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HOME ITEMS

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

CONFERENCE AT ST. GEORGE.—We have received the following dispatch by Deseret Telegraph line:

St. George, May 3d.

On Saturday afternoon Elders Joseph Young, Sen., Wilford Woodruff and Horace S. Eldredge addressed the audience. Yesterday morning Elders George Q. Cannon, B. Young, Jun., and Joseph W. Young, spoke, followed by President Young, who gave some explanations respecting the objects for which settlements were planted south of the rim of the basin; they were consolatory and encouraging to the people. In the afternoon Elders Joseph Young, Sen., and George Dunford made remarks; President Brigham Young followed. His recital of the circumstances connected with the Prophet Joseph's obtaining the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated and the rise of the Church and his own early experience in connecting himself therewith was listened to with almost breathless interest. He spoke at great length on other topics and enjoyed a remarkable degree of liberty. He had the rules of the School of the Prophets read, upon which the Conference voted. There was one noticeable feature connected with this Conference,—teachings were given to the people that but a short time since they could not receive, even if the elders had taught them. Recent moves have united the people to such an extent that the President and the elders feel led to talk with great plainness upon more advanced principles, which at our last visit here, two years ago, the people were not prepared to understand. The Conference has been instructive; much of the Spirit of God has been enjoyed by the speakers and the congregation. The President and company are all well. We start this morning for Pine Valley.

CONFERENCE AT NEW YORK.—The semi-annual Conference of the Eastern Mission was held at Williamsburg on the 11th ult., at which were present 3 High Priests 25 Elders, 6 priests, 11 teachers, 8 deacons and a large number of Saints, and others not members of the church. Three meetings were held during the day, at which the Authorities of the church were sustained, the New York, Philadelphia and Cohoes branches were represented in good condition by their presidents, and the meetings addressed by President W. H. Miles and Elders Parr, Elkinton, Markland and Black. Elder Holse, who is laboring in Long Island, was not able to be present at the Conference, but attended the next Sabbath and gave an encouraging report of his labors.

CORRESPONDENCE.—We draw attention to the interesting communication of Anon on our third page.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—We extract the following from a letter of Elder D. M. Stuart, dated the 28th ult.: "Myself and bro. Dusenberry arrived here last night from Wytheville, Virginia. We shall remain here a few days, having an appointment to baptize a lady and her two daughters this evening in the Potomac river. We shall preach in her house to-morrow evening, and the next day start for Philadelphia.

"Captain Hooper left this city last Friday. All is as still as death in the Capitol, the belligerent elements having left for other parts. Our health is good. I never felt better in my life."

HERE AND ELSEWHERE.—The Hon. W. H. Hooper passed through Omaha yesterday, on his way home; he was accompanied by a portion of President Young's family. The first velocipede, that has visited these parts, was seen in the city yesterday; we hear that more are coming.

A party was given to Elder John Toone, last evening, in the 20th Ward school house to help him on his mission; it was a very pleasant reunion and very successful towards attaining the object for which it was gotten up. Next Monday the Female Relief Society of the same ward give a party for the same purpose to Elder John Tuddenham, also called on a mission last Conference. The weather this week has been delightful; to-day there are some indications of a storm. The city is putting on her beautiful garments, the fruit trees being out in their gayest, pink, white, and yellow, and peach blossoms in every direction.

DIED.—Of mountain fever, at Alpine City, on the 23d ult., Robert Watkins, aged 60 years, 6 months and 12 days. Deceased was born in Herefordshire, England, 11th October 1808. He obeyed the gospel in 1841, and emigrated to Nauvoo the year following, from whence he was driven with the Saints and reached these valleys in 1852. He died with full confidence in the power and efficacy of the gospel. He has left a wife and numerous family to deplore their loss.—*Com.—Mill. Star* please copy.

RUFFIANS TAKEN CARE OF.—Augustus Taske, charged with attempting to kill a man named Westlake, at Wasatch, a few days since, and Thomas Brannigan, John Lowell and Charles Howard, charged with the murder of Calvin Russell at Wasatch, about the 6th ult.; and Edward Rogers, charged with being their accessory, are now in safe keeping in the City Hall, having been brought from Ogden, on Sunday in charge of Deputy Marshal McAllister.

The particulars of the murder of Russell, as far as we have been able to learn, are as follows: Brannigan assumed the title and authority of a policeman at Wasatch, and he, in connection with some others, passed a law that all parties found out after 9 o'clock at night should be arrested. Subsequently to the passing of this bogus law, Russell entered a saloon in which were Brannigan and some of his gang, one evening after the prescribed hour, and was informed by them that he must consider himself arrested. They consented, finally, to let him go on the payment of a dollar. He paid the dollar but gave them to understand that they could not "blackmail" him again. An altercation ensued between him and Brannigan in which Russell struck the latter on the head with a bottle and then made his exit. On the night following Brannigan, Lowell and Howard lay in ambush for Russell at a place where the latter kept his horse, and shot him, causing his death. Rogers, for attempting to prevent their arrest by the officers of the law, was arrested as an accessory.

