

Correspondence.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23, 1873.

Hon. W. Woodruff, President of the D. A. and M. Society, Salt Lake City, U. T.

DEAR BROTHER:—I received a dispatch on the 14th inst., informing me of my appointment as delegate to the convention to be held in Philadelphia on the 17th. Expecting a company of emigrants at the same time I did not see how I could possibly attend on that day, and I concluded to go the day before and present myself to some of the committee who had charge of the business. I called upon Mr. Anderson, the gentleman to whom the fruit had been addressed. He was very pleased to meet me, informed me that the Utah fruit had not arrived, but hoped it would be in time for the exhibition. I was then introduced to Dr. Houghton, whom I found to be very much of a gentleman. I informed him of my business there, but told him I was afraid I could not attend the convention. He said I must attend if possible, as they wanted very much to have Utah represented. He introduced me to Mr. Mitchell and Jacob Weller, Esq., who said the same. Just as this was said our fruit arrived. I went immediately to work to unpack it, while the Doctor looked out a place for it. A table had been assigned for it in a side room, from the main hall, and while I was putting the fruit upon plates, Dr. Houghton came to me and told me that I must have a better position. I thought I had a very good one already, but he and his son helped me pack it to the main hall, and it was deposited in a very conspicuous place on the main thoroughfare. Cards of large size were ordered printed, stating where it was from, etc. After I had got it in good shape I left for this city to get my mail and see about the coming ship. This was at noon. Arrived here at 3:30 p.m.; got my letters and left word at the office to telegraph me when the company reached Sandy Hook. I reached Philadelphia at 8:30; went to the hall and found our Utah fruit attracting a great deal of attention. Here I met with a number of gentlemen who were delegates, all of whom treated me with the greatest respect.

September 17th. The convention was called to order at 12 o'clock precisely, and here I was called upon to act in a prominent committee of eight. The business, etc. of the convention I have sent to you. The President and other officials of the Horticultural Society of Philadelphia were very courteous to me, chatting with me freely upon Utah matters, etc.

I learn that a silver medal is awarded to our Society for the fruit sent. The committee were much pleased that it was sent, and hoped we would send a larger quantity another year. Everything was done for us that could be done to make it a success. Yours, etc.

W. C. STAINES.

WALLESBURGH, Wasatch Co., September 24th, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

We are in a kind of an out of the way place, and money is not very plentiful; otherwise we are doing fristate, having raised very good crops of grain, &c. The people generally are feeling well, most of them trying to live their religion as much as human nature will admit, and improvement is the order of the day. Several good frame buildings are being put up, which will be finished this fall. We number about thirty-five families, and about two hundred and twenty-five inhabitants. We are putting up a very good frame tithing house, 25 by 18 feet, which will be finished this fall. Take it on the whole we are doing well. The Lord blesses us with health, peace, and prosperity.

WM. C. NUTTALL.

ST. GEORGE, Oct. 1st, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

Our mails, as usual, are a nuisance and an imposition upon the feelings of goodnatured residents in this section of country, in consequence of their irregularity. Our connections with Salt Lake City and the world at large are much further removed from us than we desire they should be, seeing that our friends pay all legal de-

mands for a safe and speedy delivery of our mail matter. On the 27th we received the DESERET EVENING NEWS of the 20th—excellent time certainly when the schedule time announces three days and ten hours from Salt Lake City to St. George. A reform is justly demanded, and ought to be enforced by those who hold the power, from our mail contractors and their subs as will make them realize that they have responsibilities which cannot be trifled with and neglected for personal convenience. Our mails arrive here generally from 8 o'clock p.m. to 2 or 3 o'clock a.m. three times a week, and return when they get ready, thus permitting no chance to answer correspondence, however important. We are under the (it must be a mistaken) idea that there is a special mail agent for Utah, whose business it is to regulate mails and defend the public against unprincipled contractors. If there is such an individual, where is he? Gone to Bear Lake, or some other lake, to find the monster? We would like to see them, if he succeeds in charming the reptile to his fold. If bad luck attends the project, St. George can "a tale unfold," etc., if not quite so long, as will enchant any reasonable man, who is not too busy in other pursuits of a second rate order. If he can't come, we will take the liberty of forwarding our "tale" in sections, so that he can analyze it during his leisure moments.

A very important feature with us in this Southern country is our Temple, which is progressing very rapidly, considering the number of workmen employed. We anticipate the foundation being completed in a very few days, which is considered to be one of the most substantial in the Territory. All visitors who come to St. George, whether transient or "Mormon," appear interested in the progress of the work. I may also state that the people of the Southern mission, as a whole, by their faith and works, take a deep interest in the completion of the Temple.

At present colds are prevalent amongst the people, there are also a few cases of whooping cough in this city.

Our fruit crop this season is considerably below the average, owing to late frosts in the spring. A number of the vine-growers have commenced making up their wine. Farmers are preparing their land for fall wheat. The weather at present is pleasant and comfortable, have had some refreshing showers of late, feed splendid throughout the country. THISTLE.

— You may know an old bachelor by the fact that he always speaks of a baby as "it."

— An Ohio jury of inquest rendered a verdict that a suicide came to his death "by voluntarily drowning himself." If he had done it involuntarily, they might have let him off.

— In a recent letter on prison discipline, Miss Florence Nightingale says: "For crimes accompanied with violence, especially with violence toward women and children, I would whip."

— Mrs. Livermore's time is occupied in answering letters containing anxious inquiries about her health; she emphatically declares that she has not broken her leg, and does not intend to break any of her engagements for the winter.

— Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of Pittsburg, intends to supply the public of his native place, Dunfermline, Scotland, with baths, at an expense to himself of \$25,000. Soap may be wanted also.

— A man in Iowa has started a new style of "swearing off." He publishes an advertisement to the effect that he will never use any more intoxicating liquors. He also threatens to prosecute any one who shall sell him liquor.

DIED.

At Samaria, Malad, Oneida Co., Idaho, Sept. 22, at 1.45 a.m., RUTH, daughter of Daniel and Ruth Williams, and wife of Elder John P. Evans.

Deceased was born April 14th, 1816, at Scandilovane, Breconshire, South Wales; married to John P. Evans in May, 1841; baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Oct. 17, 1847, at Cwmaman, Carmarthenshire, South Wales; was the mother of ten children, five of whom are now living at Samaria. Elder Evans was sent to seven different counties in South Wales, to preach the gospel and organize new branches, in all of which she was faithful with him in distributing tracts and bearing testimony to the truth of the gospel. She emigrated with her husband to Utah, and arrived in Salt Lake City, Sept. 25th, 1856. She was a good mother and a true wife. Her last request was to her children to be faithful in the church to the end. She died in full faith of the gospel and in hopes of a glorious resurrection. She was followed to her grave on the 23rd by a large number of friends. (Com. Mill. Star, please copy.)

At Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, August 25, of fever, THOMAS HARDY, aged 17 years. Mill. Star.

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