

the testimony in the case can be closed, and the official term of the President come to its constitutional end before the Court of Impeachment shall render its verdict."

Determined as the majority in the Senate and House are to have the matter pushed through, it hardly seems probable that the impeachment trial will be drawn out for a year; yet there appears no reason for believing that it will not be prolonged for at least some months. During its progress the country will be more or less excited and agitated; and painful forebodings will fill many minds as to the probabilities of a sanguinary conflict between powerful and contending parties.

AN AMERICAN FOR CHINESE AMBASSADOR.

Hon. Anson Durlingame, U. S. Minister to China, has resigned that position to accept the appointment as the Ambassador of the Chinese Government to the Treaty Powers. The selection by the Chinese Government of a foreigner, and that, too, an American, to fill so high a post, has taken the European residents in China with surprise. At first they felt patriotically annoyed at the appointment, and thought that France and England could negotiate with China through their own ministers without the intervention of an American. They thought that it was an astute attempt to exalt American influence; but that the Western courts would decline to recognize it. If a Chinese grandee had been appointed, that would have been a step gained, and would have been hailed as a genuine expression of a desire to join on equal terms in the family of nations. These were the first thoughts upon hearing of the appointment; but they greatly changed on reflection. Upon examining the treaties they concluded that the most ingenious diplomacy on Mr. Burlingame's part must fail to gain for the United States one jot of advantage in which all other treaty powers would not share equally.

The first conclusion is that Mr. Burlingame's appointment will strengthen foreign interests in China, and operate advantageously for all foreigners. It is stated that the interests of foreigners in China are identical. They have, it is asserted, but one object in China—the extension of commercial intercourse, and the introduction, as rapidly as the Chinese can be persuaded to admit them, of steamers and railways to assist in developing her vast resources. Of course this is their own statement of the objects they wish to accomplish in China. The great object they have in view, plainly stated, is to make money. The welfare of China is a matter never thought about, only so far as may be necessary to give success to commercial and other schemes by which money can be made. It is now thought that a foreigner holding high office under the Chinese Government is likely to powerfully contribute towards the accomplishment of these schemes. The efforts which are being made to impress the advantages of foreign inventions on the Chinese mind will be greatly assisted by his support. His position as a servant of the Chinese Government will secure weight to his advice.

A letter has just appeared in the Eastern papers, written by Mr. Burlingame to the State Department at Washington. In this he explains how the appointment came to be made. He had expressed his intention to resign his position as U. S. Minister and return home. The knowledge of this coming to the Chinese Prince Kung gave a farewell dinner. At this dinner the idea was first broached for Mr. Burlingame to represent the Chinese government officially. A short time afterwards a proposition was made in form to him, requesting him to act for them as Ambassador to all the Treaty Powers. "After consultation with my friends," he says, "I determined, in the interests of our country and civilization to accept." An English gentleman, the late Chinese Secretary of the British Legation, was persuaded to act as First Secretary to the Mission, and a French gentleman was selected as Second Secretary. Two Chinese gentlemen of the highest rank were selected from the Foreign Office to conduct the correspondence and act as couriers. Mr. Burlingame's suite would number about thirty persons, and it was his intention at the time he wrote (Dec. 11th, 1867) to leave for the United States by the return steamer for California.

THREATENING.

The dispatches to-day contain some important items of intelligence. The excitement of last Friday, on the opening of the impeachment trial, must have been greater than the telegrams have previously intimated. The preparations for an attack on Washington, from the Virginia Shore, are somewhat ominous, and would lead to the belief that serious work was anticipated. The orders issued to the garrisons in Washington, and from the War Department, declare that there is a belief entertained there that an attack is probable. The transfer of Hancock to the command of the Atlantic Division, will be, by many, looked upon as significant. And all things seem to declare that the public mind will have much food for excitement and agitation during the coming summer and fall.

HOME ITEMS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

GRASSHOPPERS AND SOWING.—We have received the following from an intelligent friend on a subject of very great interest to the people of this Territory at the present time:—

SALT LAKE CITY, March 9th, 1868.

