

valuable paper, which reaches us regularly.

Yesterday I called on Jenny Bynum, an old colored woman who lives near Russellville, on the military road that Jackson made when taking his troops to Nashville. She is perhaps one of the oldest persons in the United States. I found Mrs. Bynum in a little log hut, crouching over a slow fire. Although at this advanced age, her mind is quite normal. She was very happy to know that ministers of the Gospel had called on her, for she is a religious enthusiast.

My first question was, "How old are you, Mrs. Bynum?"

"I don't know for sure, sir," was her quick reply, "but I think that I was ninety-nine or a hundred before the last war. That is almost thirty-five years ago."

"So you think you are 135 years old, do you?"

"Yes, I am about that old."

"I have heard that you have seen George Washington?"

"Well, I haven't seen George Washington, but I remember seeing his wife Martha. I can plainly remember the Revolutionary war. I was a large girl at that time. I was living in Virginia then, on a large plantation near the old home of Washington. I cannot tell you anything about the war, for I was then in slavery. I was brought to Alabama 100 years ago. This was all a wilderness then."

"Do you remember General Jackson?"

"Yes—Jackson's war—I remember three wars," she said.

"Have you any children, Mrs. Bynum?"

"Yes, but they are all dead now. Here is my great-great-grandchild. I have experienced all the horrors of slavery. My two youngest children were sold before I left Virginia. I have had three husbands, but each time I have been separated by force from them. Sometimes I wonder why I have been called to suffer such troubles, but I guess God knows. I feel that my time is short. I am expecting my call every day."

At this point she seemed to lose her balance of mind and began to shout and sing in the true revival way. She told her "experience" in how she "got religion." She is truly an interesting and noted person. She cannot read, but she can quote correctly from the Bible and can tell all the Bible stories. The negroes are a superstitious people and Jenny is not an exception. Agents of the Atlanta fair tried to get her to go and exhibit herself, but she would not for fear she would lose her "hold on eternal rest."

THE NEWS greets the Chicago Tribune through its special representative, E. L. Bertrand, who has been sent out by the great paper to be present at the State Inauguration Day ceremonies and to tell the Tribune's readers something of the people and resources of the State of Utah. We trust the gentleman will be able to secure full and correct information on all topics he may deal with, that his picture of the new State may be an accurate portrayal of what Utah is and promises to be.

Now COMES the telegraphic announcement of what the News stated some weeks ago might be anticipated as a result of the litigation with the Western Union—the extension of the Postal Telegraph lines to the leading cities of Utah. We welcome the enterprise, and all others of like character to facilitate commercial and industrial interests.

TERRITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Davis County Clipper: Our Layton cattle man, J. W. Thornley, has just purchased 250 tons of lucern at Hooper at \$3 a ton which is to be fed to a bunch of sheep numbering 3,400, which he is getting ready for the market. He has five carload of beef steers that he will export as soon as the market picks up a little.

Brigham Bugler: A few weeks ago a forged check was passed at the Co-op. The matter was placed in the hands of Sheriff R. E. Davis and last week he apprehended the guilty parties, two youths yet in their teens. They live out west of Corinne. They confessed their crime. The name of C. J. Robwer of this city was forged to the check of \$24.50. Mr. Robwer declines to prosecute the youths. Had he done so it would have been a sorry day for them, forgery being a penitentiary offense. Great leniency was shown on account of this being the first case of wrong-doing known to have been committed by these boys.

Lehi Banner: The birthday of Joseph Smith was celebrated here last Sunday evening in a most pleasing manner. The officers of the M. I. A. arranged a very pleasing program for the occasion. Every person in town who had ever seen the Prophet was invited to be present and take seats upon the stand. Quite a number responded, in fact many more than was looked for by the people who had assembled. Several ladies and gentlemen spoke in very eulogistic terms of the character and appearance of this great man. We cannot give the names of all those who took part on the occasion but will say their remarks were very interesting. Francis W. Kirkham, who gave the biography of the Prophet, spoke in a most eloquent manner, and we congratulate him for his effort. The meeting house was well filled and the evening passed off in a most enjoyable manner.

St. George Union: A meeting of citizens was held in the west basement of the tabernacle on Thursday evening last, for the purpose of taking into consideration the feasibility of constructing and operating a tannery in St. George. The sum of about \$2,100 has already been subscribed to the enterprise, though practically no canvass for subscription has been made. Assistance has been proffered from the outlying settlements, so that the funds necessary to commence operations are assured. Although the weather most of the week has been very pleasant, we had somewhat of a blizzard last Sunday night and Monday morning, the surrounding mountains were white with snow. There have been clouds floating in the sky occasionally and we had a sprinkle last night, while the surrounding mountains have had an addition to their white coat. Friday afternoon, George Gibson (we believe from Grafton, Utah,) was accidentally thrown out of a buggy, while the horses were running away, on Washington Black ridge, and he received serious injuries in the breaking of his leg in two places, below the knee, and the other ankle is sprained. A number of people from Harri-

burgh, Leeds and Silver Reef have been making new discoveries above Silver Reef, at the foot of Pine Valley mountain. There have been seventeen locations made already, and some twenty assays, which run from \$2 to \$14 each in gold, a portion of the rock containing the same being soft.

Springville Independent: Mr. Nepht Packard, of this city, has been granted a patent, No. 551,558, on a new and improved churn. The object of the invention is the production of a rotary churn adapted by reason of its novel construction to expedite the operation of churning and to facilitate the removal of the product. The churn is in the shape of a barrel, hung from the axle of its greatest diameter on trunnions, and with a rigid frame-work, or double-dasher, inside. The dasher may be readily removed when the churn is opened. The churn is given an "end-over-end" motion by means of a crank attached to one of the trunnions. The Springville Relief societies celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith Monday evening, by a very enjoyable entertainment at Reynolds's hall. A picnic supper, dancing, singing, recitations, readings of sentiments suitable to the occasion, speeches, etc., made the evening pass pleasantly for the large assemblage. Bishop Hill gave an outline of the life, work and character of the Prophet. There were numbers of people present who were acquainted with, or had seen Joseph Smith in life, and the Bishop's remarks recalled the Prophet's personality quite vividly to their minds.

Payson Globe: A mountain lion was prowling around in the south-eastern part of town Monday night evidently in search of food. During the night about three inches of snow fell and in the morning as J. L. Townshead, the druggist, got up and went out on the porch, his attention was attracted by the footprints of some large animal on the porch, and on close inspection found that it had been a mountain lion. The beast had placed his front feet on the porch and left tracks about four inches broad. He made a tour of the premises and then went back into the brush along Payson creek. His tracks indicated that he had crept along very stealthily and at intervals he had lashed his tail into the snow. The deep snow had likely driven the animals down from the mountains and they are becoming very bold in their search for food.

The birthday of Joseph Smith was celebrated in a fitting manner on Monday at the tabernacle. Programs, consisting of speeches, songs, recitations, etc., were rendered in the afternoon and evening. Many incidents were related by people who were personally acquainted with the Prophet. The old folks enjoyed themselves very much. The little son of Joseph Fairbanks, Jr. Annabella, who came up to attend the funeral of David Fairbanks, is down with measles. On emerging from the Hotel Francis at noon Monday, we observed a young lady kneeling down in the snow, and upon inquiry as to the cause of such humiliation, learned that she was only paying her last respects to a wad of chewing gum from which she had masticated all the sweetness.