

Local and Other Matters

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 2.

"Woman's Exponent."—We have received another number of this welcome visitor. It contains much that is interesting and worthy of the most attentive consideration.

New Safe.—Workmen were, today, engaged in placing a safe, weighing about 5,800 pounds, in the vault of the London Bank of Utah. This looks like business.

Fire.—For the past two days a large fire has been raging on the eastern side of Church Island. As nearly as could be judged from the point of observation on this shore of the lake, the fire had its origin in close proximity to the sheep-herd house. So far as we could learn, no message has yet been received from the island; so the extent of damage, if any, is unknown.

Alta Destroyed.—News reached this city last evening that the mining town of Alta, Little Cottonwood, had been almost totally destroyed by fire. As nearly as we can learn, the facts are as follows: The fire originated in the Swan hotel, which was at the west end of the main street, and rapidly swept toward the eastern extremity of the town, consuming everything in its path, on both sides of the street.

By this great misfortune, from thirty to forty families are rendered homeless; a large number of business men are serious losers; while one of the oldest and most prosperous mining towns of Utah is laid in ruins. The loss, very little of which is covered by insurance, must be in the neighborhood of seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars.

The situation of the people is deplorable, and calls loudly for aid from the charitably disposed.

The principal business houses destroyed are the Swan Hotel, blacksmith shop, Fuller House, Fitzgerald's, Fritz's, Thomas', Williamsen's drug store, post office, express office, boot and shoe establishment, Street & Ralph's, Segler's, news depot, Adolph's Hotel, Felix barber shop, I X L bakery, California Brewery, Tucker's, O'Riley's, Rowe's, Devlin's, Strickley's, and the Brandy and Gundy Hotels.

A Flourishing Association.—There is a model Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association at Ephraim, Sanpete County, which embraces, within the scope of its good offices the culture of its members not only religiously, morally and intellectually, but also in the temporal affairs of life, leading to business prosperity.

Elder John W. Taylor, who is traveling in company with Prof. K. G. Maeser, sends some particulars in reference to it, as obtained from its president, A. C. Neilson.

"They are organized, under a written agreement, with a capital stock, the shares being \$10. Each member must be a stockholder. All meetings are conducted according to the order of the priesthood and all business done by common consent of the association. Last year an acre of land was sown in hemp, which yielded bountifully.

They have a new threshing machine, worth \$302, the best in the county. They expect to realize 500 bushels of wheat from it this season, which they will store up against a probable time of scarcity.

"They have taken a contract to furnish the wooden piping that is to convey the water from the mouth of Manti Cañon to the Temple, the distance being 1 1/2 miles. The boring and turning is done at Ephraim. One third of the pipes are now finished, and half enough logs on the ground to complete the job. The remainder can be had at any time when needed. They get 20 cents per foot for this piping, the whole contract will amount to about \$2,000.

"Tithing is paid punctually upon all monies, grain, &c., arising from any enterprise, or investment entered into by the Association, which is becoming somewhat extensive.

"The improvement of this association has been the result of good management and an unceasing determination, aided by the spirit of God, to accomplish good, which is evidenced by the success met with in everything they undertake. Brother Neilson is a practical, steady, and reliable man, who is showing himself a benefactor to his young brethren, but in every im-

portant matter President Canute Peterson is consulted. The association believe in the saying that, 'There is no excellence without labor.' They are liberal in their donations, and they truly speak by their works if not by their words, that 'the kingdom of God or nothing' is their motto."

The Gathering of Israel.—The evidences and signs are increasing that the wonder-working hand of the Almighty is operating among the nations, in the preparing of the way for the literal gathering of the remnants of Israel from all the countries wherein they are scattered. The sign given by Christ in his personal ministry among the Nephites on this continent, was, "When these things come to pass, when thy seed shall begin to know those things, it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people that are of the house of Israel." The Latter-day Saints know that this sign of the commencement of the "work of the Father" has already appeared, and indications of the gathering of the Jews at no distant day are accumulating.

