

## NEWS FROM PLEASANT GROVE.

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah,  
Sept. 1st, 1895.

Elder Wm. L. Hayes, who left home something over two years ago to fill a mission to the Southern States, returned yesterday. He enjoyed excellent health during the entire time of his labors, and met with marked success in his labor of love. After his release he contracted a cold, which finally merged into a fever of such severity as to prostrate him for several weeks. He feels that his recovery was brought about through the exercise of faith and the prayers of the Saints. He is still somewhat weak from his sickness and travel, but is fast gaining his wanted strength.

Elder Hayes brings flattering reports of his companion, Brother John R. Halliday, who is one of Pleasant Grove's leading young men. Elder Halliday wished to be kindly remembered to his many friends in his native town. While all Elders are joyfully welcomed home, Brother Hayes is the recipient of an extraordinary welcome. He has so endeared himself to the children of the Sabbath school, that his return has been the fond anticipation of the entire city ever since his release. Elder Hayes will assume the superintendency of the Thorne Bros. & Co. mercantile institution as soon as his health will permit. He succeeds the general, and enterprising S. L. Swenson, who retires from that responsible position to fill a mission to the Southern States. This looks like a mutual exchange of positions. Elder Swenson leaves on the 27th inst. We wish him God-speed.

The stillness of our Sabbath mornings was broken today by the sweet chimes of a new church bell. This bell has just been placed in the tower of the Presbyterian chapel.

The steam threshers are running night and day. Competition seems to be the soul of enterprise. The yield of grain seems to be above the average.

Remember Pleasant Grove is the orchard city of the Territory. Send here for choice fruits.

## BOX ELDER SUMMER SCHOOL.

WILLARD CITY, Aug. 31, 1895.

Yesterday the exceedingly interesting session of the Box Elder county teachers' summer school ended. The number of students is fifty-six, and the last week being the regular annual institute, a few more were in attendance who had not found it practicable to attend the school previously.

After two weeks of the session had passed Prof. N. L. Nelson had to leave in order to resume his labors at the B. Y. Academy, the classes in grammar and rhetoric being continued under the direction of James J. Chandler, and psychology and the history of education treated by Prof. William G. Roylance, of the University of Utah. Both teachers and students have entered enthusiastically into the work and, notwithstanding the excessive heat, the time seems to have passed altogether too soon.

Especially has Prof. C. A. Whiting endeared himself to all by his indefatigable labors and lucid explanations of the wonders of nature perceived

through the investigations of rocks, plants and animals. Nothing seems too minute to escape his notice; nothing so insignificant, that, when viewed in the light of his keen analytic judgment, and surrounded by his vivid, eloquent, descriptive power, does not become an object of intense interest.

Excursions to the mountains have been one feature of the school, and those who spent Saturday, Aug. 24th, in climbing mountains, exploring mines, and viewing the unsurpassed rugged grandeur of the canyons above Willard City, will not soon forget the events and incidents of that day.

Commissioner T. B. Lewis visited us during the last week, delivering a public lecture on Monday evening, and two lectures to trustees and teachers the following day. Those who heard him so earnestly appeal to the teachers to strive to realize the responsibility resting on those who have the charge and training of immortal souls entrusted to them, could not avoid being impressed with the importance of the position occupied by the teacher. Evening lectures have been delivered in the several wards of Brigham City, and at Willard city, Three Mile Creek, Mantua, Corinne, Bear River city, and Honeyville, 24 in all. The lecturers were Prof. Whiting, Nelson, Roylance, W. M. Stewart, B. Cluff Jr., Major Henry Hill, Dr. J. M. Tanner and Commissioner Lewis.

As a fitting close, a ball was held in the opera house last evening, and a most enjoyable time participated in by teachers and invited guests.

On Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 2nd and 3rd an examination of teachers will be held, after which they will disperse to their several fields of labor, to resume with ardor their efforts in the interests of humanity and to scatter with enthusiasm the grains of truth gathered by study, observation, perception and reflection, during the pleasant associations in the lovely "city of homes," named in honor of the great founder of Utah.

Respectfully,  
JAMES J. CHANDLER.

## NEWS FROM TENNESSEE.

ACI, Tennessee,  
Aug. 24, 1895.

A few lines from the Middle Tennessee conference may be acceptable to your ever welcome paper which reaches us regularly, bringing sweet news from our loved ones, in our beautiful mountain home, and our fellow laborers in the various parts of the world where the Gospel is being preached by the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

During July and August the Elders have been visiting Saints and friends, and meeting with great success in reaching a great many more with everlasting joy that heretofore were too prejudiced to come out and hear what the Elders had to say.

The Elders now have little or no trouble in convincing the people of the erroneous stories that have gone out about Latter-day Saints with the exception of a few that love darkness rather than light. The fear of molestation seems to be a thing almost of the past.

The writer and companion had the pleasure of visiting a portion of Picket

county recently and to our surprise the prejudice that existed one year ago had almost vanished. We found quite a number investigating and three ready for baptism, which we attended to before leaving. The people were over anxious to hear us preach. We held six meetings which seemed to have a good impression, for some came ten miles to hear us. The spirit of investigation that was made manifest was gratifying indeed, and in the near future there will be some six or eight more baptisms. People opened houses unto us that one year ago were refused the Elders.

We can see the hand of God in opening up the way that the Elders get the Gospel before all classes of people; so these have the privilege of accepting or rejecting the glorious truths of life. The general health of the Saints and Elders has been very good this summer. Wishing the News prosperity unbounded and desiring to be found ever in the defense of truth, righteousness, and the welfare for Zion, I am,  
Respectfully, F. B. ROLFSON.

## SCHOOL TAX LAW.

There was a big attendance of attorneys at the Supreme Court Saturday, in anticipation of an important ruling in one or more of the cases submitted this week. The hour for opening the session was 10 o'clock, and at 10:20 Judges Merrill, Barch and King entered.

In the case of Joseph Krantz vs Rio Grande Western Railway company, Judge King delivered the opinion, on behalf of Judge Smith, affirming the lower court on the first count, and reversing it on the second count. In effect, this case goes against the railway, requiring it to pay damages for injuries to Krantz.

First National Bank of Hailey vs Hiram Lewis et al; lower court reversed; Judge King delivered the opinion.

Board of Education of Orden vs M. F. Brown and Frank Harbut; no opinion in writing, but would be prepared and filed. Judge King in stating the unanimous conclusion of the court, recited briefly the history of the case, and the contention of the parties to the issue. He then gave a resume of the history of school legislation into the present system, and stated that the opinion of the court was that the law provided in effect that the county assessor and collector should perform the duties formerly discharged by the city assessor and collector. The purpose of the Legislature was for economy and uniformity in assessment and collection. As to the alleged delegation of authority, the court was of opinion that the Territory had a right to delegate authority to the boards of education to tax the school districts, and the Legislature had pursued that course. In this case the school board had made its estimate and certified the same; that being a legislative duty within the power of the board; it was in effect a levy of taxes. The subsequent duties of the assessor were merely ministerial. The word levy in the section referred to meant merely a computation to be made by the assessor and collector. The actual power of levy had been exercised by the board of education. The