CEDAR CITY.—Bro. J. S. Walker, just in, to purchase goods to replenish the Cedar city Co-operative Store, says the new system is working admirably in the diocese of Bishop Henry Lunt. The health of Cedar is good; grasshoppers were reported abundant.

MARRIED.—On the evening of the 31st inst., at the residence of Rev. Foot, 12th Ward, of this city, Mr. S. W. SPENCER to MISS ELIZABETH WHEELER.

Here is your good health Savilian, and your family's health; may you all live long and prosper.—*Com.*

DRUNK.—"Rip Van Winkle" was fined \$10 this morning for getting drunk last night. "Rip" cannot give up his old tricks!

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

THE RETURN TRIP.—President Young and party reached Cedar City about half-past three yesterday afternoon. They again started north between five and six this morning, arriving at Parowan about eight. The party expect to make Beaver their resting place to-night.

SCHOOL PARTY.—Yesterday afternoon the teachers and scholars of the 20th Ward Sunday and day schools had a social reunion in the ward school house. About two hundred children were present, all of whom seemed to enjoy themselves to their "heart's content," in "tripping the light fantastic toe," their only regret seeming to be that the sun set so soon and brought darkness with its setting, which was the hour previously arranged for breaking up.

RETURN OF GOVERNOR DURKEE.—Governor Durkee and lady arrived in this city from the terminus of the railroad last evening, having just returned from the East. They are in excellent health and spirits. It will be remembered that His Excellency was necessitated to leave for the East last fall on account of ill health; we are gratified to learn that the object for which he left the Territory has been accomplished, and that he is now perfectly convalescent. We are pleased to have him in our midst again, and bid him a hearty and cordial welcome home.

During his absence he visited his relatives in New England, and had a pleasant time with many Congressmen and other friends during a brief stay in Washington.

CONFESSION.—Shortly before his death on Wednesday afternoon Watson, one of the men shot while attempting to escape from the gang of convicts, working in Spring Canyon on Monday, confessed that he was the person who robbed Wells, Fargo & Co's mail coach in Echo Canon, a little over twelve months ago, taking at that time some \$3000; and that he robbed the mail a short time previous, of \$600.

THIRD DISTRICT COURT.—The court met this morning pursuant to adjournment. The first case presented was that of James T. Clasby versus J. M. Worley and Jacob Houtz on a promissory note. The case was before the jury at the time of our going to press.

MORONI.—Elder John Kirkham, writing from Moroni on the 3rd instant informs us, that the Co-operative Store of that Ward is doing a good business. It was organized on the 13th of February 1868, ten persons taking shares of twenty dollars each, since which the number has increased to sixty. They will open a new store on the 14th instant. The crops there look well, a greater amount of grain has been sown this Spring than ever previously, and about a thousand shade trees and numerous fruit trees have been lately planted. On the 1st instant, the day and Sunday Schools had a gala. They marched through the city in charge of Doctor R. M. Rogers, and in the afternoon enjoyed themselves in the dance.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.—We learn by the St. George Cactus of the 24th ult. that a man named Corlett attempted to kill Mr. Thos. Walker at Cedar City the previous week. It appears that considerable shading of stock had been practiced at Cedar by Corlett and others of his stamp, and that Mr. Walker had expressed himself pretty freely about these practices, at which Corlett took offence and threatened to kill him, for which purpose he went to Walker's house. Walker seeing him coming, and having no arms in the house, left by the back door and started across lots for a neighbor's. Corlett ran after him and when close enough fired, luckily without taking effect. Some of Corlett's friends then took him away and hid him until night and then furnished him a horse, by which means he escaped. A warrant for his arrest was issued, but at last advices the officers had not succeeded in finding him.

TEACHING THE BLIND.—We had a very pleasant chat this morning with Mr. W. Johnson, a blind gentleman connected with the Missouri Institution for the education of the blind at St. Louis. Mr. Johnson is at present on his way to Sacramento, to introduce into the State of California the system of M. Braille, of Paris for, teaching the blind, which has been in use in the St. Louis institution since the fall of 1864, and which is said to be a great improvement on all previous systems for accuracy and dispatch. Mr. Johnson claims that by this system he can make the peculiar raised characters, by which the blind learn to read, as quickly as an ordinary writer who has his sight can write the same matter in the common English letters. It is already used in the various State institutions for the blind throughout the Union. Mr. J. stating that he had the pleasure a few months ago of reading three of Sir Walter Scott's novels in this style. Next year it is intended to publish a weekly newspaper in Philadelphia on this system, so that the blind can become acquainted with current events and the topics of the day.