EDITOR DESERET EVENING NEWS: SIR:—In view of the apprehended ravages of the grasshoppers this season, I would wish to state for the benefit of those who may not possess a knowledge of the fact, that of all cereals peas are the least liable to destruction by these destructive insects, as may be proven by the testimony of those who have tried it here. When the grasshoppers made such ravages in Minnesota in the years of 1856 and 1857, it was found that though these voracious insects devoured every thing before them, even to peeling the saplings in the forest, they did not eat the pea vine. Besides the advantage of being a sure crop, they are also a profitable grain for feeding hogs and other animals, and the yield per acre is remunerative.

PRACTICAL FARMER.

FARMINGTON.—Our correspondent from Farmington writes us, that they had a Leap Year party there on the evening of the 5th inst. The committee was composed wholly of young ladies. He says,—"The young ladies escorted their partners to the Court House with becoming gallantry, and the exercises were conducted with the strictest decorum and propriety. An appropriate and earnest prayer was offered by Mrs. Philander Brown. About 1 a.m., old Foreas, who plays so many (windy) pranks about Farmington, apparently envious of the good time being enjoyed by the fair gallants and their partners, commenced his operations, when Bishop Hess announced that as discretion was the better part of valor, the party would adjourn till another day. The company dispersed in good humor."

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

APPRECIATIVE.—A correspondent from Summit County, in sending us some additional subscribers for the NEWS, expresses himself in the following terms, which in sentiment, though in different words, reaches us by almost every mail from one place or another:—

I hardly know how people keep house without the DESERET NEWS. If it does not come to hand at or near the appointed time, I feel as much disappointed as though I had missed a good meal or lost a night's sleep. It is one of the essentials, to have the privilege once a week of reading a sermon from one of the First Presidency, and hearing of the prosperity of the Kingdom of our God, both at home and in the midst of the nations of the earth; and of hearing of the progress that the wicked are making in fulfilling the sayings of the Prophets. It is a privilege that I would not be deprived of for a good many times the price of the subscription. And the *Juvenile Instructor* is just such a paper as we need. A parent that will deprive his children of its valuable reading, fails to look to their true interest. He had better stop chewing tobacco, and take the paper. A. W.

FOR CONGRESS.—Samuel Adams, of Colorado-river notoriety, who paid our city some visits agitating the opening of the Colorado river, is now stumping Arizona for Delegate to Congress. Some of the Arizona folks are enquiring after his politics.

UTAH AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM.—The Archbishop of Baltimore announces that the Pope has erected nine new Episcopal Sees and four new Apostolical Vicariates, in the United States. Among the latter are Colorado and Utah, forming the Vicariate Apostolic of Colorado, with the Right Rev. J. Projectus Macheboul, Vicar General of Santa Fe, appointed to preside over it.

WEST JORDAN.—This Ward is manifesting the spirit for education which prevails through the Territory. The Sunday School at Gardner's Mill numbers ninety scholars, and the day school eighty. They have also a class of aged Danish, who are learning the English language. The Ward has several branches, and on each fourth Sunday they meet in Ward capacity, when they enjoy good times. Elder George A. Smith visited the Ward meeting last Sunday and preached. An excellent influence prevailed.

ACQUITTAL.—Yesterday, before the Probate Court, William Hughes was put on trial for the shooting of Campbell. After a careful investigation, the case was presented to the jury, who returned a verdict of acquittal.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

GRANTSVILLE.—A correspondent writes us from Grantsville, Tooele Co., that notwithstanding the occasional rain and snow storms, the farmers in that vicinity have been busy preparing for putting in grain. Some query if the grasshoppers will not destroy the crops, but the feeling is to sow and plant, which is the only wise course to pursue. A call was made lately by the watermaster there, to dig a waste water ditch about half a mile long, for the convenience of the people. The call was heartily responded to, and the work was speedily accomplished. The people are united, energetic, and manifest their faith by their works. Much interest is manifested through the county in collecting means to send for the poor Saints in foreign lands, and considerable is being contributed. On Sunday, 7th, Grantsville was favored with a visit from Elder Orson Pratt and Bishop Rowberry, who held meeting and had a very crowded audience, and much of the good Spirit was enjoyed.

Please write us again, friend "Locum Tenens."

