

THE DESERET NEWS.



THE CALIFORNIA MAIL arrived June 28th, bringing no upper California papers of later date than May 16, and our friend J. W. Sullivan's package contained no numbers of Harper's or Graham's magazines.

THE MAIL FROM THE EAST, due at the latest, on the 30th of last month, has not yet arrived, July 3, and it is uncertain when it may be expected, if one may be allowed to judge the order and efficiency at the eastern end of the route, from the description of the management at this extremity, as portrayed in the following

COMMUNICATION.

G. S. L. CITY, July 2, 1855.

EDITOR OF THE DESERET NEWS,
Sir:—This forenoon, while Governor Young was in our store, a large black man, whom neither of us knew, came in and after awhile asked the Governor why the mail could not start for the east.

The Governor replied that he knew nothing about the matter, and referred him to the postmaster for information, at the same time asking him if he had charge of the mail, and the reply was in the "AFFIRMATIVE."

The animals designed to take the mail out with had been attached, and the black man (a servant of Mr. Hockaday's, the mail agent here, as I afterwards learned) may have considered himself the representative of this agency, and had no better understanding than to speak to the Governor about an affair with which his Excellency had nothing to do.

JOHN NEEDHAM.

The Mail for the East was taken from the Post Office on the 2nd inst., at 5 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN BERNARDINO.—By letters from Elders Parley P. Pratt and Amasa Lyman, of May 18, and June 1 and 6, to Pres. B. Young, we learn that Elder Pratt and the Elders and Saints generally were in good health. Elders McBride, C. W. West, N. Tanner, Wm. Farrer, R. N. Allred, and a company of 50 persons started, April 30, from San Juan for San Bernardino and this city. The Press and paper had arrived to Bro. Pratt's care. A few hundred dollars worth of 'Mormon' publications had been sold, and many small tracts and works had been distributed. On the morning of May 30, a block of 40 buildings was burnt in San Francisco; value not stated. 'Want of money, want of employ, want of market, and every kind of trouble seems to prevail here. Everything is overdone, even DEVILTRY itself.' Br. Pratt intends to start home in June or July; his health was good, and he continually enjoyed the blessings of the Lord.

General health was enjoyed at San Bernardino, although Bro. Lyman's health was very poor. The rust had almost entirely destroyed the wheat, but barley and corn looked well. Thermometer 110 in the shade, 135 in the sun. Elder Charles C. Rich and company arrived at San Bernardino June 5, all in good health and spirits. No great change in the stringency of the market. Since the adjournment of the Legislative Assembly of California, the Hon. Jefferson Hunt had reached home, and was enjoying good health.

GREEN RIVER.—Elder George Boyd arrived from Fort Supply on the 2nd inst., and reports all well in that region, and that their 70 acres of wheat looks fine, and there are no grasshoppers there.

THE UNUSUALLY LONG DROUGHT still continues; slightly varied on the 28th of June by a gentle shower, which moistened the dust for a short time.

LIST OF MARKS AND BRANDS.—We take the liberty of calling the attention of cattle owners to bro. Wm. Clayton's advertisement of "The Alphabetical List of Marks and Brands," the first on the 8th page of No. 16 of the 'News.' The List is conveniently arranged, has 39 printed pages, is neatly printed in quarto form, stitched and paper covered, and contains 1000 marks and brands, and we trust that each owner of animals will readily and cheerfully hand over a dollar (an extremely low price for the labor and matter) and speedily exhaust the edition, and thus reap the great benefits to be derived by those who mark and brand their animals and sustain the law upon that subject. This course will magnify our law, and cheer and sustain the Recorder in the position in which you require him to act.

The pamphlets can be had at the Post Office and Deseret Store.

Summary from California Mail.

[From the Sacramento Weekly Union, of May 5, & 12,]
—The 'Union' chronicles a strawberry measuring 6½ by 5½ inches in circumference.
—Gen. Lane obtained an appropriation of between 30 and \$40,000, at the last session of Congress, for an arsenal in Oregon. How much was, or has been appropriated for an arsenal in Utah? \$60,000.
—Business is said to be improving slightly.

