

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 2.

Returned Missionary.—We were called upon yesterday by Elder M. Peterson, of Provo, who returned day before yesterday from a mission to Denmark, and on which he was absent one year. He left Liverpool for home on the 10th of May.

Whole Cloth Lie.—In accordance with its usual course, in the statement of an unscrupulous morning contemporary, concerning the editor of the News, there is not one word of truth.

The "Instructor."—No. 9 of the current volume of the *Juvenile Instructor* is at hand, and is as usual full of reading material of the very best description. This periodical should be in every household of the Saints.

Malicious Mischief.—Yesterday some malicious and foolish person stabbed a cow, belonging to Mr. Andrew Smith, in the udder with a knife, inflicting a deep wound. The animal was pasturing at the time in the Eighth Ward Square.

A Few Days.—Providing the Supreme Court sustains the action, in his case, of the District Court, John G. Wiggins, under sentence of death, has but a few more days to live, the time fixed by the court for the execution of the sentence being the 23rd day of the present month.

Funeral Services.—The funeral services of the wife of Brother Benjamin Hampton, and the child of Brother William Derr, at the 16th District School-rooms, were attended by a large number of friends. Elder Joseph F. Smith delivered an exceedingly interesting and instructive discourse, and was followed in a few excellent remarks by Bishop Edward Hunter.

Obsequies.—There was a very large attendance at the obsequies of the late Brother Archibald Livingstone, at the 10th Ward School-house yesterday, relatives and numerous friends turning out to pay their last respects to the departed. The assemblage was addressed by Elders Jas. Payne, C. J. Thomas, James Latham and William Griffith.

Woman's Exponent for June 1st contains "A Testimony," "R. S. Reports," "A Husband of the Period," "Ten Years into the Future," "Woman's Centennial Territorial Fair," "An Age of Gossip," "Home Appropriation," "Education," "Education of Girls in Egypt," "The Awkward Age."

This number commences the fifth volume of the *Exponent*, rendering the present an excellent opportunity for subscribing to this desirable periodical.

Indians Homesteading.—The Indians in the vicinity of Malad Valley continue progressing in the direction of improvement and civilization. Eleven of them have complied with the U. S. homestead laws, and have taken out homestead papers. The colony, under supervision of interpreter George H. Hill, are constructing an extensive canal from which to water their land. They have sown a considerable breadth this Spring and the crops look promising. After the coming harvest they purpose building houses and forming a regular settlement. They manifest a peaceful and industrious spirit that is very commendable and encouraging.

Releases and Appointments.—Elder John Woodhouse is released from the Presidency of the Bristol Conference, and is appointed to take charge of the company which will leave on the 24th May.

Elder Wm. M. Evans is released from traveling in the Liverpool Conference, and is appointed to the Presidency of the Bristol Conference.

Elder John Hopkin, President of the Norwich Conference, is released to return home.

Elder John Parry, traveling in the Norwich Conference, is appointed to the Presidency of that Conference.

Elder Edward Hanham, late of the Liverpool Office, and now traveling in the Bristol Conference, is released to return home.

Elder Robert Hogg, traveling in the Glasgow Conference, is released to return home.

Elder Wm. Nelson, traveling in the Durham and Newcastle Conference, is released to return home.

The Elders released to return

home are expected to sail with the 24th May Company, and we cordially wish them a safe and pleasant journey.—*Millennial Star*, May 15.

President Young's Birthday.—The following was received last evening, by Deseret Telegraph—

ST. GEORGE, June 1, 1876.

Editor Deseret News.

President Young's birth-day has been the occasion of many congratulations and much genuine rejoicing here to-day, with the people of this city, Washington and Santa Clara. Early in the morning he was serenaded by the band; subsequently the St. George choir went to his house and sang choice original and other songs and invocations. Still later the people met in fast and prayer meeting in great numbers, in the fine new sandstone tabernacle, when many testimonies were offered by the brethren and sisters, and inspiring hymns were sung by the choir. Before closing, a number of affectionate addresses, sentiments and invocations were read by Elder J. G. Bleak and Sister Susan Y. Dufford. The President then closed with a most searching and powerful exhortation to all the Latter-day Saints.

