

could be considered under the resolution adopted yesterday. The Speaker said that was a matter for the House to decide. Price remarked that the House might as well fight the battle as to subsidize on this bill as on any other. Several other amendments were offered including two, providing that lands be sold only to actual settlers.

Washburne, of Illinois, made an elaborate speech in opposition to the bill, after which, without further action the House adjourned.

Correspondence.

WEBER CANON,
Jan. 18, 1869.

Bro. Geo. Q. Cannon:—Thinking it might be interesting to you, to know that good feeling and general prosperity which prevail in Weber Canon, particularly that part between Devil's Gate and the mouth, but more especially, in the Camp of Reidhead & Howell, I propose to forward you a little information.

Our camp has numbered about one hundred and fifty men, among whom could be found representatives of almost every nationality. The spirit of God has been with us to a large degree; four have been added to the church, and it is more than probable, that others will come forward.

We have service every Sunday and Wednesday evenings;—also the camp called together for prayers every evening, before retiring to rest. The services are presided over by Bro. R. A. Beard, of Brighton ward, Salt Lake City.

The cold is not specially detrimental to the furtherance of the work, since our men are armed with invincible wills to rush on the completion of the road.

It is reported that the cars will be here now, very soon; if so, we have confidence in saying, that we shall be prepared for their arrival. We assure you, that we shall hail their approach, with no small degree of pleasure.

Since the holiday's men have been considerably more plentiful; contractors don't have quite so much trouble in procuring them.

Everything seems to be going on prosperously. Our gentlemen Engineers—especially Mr. Charles Truesdell, take great interest in having the work surveyed to the satisfaction of all contractors, and in a manner highly creditable to themselves.

I am, yours truly,
JEFFERSON HOWELL.

We are indebted to the kindness of President George A. Smith for the following communication.

MEXICO, OXFORD CO., MAINE,
Dec. 30th, 1868.

Dear Brother George A. Smith:—My health is good, and I am enjoying my visit thus far. I found about twenty Saints here, scattered and like sheep without a shepherd, still they are hungry for the word of God. I have held some fifteen meetings, and had the best of attention. The prospects before me to do a good work here are excellent. There are three families who intend to go to the valley with me, and many more will if they can sell out and get ready. The people are ready to hear the Gospel, and I have strong hopes that I will find some to obey. I have never found the people so willing to hear, and I can get access to their meeting houses where I never could before, and those who opposed when I was here before now invite me to their houses and treat me with all the kindness that they can; and the most wealthy and popular are ready to listen and respect our religion, while but few ridicule or oppose. I have never seen the time that the prospect looked brighter in all my travels than it does to-day. Pray for me that the influence of the heavens may be around me that I may perform my mission and do good.

Snow is three and a half feet deep and falling. They have had six weeks sleighing already.

P. G. SESSIONS.

SIHLHALLE, AUSSERSIHT, ZURICH,
December 12, 1868.

President Brigham Young:—Dear Brother,—Your welcome favor of Oct. 9, reached me at the city of Bern, Nov. 18, and much as I would have liked to answer it sooner, various unlooked for circumstances prevented my doing so before to-day.

Your kind words of encouragement, have been appreciated with a grateful

heart, and it always shall continue to be my earnest endeavor, to make myself, with the help of Israel's God, worthy of your blessing and confidence more and more.

As soon as I had perused your instructions concerning the publication of the principles of the Gospel for the Saints, I went to thinking, how this could be done most effectually, and, calling repeatedly on the Lord for His assistance, put into execution the following plan:

After having found a printer who agreed to print a monthly sheet of 16 pages, somewhat larger than the *Millennial Star*, I had a "Circular" printed and sent to all the branches and scattered Saints in Switzerland, and to about twenty places throughout Germany, inviting the people to subscribe for our "Stern," setting forth therein, the motives and aims of the paper and the subscription price.

According to reports received thus far, the indication is, that the whole issue will be subscribed and paid for, Jan. 1, 1869. The material for the first number is in the printer's hands already.

The respective appointments of Bros. Geo. A. Smith and Brigham Young, jr., have been everywhere put before the Saints and unanimously sustained, and all of us traveling elders feel to uphold those brethren by our united faith and prayers in their exalted positions.

