

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Flood in Southern Utah.

VIRGIN CITY, Jan. 19, 1862.

EDITOR OF DESERET NEWS:

After about twenty days of cloudy, rainy weather, and a shower this morning, the sun at this time—9 A. M.—is shining brightly. On the 17th and 18th it rained here tolerably heavy and the water in the river rose to an unusual height washing away a very large portion of our bottom farming-lands, which were not extensive in the first place. Old cottonwood trees were uprooted, and the old irrigating canal has been entirely destroyed. The houses of old Grafton came floating down with the furniture, clothing, and other property of the inhabitants, some of which was hauled out of the river at this place, including three barrels of molasses. The Indians say their fathers told them there was a similar flood in this country many years ago.

The new ditch that has recently been made for the purpose of taking the water out of North Creek has not been injured by the flood—it is not quite finished, but when completed, a large amount of bench land can be watered from it as it is on higher ground than the old one.

Ash Creek rose twelve feet, and much of the bottom land along the stream has been washed away. North Creek is so high that we cannot pass up to get any news from above.

CHAPMAN DUNCAN.

ST. GEORGE, Washington Co., U. T. }  
January 20th, 1862. }

EDITOR OF DESERET NEWS:

As it is something new in this day of rain-bows to have floods but I will give you an account of one that has just visited this part of the territory. Day before yesterday, as the morning dawned and the waters of the Santa Clara and Rio Virgin became visible from our encampment, men were seen climbing on the highest objects about camp to get a view of the awful angry flood—the like of which the present inhabitants never saw. It has rained here half the time—for more than four weeks—and the streams have been high but not dangerously so till the night of the 17th, when the Virgin and the Santa Clara became mighty rivers, and both man and beast fled from them terrified. Some horses, mules and cattle are reported drowned, but the extent of the damage in this and other respects is not yet fully known as we have not heard from the Upper Virgin county, but believe it has suffered greatly. Fort Clara and one half the adjacent houses are entirely washed away, with the fine orchards, nurseries, and vineyards at that place. The angry waters are now roaring wildly over the same spot where three days ago stood a comfortable school-house filled with children, and many other houses occupied by families, three days since, have entirely disappeared.

Tonaquint, a little town a mile or two from us, is deserted, and much valuable land on the Clara Bottoms has been ruined, and all this by a little stream that in common stages is about like City Creek. The Indians assert that about forty years ago a similar flood occurred. This will learn us an important lesson, and all will now be willing to take President Young's advice and get on high ground. The largest trees have been uprooted, and the roar of the maddened waters could be heard for miles. The oldest citizens assert that there has been more rain since we came to this country last fall, than before, for the last five years altogether. The roads are impassable. Vegetation is putting forth. No frost has been seen for weeks; and we expect soon to put out our fruit trees, and commence our farming operations providing the floods shall cease and we can get about without miring—in this once dry and parched country but now thoroughly irrigated.

The people here are generally enjoying good health and spirits notwithstanding they live in tents and wagons and have been exposed to all this rain. Our camp extends a quarter of a mile, or more, in two lines; there are ninety tents, several hundred wagons and about eight hundred souls. We expect to break camp within two or three days and move on our city lots. This is by far the largest camp of the present emigration to the cotton country, although we are scattered for fifty miles, from Rockville on the upper Virgin, the present location of brother O. Pratt, to the place where Fort Clara was on the Santa Clara, six miles nearly west of this place. Washington is six miles east of us, St. George has the greatest amount of farming land in its vicinity and is destined to be the principal city of the cotton country in Utah.

Elder Erastus Snow has been visiting in his exertions in selecting the best locations for the people, and opening up the resources of the country. Three saw mills are in progress of erection in Pine Valley, and all kinds of necessary machinery are in contemplation. The people are zealous to carry out the President's wishes with regard to cotton-raising and the necessary machinery to make it into cloth.

J. W. CROSBY.

Elder George A. Smith, to whom it was written has furnished us with the following, from Mr. Jacob Hamlin, dated Santa Clara, January 19th:

Knowing the interest which you take in

this Southern Country and the mission lately sent hither, as well as the welfare of the old settlers, I presume that an account of the present state of this place will be read with interest by you. But briefly mentioning that the new city is surveyed, and the Saints are improving on their lots, I hasten to describe the great flood that is now rolling through the narrow valley of the Clara.

