

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.
PRESIDENT AND PARTY.—The following dispatch per Deseret Telegraph Line, has just been received:
 The President had meetings yesterday and to-day at Logan; he goes to Brigham tonight, and will be home to-morrow p.m.

NOTICE.—This is to certify that Robert Kershaw, George W. Crouch, Theodore Furley, Charles C. Woodhouse, James Orwin and Mathew McEwan, jr., have been cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for apostasy.
 W. FOTHERINGHAM, Clerk.

Heaver, June 14th, 1870.

SERENADE.—Bishop John Sharp returned from the East on Monday. Last night Coxall's band serenaded him at his residence in the 20th Ward. The Bishop, in return for the compliment paid him, invited the band in, when, with music, social conversation and refreshments, a delightful time for an hour or so was enjoyed by all.

THE SHOOTING AT FAIRVIEW.—A few days since there appeared in the News a telegram, received by Deseret Telegraph line, from Fairview, relating the attempted shooting, by Indians, of L. N. B. Pritchett and Peter Christianson. Yesterday afternoon the following dispatch was received over the wires, in relation to that affair:

FAIRVIEW, 22nd.
 Two Indians came from Thistle Valley as soon as they heard of the shooting at our brethren, and we sent them out with three men to see about it. They report having found the tracks of four mounted Indians, and that they had driven off about twelve head of horses, as near as we can find out, going up Sanpitch canyon. They are believed to be Elk Mountain Indians.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE WHEAT HARVEST.—Bishop Kessler commenced to cut a field of wheat yesterday. It is of the Winter Touse variety. Was sown last September, the seed being previously washed in weak salted water and lime. Not a smut head is to be seen in the field. Ten days ago the grasshoppers made a raid upon it in countless numbers, destroying half the crop; but it is expected that notwithstanding the damage done by them it will yield, on an average, from fifteen to twenty bushels to the acre. It had no water except what rain fell upon it. The Bishop will have a few bushels to exchange as seed.

THAT WATER DITCH.—A number of persons, who own lots on the north bench, have not yet done anything towards making the new water ditch. As a large amount of labor and means have been expended in making the ditch, all who have not yet done their part and who wish to get the water to irrigate their lots, are requested to make immediate arrangements with the treasurer, Geo. Reynolds, assistant secretary Fred. Culmer or Thomas Cooper, manager. Those who do not choose to pay their part in labor, can do so in any available means, which will be applied on expenses, which have already been incurred in making the ditch, or, hereafter, in keeping it in repair. All who have not obtained their certificate will be strictly prohibited from taking water for irrigating purposes. Those who have completed their portion in making this ditch are requested to call and get their certificates from John Nicholson, secretary, who may be seen at any time at this office.

BASE BALL CHALLENGE.—The Base Ball Club of the Territory will not doubt be put on their mettle by the following challenge:

"SALT LAKE CITY, June 21st.
 Editor Deseret News.—We, the Eureka Base Ball players of this city, considering ourselves champions of the Territory, are willing to meet any other club within the limits of the Territory who wish to dispute the claim and contest for the same.
 C. HUEY, Sec. Eureka."

THE RECENT MURDER TRIAL IN SAN PETE COUNTY.—The following letter, in reference to this trial, will be of interest to our readers:
 "MANTI CITY, June 18th, 1870.
 Editor Deseret News.—Dear Brother.—In consequence of the lightning of Monday the 13th inst. destroying the magnet of the telegraph office of this place, we have been unable to communicate with you any earlier than the present in relation to our court proceedings.
 The Probate Court opened on Monday the 13th inst., and the Grand Jury presented a "True Bill" against John Stewart, of Fairview, for the murder of the Indian girl, Sally Woodward. The prisoner was arraigned, pleaded guilty of the killing, but denied the charge of murder. The Court ordered an investigation of the case to ascertain the amount of guilt. A petit jury was empaneled to try the case. Four days were consumed in the examination of the witnesses. Messrs. Snow and Kenner were held on the part of the prosecution and Messrs. Wheelock and Lowry on the part of the defense. At the close of their pleas the Court instructed the Jury, on points of law and evidence, when they retired, and after an absence of seven hours returned a verdict against the prisoner of murder in the first degree.
 On Friday the 17th inst. sentence of death was pronounced on the prisoner by the Court, to the effect that he be shot, (that being the prisoner's choice), on Monday, the 11th day of July, 1870.
 WILLIAM T. REID."

FINE VARIETY OF PEAS.—Bro. Mark Lindsay, seedsman of the 20th Ward, called in yesterday with some very fine samples of green peas, which he took pains to exhibit, and also explained their peculiar excellencies; and in return, he acknowledged that he desired a notice in the News. We believe Mark is a deserving man, and is trying to introduce improved varieties of vegetables into the Territory, so we shall give him, or rather his peas, a notice. The varieties he exhibited were imported by him last season, and are called the "Lexington Supreme," "Browns' New Dwarf" and the "Dwarf Waterloo." They are remarkably large peas, and we were assured by their importer that the first named, when dried retain the flavor and color of the newly-gathered pea. Judging by their appearance we should think that each variety would be more than ordinarily profitable, and Mark assured us that the flavor of all was of the most unexceptionable character. Believing him to be a man of veracity, and a good judge we think we may recommend his peas, but so far as experience goes we cannot say a word about them, for he gave us no chance to test them in this manner.

Died.
 At Franklin, Cache Co., June 2, Jane Nelson, aged 66 years, 4 months and 1 day. Deceased was born in Puyas Valley, Tennessee. At the age of 16 she was married to Edmund Nelson, in Jefferson Co., Ill. She was baptized in Grand River, near Adamsonville, by Lyman White; was driven to Nasauvoo with the Saints living there until 1846. She then moved to Mt. Pleasant, remaining there 4 years. She came to Utah in 1850. Her husband died at Mountainville, Utah Co., Dec. 15th, 1869.
 She was among the first settlers of Franklin, where she resided until her decease. She was a faithful Saint and affectionate mother, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew her. The people of this city turned out almost en masse to pay the last tribute of respect to her remains.
 At Herriman, West Jordan Ward, June 21st Mariah A. wife of John M. Bowen aged 20 years, 22 months and 21 days. She leaves an infant two weeks old. She died full in the faith of the gospel and respected by all who knew her.

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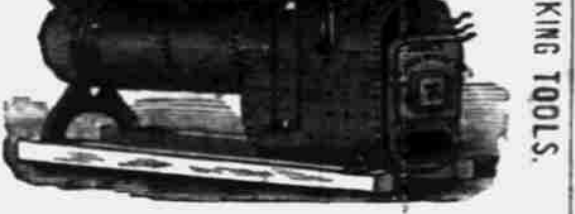
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