

were overwhelmed by the natives, whose numbers were constantly increased, and were compelled to retire to their ship; eleven of their number were wounded.

News from Japan via Shanghai, says the Mikado received the Ministers of the foreign powers at Yeddo with great ceremony, and showed an earnest desire to maintain peaceful relations.

Madrid.—The arrests of Carlists continue in this city and different parts of the country.

Regiments of the regular service and large numbers of volunteers daily offer their services to the Government for the suppression of the revolt in Cuba.

Constantinople.—The Sultan has appointed Ali Pacha grand visier and minister of foreign affairs; Rushid Pacha, minister of the interior; Mehad Pacha, Governor of Bagdad; Omar Pacha, and Governor Commander-in-Chief in Candia.

London.—Detailed advices from Rio fully confirm the previous report of the evacuation of Ascunson by the Paraguayan Government and army and the flight of Lopez into the forest.

Havana.—The city of Trinidad, in the Western Department, has been declared in a state of siege. An engagement has taken place between the troops and the revolutionists at Mancorgua. Official accounts claim the victory for the government; there is no report of losses on either side.

Madrid.—Olasga has resigned his seat in the Constituent Cortes, and has accepted the appointment of ambassador to France.

Ex-King Ferdinand, father of the reigning King of Portugal has accepted the conditatur for the throne of Spain.

New York 16.—A Havana special says a thousand more troops have arrived from Spain. The Gazette says that no disturbance is likely to occur from the withdrawal of the amnesty.

London.—The formal opening of the new Parliament took place this afternoon. The members of the House assembled at their chamber to hear the royal speech. The Queen was not present; her speech was delivered by royal commission. It was read by the Lord Chancellor. The substance of the speech was as follows:

The Queen assures the Lords and Commons that the relations of Great Britain with all foreign powers are on an excellent footing. The threatened hostilities in the East have been prevented by a conference of the Great Powers. A hope was expressed that negotiations with the United States will place, on a durable basis, the friendship which ought to exist between England and America. The disturbances in New Zealand were regretted, but the Queen was sure that prudence and moderation on the part of the Government will prevent a recurrence of such unhappy events. The estimates have been framed on the basis of economy coupled with efficiency in the administration of the service. The continued suppression of the operations of the writ of habeas corpus in Ireland, was regarded as unnecessary. Ecclesiastical arrangements for Ireland were to be considered by Parliament, and legislation for their final adjustment will make large demands upon the wisdom of both Houses. On this subject the Queen concludes as follows:—I am persuaded that a careful regard will be had to the interests involved and to the welfare of religion, and that through the application of the principles of equal justice to the question before them Parliament will secure undivided feeling among the people of Ireland on the side of loyalty and law, efface the memory of past collisions and cherish the sympathies of an affectionate people.

Madrid.—Popular demonstrations have again been made in this city in favor of the freedom of religious worship; also for the abolition of capital punishment.

The people gathered in the streets of Valladolid yesterday, and protested against military conscription.

Paris.—Walewski has reached here with the reply of the Greek Government to the resolutions of the Paris Conference, which will meet again to receive it.

Bliss and Masterman have arrived at Rio, bound homeward for trial on the Paraguayan charge of conspiracy. Mc Mahon went into the interior with Lopez, whom he still visits.

New York.—The Herald's special at Havana says the Alcade and several prominent notaries have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in a conspiracy.

News from Nimitas, on the 11th mentions a severe encounter in which the insurgents lost thirty men.

HOME ITEMS

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

POLICE.—Thomas Whitney was this morning fined \$5 for being drunk.

"PHIL'S" BENEFIT.—Yesterday we omitted to call attention to Mr. Margetts' Benefit. The omission was caused by a certain amount of hurrying driving it from memory. He is entitled to the warmest notice we can write, and to a house crowded from orchestra to ceiling. He has been longer before the public in this city than any other actor or actress. He has always given satisfaction, always been amusing, always entertaining, and always on hand. As a gentleman in private life all who know him appreciate his genial qualities; as an actor he has for years held the front position in his line, and would make his mark on any stage. And the public have so long and so often enjoyed the efforts of his well trained and fine abilities, that they should give him the enjoyment of a substantial benefit. He has selected an excellent bill for the occasion. Crowd the house.

WORMS.—Friend Obadiah writes us a disquisition on worms in his quaint Quaker style, which makes us almost tremble lest he is threatened with an attack of *Ascari-des*. Of course he lives in Pleasant Grove, and friend Watt, known as George D., had been enlightening the people there on the value of worms. Friend Obadiah's mother always tried to have the worms removed from her family; and her worthy son has followed the example with laudable persistency. But now everybody in Pleasant Grove is semi crazy to get them, friend Watt having indisputably proved that they are profitable. Get worms, friend Obadiah, yea verily, for thou wilt find them valuable after their kind; and plant thou pure mulberry trees that they may feed upon the leaves the reef, that thy garments may be of the beautiful silk and thy hand-maidens shine like the stars in their lustre.

