

HOME ITEMS

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

SHOOTING ENCOUNTER AND WONDERFUL ESCAPE.—Early last evening Harry Evans and John Mousley got on a bender, quarrelled and agreed to have a fierce fight. For this purpose they repaired to the alley behind the Billiard Saloon in East Temple street and stripped for active operations. Mousley then asked Evans if he was ready, and on receiving a reply in the affirmative, drew a pistol from behind him and fired twice, the first shot taking effect in Evans' right shoulder, the second in his right thigh. Neither wound is dangerous, both balls having been extracted. After the second fire Evans, who was unarmed, closed upon Mousley, and in the struggle, the pistol was again discharged, the ball entering the calf of Mousley's leg and passing down about eight inches; it was extracted by Dr. Ormsby. Mousley was then arrested and taken to the city prison, and taken up to the second floor. The police, seeing the serious character of the wound, left him for a few moments in the hall to fetch a bed for him to lie upon, when taking advantage of their absence he went to the window on the second floor, jumped out, badly wounded as he was, and escaped.

NEARING HOME.—We are indebted to the Deseret Telegraph line for the following telegram regarding the return trip of President Young and company:

Provo, May 12.

President Young and company reached Scipio early in the afternoon of the 8th. A meeting was held at 5 p.m., at which Elders H. S. Eldredge, B. Young, jr., W. Woodruff and President Brigham Young spoke. The company left Scipio early on the morning of the 9th and reached Nephi sufficiently early to eat dinner and prepare for meeting, an appointment for which had been sent by telegraph line. A company of horsemen met the company a few miles south of Nephi, and upon nearing the centre of the town, the principal portion of the population, with the Sunday school children and the brass band, lined the street; the display was a very fine one. The congregation was addressed by Prests. D. H. Wells and Brigham Young and Elders W. Woodruff and G. Q. Cannon. Much of the Spirit of God was enjoyed by the speakers and hearers, and good cannot fail to result from the teachings then given.

On Monday the company drove to Payson for dinner and reached this city at 5 p.m. The tolling of the bell called the people to the meeting house, and remarks were made to them by Elders B. Young, jr., G. Q. Cannon, W. Woodruff and Prest. D. H. Wells. This is the forty-second meeting which has been held by the members of the company since leaving Salt Lake City, at which one hundred and twenty-two discourses, varying from five to eighty minutes in length, have been delivered. These meetings, besides traveling nearly seven hundred miles, have kept the President and his company very busy.

The company left for Salt Lake City at 7.15 this morning.

STRANGE DELAY.—Our special correspondent at "Promontory Summit" telegraphed to the NEWS, yesterday at noon, a full account of the proceedings, and the names of the leading participants at the ceremony of the laying of the last rail; but by some unaccountable delay it did not reach this city until this morning. We regret this, and more so because a press of other matter has precluded the possibility of publishing it to-day.

THE "EVENT" AT MOUNT PLEASANT.—A telegram by Deseret Telegraph line informs that at Mount Pleasant, the celebration of the laying of the last rail was conducted with considerable vim and enthusiasm. On receipt of the news, the flags were unfurled, the band played and later in the afternoon a meeting was held at which Bishop Seely presided and the congregation were addressed by C. H. Wheelock, Esq., and other gentlemen. Great credit is due for the success of the "celebration" to the committee of arrangements, J. W. Seely, J. Christiansen and E. Cliff, Esqs.

A CRYING EVIL.—The reprehensible practice, which we referred to in our issue of yesterday, of discharging fire-arms within the city limits, has again been brought before our notice. Yesterday morning a shot, fired in front of the residence of Elder Albert Carrington, in the 17th Ward, passed through one of the windows and very nearly hit one of his little sons, passing near to another person in the room. We hope the city authorities will more stringently exercise their power to lessen this daily increasing evil.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

TENTH WARD BAND.—The members of this band desire us to state that the reason why they did not participate in the rejoicings last Monday, did not arise from any lack of zeal or interest on their part, but from the fact that their Captain and more than half of the bandmen were absent from the city.

