

**A Mormon Navy.**—The Cheyenne Leader has just made the important discovery that the Mormons have a large navy on the Salt Lake. How many ships of the line, frigates and sloops compose this navy, the Leader doesn't say, but intimates that unless a good watch is kept upon the fleet by government officers, the commandant at Camp Douglas may wake up some fine morning and find the Mormon gunboats bombarding his fortifications. That would be a little rough on General Smith, after he took the pains to deny that any insurrection is imminent in Utah. If it is true, however, that a large navy is afloat on Salt Lake, it behoves us Corinthians to be up and doing. We haven't got any line of battle ships handy, but there's John Addams' flat boat, and we might rig her up with a rifled cannon aft and have a few marines forward with shot guns.—*Corinne Record, May 24.*

**Sunday School Teachers' Excursion.**—Between nine and ten o'clock yesterday morning the superintendents and teachers of the City Sunday Schools left the Utah Western Railroad depot for a free excursion to Lake Point. Nearly 550 persons were present, being greeted by sweet strains of music from Olson and Wetzel's bands, who, with their wives, were invited to participate in the day's "out."

On arriving at the Lake the large company occupied themselves in various means of enjoyment, some betaking themselves to the highest surrounding "crags and peaks" to luxuriate in dazzling prospect of our beautiful inland sea and its surroundings.

Others visited the General Garfield, or availed themselves of the hospitality of Dr. Munro, at his magnificent hotel, where he had spared neither expense nor trouble to welcome and accommodate the excursionists; some "tripping the light fantastic," and others, more particularly the many charming vocalists of both sexes, being accompanied with sweet strains from the organ generously supplied by "mine host" the Doctor, who manifested his usual urbanity to all present.

In the afternoon President J. W. Young, President of the Utah Western Railroad, with Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, accompanied by some newly arrived Sicilian brethren and sisters, some of the fruits of Elder Toronto's missionary labors, discoursed sweet vocal and instrumental music, to the delight of the company.

A vote of thanks to President J. W. Young and Dr. Munro was unanimously passed; the Doxology was sung, and the large, orderly and delighted party re-embarked for the city, having had one of the best times, unmixed and unregretted.

The day's proceedings were conducted by Elder Geo. Goddard, Asst. General Superintendent of the Deseret Sunday School Union, aided by a committee of arrangements and reception, consisting of Wm. Willes, S. L. Evans, James Dwyer, Joseph H. Felt and Thos. Griggs.

**Who Are These Fellows?**—Utah happens to be cursed with a crowd of fellows who make it a business to continually stir up strife in the community. They are represented by an apology for a newspaper, the most slanderous, obscene, unscrupulous, venomous and blackguardly publication that ever disgraced any community in a civilized country. This literary fungus whips in to line every non-"Mormon" who disagrees with its course, who has not moral stability sufficient to stand up against its venal and slanderous attacks, and, exercising a kind of terrorism over the others, who are desirous of avoiding its scurrilous onslaughts, forcing them to silence their better judgment.

**Who are the individuals who conduct this decayed literary carcass, and who are the blue flies that buzz around it, attracted by the noxious effluvia it emits?** We are not aware that the people who, under the blessing of God, made this western country what it is today, a pleasant dwelling place, ever invited them to come and be troubled at the presence of the "Mormons." If that invitation had been waited for they never would have poisoned the moral, peaceful atmosphere with their presence.

To whom are those peace disturbers indebted for their subsistence? Why, to the "Mormons." It is the latter who raise and produce the food that they eat, and without

whose presence the country would be a comparatively barren waste. If those strife-stirrers were to subsist on their own productions they would have a continuous unbroken diet of venom, slander and falsehood.

They publish themselves to the world as the most infamous, unqualified liars or the most consummate cowards that ever walked; for even if there was the slightest foundation for the sensational statements about a prospective "Mormon" war, which we utterly deny, men who are not arrant cowards would never be found whining and howling like a pack of sick hounds.