For several weeks past an almost continual rainfall (snowstorms on the mountains,) kept the Clara running swiftly, and full, with occasional overflows. This, though unprecedented at this season of the year, was but a trifle to the present flood. On Friday morning last, very early, (long before day-break) the river overflowed both banks, and submerged the greatest part of the bottoms, bringing down large logs and trees from above and uprooting them here with astounding rapidity. Afterwards the flood seemed to subside somewhat and retreated to the river's channel, which in the meantime washed deeper and broader, both banks continually falling in.

Yes, early morning the water began to tear down the south-west corner of the Fort, and the gardens above. By three o'clock this morning the last vestige of the Fort, the schoolhouse, and seven other houses above the Fort were gone. No lives were lost as far as we have learned, though several persons were for some hours in imminent danger having had to climb trees, and others sought refuge on a small island near the mill. All hands are saving what can be saved of grain, lumber, &c., the rest of our chattels having already been moved to places more secure. The rains continue on the mountains, the floods roar on, the banks are still falling all along the river's course, with an earthquake-like thumping. Brother Dodge's orchard and nursery are entirely gone, so are many others. The river's bed is now as broad as that of the Hudson at Albany, New York. Perhaps Bishop Crosby would be interested to learn that his, as well as Brother Dodge's old houses are yet safe; but the new one is gone.

We have not yet heard from the Upper Clara Settlement, but suppose the damage must be great there also.

## Scientific Lectures.

During the present winter, lectures on the Sciences, Arts, Manufactures, and History have been delivered in the Seventies' Council Hall, most of which have been numerously attended. In November last, a committee was appointed by the First Presidents of the Seventies to select competent persons to deliver lectures on Wednesday evening of each week, upon such subjects as they might deem suitable to be presented to the public. So great has been the interest manifested by the people of this city, that the committee have determined to have lecturing on two evenings in the week—Wednesdays and Fridays. The mental elevation resulting from these interesting lectures, will doubtless be very great to our young, who are inclined and anxious to improve their minds.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, John V. Long delivered a lecture on Phonetics; on the 18th, Alexander Ott lectured on the subject of Atmosphere, and Jesse Haven on Ventilation and the Circulation of the Blood; on the 26th, Prest. Joseph Young and Gilbert Clements lectured on the Travels of the Children of Israel; on Jan. 2d, J. Lawson delivered a lecture on Metallurgy, and Robert L. Campbell on Physiology; on the 8th, Elias L. T. Harrison, delivered a lecture on Astronomy; on the 15th, Charles R. Savage lectured on Photography; on the 22d, Eli B. Kelsey gave one on the History of France; on the 29th, G. D. Watt gave a lecture on the Laws of Life, and Bartlett Tripp on Education. On the 1st of February, Geo. Sims delivered a lecture on Physiology, and F. W. Blake on the Pen; on the 5th, a lecture on Psychology was given by Thomas S. Terry, and one on Geography by Wm. Willes; on the 7th, Henry W. Naisbett delivered a lecture on Home Manufactures and the Organization of Labor.

If the committee will hereafter furnish us a synopsis of the lectures weekly, we shall take pleasure in spreading the same before our readers.

We think this effort on the part of the Seventies very creditable and well calculated to bring into useful exercise the latent powers of men of talent and scientific attainments. If a portion of the leisure hours of our citizens, especially the young people, were devoted to intellectual entertainment, it would be more instructive and, therefore, more lasting in its benefits than to be wholly given up to light amusements; it would be more profitable, because it would impart food to the mind, give topics for interesting conversation and afford many delightful subjects for future study and reflection.

This evening, at 7 o'clock, Elders Wilford Woodruff and Wm. W. Phelps are expected to deliver lectures on history and the translation of the scriptures.

## Utah County Nominating Convention.

A convention of Delegates from all the Precincts in Utah county met in the Seminary at Provo city, on Saturday, the 1st instant, to nominate candidates for Senators and Representatives to the First General Assembly of the State of Deseret, from Utah county, to be elected on the first Monday of March next.

The Convention was called to order by the Hon. Wm. Miller; Hon. Aaron Johnson was chosen Chairman, and John B. Milner, Esq., Secretary.

John W. Witt and Joseph S. Murdock, Esq's, were present as delegates from Wasatch county.

On motion of Hon. Isaac Bullock, the Convention unanimously sustained the Constitution of the State of Deseret, adopted by a Convention begun and held in Great Salt Lake City, Jan. 20, 1862.