ELDERS' CORRESPONDENCE.

[To Elder G. A. Smith, from his brother John L. Smith.]
DEVIL'S GATE FORT, OR FORT SEMINO,
(330 miles from G. S. L. City,) Nebraska Territory, May 22, 1855.

I am gaining my strength, but am still lame and scarcely able to get out and in the wagons alone. We arrived here about 4 p.m., and stopped to shoe some of our horses. We have had some very high, cold winds, and two or three rain storms, and one snow storm. The ferryman at Green River, Bro. Frank Woodard, would not take any pay for crossing us over; he crossed 8 wagons in one hour.

The health of the camp is generally good; bro. Kay's health is improving, and all feel first rate. We have our prayers morning and evening. Our teams have improved as a general thing, or at least they have held their own. We have traveled at the rate of 21 miles per day since we left home. We have 19 men in camp, and overtaken 3 more here who wish to join us. The Indians stole all the horses from this station, 86 in number. We guard ours closely every night. The Indians are now camped on the Platte in large numbers; but we feel to trust in the Lord and do right. Give my respects to Pres. Young, Kimball and Grant.

FORT SEMINO,
May 23, 1855.

I wish to make through the 'News,' honorable mention of the kindness of Mr. Semino to the missionaries who arrived here yesterday evening. He kindly invited us into his rooms, built excellent fires, and told us to make ourselves at home. He has an excellent fort built on three sides of a square, containing ten large rooms; it is situated about three quarters of a mile south of the Devil's Gate, and has a good horse carol on the east side; also a cattle yard, and is in decidedly the handsomest situation, and best built of any I have seen in the mountains, and is clean and neat. He has a small store containing groceries, Indian goods, and supplies for Traders and Emigrants generally. We think one reason of his prosperity is that he keeps no liquor.

The Sioux Indians, during the past spring, have stolen from this Fort and neighborhood, about ninety horses, leaving the men here all on foot. We learn that the Oglala band of Sioux Indians are congregated, and are still gathering, at Upper Platte bridge, intending to steal all the horses they can lay their hands on.

We shall start in about half an hour, probably camp at Willow springs to-night, and if prospered, to-morrow night with the Sioux. It has been a dry, cold spring, waters low, and feed poor. Grasshoppers were plenty till we arrived at the South Pass. We measured an ox this morning, poor at that, with nine feet seven inches and a half length the same. Please tell this to bishop Hunter. Give our respects to the Presidency and Saints. As ever, I remain yours,
JOHN L. SMITH.

[From Elder John A. West to Elder John L. Smith.]
POEOLU, Kohala, Hawaii, March 29, 1855.

On the 24th of October I set sail from San Francisco, on board the ship Ianthe, in company with H. P. Richards, O. K. Whitney, W. Rogers, S. B. Thurston, W. King, and Joseph A. Peck. We had a few rather warm times on our voyage, as some would cry out, 'delusion,' but as the gentlemen in the cabin became acquainted with us they said, 'they believed us to be a fine set of boys, and that we wished to do good.' We replied that that was our intention and profession; then after a pleasant passage we arrived at Honolulu, Nov. 13, and after spending a few days there, I sailed Nov. 20, on board the steamer Sea Bird, in company with W. King, H. P. Richards, and J. A. Peck, and after being out two days we arrived on this island.

After being alone with the natives a few days, we were met by bro. R. N. Allred, who appointed us to our several homes while studying the language. I have had the pleasure of attending many native feasts, the food consisting of poi, pig, goat, potatoes, and some fruit.

I have been greatly blessed since I left home both with health, means, and a most excellent appetite. I can eat almost anything that a native can, and am growing quite fleshy. My progress in the language of this people seems somewhat tardy, but still I have faith that, by the grace and assistance of the Spirit of the Lord, I will be able to learn it after a while.

I have been able, so far, to administer the ordinance of baptism in the native language, and can understand and talk it a little. It seems that there is great need of our learning fact, for the work will soon fall into the hands of young elders, as the others are leaving for home.