Only get rid of the "Mormons" and their Priesthood, is their watchcry and we would soon make a fine flourishing Territory of Utah, and change the character of her cities and settlements. Yes, indeed, there would be a change, a woeful change. Heaven forbid that this fair western land should be blurred and blasted by such a change. There are plenty of specimens of the kind of cities and settlements that such characters make, along the line of the trans-continental railroad, such as Cheyenne, for instance, so vividly painted in words recently by "Eli Perkins." Whatever there is of the gambling hell, house of prostitution, and other such institutions in this City is due to the fostering care of such characters as are raising the present howl, and who make it their main business to keep up a friction in the community, and misrepresent the people abroad.

Such characters are non-producers in the strongest sense of the term, not only consuming the productions of the people they malign and abuse, but who figuratively eat at the vitals of any community that may be so unfortunate as to have their presence.

So far as the "Mormons" are concerned their works show what they are; the hundreds of flourishing cities, settlements, gardens and farms show what they are. The peace, comfort and happiness which they enjoy show what they are. Let their record as peaceful, productive, industrious citizens be compared with that of their traducers, and the latter will sink into comparative obliteration.

The fact that those fellows are permitted to walk the streets at all hours, in the midst of those whom they have traduced, maligned, lied about and abused is as strong an evidence as should be required to stamp their lying, sensational statements with the brand of falsehood.

**Rifle Match.**—The fourth competition for the Creedmore Rifle took place to-day, resulting in E. McLaughlin winning the gun for the second time. The following is the score—

E. McLaughlin, 4445443445-41  
James Sharp, - 4443544454-41  
G. Meers, - 5444454434-41  
J. Heusser, - 4444544443-40  
John Sharp, - 5443444354-40  
B. Roberts, - 4453433444-38  
Steve Taylor, 4544433444-39  
W. Heusser, - 3444433353-37

**Motion Denied.**—The matter of the application of District Attorney Howard to have the naturalization certificate of Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon declared void, came up, in the District Court to-day, on the motion of counsel for the defense to have certain allegations of the complaint stricken out. The motion was argued on both sides, and denied by the Court.

**Lowe.**—Thomas Lowe (whose address is care of William Lowe, Pack Horse Inn, Belgrave Road, Leicester, England) desires to hear from his father, William Lowe, who, when he last heard from him, was a resident of this city.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 25.

**Grasshoppers.**—The grasshoppers are out in swarms on portions of the bench north of the Twentieth Ward.

**School District Meeting.**—A meeting of the taxpayers of the 15th School District was held at the School-house last night. Elias Morris was elected chairman, and John Clark Secy. A report showing the receipts and disbursements for the last two years, and the present financial situation of the district, was read and accepted. Wm. L. Blinder, Andrew S. Gray, and James W. Ure were elected trustees for the next two years.

**SALT LAKE, May 18, 1877.**—On arriving in Salt Lake City one sees no startling demonstrations of wealth, no magnificent displays, nothing gaudy and fine; but, on the other hand, you find large and solidly built brick blocks, some of which are rather imposing in their appearance. But after staying in this beautiful city a few days, see the amount of goods sold, the style and number of wholesale houses, you are led at once to inquire as to the source from whence the city draws her support, what are the resources of this magnificent town, what has built up this city of now thirty thousand people, and we find that no city in the west has such varied resources on which to rely for growth as has Salt Lake, and that she will become the greatest city in the west can only be a question of time.—*Grip, in Omaha Bee.*

**Returned Home.**—This afternoon we met with Elders George W. Wilkins, of Spanish Fork, and James W. Preston, of American Fork, who got back last evening from a mission to the east. They were accompanied by two emigrants, Elizabeth Nicholl and her son, Lewis Nicholl, from Lowell, Mass.

The two Elders named left this city on the 15th of November, and went to Massachusetts, in which State they both labored during the whole of their absence, excepting a short time spent by Elder Wilkin in New Hampshire. Both of these brethren held and preached in a number of public meetings, besides doing much ministerial labor in a private capacity, in conversing upon the gospel wherever opportunity presented.

Elder B. F. Cummings, under whose direction Elders Wilkin and Preston labored, accompanied them on their way home, as far as New York.

**Returned Missionaries.**—This morning we received a call from Elders William Mendenhall and F. A. Robison, the former of Springfield and the latter of Fillmore, both of whom returned last evening from a mission to the Eastern States.