I do not recollect ever hearing him speak with greater freedom or more to the point.

At 3 p.m. the President met with some forty old gentlemen and ladies, veteran citizens of these settlements and old time members of the Church, at the Snow House, where Elder MacDonald's family and others had previously prepared an excellent collation of cake, wine, etc. The band was also in attendance, and a hearty good feeling prevailed throughout. On President Young's return to his home he was met at the gate by a number of young misses, dressed in white, who sang a touching song, composed for the occasion, and suiting the action to the word strewed flowers from the gate to the house for him to walk on.

The weather is cool again, but dry. All is peace in these parts.

A. M. MUSSER.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 3.

Early Products.—Utah new potatoes and early strawberries are now for sale in the market.

Dam Gone.—The high waters of Cañon Creek carried the paper mill dam away yesterday. All the other dams on the stream were carried away some time ago.

The Lightning Train.—The following reached us over the wires to-day—

OGDEN, June 3rd, 1876.

Deseret News;

The lightning train arrived at 10.22, left at 10.27; two cars.

Snow, &c.—From a gentleman recently from Sanpete, we learn that the snow storm there last Tuesday was exceedingly heavy, teams being unable to face it.

The waters are very high throughout the valley, and crops generally look very promising.

Enterprise.—Mr. James Dwyer, the irrepressible and enterprising, telegraphed for New York papers to be sent him by the "lightning train," and shortly after noon today he placed before us the New York *Herald* of June 1st, only two and a half days from that city.

Excommunicated.—To whom it may concern: This is to certify that Isaac Ferguson, Big Cottonwood, was cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by the High Council of this stake of Zion, June 1, 1876.

GEORGE E. WALLACE,

Clerk of High Council.

Salt Lake City, June 2, 1876.

A Lunatic Indicted.—The character with long matted hair, named Leonard, whose lunacy appears to be concentrated upon a claim he asserts as being the "third man from Adam," has been indicted by the grand jury for committing an outrage upon the person of a little girl; he is now, or has been recently, serving a term of imprisonment in the City Jail.

Indicted.—Mr. Robert Smith, of this City, has been indicted by the grand jury, for turning down a shanty which a Mr. Cottrill had erected upon a piece of land, concerning the right of title to which there is a dispute between the two persons named. Mr. Smith was arrested yesterday and taken before Judge Emerson, in the District

Court, when the amount of bail was fixed and he was released, on bonds.

Bereavement.—It will be observed, by obituary notice, in another column, that another child of Brother and Sister Derr, of the 16th Ward, died yesterday, the same day on which the other was buried. We understand that two others of their children are ill with the same complaint which carried off the two already alluded to.

Brother and Sister Derr have the sympathy of numerous friends in their present hour of trial and bereavement.

More Accidental Poisoning.—Last Sunday a boy named George Thomas Smith, son of Henry and Matilda Smith, who resided in South Cottonwood Ward, in this County, with his parents, ate a wild parsnip, not knowing its poisonous nature, and in one hour afterwards the little fellow was dead. He was eight years old. This circumstance, and others of late occurrence, should operate as incentives to cause parents to instruct their children relative to the danger of promiscuously digging up and eating roots of various kinds.

Gaining Ground.—Brother Singleton, foreman of the Provo Co-operative Tailoring Establishment, who has been in the city for the purpose of taking steps towards opening an agency for the goods of the concern here, has also visited Ogden, and returns to Provo with quite a list of orders for suits of Provo cloth, which are growing in general favor. A market for the ready made clothing of this establishment has been opened in Colorado, and gives excellent satisfaction there, in point of price and quality. It looks as if Utah goods to some extent, have to be exported to be appreciated.