MANTI.—Bro. James C. Brown, writing from Manti, Sanpete County, on the 9th inst., says:—

"The troubles we have had in Sanpete with the Indians, have been the cause of checking improvements to a great degree, but the spirit of progression has again rested upon the people to a greater extent, I believe, than it has done for years. Several of the brethren have, during the past summer and fall, built themselves rock houses; and quite a number are taking steps to follow their example. Messrs. Tuttle and Fox, of this town, have commenced to erect a store on the first block northeast of the Council House, and by the start they have made I should judge it will be a nice building when completed.

Our new grist mill belonging to M. D. Hambleton & Co., is doing good business, and turns a No. 1 article.

A saw mill is being erected by Messrs. Spencer, Kenner & Co., which will be a great blessing to this settlement. They intend to have it running by April, so that if the Indians be peaceable during the ensuing summer, the prospect is good for obtaining all the lumber we may want.

I am happy to say that the teachings of the President at the last October Conference have not been allowed to go unnoticed, for with many they have taken deep root, and the fruits thereof are already visible to the observing eye.

We have got a Sabbath School that is largely patronized by our youth. Our day schools are well attended also. In short all things seem to be moving along in the right direction, and peace and tranquility are in the midst of this people.

WINTRY.—Yesterday a south wind blew all day, and there was evidently a "gathering" to the north and north west. This morning the face of nature was cold and wintry looking, a sheet of snow covering mountain and valley. Hail and snow fell at intervals through the forenoon, and underfoot the slush and mud from melting snow made walking very disagreeable. The sun shone brightly in a clear sky in the afternoon.

WE ARE indebted to Elder George A. Smith for the following communication:—

St. GEORGE, March 2d, 1868.

Elder George A. Smith:

DEAR BROTHER:—Elder James Craig (bugler of pioneers) of Santa Clara, died at a quarter past 2 this morning.

He died in full fellowship, and was an efficient acting teacher in the Santa Clara ward at the time he was taken with the sickness which resulted in his death.

Yours in the Gospel,

JAMES G. BLEAK.

Bro. Craig will be remembered by all the Pioneers, as his bugle notes so often called them to duty and prayer on that long and then terrible journey. He was a native of Ireland, but received the gospel in Canada. He filled a mission to Europe in 1856-7, laboring in England and in his native land. Since his return he moved from this valley to "Dixie," where he resided until his death.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

FROM ST. THOMAS.—Bishop F. Kesler, of the 16th Ward, has received a letter, dated February 25th, from Br. E. B. Tripp, now in St. Thomas, on the Muddy, in which the following passage occurs:—

"I am much pleased with this country. It is a fine climate to winter in; as for the summer, that has yet to be tested. This is a fine healthy place. There have been no deaths here this winter, and no sickness; but we have had an increase of seven births. It has not been so cold at any time but the farmers could plow and sow; and at the present time it is like the month of May in the city. The wheat fields are beautiful, some of the grain just coming up, and some of it a foot high. The grass is green and the trees are putting out their young leaves. All are very busy now putting in their gardens, and setting out grape vines and fruit trees."

WAITING FOR OWNERS.—Bro. John D. T. McAllister has now on hand a variety of articles, which have been found at various times, and are now waiting for owners. They consist of shawls, handkerchiefs, gloves, vails, knives, axes, suspending gold eye-glasses, spectacles, revolver, fans, nubias, scarves, children's capes, carpenter's rules, breast-pins, keys, a fifty cent currency, etc. They are spread out in the Old Tabernacle, and will remain there till Friday, when they must be removed. Persons having lost such articles, can call upon Br. McAllister and obtain their property if it is there.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elders Elam Luddington and Jacob Gates occupied the morning, treating on several principles of the Gospel, showing the happy results which follow obedience to them.

Afternoon.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon dwelt upon obedience in families, and the peace, union and happiness which spring from it, where it is intelligently and un murmuringly rendered, while love grows and strengthens around it. The same principle acted upon in the same manner would produce similar results in communities; and would cause peace, union and happiness to take

the place of strife, disunion and misery. He showed how necessary it is for the Latter-day Saints to cultivate union, that they may be prepared to accomplish the purposes of the Lord.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—We are indebted to Hon. W. H. Hooper, our respected Delegate, for papers and documents, and other favors, which we have much pleasure in acknowledging.

