

THE EVENING NEWS.

Friday, August 19, 1870.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

IN TOWN.—Elder Wm. C. Staines, who has been in the East for the past few months, reached his home in this city last night. He has come on a visit for a day or two, and will return to-morrow or Monday to attend to the closing installment of the season's emigration. He has had a good time during his absence, considering the excessively hot weather; and, so far, everything has prospered in the forwarding of the emigration.

CALLER.—We received a call to day from Nathan Blakely, Esq., of Beatrice, Nebraska, who is the bearer of a letter of introduction to some of our oldest and most influential citizens. Mr. Blakely is Receiver of the Land Office at Beatrice, and has taken a trip to the Rocky Mountains, for the benefit of his health. He expresses great pleasure and surprise at finding such a beautiful city as Salt Lake, and regrets that the days pass so quickly away, that he can not enjoy more of it.

RICH COUNTY.—Bishop Budge, of Paris, Rich Co., favored us with a call to-day, and a report of his district of country. The people feel first-rate, and more encouraged than ever under the blessings of good crops. They have encountered adversity in this respect for several years, but this season their labors are reaping an abundant reward. The hoppers paid them a flying visit, but did very little damage. Quite a crop of corn is in a promising condition, and the same is true of sugar corn. As soon as harvesting is over, the people of Bear Lake calculate to go to in earnest and construct their portion of the Logan Canyon road, connecting Rich and Cache counties.

A GOOD CHANCE TO PROCURE TEAMS AND CASH.—All holding U. P. R. R. paper, who may desire to sell the same for mules and harness, or two-thirds in mules and harness, and the remainder in cash, will have a splendid chance to do so during the coming week. Hon. W. H. Hooper is desirous of purchasing ten thousand dollars' worth on these terms. Parties wishing to sell are referred to the Captain's advertisement in another part of this paper.

HEBRON.—Elder George H. Crosby, writing from Hebron, a settlement in Southern Utah, says the health of the people is good, and the crops are prosperous, notwithstanding the drouth which has prevailed so long in that region.

KIRTLAND, OHIO.—From a letter written on the 10th inst., in Kirtland, Ohio, by Elder Edward Stevenson, of this city, we condense the following interesting items:

"I am happy to inform you of my safe arrival at this place. On Sunday last I was invited to preach in the first temple, built by our people. The building is in a fair state of preservation, having been repaired, new roof and re-painted, and the windows replaced. The walls, upon which were inscribed the names of many travelers who passed this way to see the Kirtland Temple, have been whitewashed, so that the building has quite a respectable appearance. The plastering on the outside, penciled in squares to imitate stone, of which the walls are built, stands just as it did thirty-six years ago, and scarcely any of it marred. Many travelers who pass within three miles of this place, on the Lake Shore and Michigan R. R., stop off at Kirtland, and visit the Temple to satisfy curiosity; some who visit the Salt Lake Temple and Tabernacle call and visit this on their way east. The entrance to the Temple is effected through two double doors from a large stone platform, ascended by stone steps from the entrance and two stairways. The lower room is entered through two doorways. This room is situated on the upper floor, and is similar to the first, and the upper rooms, five in number, used to be occupied for schools, &c. I had much larger congregations, both forenoon and afternoon, than could be expected on such short notice, and the best of attention.

Martin Harris, who still lives here, is tolerably well, and has a great desire to see Utah, and his children that live there; and although the old gentleman is in the 88th year of his age, he still bears a faithful testimony to the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, being one of the three original witnesses. He says he saw the plates, handled them and saw the angel that visited Joseph Smith, more than 40 years ago. I have made arrangements to migrate him to Utah, according to his desire, and will start in about two weeks.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ONCE A SEA.—The idea that the Rocky Mountain Region was once a sea is pretty well established by geological evidence, plain to those acquainted with that beautiful science. On high points of many of the mountains of Utah there are deposits of what were evidently once sea shells; and the monsters of Bear Lake, whose existence is now authenticated beyond a doubt, are no doubt the descendants of denizens of the mighty ocean that once submerged these regions. A recent number of the White Pine News contains a further confirmation of the supposition that the dry land of the Rocky Mountains was once the bottom of a sea. It says:

"About 100 miles to the southeast of Hamilton is a high plateau of land, containing an extensive deposit of marine shells and the fossil remains of a large variety of extinct species of fish. But the curiosity which most challenges the interest and investigation of antiquaries is the petrified form of what was evidently once an immense sea monster. It lies on a light plateau in a position giving rise to a theory that its locale was once a great shoal, and that the antediluvian leviathan floundered and perished on its surface as the water receded. The petrification is perfect, and is estimated to weigh about ten tons. It presents a dual appearance—the head and body that of a humpback whale, and the extremities extend into feelers and antennae like the polypus or devil-fish, with the exception that they were evidently during the life lined with a hard and bony substance. The eyes are set in each side of the head, which is flat and oblong, and are twenty-four inches apart. The mouth is armed with triple rows of teeth, sharp in front, but underneath and well into the jaw are turned into grinders, capped by a solid osseous formation, running back from the widest portion of the head. In this respect it resembles the celebrated marsh cow of Central America, amphibious in habit—graminivorous on land and carnivorous in water. The length of this singular relic of an unknown age has not yet been determined; but, as the body blends into the tail, it tapers down to so small a size that making due allowance, its entire weight would not be far from that stated. This inland country abounds in curious fossils of a marine character. We have seen specimens of the crustaceans, found in our immediate vicinity, which puzzled scientists and antiquaries."

A NEW FASHIONED BATTERY.—The Reese River Revolt of last Monday, is responsible for the following:
"On Wednesday afternoon about the time of the shower Parley Rowell, was boiling some water. After it had become hot he attempted to take it from the stove, but soon found that it was not to be done, as he received quite a shock in the attempt. On examination the stove was found to be charged with electricity. Thinking to get even, he called in Clay Simms, and requested him to lift the kettle from the stove, which request Clay nearly complied with, but left it there—he also receiving a shock. Finally Plumbhof came along, and Parley thought he would get him to let the water out of the kettle. Plumbhof made the attempt, when he received a shock which raised him about eight feet, and landing on the floor in anything but a graceful position, he exclaimed: 'Parley, where's your battery?'"

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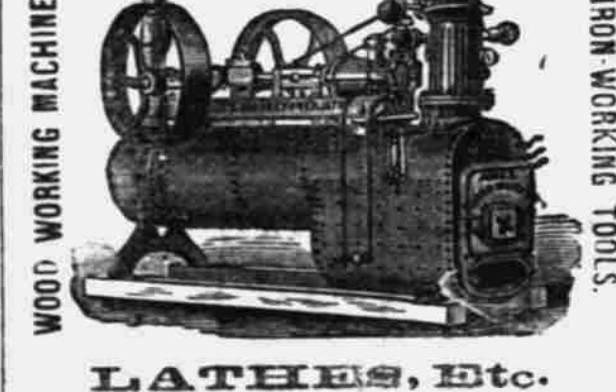
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