NEW MUSIC.—We have received the February number of "Peters' Musical Monthly." It is a very neat, unpretentious 48-page quarto, combining the romantic with the scientific. A theatrical sketch, "Her last appearance," occupies some four pages; "The Night-Bell," a police story, with some poetry, miscellaneous editorials, and Review Table, the remainder of fifteen pages. The following thirty pages are filled chiefly with music—songs, marches, &c. J. L. Peters, Publisher, 188 Broadway, N. Y.—\$3 per annum.

INFORMATION WANTED, concerning William and Caroline Montgomery, (bro. and sister) who sailed from Glasgow, Scotland, in 1854, for Melbourne, Australia; they were last heard from in 1858, and were then living in Melbourne. Address Mary Montgomery, care of Wm. H. Miles, 117, John St., New York City. *Millennial Star* and Australian papers please copy.

SPRING IN WINTER.—The present winter is one of the most remarkable experienced in this Territory since its settlement. In reality there has been no winter yet of the kind that is usually felt in this valley. A few snow storms have occurred, covering the ground occasionally to the depth of five or six inches; but the snow has quickly disappeared. The atmosphere at times has had all the balminess of early spring; and to-day the sun is shining clear and beautiful, the snow which covered the earth on Saturday morning has gone; the south side of the mountains around is bare; and it seems as if a few weeks would see the fresh green of early foliage clothing the city.

For the advance of the great national railroad no more propitious season could have been enjoyed. The kanyons have been free from snows in a remarkable degree; the cold has not been anything like so intense as it usually is; and everything indicates that an overruling Providence has blessed the work to its speedy completion.

INFORMATION WANTED, concerning John Montgomery, who left New York City, with the Saints of the *Emerald Isle*, Aug. 15th, 1868. He traveled in their company until three days journey west of Benton, where all trace of him was lost. Any person knowing of his whereabouts will confer a favor by writing to his sister, Mary Montgomery, care of Wm. H. Miles, Esq., 117, John St., New York City. *Frontier Index* or *Phoenix* please copy.

MOVING ON.—The track of the U.P.R.R. was in Round Valley, Weber Canyon, last night, about three miles below the tunnels which are now passed. On Friday night last three locomotives were puffing and panting between the upper and lower tunnel, with a train of cars about half a mile long. Everything is clear to Devil's gate; then on for Ogden!

FIRE IN HELENA.—We are indebted to M. Croxall, Esq., manager Western Union Telegraph Company's office, for the following:

A fire occurred at Helena, M. T., yesterday evening, commencing in Molitor & Co's assay office. Six buildings were destroyed entirely, and Dumphy & Bentley's stone block partially. A number of other buildings were seriously damaged. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. A light wind was blowing at the time and the city was only saved from destruction by the stone structures on each side of the buildings consumed.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

OAK CREEK.—Brother J. W. Radford, writing from Oak Creek, Millard County, says that settlement contains about twenty families; most of whom moved from Deseret City last fall on account of the breaking of the Sevier dam. Since that time the settlement has been organized and a town site and farming land surveyed. Brother John Sovel has been appointed President of the settlement.

The winter has been so mild, that stock, including sheep, have been able to keep out the whole season and do well. The settlers are enclosing about 400 acres of farming land. They are fully awake to their duties as Latter-day Saints, which is evinced by the fact that they have ward meetings three times a week, a monthly fast meeting, and a day and Sunday School in operation.

ECHO CITY.—Our correspondent at Echo sends us word that there is a likelihood of lively times in that vicinity, a large increase of "scum" being expected from Wasatch. He thinks more assistance may be necessary in controlling this unruly element. The proprietors of the "Hurdy Gurdy" institution were under arrest at the time our correspondent wrote for swindling, having sold out the precious concern to two different parties. Appearances seemed to indicate that these worthies would yet be provided with quarters in the penitentiary. They were cursing the day they ever had anything to do with it. There had been a few "drunks" fined and a couple of robbers arrested, but no shooting for a few hours. There was a probability, however, that the quietude then prevailing would be broken on the arrival of fresh forces from Wasatch.

Echo seems to be one of the strongholds of the "foreign missionaries," in Utah, but we hope that by the vigilance of the officers of the law aided by the permanent residents of the locality, when necessary, that region may be made too hot for the hordes of scoundrelism rushing westward with the advance of the railway.