I feel great joy in reading the news of the wise step Israel have taken concerning sustaining themselves, and I feel, that it will bring us all one step nearer to the final redemption of Zion, if the people will be faithful to the covenant made and not sell their integrity, their honor and themselves for the paltry profit of a few cents. May every step undertaken by our leaders for the consummation of the fervent hopes of faithful Israel find the unconditional co-operation of every honest man among us, and then the blessings of high Heaven will develop it to its anticipated glorious results!

Ever since my departure from Germany, last February, my relatives have continued to send me pressing letters of invitation in the hope of drawing me away from my course as a servant of God, all the time hinting that they could not consider me a free man, but tied hand and foot by the influence of "Mormonism." I am going to send them our paper regularly as an answer.

Bro. Ursenbach has returned, by order of Bro. Carrington, from Belgium, where he has not been able to make any impression whatever, and has entered upon his former duties again with zeal and success, having baptised several since his return, being assisted in his labors by Bro. Robert Roth, a faithful young native elder who speaks German and French fluently, which is, on account of the peculiarly mixed population of the Franco-Swiss Conference, of great importance; the more so, as it becomes my duty, to report the health of Brother Ursenbach not as good as is desirable.

We all feel happy at hearing of the good state of your health and of that of your family, for which blessings the Saints here join in the thanksgiving of all Israel throughout the world.

Beyond my expectation, I found your son Heber so much advanced in German, that he preached here on Sunday, Nov. 29th, in my presence, a fine German discourse, without using a single English word, to the edification and understanding of a large congregation. I am likewise happy to state the progress made by Bros. Richards and Grant, who both enjoy quite an influence in their conferences and are much liked by the people. Everywhere in this mission the Lord is blessing our humble labors visibly. No week passes over without baptisms somewhere. Sunday schools for the children of the Saints have been organized in many branches; the priesthood are wide-awake and full of life and union, and all the Saints, although the most of them are very, very poor, look with confidence to a final deliverance out of Babylon.

The political state of affairs in Europe is critical in the extreme, and the statesmen of the nations are trying to keep their crafts clear of the breakers ahead, to which they appear to be drifting irresistibly.

I feel to rejoice in the work the Lord has given me; and to be found faithful at all times and under all circumstances in the performance of my duties, and to make myself worthy of my priesthood, remain faithful to my covenants, and keep myself humble and obedient to the counsels of those placed over me, and that I may deserve your approbation and that of my God, is the constant prayer of

Your brother in the Gospel of Christ,
KARL G. MAESER.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 19, 1869.

Editor of *Deseret Evening News*:

Dear Sir:—I crossed the Jordan River at the 6th ward bridge and was much gratified with the judicious expenditure of a portion of the poll tax of our county, under supervisor Edward Rushton. Owing to the high waters the past summer the road had been inundated on the east side of the bridge, which is being replaced with dirt taken from a canal that Bro. Rushton is digging across a bend in the river, a distance of thirty rods, by which he expects to gain three feet fall. It has been argued for some time that the Salt Lake is rising and backing the waters of the Jordan river, and Mill, Canyon and Emigration creeks, over their natural banks, necessitating great expenditures to levee up and prevent the overflow of a vast extent of our best lands situated south and west of this city. I was somewhat astonished, upon extending my travel west, to find what used to be known as Box's slough comparatively dry. As the Jordan river, in times of high water, in years past, has found an outlet through this channel to the Lake, west from what is known as the Territorial bridge, I was surprised to find it obstructed by a levee on the west of the bridge, instead of by the waters of Salt Lake. To this the overflow of our bottom lands south and west may be chiefly attributed. It is said by some that if we had not resorted to leveeing up at this Territorial bridge, we would not have had a road to travel upon west; while others argue that one half the labor expended on the County bridge would have produced a better road and nearer, with no damage to adjoining lands.

Meetings were held last spring to devise measures to remedy or guard against this annually recurring overflow. At these meetings committees were chosen and subscriptions raised to construct a levee to prevent the overflow of the waters east from the Jordan, to which some citizens subscribed very liberally. Petitions were likewise got up and presented to the City and County authorities asking aid in controlling the waters of Mill, Canyon and Emigration creeks within proper bounds, and to cut a canal to convey the same to the Hot Spring Lake on the third street east from the Jordan river, where a fall of seven feet could be obtained.

The levee on the east of Jordan was not completed as the committee fell short of means to finish it. Canyon and Emigration creeks were well controlled until within sixty rods south-east of the bridge, crossing Mill Creek in the 5th ward, when it was abandoned to find its own way into Mill Creek instead of being conveyed in a direct line for sixty rods farther into Mill Creek, in which case perhaps five feet more fall would have been obtained and thus have prevented the possibility of it again filling up above.