Mr. Johnson is now staying at Mr. Reich's Hotel, in East Temple Street, where he will remain for a few days before going westward, and will be pleased to teach the Braille system to any of the blind who desire it. He states that a person who knows how to spell can learn to read and write it accurately in from two to four weeks, whilst a blind child will be as long learning it as a "sighted child" will the ordinary style, and no longer.

The institution to which he belongs has been established 16 years, and has met with flattering success in teaching the blind; many of its former pupils being now engaged as preachers, lecturers, music teachers, writers for the press, &c., whilst those who live by their handicraft are mostly engaged in broom and brush making.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

THE RETURN TRIP.—We learn by Deseret Telegraph line that President Young and company left Beaver about nine this morning, intending to stop at Cove Creek this evening. They will probably reach that place about three this afternoon. To-morrow they intend to drive to Corn Creek and hold meeting at one p.m., and afterwards proceed to Fillmore and stay there

over night. On Saturday they will drive to Scipio and hold meeting at five p.m. On Sunday they will continue their journey to Nephi and hold meeting at five p.m.; on Monday drive to Provo, and reach this city Tuesday evening.

A STRIKE WITH A VENGEANCE.—We learn by the Western Union Telegraph Company that a train was stopped at Piedmont Station, this morning by about 500 men, and the director's car taken off. The men refused to allow the train to go on until they were paid up their arrears of wages for work done on the line.

SHOT.—About two o'clock this afternoon two men were proceeding in a buggy westward; when about six miles the other side of the Jordan, one of them named Goldsmith was shot. We could not learn if it was done by accident or intentionally, but the rumor on the street was that Goldsmith shot himself accidentally. The horse in the buggy, frightened at the report of the pistol, broke away from the buggy and was not caught until it reached the Meat Market,—evidently making its way to the California Stables where the outfit was procured.

FAST DAY.—To-day is the usual monthly fast day. We simply notice this to refresh the memories of those who may have forgotten to send in their donations for the poor. We have no idea, however, that should they still feel desirous of giving, that the Bishops will refuse to receive their gifts.

TO DESTROY ANTS.—"Glenalvon" thus answers the enquiry of Norval:—"Your correspondent 'Norval' wishes to find out how to destroy ants. I have found the following plan tolerably successful: Make a hole in or near the ant-hill, about two feet deep, two or three inches wide at top, and tapering to a point at bottom; make the edges smooth and sloping. The ants will crawl to the edge and fall in, and, like the Kilkenny cats, eat one another up."

THE LAST RAIL.—In accordance with the expressed wish of many of her citizens, that Salt Lake should celebrate, with her sister cities of the West, the laying of the last rail on the great highway that will connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the City Council, at their last meeting, appointed three of their number,—Messrs. R. T. Burton, A. H. Raleigh and S. W. Richards to act as a committee of arrangement for the celebration. We have not yet learned what shape this intended demonstration is likely to assume, but we hope to be able to give full details to-morrow. No doubt our city will be gay with a thousand waving emblems of our nationality, and joyous with the strains of excellent bands of music. It is quite possible also that a mass meeting of the citizens will be held, at which they can appropriately express their joy and satisfaction at the completion of the greatest engineering feat of any age, followed by a general illumination of the city in the evening. It is supposed that "the event" will take place on Saturday, but it may be delayed to some time next week; however, of this, the telegraphic wire will give us ample notice.

THIRD DISTRICT COURT.—In the case of James T. Clasby vs. J. M. Worley and Jacob Houtz, the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

In the case of Ben Holladay vs. Seth M. Blair, defendant filed an offset for professional services; the case was submitted to a jury, who rendered a verdict in favor of defendant for \$50 and costs.

Two citizens were admitted to citizenship.

Court adjourned to Saturday morning, when it will assemble for the special purpose of naturalization.

NO MAIL.—There was no mail this morning from the East; reported cause, three bridges down in Weber Canon.

POLICE.—M. Feany, John Dolan and Jacob Yensen arrested for fast riding, were fined, the first \$7.50, the others \$5.00 each.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—Our correspondent, "Ammon," writing from Riverdale, on the 3rd inst., says: "The railroad bridge at Devil's Gate, is in a very critical condition, in consequence of the rising of the Weber river. This has caused the foundation to give way, thereby stopping travel over it. No freight has come down the canyon the last two days, and it is thought it will still take several days before it can be sufficiently repaired for trains to cross on it.

Business at Corinne is very dull; the merchants there are in a state of perplexity and are sending word to their forwarding agents to hold their goods, as there is no sale for them at Corinne. A great many are leaving in disgust, and speculation is at a discount, and this last-born of railroad towns is pronounced the "greatest bilk of any."