GRASSHOPPERS.—Just now many speculations are rife concerning the grasshopper future, whether the eggs are not addled,—if freezing don't hurt them, are they not water soaked and other "hopping" conclusions of a vague and uncertain character. Now, we never made much of a pretension in regard to a superiority of wisdom above our brethren, but on this particular subject we claim much and certain knowledge, gleaned from many "hopping" incidents. In order to tell exactly what a grasshopper is going to do, secure him (or her) while in the egg, lay it in a warm place until hatched, and then watch it. As it grows and begins to eat, you can draw very nearly a correct idea of its future destructive inclinations, and bring in a verdict accordingly. This is the only sure rule to apply to the consequences of a grasshopper. It would be mercy in the people, any how, to plant plenty of seeds, so that in case grasshoppers do come they may not starve to death through our neglect. Remember nature never withholds because it is going to be a grasshopper season.

OBITUARY.

CHAUNCEY WARRINER PORTER, who died in Centerville, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 3d inst., was born Oct. 20th, 1812, in Erie county, New York, and was, at his death, 55 years, 4 months and 14 days old. He moved with his father to Ohio and Illinois. He obeyed the gospel, and gathered to Jackson county, Mo., in the Spring of 1832, and shared in the persecutions of the Saints. He married Amy Sumner in 1833, and moved to Van Buren county, Mo., thence to Lee county, Iowa, opposite Nauvoo, Ill. He contributed to the building of the Nauvoo Temple, and was driven in 1846 with the Saints to Winter Quarters, where he acted as Ward Bishop; and gathered to these valleys in 1849. He was the pioneer of Porterville, where he presided over that Branch until he fell asleep in Jesus, while on his way home, after having received his last blessings in the House of the Lord. His remains were interred in Porterville, Morgan county, on Friday evening, the 6th inst. E. S.

Died:

In the 20th Ward, S. L. City, Dec. 19th, 1867, James Widdowson, son of James C. and Hannah W. Livingston, aged 1 year 1 month and 19 days.

In Union, South Cottonwood Ward, Feb. 25th, 1868, John Abraham, son of John Helm, and Emily Verry, his wife late of Hereford, England, aged 6 months and 28 days.—*Mill. Star* please copy.

In Bountiful, North Canyon Ward, Davis Co. U. T. Feb. 7th, 1868, Esther Hall, wife of Wm. Hall, aged 70 years, formerly of Manchester, England.—*Mill. Star* please copy.

In this city, Friday 13th inst., Franklin David, son of James and Mary Frodsham, aged 3 years 5 months and 5 days.

In this city, Thursday, February 26th, 1868, Emma Wilhelmina Poulsen, wife of Olof L. Hainmer, aged 22 years.

In this city, March 10th, of heart disease, Ann, wife of William Salsbury, aged 48 years. The deceased was a native of Birmingham England.

(*Mill. Star* please copy.)

In the 14th Ward of this city, on the 7th inst., of consumption, Francis Chergin, aged 19 years, formerly of Wabash, St. Paul, Minnesota.—*St. Paul papers* please copy.

Correspondence.

FARMINGTON, Davis Co., March 14, 1868.

Editor *Deseret News*:—Last Thursday evening the young ladies of this place gave one of their pleasant Leap Year parties in the Court House. The room was elegantly fitted up for the occasion. At the head of the hall hung the portraits of our fallen martyrs Joseph and Hyrum Smith, also the portraits of President Brigham Young and his Counselors, and some of the Twelve. The foot of the hall displayed our National Banner, the Stars and Stripes. Portraits of the Presidents and other leading men of our nation decorated the east and west sides of the room, with various other pictures, such as battle fields and foreign scenes of different kinds. At about 11 p.m. an excellent supper was served up at Bro. J. L. Stoddard's. Bishop J. W. Hess and his Counselors, with their families, were present, and did all they could to make it a success. With excellent music and good management, everything passed off in peace and harmony until the close, when all feeling satisfied with their night's enjoyment, separated in peace.

Respectfully,  
WM. BLANCHARD.

When Lincoln was assassinated, the Queen wrote a letter of sympathy to his widow, and the Reverend Newman Hall had a conversation with Bob Lincoln on the topic, and "asked him about the Queen's letter." "Yes," said Bob, "we have been often asked about that letter; we have been asked to publish it. But it is a long letter of three pages, the outpourings of a generous woman's heart, and my mother and myself thought it would not be right to publish a letter written in the effusion of a woman's heart."