Several Citizens got up a remonstrance against taking these waters from Mill Creek so far east, and as the last chance a canal was located directly east of the Jordan Bridge running north.

The completion of the levee on the east of Jordan and a good canal to the Hot Spring Lake would require no great amount of means, and its importance in a sanitary point of view will insure to the project the support of the city and county; and when the few who may suffer through this, have weighed the good which it will effect to the people as a whole they will no doubt feel themselves abundantly compensated. A few thousand dollars appropriated and properly applied will prevent a recurrence of this overflow of waters, improve the health of the people, and create confidence in the minds of some, who, for years past, have labored unaided to stem the advancing waters.

NEIGHBOR.

RIVER DALE, SOUTH WEBER,
Jan., 10th 1869.

Editor *Evening News*.—I left Salt Lake City on Friday evening the 8th inst., having in view a missionary tour through our Northern settlements, and Cache County, encountering a snow storm which continued during the night. In the morning there was six inches of snow at Centreville, from which point Elder Nathan T. Porter accompanied me. Elder Orson Hyde delivered an interesting discourse in Centreville on Sunday evening, 10th inst.

We held meeting at Kaysville, which was appreciated by speakers and hearers, being accompanied by a liberal portion of the Spirit of God. Farmington and Kaysville are alive, the railroad

making business brisk. It is not uncommon to see ten and fifteen loads of hay off for the railroad at one time. Hay fetches \$50 per ton with \$10 per day for hauling. Greenbacks pass freely, and some of the brethren feel that it is a good time to save money to gather up our poor, for they can come as the Prophets have said, "With speed, quick-ley" (by railway.)

This evening we held meeting at this place; some strangers, (graders) from the railroad, came in, and were quite attentive. The bridge at this point is so far completed as to be passable, which is highly appreciated by the traveling public, as it would be very difficult passing over the Weber river at this season of the year. Much credit is due to a committee of this place for their energy in completing so far the repairs of the bridge. The bridge is 298 feet span; the part repaired is 178 feet of pile work, the piles being driven 25 feet in a cobble stone bed. The first crossing of the bridge was on New Year's day, 1869.

The daily mail and Riverdale post office afford good facilities for your papers at this point.

EDWARD STEVENSON.

Died:

In Kanosh, Dec. 24th, 1868, Deborah Emmeline, daughter of Joseph S. and Sarah Ann Black, aged 1 year, 3 months and 18 days.

At Kaysville, Davis Co., December 11th, 1868, of lung fever, Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Davis, aged 55 years, 11 months and 26 days. She was a native of Shropshire, England, where she received the gospel in 1840; and with her husband and family emigrated to this valley in 1854. Her life exhibited the character of a Saint, and she died in full faith and in the hope of a glorious resurrection.—Com.

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In Grantsville, January 12th, 1869, Emma Lucette, daughter of John and Mary Ann Robison, born in Midway, Wasatch Co., Oct. 17th.

Also, January 13th, Mary Ann, daughter of the same parents, born at American Fork, March 6th, 1863.

Both children were laid in one grave. We condole with the parents in this great bereavement.

In Mendon, Cache Co., January 11th, 1869 of inflammation of the bowels, Martha Ellen, daughter of P. and Amanda Shumway, aged 8 months and 13 days.

At Payson, Utah Co., on the 13th inst., of dropsy, John Housekeeper, aged 58 years. Deceased joined the Church in Philadelphia in 1840. He lived and died faithful to the truth.

At Mount Pleasant, San Pete Co., Jan. 17th, '69, Johanna Hansen, wife of Henning P. Peel, aged 50 years, 2 months and 14 days. She was a native of Zealand, Denmark.

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At Grantsville, on the morning of the 15th inst., of congestive measles, Almara Sarah, daughter of Alma H. and Sarah A. Hale, aged 2 years, 3 months and 25 days.

In the 14th Ward, S. L. City, at a quarter past one o'clock, on Friday morning, January 15th, of Scarlet Fever, George Ivin, son of Judge W. I. Appleby, and Mary his wife, after a short and severe illness, aged 5 months and 29 days.

DIED—In the 9th Ward, S. L. City, of Consumption, January 18th, 1869, Nancy Taylor, aged 75 years.

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