The Jewish Messenger of July 26th, has the following: "Now that the British flag floats from Cyprus, the problem of colonizing Palestine is about being solved. The committee of the Montefiore Testimonial Fund have voted three thousand pounds sterling for the purchase of land for agricultural purposes, and a like sum for the erection of homes for colonists. Jerusalem may enjoy rapid transit before the next century, and the snort of the locomotive may soon be heard on the banks of the Jordan."

The same paper states that, under the auspices of the Universal Israelite Alliance, a Pan Judaic Conference will be held in Paris during the present month. It is expected that it will be attended by leading Jews from every part of the globe. The object is the adoption of measures for the general advancement and amelioration of the condition of the Jewish race, and the obliteration of existing differences of views on religious and other subjects. "Since the destruction of the Temple and the dispersion of the Jews there has been no regular priesthood nor any recognized ecclesiastical authority except such as was assumed by the chief rabbis of the various communities, who frequently differ among themselves."

The attention of the conference will be particularly directed to the condition of the Jewish residents of the Danubian principalities, and of Russia, Morocco, and Persia. Altogether appearances are favorable for Palestine soon to begin to be extensively peopled by the race to the righteous, among whom it has been promised as an "everlasting inheritance."

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 3.

No Damage.—We learn from some young gentlemen who have just returned from Church Island, that the fires burning there have occasioned no real loss. The herd houses and timber remain uninjured, though acres of sage brush have been consumed.

Georgetown.—"Titus" writes from Georgetown, Bear Lake Co., Idaho, that the prospect is good for a bounteous harvest at that place. The health of the people there is remarkable, no serious sickness having been experienced since their settlement seven years ago. On the 24th they enjoyed a good, old-fashioned festival.

Elders Wells, Hardy and Craner were there July 28th, in the interest of the Y. M. M. I. A.

Stake Conference.—The Quarterly Conference of the Cache Stake of Zion opened this morning, at Logan. The following members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles were expected to be present: President John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Orson Pratt, Erastus Snow, Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, and Joseph F. Smith; also from this City, Bishop L. W. Hardy and Elders W. C. Staines, C. W. Penrose and Geo. F. Gibbs.

The Homicide Case.—The examination of the lad Cyrus Stonehouse, on a charge of killing a young man named Boss, is progressing, at Ogden. According to the evidence adduced up till yesterday afternoon,

as reported in the Junction, the case is a very flimsy one. The only points brought out by the prosecution were that Stonehouse and Boss had an altercation, and that the former threw an ordinary shoe at the latter. A rigid surgical examination of the body of the deceased, who was subsequently found dead in a field, showed no outward injury or bruise upon it.

Priesthood Meeting.—There was a fair attendance at the priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake today. President D. O. Calder presided, and President Joseph E. Taylor, Bishop Edward Hunter, President Elias Smith and other prominent Elders were present. The reading of the Ward reports in detail was omitted, and a condensed one was presented and accepted. Most of the time was devoted to the imparting of much valuable instruction on many essential matters. The speakers were President D. O. Calder, Elder George Goddard, Bishop Joseph S. Rawlins, Bishop E. D. Woolley, Bishop Burt, Elder W. Griffin, Elder W. A. McMaster, Bishop Edward Hunter, Bishop I. M. Stewart and President Jos. E. Taylor.

Meeting adjourned till Saturday, Sept. 7th, at 11 a. m.

Southern Mission.—We are in receipt of a communication, dated at Sunset Crossing, Little Colorado, July, 19, 1878, from Elder Llewellyn Harris. He gives an interesting account of the condition of affairs in New Mexico, where he had previously been laboring as a missionary. He traveled about 1,500 miles, principally on foot, among the people of that territory, and found many persons who were desirous of investigating the gospel. But there is one great evil to be contended against; and that is the false teachings and the determined opposition to truth, of the Catholic priests. However, he feels that, despite wicked stories set afloat and the darkness which enveloped the people, many may yet be saved, providing that brave and energetic Elders can be sent who will lead them into the way of righteousness.