THE SHOOTING AFFRAY.—Mr. Harry F. Evans, who was wounded on Monday evening by John R. Mosley, called at our office this afternoon; we were pleased to see him recovering so rapidly. He states that he

had not been "on a bender" as stated in our report, but was perfectly sober; that Mosley had been evidently drinking, and he does not think he was in his right mind at the time, for without any provocation on his (Evans') part he came up to him, and grossly insulted him and a friend standing near, though he had been professing great friendship but a short time previous.

Mosley was again arrested this morning by the police, at a house in the 15th Ward.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Mr. Christian Schultz, from Mecklenburg-Schverin, who came to this valley in the fall of 1864, will please make his present residence known to Mr. Paul A. Schettler, at Salt Lake City, as he has some communications for him.

LONDON.—On the 4th ult., a conference was held in the Music Hall, Store Street, London, at which President Carrington and a number of the Elders from Zion were present. The meetings were addressed by President Carrington and Elders P. Lyman, M. F. Farnsworth, J. F. Hardie, J. F. Gibbs, E. A. Noble, N. B. Baldwin, James Sharp, H. J. McCullough, J. Needham, L. W. Shurtleff, H. Woodmansee and J. M. Ferrin. The statistical report showed that London is now divided into 8 branches containing 915 officers and members.

On the evening of the 5th, a concert, under the guidance of Elder G. H. Perry, was held in the same place; there was a large and highly gratified audience.

WHITE PINE.—Captain Willes Copeland, of Saint George, who has lately paid a visit to White Pine, dropped into our office this morning, and gave us the following items regarding those regions, which he left on the 28th ult. He says that the district is entirely overcrowded, men were coming in at the rate of 100 a day, whilst about half that number were leaving daily, and many more would do so had they the means; it is a good spot for capitalists, as there is a large amount of trade being done, but not for poor men; for although wages are high, there are forty men waiting to do every job that turns up. He estimates the population of the entire district to be about 25,000, of which Hamilton city has 5,000, Treasure city 6,000, and Shermantown 4,000; the balance is scattered round the neighborhood. There are also about 3,000 men in the Patterson district, which lies about seventy-five miles south-east of White Pine, and has only been in operation the last two or three months. In White Pine there are three stamp mills going, and five more are building; they charge \$50 per ton for crushing the quartz. The price of produce is rapidly falling, mules are very low, but beef cattle fetch a good price. Those engaged in teaming cannot make it pay, owing to the expensiveness of feed and the low price paid for the work. As far as regards the value of the silver mines, he regards them as the richest with which he has ever been acquainted.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

RETURNED.—We were pleased to see Elder John Brown, looking hearty and well, in our sanctum this morning. He has just returned from a mission in the Southern States, where he has been laboring faithfully and energetically for the last two years. He left for his home at Pleasant Grove this morning.

DISTRICT COURT.—The District Court was in session this morning, and adjourned until to-morrow after admitting a few aliens to citizenship.

The grand jury were in session this morning.

BRIGHAM CITY.—"A. C.," writes flatteringly of the progress of music and the drama in Brigham City, and of the order and quiet which now prevail there. He says everything is as quiet as a continual Sabbath day.

Grasshoppers are abundant in some parts of Box Elder County, and are doing some mischief to the wheat.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE MISSIONARIES.—We have been informed that it is the intention of a number of the missionaries who live in this city to leave for their fields of labor on or about the 20th inst. We have also learned that several belonging to Weber, Morgan and other counties, North, intend starting from Echo on the 24th inst. They have requested us to publish this notice, so that all wishing to accompany the party can do so.

DISTINGUISHED CALLERS.—We have been highly gratified at receiving calls from several "brethren of the quill," representatives of the press, East and West, at the celebration at Promontory on Monday. Amongst them were Mr. Foot, assistant editor of the Omaha Herald; Mr. Atwell, of the S. F. Morning Chronicle, known in the profession as "Bildad the Scribe;" Mr. Freeman, of the Frontier Phoenix, and Mr. O'Leary, of the Sacramento Bee; also Mr. Jones, assistant postmaster at Omaha.