Moved by the Hon. Z. Snow that the recommendation of the Convention before named of, Brigham Young for Governor, Heber C. Kimball for Lieutenant Governor, and John M. Bernhisel for Representative to Congress; be sustained by this meeting. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Z. Snow further moved that the chairman appoint a committee of five to nominate two candidates for Senators and three for Representatives to the General Assembly of the State of Deseret, for the action of this convention. Seconded and carried.

The chairman appointed Wm. Miller, A. H. Scott, Henson Walker, A. F. McDonald, and Z. Snow said committee, who retired, and on their return reported the following:—For Senators—Leonard E. Harrington, James W. Cummings. For Representatives—Lorenzo H. Hatch, Albert K. Thurber, Aaron Johnson.

On motion of David Evans, the report was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Z. Snow that the minutes of this convention be sent to the DESERET NEWS for publication. Carried.

On motion, adjourned sine die.

AARON JOHNSON, Chairman,

JOHN B. MILNER, Secretary.

## Honor to whom Honor is due.

We are in receipt of a well written communication from "the Northern Delegation," in relation to an entertainment given to them by the citizens of Ogden, on their return home from the late convention; but it is a little too lengthy for publication with the limited space allotted this week.

On their arrival at Ogden city, at noon, January 25th, the Delegates from Box Elder and Cache counties were invited by some of their friends to remain there till next morning and participate in the festivities of a party got up in honor of the delegation which they got, of course, inasmuch as "the earth was yet full of days," accepted. They were hospitably entertained by Gen. West till 4 p.m., when they were escorted to the City Hall, then, after prayer by Elder O. Hyde, dancing was commenced and continued till 10 p.m., when all present resolved themselves into a committee of the whole on the bill of fare, Hon. J. C. Wright in the chair. On rising, the chairman reported progress with all things in "good order" and "epicurean style," and asked leave to sit again when the caption shall be "State of Deseret; which report was unanimously accepted, and the committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject in question, for the time being. The Assembly was dismissed after a little more dancing, some singing, speeches, etc., with benediction by Prest. Lorin Farr.

For the honor conferred by the hospitable citizens of Ogden, the "Northern Delegation" expressed thanks, and craved blessing upon those who bestowed.

## Married:

In this city, on the 9th inst., by Bishop L. D. Young, JEREMIAH LAW WHITEHOUSE and EMMA MARTHA WARR. [Mill. Star, please copy.]

At Grantsville, Tonnele co., Feb. 3, by Elder Robert McKeljohn, Mr. HYRUM E. BOOTH and Miss SARAH ANN HUNTER, all of Grantsville.

In Lehi City, on January 30, by Elder James Taylor, CHARLES W. FOX and ELIZABETH BROOK.

At Fort Bridger, on Monday, February 24, by Judge W. A. Carter, Hon. HENRY R. CROSBY and Mrs. SARAH HAWKINS.

## Died:

At Nephi City, Juab county, January 14, of inflammation, CHARLOTTE, wife of John Andrews, aged 42 years, 5 months and 8 days.

On Saturday, January 11, of disease of the brain, at the residence of his son, in the 19th Ward, in this city, JAMES PETTIT, aged 68 years, 2 months and 28 days.

On Jan. 30, WM. GINGELL, late from Sydney, Australia, aged 49 years, of tumors in the system. [Millennial Star, please copy.]

In this city, on the 26th ult., PHEBE MERRILL, consort of Samuel Merrill, Esq., aged 74 years 9 months and 4 days.

Mother Merrill was born in the town of Hoosack, Albany county, State of New York. She was married to Mr. Merrill at the age of 15 years and 6 months, and bore him six boys and six girls. She lived to see seventy-one grand children and thirty-eight great grand children, all of them now living, with the exception of one daughter and three grand children, and reside in Utah Territory. She was baptized in Carthage, Hancock county, Ill., in the year 1833, by Elder Joel H. Johnson; moved into the vicinity of Nauvoo the following year; was expelled from Nauvoo with the Saints; arrived at Council Bluffs in time

to use her influence for the welfare of the kingdom of God, by sacrificing one son, three sons-in-law, and two grand sons to enlist in the Mormon Battalion; two of her youngest daughters accompanied their husbands. She lived at Council Bluffs until the spring of 1847, when, with her husband and one grandchild, she started in the first camp for the Valleys of the Mountains. Through all of her trials and long suffering, never was she heard to murmur or complain. When dying she asked her aged husband if he wished to accompany her to see her children, and exclaimed, "Rejoice, rejoice, that my time has come to depart this life."—[Communicated.]

