

## ELDERS' CORRESPONDENCE.

LOS VEGAS.

[From Elder John Steele to Elder Geo. A. Smith.]

LOS VEGAS, Territory of New Mexico,  
July 25, 1855.

There is a desert of 55 miles to cross, after you leave the Moapats (or Muddy) before arriving at this place; at the distance of 25 miles there is some bunch grass, and to all appearance there might be water found by digging wells, and we have been talking of doing that for the accommodation of travelers; but it will be attended with considerable expense, as the workmen would have to haul their water nearly 30 miles for their use while engaged in the operation.

Mr. Leech, the mail contractor from California, told me he would give one hundred dollars to help to open the well; Messrs. Congar & Hope offered twenty dollars for the same purpose; and no doubt there are many more who would gladly subscribe means to help to bring forth a spring of water on the desert. I would say that the road in many places is greatly improved since I was on it in 1853, but I assure you there is yet room for improvement.

I will now describe our location; we are situated about as near in the centre of a valley or basin as can be; valley 50 miles long by 30 wide, on a beautiful little stream, which rises about three miles above our camp. The head springs are about 25 yards long, and about 10 wide, boiling up most beautifully; there are two forks, as you may see on the map, in latitude 36, longitude 116; the stream is about 3 feet wide, and 15 inches deep, having a tolerable swift current; the water is not as heavy as the waters of Centre creek in Iron county; but I can assure you that it is a refreshing beverage for those who may be traveling with slow ox trains for the space of thirty-six hours. There is none can realize how good a thing a blessing is except those who are deprived of it.

After arriving here we surveyed some gardens, and made survey of fifteen five acre lots, thinking that it would be enough for us this year, as there is a great quantity of mesquite brush on it; this is a bush with as many prickles on it as the locust tree, and resembling the hawthorn.

We plowed and watered, made ditches, bridges, and fenced about one half of our field with this mesquite brush, cutting and hauling it to the lines, leaving the tops outward; and it makes a good fence. We herd our stock through the day, and guard them and the camp at night. We are very busy making a corral eight rods wide and 150 feet alongside the fort, which is laid out 150 feet square, on a beautiful spot on the California road, on an eminence that overlooks the valley to the south, east, and north, but cannot be seen until you get within three hundred yards of it coming from the west.

We received considerable assistance in our surveying from brother T. D. Brown, who was here at that time in company of Capt. Rufus C. Allen, Mr. Peter Shirts, Mr. Riddle, and Mr. Haskell, on an exploring trip on the Colorado. We have no instruments here for making surveys, and we have to do the best we can without them.

I will now tell you about our exploring for timber. Eight of us started in company with President Brigham and Mr. David Savage, the mail carrier, and his company; on Tuesday, 17th of July, started at 3 o'clock, and arrived at the Cottonwood Springs about eleven o'clock at night, a distance of 25 miles; found good feed, but had traveled a little too far for water; there is cottonwood and ash here, and we found next morning plenty of the best of water.

The country around here looks as if the Lord had forgotten it; the mountains are very high—some as high as one thousand feet of sandstone standing up edgewise; some cliffs seem to lay in regular strata, but for the most part they seem as disjointed fragments, some standing out in bold defiance of the parent rock.

Here we found some of the scattered remnants of Israel; they would stand upon the highest mountains and hollow; they sent us a present of pine nuts by a young Indian, that we had along for a guide.

Next day traveled along the base of the mountain, and found plenty of water in seeps that no doubt descend from the top of the mountain rocks in the wet season, and springs up through the sand.

At length came to a canyon some ten miles north of the California road, and found 80 or 90 trees, varying from six inches to two and a half feet thro; some of them were good trees, but most of them were not first rate. Our guide informed us that that was all the timber in the country; we told him that we wanted to go further, and see some more timber, but he said it was a great way off, and there was no water near at hand.

After looking at the shape of the mountains, and judging for ourselves, we found the nearest point for the next timber, was to start home, and at some convenient season start again, and make for the snow-capped mountains in the north west of the valley, probably a distance of 50 miles.

After arriving at the Los Vegas we found the distance to the timber to be over 20 miles, fifteen miles hard road—gravel and rocks—and the rest sand. Good feed at the timber, and enough water to water teams.

As to the health of the camp it is tolerably good, with the exception of a general weakness, the brethren not being able to work half as hard as they used to.