The former left here October 28, and proceeded to the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware District, where he labored under the direction of Elder Henry Grow. His time was occupied in visiting the people at their homes and communicating the gospel to them by conversational preaching. He obtained much valuable information concerning his ancestral genealogy.

Elder Robison left home to go on his mission on the 9th of November last and proceeded to Michigan, laboring in Montcalm, Isabella and Mecosta Counties. He held thirty-five public meetings, besides taking every available opportunity of preaching the gospel privately. There is a number of Latter-day Saints throughout that section of country, baptized by Elder Palmer, and a number of others express their intention of identifying themselves with the Church before long.

**Tom Thumb.**—The Tom Thumb company appear in the Theatre on Monday and Tuesday next, giving two performances each day, at three and eight o'clock. They appear in a variety of new and pleasing performances, such as songs, duets, dances, dialogues, comic acts and laughable sketches, not forgetting the "Mischievous Monkey." The prices of admission are placed at a low figure to suit the times. The following is from the *Montreal Gazette*—

"The house was crammed from floor to roof last evening by an enthusiastic audience to witness the extremely droll entertainment of the celebrated General Tom Thumb and suite. The 'General' looks as well as ever—just a trifle older looking than when we saw him before. His wife and sister-in-law, Miss Minnie Warren, received thunders of applause from time to time. The clever and comical Major Newell, the most active young man of his size we have ever seen, possesses, in addition to a large fund of humor, an amount of physical force almost incredible. He literally seems to be made of India rubber. The entertainment was of a miscellaneous character in keeping with the little folks, and was exceedingly funny and highly enjoyable."

**Special Conference.**—The holding of a Special Conference at Ogden commenced at ten o'clock today in the Tabernacle of that city.

**In Liverpool.**—We are informed that a dispatch has been received announcing that Elder Joseph F. Smith and party arrived in Liverpool this morning all well.

**Ever Welcome.**—We have received Number 11 of the current volume of the *Juvenile Instructor*, an ever welcome, interesting periodical of most healthy tone. The contents are, as usual, of the best quality, spiced by just sufficient variety. "Moses and Aaron Before Pharaoh" (illustrated), "Incidents of a Mission," "Ingenious Trifles," "Wishing for Money," "To the Centennial Exhibition," "Editorial Thoughts," "Grasshopper Sports," "Early Experience of an Elder," "Joseph Smith, the Prophet," "Australia," "Questions and Answers," on the Book of Mormon and Bible, a song, "A Sunday School Call," words and music by J. M. Chamberlain; besides a variety of selected matter.

**Night Parties.**—The season when people engage in out of door recreations and pleasure parties has fairly set in. We think it in keeping with our duty to make present allusion to a kind of recreation and amusement that should, in our view, receive no countenance, support or approval from persons claiming to be Latter-day Saints. We refer to night parties in gardens or other similar places of pleasure resort. This position that we hold must necessarily be the only one that can be sustained by every conservator of public morals. We have on several occasions expressed, in decided and unmistakable language, our reasons for holding to the view herein expressed, and we do not think it necessary to reiterate them. Many of the reasons must be patent to all who will give the subject any attention. Such parties are necessarily of a mixed character and the strongest safeguards would probably be ineffectual in debarring from participation in them loose, objectionable and profligate characters, such as no respectable citizen would desire his son or daughter to associate with. The deplorably ruinous effects of such mixed night dancing parties in places of public resort of the kind referred to is not mere matter of conjecture. They are matters of fact. Circumstances in certain cases of seduction have demonstrated beyond the possibility of successful contradiction that such parties are far from being worthy the patronage of young men or young women who have any self-respect, or regard for reputation, or who desire to guard their personal purity.

We advise parents who have respect for the moral safety of their children to use their influence to prevent them from frequenting such places at night, and we advise the young people not to visit night parties of the nature mentioned, where people mix indiscriminately. If such salutary counsel be not followed, numbers of young women may be added to the list of those who have reason to rue the day that they ever laid themselves open to inducements to depart from the path of personal purity.