At the time Elder Harris's letter was written, he had reached Sunset Crossing, Arizona, on his way home; but he designs returning to New Mexico, as soon as possible, in order to continue his mission.

Missionary Labors.—Elder Royal B. Young, President of the Durham (England) Conference, has written a letter to his family, in which he gives some interesting details of his missionary labors in that part. Recently he, in conjunction with Elders Jos. O. Young, Joseph Taylor and other brethren, held a camp meeting at a place called Shildon. The gathering had been previously liberally announced, the merchants freely giving the use of their shop windows for the placards. The brethren used a wagon for a pulpit, and the number of people that congregated was about 2,000. The strictest attention was paid to the preaching, till, at the instance of a Methodist preacher, a stream of water was turned on from an engine, completely drowning the voice of the speaker with its noise. Elder Young and his associates retired some distance, posting themselves against a stone wall, the congregation following and listening closely to the preaching, which was resumed.

Foiled in his first attempt to break up the meeting, the Methodist gathered together a band of his followers, who started singing at the top of their voices. This aroused the indignation of the people against him and he finally left the place in a rage. On the evening of the same day the brethren held a very successful meeting.

Subsequently, at Middlesboro, Elder R. B. Young held a couple of similar meetings, also attended by about 2,000 people. On both these latter occasions he was mobbed with great fierceness. At the first of the two gatherings he was struck on the head, receiving a slight injury; at the second he received a shower of stones upon his head and face, but was not very seriously hurt. While pelting him, the infuriated crowd shouted "kill him; kill him." Considerable alarm was felt by some of the Saints of that locality who were upon the ground, lest the crowd should execute their threats.

Notwithstanding this disagreeable experience Elder Young feels encouraged, and has no fears, knowing in whose service he is engaged.

He has since received an invitation from some of the leading men of Shildon, who promise to secure him every needed facility if he will return to that place and deliver a course of lectures. He has accepted, and will take for his subjects—"The Necessity of Revelation from Heaven; Was Joseph a Prophet of God? The Godhead; Polygamy."

It is pleasing to note that some of the Elders in the ministry are prosecuting their labors with commendable energy and earnestness.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 5.

Appointed.—William Gardner has been appointed postmaster of Homansville, Utah County.

Slowly Recovering.—Brother Elias Morris continues to gather strength slowly, being now able to leave his room and take a short drive. He is still very feeble, however.

Personal.—If this should meet the eyes of Amelia A. Jervis, who left Hereford Conference, England, May, 1856, she will address her brother, James Thomas, at Smith-ton, Pettis County, Missouri.

Drowned.—On Sunday, the 28th inst., John Hansen, a section hand on the Utah and Northern Railroad, was drowned in Bear River, near Battle Creek station, while bathing. The body was recovered the next day. The deceased was about 25 years of age, of German descent, and recently from Iowa. (Iowa papers please copy.)

A Young Artist.—This afternoon Carl Anderson, a young man from Coalville, exhibited to us a picture which had been painted by his own hand. It represented a scene on the coast of Holland, and, considering that Brother Anderson has never received any regular instruction in the painting art, it is quite a creditable production.

Discharged.—We learn from the Junction that young Cyrus Stonehouse, who was under examination before a U. S. commissioner, on a charge of causing the death of a young man named Boss, was discharged. There appeared no shadow of a case against the defendant, and it looks as if the affair had been gotten up for the sake of the fees.

The Twenty-Fourth at Panguitch.—Brother J. L. Heywood sends an account of the celebration of the 24th at Panguitch, Iron County. R. G. Clark was marshal and M. M. Steele, orator of the day. Great enthusiasm prevailed, and the committee of arrangements, Elders Alma Barney, Z. T. Pratt, J. L. Heywood and John Clark, should be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

Very Quiet.—The election, so far as this city is concerned, passed off today, very quietly. There was an entire absence of enthusiasm, more so than on any like occasion for many years. It is probable that the vote will be unusually light.

This is not as it should be. The body of the people should all take an interest in a matter of so great importance pertaining to the welfare of the community. Probably the apparent indifference was caused by the fact of there being no opposition to the People's Ticket.