The reason of this is, in the first place, the brethren have worked very hard to raise corn, &c., hearing the news that all the wheat crop is destroyed at home, and in the next place the weather is very hot; and not having light suitable clothing fit for the season; and the last and principal reason is, they have nothing (with a very few exceptions) to eat but dry bread, and water for drink, and for a change they have water and bread, as the cows are milked dry.

But still we are not discouraged, for we hope for better times ahead; and if we don't live to see it, may be our children will. There is a first rate spirit manifested among the Lamanites; they have not stolen anything from us as yet; some of them come into camp rather suspiciously, as they have been shot at and drove away from the camps of the passing emigrants who have been on the road for years; they will show us the bullet holes and marks they have received from white men, and tell us that they will try and forget it, although their brothers have been killed, &c.

I will now give you a description of our feelings in a

national capacity. On the Fourth of July we made preparations to celebrate Independence, and indeed we did it justice according to our situation. I was appointed to take the chief military command, which I did; and at the dawn of day the blacksmith's anvil answered for a cannon, and many a volley of musketry gave the sleeping natives to know that something was up; next was to hoist the stars and stripes, which by the bye we had to manufacture. I went to work, took a piece of cloth, tore it in stripes, and got some red flannel, tore it in stripes, took some blue and made stars; and by the assistance of brothers Foster and Hulet, I had a very nice little flag ready for flying by 2 o'clock in the afternoon, while others were preparing a mast; and as we had no good timber, we got a mesquite stump, a false wagon tongue, and a tall willow, and made a pole 30 feet high, shook out our flag at the sound of the guns, gave three cheers, led by President Brigham, and retired to the bowery; and after many spirited speeches, songs, and toasts, dismissed by prayer. And as this is the day after the 24th of July, I will drop a word about it; it has been celebrated according to our situation. I had a team of oxen, and worked very hard all day in fencing to keep the stock out of the field, while others were busily engaged in locating our corral, and doing other public work necessary.

## HEAD QUARTERS NAUVOO LEGION:

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, G. S. L. City,  
Sept. 24, 1855.GENERAL ORDERS,  
No. 2.

I.—In all the districts where it has not been held according to law, a general muster and inspection of arms will be held on Monday the 22d day of October next, at the usual parade ground in the respective districts, as shall be directed by the commandants of the several districts.

II.—In Great Salt Lake district, the first brigade cavalry will muster on the day above specified, and the first brigade infantry will muster on Monday the 8th day of October next, as shall be directed by the commander of the district, Major General J. M. Grant.

III.—The commandant of Davis military district will organize a company of riflemen in Kay's Ward, and an additional company of cavalry in North Canyon precinct. He will hold the elections for the proper officers, at such time as he shall direct, and make the returns to this office as soon thereafter as practicable.

IV.—The commandant of Weber military district will organize a company of cavalry in Box Elder precinct, hold the election for the proper officers, and make due returns to this office.

V.—The forces in the Utah military district will be organized into a brigade, composed of three regiments of infantry, and one of cavalry, as follows, to wit: The 1st regiment of infantry will be composed of the Provo infantry, now under the command of Major David Canfield, and such other companies as may be enrolled and organized from those not enrolled in any company, and subject to military duty in that place.

VI.—The Springville, Palmyra, Spanish Fork, and Payson companies of infantry now under command of Col. Markham will form the second regiment. From this regiment there will be formed one of the companies of cavalry to be attached to the regiment of cavalry in said brigade.

VII.—The 3d regiment will be composed of the Pleasant Grove, Lake, Lehi, and Alpine cities infantry, and the company located at Cedar Valley, and the intermediate points north of Provo, in Utah military district. The cavalry in the last named posts, together with another company to be formed therein will also be attached to the regiment of cavalry in said brigade.

VIII.—The regiment of cavalry will consist of the battalion at Provo, now under the command of Major Jos. H. Clark, the company at Lehi, and the two companies herein before mentioned, yet to be enrolled.

IX.—There will be elected one Brigadier General to command said brigade, one colonel in each regiment, and a colonel for the regiment of cavalry, each regiment voting for its respective officers, and all for the brigadier general.

X.—The Spanish Fork company in the second regiment will be attached to the battalion of infantry at Springville; the Lone or Alpine city company to Pleasant Grove, and the company in Cedar valley to the battalion at Lehi city. The elections for the foregoing officers will be held in each company, battalion or regiment on Saturday the 20th October previous to the general muster, and returns thereof made as well as of the muster and courts martial, as soon thereafter as practicable within the time specified by law.