Utah Plants.—This afternoon we were called upon by Mr. A. L. Siler, who resides at Ranch, about twenty-five miles above Kanab, Kane County. He left that place April 17th, and brought with him a large collection of plants indigenous to that locality, principally cacti, which he shipped to France, on an order he had received. He also went to Sanpete and obtained another collection, of four thousand specimens, principally of the "Abies Concolor," which he shipped to Backhouse & Son, of York, Yorkshire, England. He purposes making still another trip to Sanpete, on a similar errand, when he will make collections of the "Fritillaria Pudicea." In connection with Mr. John Reading, of this City, Mr. Siler purposes opening up and carrying on a regular trade in Utah plants and seeds, with various parts of the world, as there is a gradually increasing demand for them, as their nature and value become known.

Mr. Reading has received an order from a New York gentleman for a number of Utah fruit trees, to be forwarded in the Fall.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 5.

The Centennial.—We have received a very neatly got up pamphlet giving a description of the journey to the Centennial Exhibition by the Fort Wayne and Pennsylvania route, illustrated with scenic engravings. It also gives a good description of the Exhibition and buildings, lists of hotels and other information, of use to the visitors to Philadelphia. Persons going east can obtain these pamphlets free by applying to this office.

A Brutal Fellow.—Last Friday a little girl was decoyed to the western part of the city by a brutal fellow, whose evident design was to violate the person of the child. However, the villain was foiled, and the girl escaped from him, and her father, aided by herself, kept on the lookout for the fellow, but did not discover him till yesterday evening, when he was identified by the child herself on the street. Immediately on the discovery the enraged parent sprang upon the fellow, who gave the name of John Ryan, and gave him an unmerciful and well deserved thrashing, Ryan coming out of the onslaught with a bruised and bleeding head. Ryan was arrested, and this morning had a preliminary examination before Justice Pyper, who placed him under \$3,000 bonds, to answer to the grand jury.

Ryan states that he is lately from Bingham, where he has been at work in the mines.

Accidental Drowning.—About six o'clock on Saturday evening Charles Adcock, miller, of Coalville, and two sons were travelling toward the City, and when in the vicinity of Smith's Fork, in Parley's Cañon, the wagon accidentally ran into a deep hole, turning it over, throwing the load and Brother Adcock and his two sons into the rushing stream. Brother Adcock and the elder of the two boys managed to get out with their lives, but the younger lad, about five years old, was carried down and drowned. Five men were employed until Sunday-afternoon watching the stream and searching for the body of the unfortunate little fellow, but up till that time it had not been found. The load was also lost, and, as a natural consequence, Brother Adcock feels much distressed about the fate of his son.

The road through Parley's is very much cut and gullied out in places by the stream, which is very high just now.

The Late Mail Robberies.—The two men who committed the stage robberies in Juab county on the nights of May 30th and 31st were brought to the city yesterday in custody of a deputy U. S. Marshal, accompanied by Mr. G. Huntsman, Gilmer & Salsbury's acting agent at Fillmore, and were placed in the county jail.

The parties who effected this capture of the two desperadoes had a couple of close brushes with them. On the arrival of the robbed stage at Fillmore, on Wednesday morning, Mr. Huntsman, Mr. Whitbeck, who was the driver, and Mr. Roy McBride, proceeded to the scene of the robbery, in the coach. They found tracks going north, which they followed till dark, when they took position in the coach ready for an attack. When about 125 yards from a rising ground, called Chicken Creek Hill, they met the down coach, the driver of which, Mr. Bird, shouted to them, "Are you going on to give up what you've got? They've just gone through me." And, true enough, on examination, Mr. Huntsman and his companions found the treasure box broken, the way sack cut open, and a passenger, the Howe sewing machine agent, had been robbed of \$25, \$1 of which they returned to him, and also a pistol they took from his person, and from which they fired all the charges, and returned the pistol to the gentleman. Being in a hurry the robbers did not go through the register sack, Mr. Bird saying to them, "You'll have to hurry up this thing, as there's a team coming," causing them to decamp.