The brethren are getting along well on the island of Lanai, and have been blessed with a plentiful harvest the past season. Brother F. A. Hammond and other brethren have purchased a small schooner, for which they are to pay \$1800; it is to be used in gathering the Saints, and in shipping their produce to market. The work seems to be going forward, but not without some opposition.

April 1, I am still well, and enjoying good health and spirits, as is also brother H. P. Richards, who is now with me.

Remember, bro. John, that I desire your prayers, and the prayers of all the Saints, that I may have grace according to my day, and do the will of my Father in meekness and humility.

J. A. WEST.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CAME to my pig-sty about 8 days ago a SOW PIG, Black and White, about 6 weeks old; the owner is requested to come and take it away.
17-1t F. KESLER, 16th Ward.

FOUND—by Isaac Leany, 10th ward, TWO COW-BELLS.
17-1t

LOST—An AXE, on last Saturday week, with J NEEDHAM on handle. Please return to Deseret Store, and be rewarded.
16-1t

BOUNTY LAND.
SOLDIER'S BOUNTY LAND business attended to by 17-1t W. W. PHELPS.

STRAYED
FROM the range west of Jordan, a large red and white (OX, 6 or 7 years old, large horns; branded W on the left hip. Any person who will return said ox, or give any information where he can be found, to the subscriber in the 7th ward, or at the Printing office, shall be liberally rewarded.
17-2t GEO. HALES.

NOTICE.
THERE is in my possession, a light brindle STEER, about 5 or 6 years old; branded on the left hip. The owner is requested to call, prove property, pay charges, and take him away.
ALEXANDER HILL,
Pound keeper, Mill Creek.
17-2t

DRESS MAKING.
MRS. S. LONG, DRESS MAKER, begs to inform the ladies of G. S. L. City, and vicinity, that she is prepared to execute all orders which may be entrusted to her, in the most fashionable styles, and with that promptness which will merit a good share of patronage.
N. B. Residence, 3rd house east of T. O. Angell's, 13 ward
17-3t

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Salt Lake City Post Office, June 30th, which, if not taken out before the 30th September next, will be sent to the Dead Letter office.