XI.—Col. P. W. Conover will cause the proper notices of election in Utah military district for all of the above elections to be given, as also the time and place of holding the musters, and such other general and necessary instructions as will be sufficient to carry into effect the foregoing orders, and make proper returns to this office.

XII.—The commandants of the several districts will enforce a rigid inspection of arms in their respective commands, hold courts martial and make the proper returns to this office in compliance with law.

XIII.—It is necessary that the commandants of the respective districts should return the muster rolls as they come from the company commands, keeping such copies and statistical information as they need for the use of their own offices.

By order of D. H. WELLS,  
Lieutenant General, Commanding Nauvoo Legion.  
H. B. CLAWSON, Brevet Adjutant General.

## MARRIED:

At the residence of A. B. Williams, Sugar House Ward, Sept. 16, by Elder Alfred Walton, Mr. ALANSON NOR-TON, of Provo, and Miss JULIA ANN WILLIAMS.

Also, by the same, at the same place, Mr. DARWIN WALTON, of Provo, and Miss CHARLOTTE NEAL, of Sugar House Ward.

When thus, in the time of re-union and love,  
The wine and the cake, with the note come along,  
Our wish for your happiness, truly we prove,  
By writing you, gratis, this sweet little song:—

Forever let your hearts, as pure  
As angels, be united;  
Thus shall your blessings be secure,  
And all the vows you've plighted.

By Bishop S. Richards in Union, U.T., Sept. 16, 1855, Mr. SAMUEL WHITAKER and Miss SARAH ANN BEN-SON, both from England.

Millennium Star please copy.

## DIED:

On the 11th inst., WILLIAM HENRY, son of Capt. W. H. and Mary Ann Hooper, aged 1 year, 7 months and 6 days.

At Parowan, Iron co., on Sunday, Sept. 2, 1855, of bilious fever and apoplexy, DAVID LEWIS, son of Nathan and Mary, born in Warren (now Simpson) county, Kentucky, April 10, 1814. Aged 41 years and 5 months.

[COMMUNICATED.]

David Lewis became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints March 24, 1835. In August, same year, he was ordained an elder under the hands of his brother, Benjamin Lewis, then President of a branch

in Simpson county, Ky. He gathered with the church in the fall of 1836, and took up land among the saints in Caldwell co., Missouri, near Hann's mill; here with his brothers Benjamin and Tarlton, on the 20th Sept. 1838, he shared in one of the most brutal, cowardly and bloody massacres that ever was perpetrated by men on their fellows. Out of about 35 men, besides women and children, 16 saints were killed on the spot, and 2 died soon after and 15 were wounded. Benjamin Lewis, his eldest brother, was shot in several places and died that evening.—His second brother, Tarlton Lewis, was wounded by a ball in the shoulder, and his clothes riddled in many places, but now lives and is Bishop of Parowan.

David Lewis, the subject of this memoir, had three ball holes in his pants and two in his coat, yet escaped further injury. Only three of about twenty that fled at the blacksmith's shop the better to keep the mob at bay, that the sisters and children might escape, were spared alive in the shop, and a few that fled wounded.

I now copy from his journal:—"I am willing to bear my testimony to all mankind, that God will save and deliver those that exercise an unshaken faith in him, for at that time I did exercise an unshaken faith in him, and fully believed that I would make my escape and my life be spared. And then I said, O Lord thou hast delivered me for some purpose, and I am willing to fulfill that purpose, whenever thou shalt make it known to me, and to do all the duties that thou mayest enjoin upon me, from this time, henceforth and forever;" amen.

At this time, this small band, on their way to Far West, were attacked by about 20 to 300 Missourian mobocrats. About three weeks after, he was again taken prisoner and remained in their custody some days; he was there sick of chills and fever, had two guns taken from him, and a cow, and finally had an order to pass out of the State eastward, as a negro would have had, but being in the winter he declined going at that time.

In February, 1839, he removed with his family to Quincy, Illinois; staying there one month, he took his wife and children to Kentucky, where with her father they remained while he went on his first mission eastward, and preached the gospel as he went. "Aiming to go to Virginia, I turned in to Overton county, Tennessee, where meeting with Julian Moses, we preached together, baptized many and organized a branch of the church." Here he met with much opposition, but bore a faithful testimony among them till the fall, when he returned to his family in Kentucky, who accompanied him in the spring of 1840 to Illinois.