In Farmington, Davis county, Jan. 31, EMELINE BIGLER HESS, wife of Bishop John W. Hess, aged 37 years 5 months and 10 days.

The deceased was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Bigler, and born in Harrison co., Virginia, Aug. 21, 1821. She was baptized in 1837, and with her father's family gathered to Far West, Mo., in 1838. In the winter of 1838-9, in common with the Saints, she participated in the suffering consequent upon their expulsion from Missouri; and also shared in the drivings and persecution attendant upon the settlement of the Saints in, and their expulsion from, Illinois.

She was married to John W. Hess, in Nauvoo, Nov., 1845, and accompanied him to New Mexico with the Mormon Battalion, and arrived in the valley in 1847. She was the mother of ten children.

A premature birth, followed by inflammation, terminated her earthly existence. She died in full faith and hope of a glorious resurrection.—[Communicated.]

In Smithfield, of consumption, Sept. 25, 1861, REBECCA, relict of the late Frederick G. Williams, aged 62 years and 22 days.

Deceased was born in Loyalsock, Northumberland co., Penn. She embraced the gospel in Kirtland, Ohio, in 1830. In 1837 she emigrated to Far West, Caldwell county, Mo., and was expelled with the Saints in 1839, passing through many trials and perplexities, and emigrated to G. S. L. City in 1849, where she resided ten years, and then moved to Smithfield, Cache co. She was always found faithful and true to the kingdom of God on the earth, for which she looked forward with fond anticipation.—Com.

## New Advertisements.

## SANPETE.

LOST between Springtown and Fort Ep' ralm, Sanpete county, in October last, a five shooter revolving POCKET PISTOL, black [gutta percha] handle. The finder will confer a great favor by leaving it with any one of the Sanpete Bishops.

A. MILTON MUSSER.

## STRAY FIG.

CAME to my premises, about three weeks ago, a black and sandy sow FIG, about six months old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take it away.

SAMUEL COOPER.

7th ward.

## YE PEOPLE OF DESERET, READ THIS!

If you really feel determined to encourage Home Manufactures, bring your Beaver, Wolf Fox, Rabbit and other FURS to my Shop, on Emigration Street, two and a half blocks east of East Temple Street, and get in exchange good Home-made HATS of the best quality.

JAMES SHELMEIDINE, Hatter.

## LOST.

ONE red OX, six or seven years old; some white on him; branded C L on his hump, with dim flesh brand C V S on hip. Whoever will deliver said ox, or give information to the subscriber leading to his recovery, shall be liberally rewarded. The ox is supposed to be on "Provo bench."

DANIEL SPENCER.

## MANTILLA, CLOAK AND DRESS MAKING.

MISS ANNE MITCHELL solicits the patronage of the ladies of this city in her business. Work executed by the piece at home, or by the day at the residence of patrons. Address at Mr. W. C. Dunbar's, 26th Ward.

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## NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession a nine-year-old white MARE, branded C E on the right thigh and a Spanish brand on the left. The owner is requested to come and prove property, pay expenses, and take her away.

ELLIOT WILDEN,

Cove Creek, Millard co.

## ESTRAY.

CAME to my lot, in November last, a yearling roan BULL, square crop of both ears, under bit in right and left under left. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

ROBT. SMITH, 18th Ward.

## STRAYED.

FROM Big Cottonwood, in November last, one black COW, branded a cross in a circle on right hip. One red COW, white on belly and on bush of tail. One black yearling HEIFER, and one red and white yearling BULL, both branded N on right hip.

Whoever will return them, or give information of their whereabouts to PETER NEAS, Big Cottonwood Ward, will be rewarded.

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## NOTICE.

IF AARON SAMSON, who left Hillar, Prince Edward's county, C. W., for California, about ten years since, is living, he can, upon application to R. A. Keyes at Livingston, Bell & Co's Store, and forwarding through him to New York City, proofs of his identity, receive a sum of money left him by a deceased relative.

S. S. GRAVES,

Attorney for Testator.

## GREAT INDUCEMENTS

TO

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## KIMBALL &amp; LAWRENCE

WISH to announce to the citizens of Utah that they have recently made large purchases of

## MERCHANDIZE,

which, added to their former Stock, make it the largest and best assortment now offered in the Territory, which will be sold at their usual

## LOW PRICES.

We have 250 Cases of BOOTS and SHOES, which we are selling at COST and TRANSPORTATION.

KIMBALL &amp; LAWRENCE.

Feb. 10, 1862.

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