C
Gainsford G	Parry G	Walstrom E
Green J	Patt H	Walker K
Gabbott J	Paddock J G	Whittaker H
Gertney J	Payne J W	Walsh H
Gunn J	Pendleton J A	wedberg J P
Grant J	Phillips J A	Whitney J
Grundhand L	Palmer J	Wilson J R
Gratten T	Pearl J	Walker J
Griffin W	Price L	Woodbury J
George W	Phippen S S 2	Wilson J
Gibson W S	Porter R	Walsh J
	Patterson R	wagstaff M
Howard A	Penrow W V	Watson T R D
Harmon B	Pianey W	Warren W Z
Hansen	Poll W H	Weston W G
Holt A	R	Wlan W
Hawker A	Reddington E	
Hunter D	W	
Holmes B		

Persons inquiring for the above letters are requested to state when advertised.

J. M. MOORE,  
POSTMASTER.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I Have in my possession:

One red and white HEIFER, about eighteen months old, sloping crop off left ear, no brands visible. If not claimed, she will be sold on Saturday, December 29, 1877, at 10 a. m.

J. R. MILLER,  
District Poundkeeper.  
South Cottonwood, Dec. 15, 1877. ds&w

GENEALOGICAL.

To Latter-day Saints who are interested in Genealogical Matters:

By and with the consent of the proper authorities, I have concluded to go to the Eastern States during the present winter, to obtain the genealogies of such Saints as come from there who might desire to employ me. During my recent mission to these parts I acquainted myself with facilities that will enable me to procure genealogies with a fair degree of completeness, and in procuring those of a number of families at the same time, the expense will be but a very small portion of what it would cost each family separately. This is a rare opportunity for the Saints from New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Delaware, or Saints whose ancestors were natives of those States, to procure genealogies at a small cost. A circular, stating terms, will be sent on application.

B. F. CUMMINGS, Jr.  
Salt Lake City, U. T.  
December 3rd, 1877. ds&w

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession:

One 2 year old HEIFER, red and white, two under bits in right ear, swallow fork in left ear; branded on left hip, C M.

If the above refer is not claimed and taken away within ten days from this date will be sold to the highest bidder at 2 p. m., at the Tooele City Estray Pound on Dec. 25, 1877.

T. W. MORGAN,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Tooele City, Dec. 15, 1877.

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WILL PAY A DIVIDEND OF 10 PER CENT. in Gold, at their Factory in Washington, from and after December 1st, 1877.

By order of the Board of Directors.

FRANK R. NOW, secretary.

St. George, Nov. 27th, 1877. ds&w

TO PURCHASERS OF ARCTICS.

When you have occasion to buy your winter Arctics, buy the Improved Arctics, known as the

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