This, however, is not a proper excuse, it being the duty as well as the privilege of every legal voter who desires peace and prosperity, to continue to exercise the franchise as well when there is no opposition in the field as when there is.

The Championship.—The base ball game of Saturday, for the championship, resulted in a close victory for the Red Stockings. The following is the score by the Deserets going first to bat.

Innings, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Reds, 1 2 1 0 0 3 0 4 0
—11
Deserets, 4 0 0 3 0 1 1 0 1
—10
During the whole of the game, the wildest enthusiasm prevailed among the spectators. Indeed, to such a height ran the feeling that, at the close of the first half of the ninth innings, when the contest was virtually ended, all restraint seemed abandoned, and hundreds of people surged over the ropes into the diamond to congratulate the victors. Though unquestionably the better nine, the Reds should not esteem their success easily gained, or their honors to be easily kept. The Deserets, while being now in almost perfect training, will probably lose

no chance to strengthen themselves for future contest.

The Approaching Fair.—We have been requested to publish the following:

"Notice is hereby given to the farmers who contemplate competing for the several premiums to be awarded by the board of directors of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society at the coming exhibition, to commence Oct. 2nd, in Salt Lake City, that the supervisory committee (A. P. Rockwood) respectfully requests the parties above referred to, to report to him at their earliest convenience, the location of their farms, the kind of crops offered for competition, with a view of having the awarding committee visit and examine the merits of the several crops. By so doing they will greatly oblige the supervisory and awarding committees."

Death of John Whitmer.—We are in receipt of a letter from Dr. Wilhelm Poulson, in which he states he had just received a letter from Sarah Whitmer, of Far West, Missouri, announcing the death on the 11th day of July, of her father John Whitmer, one of the eight witnesses to the Book of Mormon. He died of congestion of the lungs, heart and stomach.

The name of John Whitmer is familiar to all who are acquainted with the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was one of those earliest members of the Church who were privileged to see and handle the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated, and though he was afterwards excommunicated, so far as we have learned he never denied, but always maintained the truth of his testimony prefixed to that sacred volume.

John Whitmer has now gone to his account. His brother David, one of the three witnesses, is still alive, and has measurably recovered from the effects of the accident to him in the recent terrible tornado at Richmond, Missouri.

We will publish, to-morrow, Dr. Poulson's letter, containing particulars of an interview with John Whitmer, embodying some interesting details.

Returned From Cache.—This morning President John Taylor, and party, consisting of Elders Wilford Woodruff, Orson Pratt, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, of the Twelve Apostles, Bishop L. W. Hardy, Elders Oliver G. Snow, W. C. Staines, C. W. Penrose, and Geo. F. Gibbs, and several ladies, left Logan by special train at 6.15 and, with the exception of Elders Lorenzo and O. G. Snow, who stopped at Brigham City, arrived at Ogden at 9.25, making connection with the regular U. C. train, by which they reached this city at 11.40.

They enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable trip, and interview with the Saints of Cache County. The Conference was well attended and much of the Spirit of God was enjoyed by both speakers and hearers, the upper room of the New Tabernacle, which is a magnificent apartment, comfortably seating 3,000 persons, being filled on Sunday to overflowing.

The Saints of Cache Valley have done a great work in erecting their noble Tabernacle, the finest in the Territory, outside of this city, and advancing to its present position the Temple, in process of erection.

During the visit the members of the Twelve Apostles present, numbering nine with Elder Charles C. Rich, who came over from Bear Lake, deposited in a stone, prepared for the purpose and fitted into the Temple walls, a number of books and papers, including the leading Church works, newspapers and journals, with the names of the Twelve, the leading men of the three Stakes in the Temple district, and the chief workmen and architect of the edifice.

There is a great difference between some editors and others. One class never recede from anything they say; another is always ready to make the amende honorable. What could be asked by the most exacting more than the following which we clip from an exchange? "If any subscriber finds a line in his paper that he does not like and cannot agree with, if he will bring his paper to the office and point out the offending line, the editor will take the scissors and cut it out for him."