NEWS FROM WALES.—By letter from Elder Elias Morris to President Brigham Young, dated Merthyr Tydvil, Jan. 20, we learn that the Elders from Zion with the exception of Elder W. C. Thomas, of Brigham City, were well and laboring diligently in the several fields of labor in the Welsh principality. Elder Thomas had been afflicted with colds and lung disease, in consequence of which he was liberated by President Carrington, and expected to start on his homeward voyage on the 20th ult. Elder Morris says that many of the Welsh Saints are anxiously looking for deliverance the coming spring.

ALABAMA.—Brother J. D. Holladay, writing on the 26th ult., from Moscow, Sandford county, Alabama, says that he and bro. J. Matthews reached Columbus, Mississippi, on the 8th of January, and left on the same day for Alabama. The people manifest considerable desire to hear something about Mormonism and bro. Holladay thinks there is a chance to do good amongst them.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

FILLMORE.—Brother John Ashman, writing from Fillmore, on the 14th instant, says the health of the people has been good this winter, and the weather mild; ploughing and planting trees had commenced. Theatricals are flourishing. Brothers Ashman and Beauregard had just returned from a visit to the settlements, where they had been preaching up the importance of home manufactures, sericulture and co-operation. The people, generally, were heeding the counsils given on these subjects and prospects were encouraging.

FAYETTE.—Brother James Mellor, living at Fayette or Warm Creek, Sanpete Co., writes us that Brother George D. Watt had been preaching to the people on that place upon the importance of silk culture, and that his eloquent appeals on the subject had been so successful that a sericultural society had been organized, that cuttings and seed had been purchased, and that five acres of land, partly fenced, had been set apart for a mulberry plantation. That looks like business.

If Bro. Geo. D. is as successful everywhere else, during his tour South, as he seems to have been at Warm Creek, we have no hesitation in saying that his labors will prove a great blessing to the people.

Brother Mellor says that letters from Salt Lake City are frequently from nine to eleven days reaching Warm Creek, and thinking this is owing in a great measure to ignorance as to its whereabouts, he wishes to have its locality more generally known. The settlement of Fayette, also called Warm Creek, he says, is in Sanpete Co., six miles North of Fort Gunnison, on the main road from that place to Chicken Creek, Lavan and Fillmore. It is a good place to raise grain or anything else that can be raised in the northern counties, and there is a good opening for farmers and mechanics. They have a well attended day and Sunday school, and a grist mill in operation.

RULING MACHINE.—We have just received, at this office, one of Hickok's celebrated Ruling Machines, with the latest improvements, and shall be prepared, in the course of a day two, to do all kinds of ruling, from a small memorandum book to the largest records used.

GARROTTERS.—Deputy Sheriff Brown, of Echo City, arrived last evening, having in his charge Charles Cogan and C. G. Smith, committed for trial on a charge of garrotting.

RETURNED.—Bishop F. Kesler, who has been spending the winter in Southern Utah, for the benefit of his health, arrived in this city yesterday, and called to see us this morning. We were glad to learn that his general health has much improved, and that his leg, which was fractured so badly two or three years ago, has been greatly strengthened by his residence in a warmer climate. The Bishop reports very favorably of things generally on the Muddy. The settlers are well supplied with grain stuffs from their last years crops, having enough for their own wants and to supply new settlers. When bro. Kesler arrived there, on the 5th of last December, he found some wheat up then about three inches high; and from then until he left, on the 25th ult., ploughing and sowing were unremittingly continued. This year there will be a good breadth planted with wheat, also barley and oats, and a considerable amount in cotton. The wheat raised on the Muddy is of a superior quality, being free of smut and cockle, and will average sixty-two pounds to the bushel. Fruit trees are being extensively planted in northern "Dixie", and also on the Muddy. The health of the people is excellent, and the Bishop considers the Muddy district the most healthy in the Territory.

POLICE.—Thos. Metcalf and Edwin Harman were brought before Justice Clinton this morning, charged with having been overcome with drink; they were fined respectively in the sum of ten and five dollars.

PAROWAN.—Bro. Wm. C. McGregor, writing from Parowan on the 6th instant, says the winter in that section, has been very mild, and they had had little or no snow in the valley until the latter part of January; there was a pretty good supply in the mountains which promised well for water the coming season. The people generally in that locality are alive to their duties. Co-operation is flourishing and gives good satisfaction. Music and the drama are being assiduously cultivated. On the 15th of January the Harmonic Society of Parowan city gave a concert, which was far ahead of anything ever heard before in that locality. Pizarro and Old Phil's Birthday were the latest sensations in the dramatic line. Pizarro was got up in fine style and was a great success. On the 5th instant Bishop Dame gave a party to the teamsters who went down with last year's emigration, and to all who furnished teams, &c. The party went off with great eclat.

Parowan seems to be a live city, and we trust the pleasure and progress of its inhabitants will continue and greatly increase.

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