It was then proposed by Mr. McBride that Mr. Huntsman and companions should take position in the coach and drive on to overhaul the robbers, who could not be otherwise than close by, but the driver, Mr. Whitbeck, said he had a slight objection to driving under these circumstances, owing to the remembrance of the muzzle of a pistol under his ear the night previous. Mr. McBride then got one of the horses from the down stage and rode forward, Huntsman and Whitbeck following behind in the coach. When McBride reached the summit of the rising ground he saw one of the robbers and fired at him. The other persons came up, standing in view of the robbers, while the latter were concealed in the cedars a short distance off.

The party then took position in the coach, the driver with a pistol and the other two on each side with guns, and drove past the ambush, without being fired upon, and went to Whitbeck's station. From there Mr. Huntsman was immediately driven north to Nephi on the stage, where he secured the services of three men, R. Rollins, E. Sparks, and A. McCune, to aid in capturing the desperadoes, and in the meantime McBride and Whitbeck had been sleeping on the trail of the robbers, taking it up and pursuing it at daylight next morning without breakfast. Huntsman and the Nephi boys drove to Kettleman's, where they procured horses, but were minus one saddle, and after some trouble, they managed to get one, under promise to return it at noon. They then followed the trail, and at half past eleven found it leading west, when Mr. Huntsman went back to return the saddle, according to promise, and the three Nephi boys went forward.

In the meantime McBride and Whitbeck had overhauled the two robbers near the Church corral, a

short distance north of the Sevier river, and the pursuers and pursued opened fire on each other, the pursuing party were at a great disadvantage, Whitbeck's gun being disabled on the first shot, causing the two to retreat until they met the Nephi boys, when they again went forward and followed the trail of the robbers directly north, toward Tintic. After taking this direction about four miles Whitbeck suddenly espied the fugitives in a clump of sage-brush, and, as a ruse to throw them, their guard and get all the together, he suddenly pointed an opposite direction, saying, "There is the trail," and when the men in pursuit came up, turning pointing into the bush and saying, "There they are," when one of the robbers arose to his feet, holding his hands. McBride said, "My partner must get up too, or we blow you to pieces," when the other got up also, and the two were secured and conveyed to Nephi. On being searched, about fifty dollars and a field glass were found on them. They also had a B. & W. rifle and a pistol.

Mr. Sowles, the passenger who was robbed, subsequently got up, near the scene of the robbery, and showed a field glass which fitted upon and corresponded in number to the glass found on the robbers.

All who took part in the capture and capture of the desperadoes serve credit for their energy, verance and intrepidity.

THAT SENSATIONAL JURY REPORT AND GAS WORKS.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 2nd, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

Permit me to call attention to some errors and misstatements respecting the City Gas Company contained in the report of the committee to the grand jury, published this morning.

Under some misapprehension and to give full effect to what are about to say, they decided a company was organized in 1872, afterwards asserted that the advanced a "large proportion" amount necessary for building works," whereas the company organized and the works were built in 1872, several years before the city agreed to take and they were running successfully before they let us have the entire sum which they us have was in 1873, and amount to \$47,102.87, to which was by the city, in a settlement December 31st, 1873, interest agreed, at 1 per cent, per \$2,113.48; also extra interest and above the agreed rate. Thus, by adding the large of 12 per cent, per annum, additional interest items in of their resolution passed 18th, 1873, the treasurer in debt exactly \$50,000, gave our notes for that with interest at 12 per cent committee's report stating the latter part of 1873 Company were charged with extra interest, inferring extra interest was only that time, whereas the city us this extra interest in May and June, and afterwards in 1873.

They did not stop here our settlement by note in 1873, I supposed they quit charging us extra interest, in addition to the five dollars per month, which monthly, upon another settlement on December 31, 1874, charged \$328.23 extra interest deducted that sum from our time of payment of our notes.

The statement of the committee that the gas company business "unprofitable" and ed the city to buy gas at a high figure is drawn from a magnification of absolute stupidity sold to the city because the pal of our notes was due and unpaid, and the city committee posted than the committee, because it was not "unprofitable" as the committee must have discovered by a little investigation, when they acknowledged the next paragraph the gas company to the three monthly dividends in 1876.

As to the price (93¢) paid the city for the shares, it was a close bargain made by a com-