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| Alexander John T | Andrew Edmund |
| Alexander George | Anthony Susan L |
| Alexander Henry | Armstrong James |
| Alexander Thomas | Armstrong Mrs J C |
| Alexander Randolph | Armstrong Mrs A |
| Aldine Mary Jane | Ashberry Nathaniel |
| Allen James | Ashley James |
| Allen Alfred | Astell Adella |
| Allen Edwin | Austin Thomas |
| Almada Miss | Athelston Elizabeth |
| Alfred Mrs Isaac | |
| Babbok Mr | Blak Mr |
| Babcock George | Blake John |
| Bacon Chauncy | Bennell Daniel K |
| Bain Robert A | Booth John |
| Ball Daniel | Booth Charles |
| Baldwin James Wm | Bowen Adeline |
| Baldwin Nancy | Bowering Wm |
| Ballard Wm | Bowman Hiram, or J Wilson |
| Balluff Mrs | Bowman Ralph |
| Bankhead Violet | Boynton Hannah M |
| Barckdoll Solomon | Brady Wm |
| Barnes Henry | Bradshaw Harriett |
| Barnal James | Bruskyon Lanceling |
| Barker Polly | Brooks Miss M |
| Barton Stephen | Brownson Clinton |
| Barton John | Brown Thomas T |
| Baugh John | Brown Mrs Phebe |
| Baum Jacob | Brown Lydia |
| Baum John | Brown Joanna W |
| Bell Thos B | Brown John |
| Beecher Ransom | Brown Woodard |
| Bell John W | Brown Eliza |
| Bentley R | Buchanan John |
| Bertelsen M A | Bullock Wm K |
| Bignow J O | Bushy John |
| Birchall George | Bump L J |
| Bills Wm | Burdick Columbus |
| Billings Horace H | Burgis Wm J |
| Bingham Phebe Jane | Burton Wm |
| Bingham Henry T | Burton John |
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| Cain Freedom | Cook Washington |
| Caldwell Mrs Ann | Cole Mary formerly Mary |
| Caldwell W B | Cole Park |
| Coleman Ma thas Jane | Coleman Henry |
| Campbell Hugh | Cooley John W |
| Carter Sylvia A | Cownoyer Sarah |
| Chaplin Hiram | Coppock Jesse |
| Childs Mr | Corcoran John M |
| Chollon Samuel | Coray Howard |
| Chrisman Charles | Cragan James |
| Clark Robert G | Craven W F |
| Clark W | Cridle John |
| Clark S H | Crittall James |
| Clapp Benj L | Crump Charles |
| Clay John | Cummings John |
| Clifford Elijah | Cutler Mrs Sally |
| Cook George H | Cuthbert Mrs Edward |
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| Davies Joseph | Dowell Thomas A |
| Davis Samuel H | Downing M J |
| Davis Samuel | Downey Samuel |
| Davis Wm | Drummond W W |
| Davis Edwin | Dundley Joseph |
| Davis T P | Duckett Wm |
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| Dayton Hiram | Duncombe Charles |
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| Eastman Oso | Edwards Elvira |
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| Earl Wm | Ewing Thomas |
| Eager Lewis | Evans Abel |
| Edmes Eliza | Evans M S |
| Edwards Eleazar | Eyre John |
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| Farley Edward | Fox Edward |
| Ferguson Jacob | Francis Geo W |
| Fisher James M | Freeman Solomon |
| Fisk Dwight | Freeman Angeline A |
| Foss Allen A | Fry Mary |
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| Galsford Isaac | Gilman Richard J |
| Galbraith Geo | Glover James |
| Galley Geo W | Goddard Stephen H |
| Galloway Amasa | Golding Mr |
| Galloway Harriett | Guiscard Jeremiah |
| Gadbury Mrs C | Gurney Wm |
| Gardner Henry | Grant Mary |
| Gardner John L | Grossenbider Wm |
| Garland Leonidas D | Gray Joseph |
| Garner Mary S | Green Wm from Blackburn |
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| Hall Benjamin K | Henry James |
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| Hansen F | Hewitt John |
| Hansaker Lucinda | Higbee John S |
| Hanson Thomas | Hillman Sarah |
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| Hawkins Wm | Huntly John |
| Haynes Eunice | Humphries Robert |
| Hickman Frederick | Hyde Heman |
| Helmert J G | Huston Sarah 14th ward |
| Helmis Jacob | Hyatt L R |
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| Jackson John | Jones Robert A |
| Jacobs Zebbin | Jones Mary |
| Jakes Thomas | Jones Morgan |
| James Margaret | Jones Daniel W |
| Jennings John | Jones D W |
| Jeff George | Jones Jonathan, or EMJ |
| Jefferts Oren | Sharp |
| Jenkins George | Jones Thomas Jefferson |
| Jenkins Mary | Jones William |
| Johnson Mr | Jones John M |
| Johnson John A | Jones James M |
| Johnson Jesse W | Jones J M |
| Jordan Robert | Jones Henry |
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| Kelly Alexander | Klump Franklin Le Roy |
| Keller Daniel H | Klarmann John N |
| Keighan Charles | Knight Alonzo |