These gentlemen all express their gratification and pleasure at their recent visit to the Promontory, and are charmed at the beautiful appearance of Salt Lake City. As they are men of acknowledged standing and talent in "newspaperdom," the public, east and west, will no doubt, shortly be gratified with the perusal of glowing accounts, from their facile pens, of the proceedings at the Promontory on Monday, and of their visits to Salt Lake and other cities in Utah.

VACCINATION: A SINGULAR CASE.—Brother George Waylett, of Millville,

Cache County, sends us an account of the death of his son, John Samuel, aged five months and fourteen days. The child was vaccinated on the 25th ult., and was taken sick on the following day, suffering intensely until the 4th inst., when he died. Previous to vaccination he was a fine healthy child.

This is the first case of fatal consequences following vaccination that has ever come to our knowledge, and we are not at all of the opinion that death was the result of the injection of vaccine matter into the system of the child.

It is a very common thing abroad, where vaccination is commonly practiced, and where the matter is used indiscriminately, for healthy children to be inoculated with ineradicable diseases; and it may be that cases of death have occurred under such circumstances. But where the vaccine matter is pure, and is taken from the bodies of healthy subjects, the evidence of hundreds and thousands has been given of the highly beneficial and preservative effects of vaccination.

We are of the opinion that, in the case of Brother Waylett's child, the vaccine matter was impure, or, in its operation, it developed the germ of some hitherto latent disease, and so caused its death.

Correspondence.

ECHO CITY, May 5, 1869.

Editor Deseret News.—The bridges in Weber Canon are on the rampage. The past few days' sun has sent the liquidizing snows in torrents through their rugged courses. First went under the wagon crossings. The impetuous torrent, gathering force from its momentarily accumulating volume, next assailed the most stupendous railroad crossings. The bridge at Devil's Gate commenced giving way last night. The 300 feet of trestle-work at Strawberry Ford next evinced signs of "caving." The first bridge below the Narrows, or Slate Point, next succumbed.

In consequence of these disasters, no train passed through the canon yesterday and to-day. "All hands and the cook" have been summoned to the rescue. Car loads of timber have rolled from the construction yard as on wings of lightning to the point of fracture, and every requisition has been made that could in any degree facilitate the work of reparation. Vice Presidents Durant and Dillon and the Commissioners were also at the front to observe the situation and direct the repairs. To-day passengers were conveyed in the trains to near Devil's Gate and then transferred in wagons to trains below the bridge.

Some excitement and personal indignation towards Mr. Dillon has been the consequence of a recent reduction of the wages of the "gravel-men," from \$3.00 to \$2.50. The U. P. seems rather disposed to retrenchment. Their pertinacity in clinging to funds is not a very sweet morsel to squads of contractors, some of the enterprising mercantile gents of Echo being also rather crusty over it.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of a short run in the "Lincoln car"—now Mr. Dillon's. This is the car in which the remains of the assassinated President were brought from Washington to Springfield. Since that eventful, mournful excursion, this elegant coach has been on the Union Pacific road. It was manufactured at the Military Car Works, Alexandria, Va., in 1864. Within the narrow confines of a railway car are comprised sitting and bed-room, hall, reception room and closets; in addition to superb toilet and parlor furnishing throughout. It is an institution around which cluster the most thrilling memories.

An exceedingly polite young gentleman recently ventured into a school-room in Ogden upon the almost sacrilegious mission of drumming up recruits for a "restaurant" at Corrinne. He applied for "half-a-dozen Mormon girls." His assurance was not inferior to that of the fellow who resolved to shear the wolf. "But have you considered the difficulty, the resistance, the danger of the attempt?" "No," cries the infatuated, "I have considered nothing but the right. Man has a right of dominion over the beasts of the forests, and therefore I will shear the wolf." This fellow's unquestioned right to have "waiter-girls," girls to sit in the dining-room, or to "wash dishes," does not seem to have been at all appreciated either the school-teacher or the young lady pupils. His brazen faced persistency, with spacious pretexts about his "wife" being a "lady," etc., were unheeded. He was genteelly, and very promptly, too, informed that "this is no nursery for restaurant waiters," and was at last pungently referred to Wasatch, Echo, or some other of the score of "shoddy contrivances," whence have successively graduated the "nice"

"mauve," the "blue," and the "pure white" "calicoes" of modern Christian Cyprianism.