In 1841 he reached Nauvoo and mingled with the saints there for five years. During this time he and David Evans, now Bishop of Lehi city, traveled in the south east of Illinois, and raised up quite a branch there; also in company with Jefferson Hunt.

In 1846 he left Nauvoo for Winter Quarters, and from there accompanied Bishop Miller to Pankia, and returned in 1847; but being short of means went to Missouri with some others, and in 1851 was enabled to cross the plains and join the saints again in Great Salt Lake City.

At the October conference 1853, he was called to go on a mission to the Indians—and during the winter with many others studied the Spanish language under P. P. Pratt, and on the 10th April, 1854, his 40th birthday, in the organization of a company of missionaries to the Pabute Indians of Harmony and the south, he was appointed first counselor to R. C. Allen.

In this calling he has been diligent, making several visits among the Indians on the Rio Virgin, Santa Clara and the head waters of the Sevier. By his discreet course among them he gained the confidence of Walker and many of their chiefs, and finally was stationed in Parowan and vicinity as Indian trader, where disease and death overcame him.

He died in full faith and fellowship, leaving a numerous family, and many sincere friends longing in hope for a re-union.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

## A PETITION having been this day

presented to me, calling for a special term of the U. S. District Court to be holden in Great Salt Lake City in October next, and said petition having been signed by one hundred persons representing themselves as voters and tax payers as provided by law, I do therefore order a special term of the First Judicial District Court, to be holden at the Council House, in the city of Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory, on the 15th day of October next, at ten o'clock a.m. of said day, for the transaction of all business which would legally come before the regular term of said Court; And I do further order that a copy of this order be published in the Deseret News for two successive weeks.

J. F. KINNEY, Ch. Justice,  
Supreme Court and First Judicial District  
In and for the Territory of Utah.  
G. S. L. City Sept. 25, 1855, 29-2t

## FOR SALE.

ONE HOUSE AND LOT situated in the 9th Ward. On the premises a good well of water. Inquire of  
29-3t LORENZO D. YOUNG.

## BAGUERREAN NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS to whom we owe Likenesses, are requested to call and get them soon, as we design closing our Room immediately after Conference.  
29-2t CHAFFIN & CANNON.

## TO BE SOLD CHEAP.

ONE GOOD TWO STORY HOUSE and LOT in the 17th Ward, on West Temple street, half block north of Tabernacle. Location very desirable. Inquire of A. Evans, 14th Ward, or the subscriber.  
29-2t Also for sale, 40 acres in the big field, well fenced. ISRAEL IVINS.

## FOR SALE.

ONE FIRST RATE Lot, situated in the 6th Ward, on the north east corner of the middle block on Emigration street, opposite the Old Fort, with a good HOUSE, 2 rooms in it, and other out buildings for sale, price 5000, cash or 6000 trade.  
For particulars apply to William Pawcett of the 6th Ward, or Thomas Crooks, proprietor, American Fork or Lake City, Utah.  
29-3t

## TO THE PUBLIC.

WILLIAM HOWARD'S Store is well supplied with every article in Dry Goods suitable for Ladies and Gentlemen's winter clothing, together with a very large stock of Boots and Shoes. The Proprietor charges himself to sell them at reduced prices and will take Wheat, Corn and Oats in exchange.  
Please call on  
WILLIAM HOWARD'S STORE  
29-3t

## TAKEN UP.

ON LITTLE COTTONWOOD, a five year old red STERR some white on shoulders and rump, smooth crop, and under bit in right ear. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take him away.  
29-1t JACOB C. WOOLSEY.

## NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned, that there will be an adjourned session of the County Court for Great Salt Lake county, held on Monday next the 1st day of Oct. at the Council House in G. S. L. City, commencing at 10 o'clock, a.m.

J. W. CUMMINGS,  
29-1t Clerk County Court, G. S. L. County.

## J. M. BARLOW,

GOLD AND SILVER Smith, having returned from his mission to the East, wishes to say to his old friends and customers, that he intends carrying on his business in all its branches, at his old stand, first door east of the Deseret Store, South Temple street, where he will be happy to serve all wishing anything in his line, and especially the Public Workmen. Charges reasonable, and payment made easy.  
CALL AND SEE.  
29-6m

## STRAYED,

ON the 24th of July, from the Pasture in the 19th ward, a yoke of CATTLE; one brindle and one dun, marked as follows:—the brindle a star, with a wart on left side; tip of horns pared off. The dun has his right hip knocked down, horns turned back; also branded with an E on the left horn.