**Conference in London.**—A Conference was held in Sadlers' Wells Theatre, London, Sunday, April 22, according to report published in the *Millennial Star*, from which we quote and condense—

"Present on the stand—Albert Carrington, Pres. of the European Mission; Wm. Paxman, Pres. of, and A. O. Smoot, D. K. Udall, E. G. Defriez, J. H. Miles, and L. D. Young, Travelling Elders in the London Conference; James Mellor, President of the Liverpool Conference, and Elder Arta D. Young from the Liverpool office; George Barber, Pres. of the Norwich Conference; Hamilton G. Park, Pres. of the Glasgow Conference; Thomas Barratt, Travelling Elder in the Nottingham Conference; Thomas A. Wheeler, Pres. of, and Thomas Judd, Travelling Elder in the Birmingham Conference; and Elders John Tracey and Richard Steel, who are on visits to their relatives. "Elder A. O. Smoot read the statistical report of the Conference from Nov. 1, 1876, to April 1, 1877, showing 20 Branches, 7 Districts, 148 Elders, 64 Priests, 35 Teachers, 33 Deacons, 992 members—total 1,277. There had been 4 deaths, 6 excommunicated, and 56 added by baptism."

"President Paxman reported the Conference as being in a very prosperous condition; in addition to the 56 added to the Church by baptism, 20 had renewed their covenants, and there was a greater desire among the Saints to live their religion and see the work of God increase. About 20,000 handbills had been distributed throughout the Conference; and 7 Sunday-schools and 3 Female Relief Societies had been established."

Meetings were held in the morning and afternoon at 10.30 and 2.30. The conference was addressed by President Albert Carrington, and Elders James Mellor, Thomas Barratt, Thomas A. Wheeler, Hamilton G. Park, and George Barber, and President Paxman.

"The proprietor of the Theatre, fearing disturbance by some roughs, refused to open the Theatre for the evening meeting, although he had been paid for three meetings, and the evening meeting had to be held in the meeting room of the North London Branch, 42, Penton-street, Pentonville."

"Monday evening, April 23rd, the usual Conference Concert was held in the Albion Hall, London Wall, London; it was well attended, and continued marks of approbation showed how thoroughly the labors of the choir and its leader—brother Joseph Adams, were appreciated. From beginning to end the laughing eye and beaming countenance showed heartfelt enjoyment both in the music and the song."

"WM. PAXMAN, President.  
"EPHRAIM ADAMS, Clerk of Conference."

#### Ogden Conference.

OGDEN, May 25, 2 p.m.

Editor Deseret News:

The special train conveying Presidents B. Young, John W. Young, and D. H. Wells, and Elders John Taylor, Orson Pratt, Erastus Snow, and Geo. Q. Cannon, some of whom were accompanied by their friends, to Ogden, to Conference, left Salt Lake at 8:15 o'clock this morning, arriving at this place at 9:30. The President and party were met at the depot by President Richards, Bishop Farr, and a great many brethren, and were driven to the Tabernacle, where meeting was held and a most excellent time enjoyed. The congregation was addressed by Presidents D. H. Wells and J. W. Young, and Elder John Taylor. G. F. G.

#### Our Country Contemporaries.

Beaver Square Dealer, May 22—

We are informed that the secret drilling that isn't going on, has frightened some of our sojourning friends, and they are preparing to flee to Salt Lake City. We offer to be responsible for their safety so far as the militia is concerned. We assure you that there is not so much as the shadow of danger or disturbance in all Southern Utah.

We have in the *Square Dealer* office all that was mortal of the *Daily Union Vedette*, *Corinne Reporter* and *Utah Mail*. We scarcely know how we came in possession of the bones and sinews of these once haughty anti-Mormon journals, but presume that they were turned over as legitimate trophies of war.

Ogden Junction, May 25—

Yesterday afternoon little Addie Kay, daughter of William and Mary E. Kay, aged about four years, was playing on the lot with other children, when one of them pushed her playfully, and she fell in such a manner that her thigh was broken.

The Nebraska editors and party, numbering about eighty, will arrive in Ogden by to-morrow evening's U. P. train.

—One of the hailstones that fell in the recent storm at Shaftsbury and Bennington, Vermont, was five inches in diameter, another weighed ten and a half ounces, and several were exhibited at Bennington, three hours after they had fallen nine miles distant, three of which then filled a man's hand. Nothing like such a storm had ever been known there before.

THE Self Binder has arrived. Call at Mattison & Johnson's and see it.