| Kennedy Horner | Knight S |
| Kempton John | Knight Louisa |
| Kerr Daniel | Knight Nathan K |
| Kidwell Isaac | |
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| Labbe Philip | Lemon Washington |
| Lambert Charles | Light George |
| Laukford P | Lockhart Margaret |
| Larsen Swen | Lockhart Rachel H |
| Lardla A | Lockyer P |
| Larzier Charles | Lofthouse James |
| Lauba A Monsier | Logan Joseph |
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| Leah Charles | Losee Isaac H |
| Lee Wm | Low Peter |
| Lee Francis | Lumery Eunice |
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| McBride, James or Thomas | Meacum Lewis |
| McClain Francis | Meek Jacob |
| McDougall George | Merriam Amasa E |
| McFarlane John | Merrill Samuel |
| McGhie William | Merrill Alonzo |
| McGregor Miss | Miles Mary K |
| McKinney Hugh | Miller Samuel A |
| McKinnin Eliza | Mims Ann |
| McKinzie William | Mitchell Wm Cook |
| McMinn John A | Mitter Glendora |
| McRae J M | Moore Thomas |
| McWhorter Anderson | Moore Wm |
| McWilliams James B | Montague Adeline |
| Mallison John | Moray John |
| Mann Richard | Moray Richard R |
| Manning J M C | Morgan Edward |
| Marshall Elizabeth A | Morgan Franklin |
| Mason Maria | Morgan William |
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| Nelson James | Nielson Johanna K |
| Newton Wm | Nichols Peter |
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| Pace Byram | Pelree Hannah |
| Page Hepzibath | Pierce Jerusha |
| Palmer James | Plummer Eliezer |
| Parker Celinda | Pulley Wm |
| Payne Thos | Potter Harriet E |
| Pedersen Anders | Powell James |
| Pedersen K | Powell S |
| Perkins D W | Powell L J W J |
| Perrin John | Priest Catherine |
| Perry John | Proctor David |
| Perry James W | Pugh James P |
| Peters Wilhelm | Putnam James |
| Peters Lynan | Putnam James M |
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| Read John S | Rogers O F |
| Read Thomas | Rogers Amanda |
| Reed Henry | Rogers Sarah |
| Reed John, blacksmith | Roland Daniel C |
| Reed Levi | Rollins Steuben |
| Reed Ira | Romiel George |
| Rees Mrs at D Bonna's | Rose Robert |
| Rees John Wm | Ross Melvian |
| Reid Robert | Rouse John |
| Reynolds Levi B | Rowberry Edward |
| Richard John | Rowlands Rachel |
| Richards John Alex | Rudd Sidney R |
| Rideout David O | Russell Francis M |
| Roberts Levi | Rushling Alfred |
| Roberts Sydney | Ryan Eliza B |
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| Sanders Alfred Wm | Sales Stephen |
| Schooner Isaac | Somerfield M H |
| Scott J M | Soules Stephen |
| Scott Eliza | Southern S P |
| Schockley Jacob P | Spilde John |
| Shumway P A | Stalker Alex |
| Sights Wm | Slator George |
| Sims John | Steel Jesse P |
| Simpson John | Stephens Alexander |
| Simons Orrawell | Stephens James |
| Slater Thomas | Stewart Charles |
| Slator Isaac P | Stewart John |
| Simons Amund | Stewart Benjamin |
| Smid George | Stewart Randolph |
| Smith Willis | Stewart Jane |
| Smith Wm H | Stodard John |
| Smith J, 4th ward | Stonebraker Joel W |
| Smith Eli | Strong Ozias |
| Smith Robt, 62nd | Sutton Isaac |
| Smith Edward | Sweet Lunah |
| Smith Mary Jane | Swift John P |
| Smith Abigail | Swindbery C W |
| Snow Bernard | Swisher J R |
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| Taylor G W | Thorn Elizabeth |
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| Taler Sarah | Thornton Francis |
| Tatham Wm | Tidwell Thomas |
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| Terry Joel T | Titcombe John |
| Terry Jane | Tucker Felix |
| Terrill Joseph | Tufts Nathan |
| Thayer Mary or Walter O | Turner Joseph N |
| Thomas James N | Twiss Naamah, K J |
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| Wandish Mr | Wheeler Will |
| Warren Albert | Wheeler Jacob |
| Warner Wm G | White Stephen |
| Watson Robert | Williams Mrs E E |
| Waters John | Williams Josiah P |
| Wattis Edmund | Winn Miner |
| Weaver John | Winn Dennis George |
| Webb Joseph or Isaac Shafer | Winter Bishop |
| Webb Edmund | Wishon M |
| Webb John S | Wright Anson |
| Webb John | Walton Thomas |
| Weller Henry | Wood Joseph A |
| Whitesides Lewis | Woodhead G T |
| Whitford Eli | Worrall John |
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| Young John | Young Reason |

Persons calling for any of the above letters with please say they are advertised.
R. SMITH, P. M.