Major Russell, photographer for the U. P. R. R., late from New York City, has just shown me the advance pages of Vol. I of a magnificent illustrated work now about ready for publication. It is entitled "The Great West," illustrated in a series of photographic views across the continent, taken along the line of the Union Pacific Railroad, west from Omaha, Nebraska, by A. J. Russell, published by authority of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. It is a model of mechanical excellence—printed on exquisitely finished Bristol-board 13½ by 19½ inches, each page having a unique border in magenta, representing, at the lower corners, a train of cars on a curve.

A man was crushed to death in coupling the "Lincoln Car," at Wasatch, last week.

ANON.

GOLD BEATING.

The art of gold-beating is a very ancient one. There seems great probability that, like some other arts, it has been known and practised and forgotten. Homer refers to it; Pliny, more practically, states that gold can be beaten, 10z. making 550 leaves, each four fingers square,—about four times the thickness of the gold now used. This is most probably such gold as was used in the decoration of the Temple. "It was covered with plates of burnished gold." The Peruvians had thin plates nailed together. It is possible that if decorations of this character were used in these parts, their insecurity would so trouble some folk that they would have no rest till they were effectually nailed. The Thebans have in their wall histories some gold characters done with leaf, said to be as thin as the gold of the present day. Coming down with a jump from the long past to the present age, we find our country celebrated for its gold-leaf. Italy used to excel us, but Italy has been in a long sleep, and is only just awakened. It is one of the last things our overgrown offspring undertook to make for herself. Until very recently she imported all the gold-leaf she required from this country. The gold-beater's skin made here is still the admiration of the world (of gold-beaters). This skin is gut skin, stretched and dried on frames, after which each surface is very carefully leveled, a labor intrusted to the delicate hands of young girls. A mould (as the number of square pieces of skin beaten at one time in gold-beating process is called) is an expensive article, costing from £9 to £10, and when useless for gold-beating is still of some value. Fifty or sixty years back a workman made 2000 leaves of gold from 18 or 19 3wts. of gold; now, by better skin and skill, he is enabled to produce the same number from 14 or 15 dwts., showing a considerable reduction in the cost of produce, and, as may be expected, a deterioration in the quality of the article. One grain of gold beaten between this skin can be extended to some 75 square inches of surface, the thickness of which will be 1-367650th part of an inch. These figures represent what may be done. What is done for the purposes of trade is somewhat less—viz., 56½ square inches per grain, 1-280000th of an inch in thickness. To give an idea of its thinness, it would take 120 to make the thickness of common printing paper, 367,650 sheets of which would make a column half as high as the Monument.

—*Ec.*—The New York Revolution wants married women to retain their maiden names.

Died:

At Parowan, Iron county, on the 8th instant Prentiss Perry, son of Nathaniel P. and Mary E. Worden, aged 2 years and 2 days. Supposed cause, swallowing some broken glass.

At Nephi, on the 17th ult., of inflammation of the lungs, Selena Belle, daughter of Henry and Susannah Goldsborough; aged two years, one month and fourteen days.

At Fountain Green, of erysipelas, Elizabeth, daughter of Noah T. and Elizabeth Gaymon; aged eight years, three months and twenty-eight days.

Of Dysentery, at St. George, on the 17th ult., Samuel Judd, aged 45 years, nine months and seven days.

Deceased was born in Cubbington, Warwickshire, England, July 10, 1820, and emigrated to this country in 1861. Bro. Judd was indefatigable in his labors to gather his family with the Saints, which he accomplished by bringing part at a time. He was faithful to his calling in the priesthood, and leaves sons to continue the work that we trust will prove faithful to his cause their father was ever true to.—(COM.)