Any one giving information to Bishop Smith at Center-ville, will very much oblige  
29-3t ELIZABETH FISHER.

## FARM FOR SALE.

WE HAVE A FARM containing 231 acres under a good fence, with two log cabins on the premises, a stream of never failing water running the whole length of the farm; 75 acres now ready for seeding; a fence running thro' the center, dividing the pasture and plow-lands—a few acres of good meadow land—the whole being in Kay's Ward, 20 miles north of G. S. L. City, and within 80 rods of a good flouring mill; timber and sawmills plenty within four miles. For further particulars inquire of James McKnight, at the Deseret News Office, or of the subscribers.  
29-3t P. H. YOUNG,  
B. H. YOUNG.

## IMPORTANT

## TO the OWNERS of all the 5 and 10

Acres Lots in School District No. 29.—This is positively the last time they will be notified of the school taxes which ought to have been paid long ago at the office of Bishop Smoot, Superintendent of Sugar Works.

If the delinquent taxes be not paid before the October Conference, the lots will be advertised and sold.

CHARLES KENNEDY,  
HENRY WILDE,  
THOMAS B. CLARKE,  
FERAMORZ LITTLE,  
J. V. VERNON,  
A. B. GRIFFIN,  
29-2t Trustees.

## TAX SALE.

## WILL BE SOLD on the 15th Oct-

ober next, at the Council House in G. S. L. City, U.T., between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock, the following described land claims and improvements in Great Salt Lake City, or so much thereof as will pay the taxes due thereon to the Territory of Utah and County of Great Salt Lake, together with cost of collection:—

No. of Lot.	Block.	Ward.	To whom Assessed.
4	20	3	John Neff.
8	46	6	T. J. Thurston.
4	16	3	Daniel Wood.
7	115	19	T. S. Hutch.
3, 4, 5, 6	122	"	James Gemmel.
8	119	"	Shepherd P. Hutchins.
2	116	"	Robt. Wilson.
3	24	Plat B	William Kettleman.
		19	Frederick Gadberr.
W 1-2 3	68	14	William Gribble.
		Plat B	
5	19	2	John Edmundson.
7	53	6	Asson Call.
2	40	15	Julius A. C. Austin.
6	20	2	Moses Clawson.
29-3t			S. RICHARDS, Assessor and Collector.

## DESERET STORE.

THE Proprietors would call the attention of the Medical gentlemen and citizens generally to the list of DRUGS, &c., which from the unusual kinds and extra quality deserves the patronage of those wishing to buy.

OIL Lemon	Sand's Ext Sarsaparilla
Peppermint	Bull's do
Cinnamon	Aqua Ammonia
Orange	Beeswax
Wintergreen	Gum Opium
Cloves	Myrrh
Bergamot	Arabic
British	Ultramarine Blue
Amber	Carbame
Anise	Assafetida
Juniper	Marsh Rosemary
Cami	Magnesia
Pennyroyal	Bateman's Drops
Castor	Drop Lane
Olive (A No. 1)	Hot Drops (No. 6)
Beckwith A D Pills	Spice Bitters
Moffat's do	Tonic do
Wright's do	Cough Mixture
Jay's do	Croup Syrup
Dulley's Salve	Godfrey's Cordial
Simple Cerate	Poorman's Plaster
Griswold's Salve	Clyss Pumps Round
Basilicon Ointment	Blood Root
Tar	Virginia Snake Root
Balsam Copaiba	Black do
Rad Gentian	Bitter Root
" Columbo	Em Bark
Blu Mas	Pulv Elm Bark
Calomel	Poplar do
Sugar of Lead	Yellow do
Hoarhound	Sassa E J
Scabiosa	Powd Bayberry
Catnip	Chamomile Flors
Nervine Powd	Irish Moss
Soliditz do	Quassa
Cubeba do	Granville Lotion
Powd Fol Lobelia	Snap Lotion
Tartaric Acid	Snack Lobelia
Citric do	Lobelia Herb
Sup Carb Soda	Ralmong
Cream Tartar	Centuary
Pulv Jalap	Rennet
Flour Sulphur	Scuticap
White Vitriol	Lunar Costic
Blue do	Dead Shot
Aqua Fortis	Shellac
Flux Vitriol	Allen's H and B Lotion
Liquid Opodeldoo	Cayenne Pepper
Also a limited supply of the following:	
Metal Springes	Fresh Brackles
Female	Light Brackles
Nursing Bottles	Combs
29-3m	