

THE DESERET NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

No. 26.

Salt Lake City, Wednesday, July 31, 1878.

Vol. XXVII.

ESTABLISHED 1850.

THE DESERET NEWS, WEEKLY.

One copy, one year, with postage, \$3.00
" six months, " " 1.85
" three, " " .95

THE DESERET NEWS, SEMI-WEEKLY.

One copy, one year, with postage, \$4.25
" six months, " " 2.15
" three, " " 1.10

THE DESERET EVENING NEWS.

One copy, one year, with postage, \$10.50
" six months, " " 5.25
" three, " " 2.65

TERMS IN ADVANCE.

GEORGE Q. CANNON,
BRIGHAM YOUNG,
Editors and Publishers.

PRICE OF GOLD.

Corrected daily by DESERET NATIONAL BANK.
SALT LAKE CITY, JULY 30, 1878.
Buying at \$1.60; Selling at \$1.65.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JULY 23.

Harvesting.—The good people of Cache Valley have commenced the work of gathering a more than ordinarily bountiful harvest. The weather in that section is nearly as hot, in the middle portion of the day, as it is here.

Departure Postponed.—A private dispatch has been received by Elder Joseph F. Smith, stating that no vessel of Guion & Co's line will sail from New York for several weeks. In consequence of this, Elder John Nicholson and accompanying party of missionaries and visitors, for Europe, will not leave for England till on or about August 13th.

Water Glass.—We have frequently drawn attention to the importance of utilizing the native rocks and minerals of Utah. We believe the manufacture of "water glass," or silicate of soda could be made peculiarly successful and its introduction would be generally beneficial to the community. In close proximity to this city there is an abundance of silica in granulated form, as if nature had prepared it for special use. We are pleased that some progressive manufacturing chemists are giving the subject attention and anticipate making, in due time, cements, fire-proof paints, artificial stone and other generally useful products of the silicate of soda.

Drowned.—Correspondence from St. Charles, Bear Lake County, Idaho, gives an account of the death, by drowning, near that place, on July 12, of William Neilson, a boy, about 10 years of age.

In company with two smaller boys, he went to the outlet of Bear Lake, about three miles from St. Charles, and entered the water to bathe. The two boys said he advanced from the shallow water to where it was about nine feet deep, and went under. He arose twice to the surface, but going down the third time, was seen no more. His companions hastened to the settlement with the news of the fatal occurrence, and Bishop J. A. Hunt, his counselor and several others immediately turned out to search for the body. Early on the morning of the 20th, it was found, and a coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental drowning, in accordance with the facts described.

Pioneer Day.—To-morrow will be the Twenty-fourth of July, the anniversary of a most memorable event in the history of the Latter-day Saints. Thirty-one years ago, on that day, the Pioneers of the great West, headed by the late President Brigham Young, entered the Valley of the Salt Lake. That brave band traversed the western wilds on their journey hither under most disadvantageous circumstances, and suffered great hardships. Directed by the guiding hand of the Almighty, they sought out and made a new road for 650 miles, and followed a trappers' trail nearly 400 miles.

The advent of the Pioneers was the foundation of mighty results that have been developing from that time to the present. This not only applies to the opening up to thrifty population and the march

of progress of Utah and surrounding Territories, but nearly the entire country from the Missouri to the Pacific Coast. That fearless and intrepid little company were not only the Pioneers of Utah, but of the entire West. To-morrow is the anniversary of a day that should be observed and kept in remembrance while time endures. Parents should instruct their children in regard to the early settlement of these fruitful and blooming valleys, that they might be acquainted with the mighty work accomplished, under the blessing of God, by their fathers.

An Excellent Country.—Elder August Wilcken has written to Brother Charles Sansom, giving a description of the portion of country on Salt River, Arizona, recently colonized by the Latter-day Saints. He was delighted to find the country so prolific and fruitful. The Mexicans in that section have only been there about six or seven years and have splendid fields. He expresses the opinion that the "Mormons" will soon be able to surpass them, else they will not be deserving of the name they bear. He found Brother Jones, the few brethren with him and about 300 Pima Indians busy harvesting. Although the ground had been plowed with a wooden implement and some of it harrowed with brush, good crops were raised.

Brother Wilcken also describes the labors and progress of Bro. Crismon and party, located about four miles further up the river, but we have heretofore published a similar statement, in a communication of Brother Gibbons. In the part where the ancient canal, called the Montezuma Ditch, is located, pieces of pottery and cement are everywhere scattered.

For agricultural purposes the Salt River country can scarcely be excelled, but it is not favorable to stock raising. But all the stock needed for a farm can be kept easily, as lucerne flourishes and can be cut from six to eight times a year. On the Gila and San Pedro Rivers, however, immense herds of stock could be sustained.

The writer also describes the location of Brother P. C. Merrill and company as very desirable. The latter had finished cutting their grain and were engaged in stacking it. They had purchased a saw mill, which they intended erecting about twenty-five miles further up the river. Several good mines had been opened south of the colony, which were expected to afford an excellent market for the lumber made by the brethren, at from \$60 to \$80 a thousand, at the mill.

Elders Wilcken and Trejo expected to go into Mexico in the fall, on a preaching mission. They are very desirous that the Lord should bless their labors, by causing many to embrace the gospel and to gather to the location established by Elder Merrill and company.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JULY 25.

At Liverpool.—We learn, through a letter to President Taylor, that Elder Wm. Budge reached England on the 6th inst., in excellent health, after a fair passage from New York of ten days duration. He found the brethren at "42" all well.

Fire.—Last evening, about 7 o'clock, a fire occurred on the State Road, about three miles and a half south of the city, by which a barn and the surrounding pig pens, belonging to Mr. Wm. Howard, and a stack of hay, the property of Mr. James Arnold, were entirely consumed. The cause of the conflagration is supposed to be the careless use of matches, or the exploding of fire crackers, by boys in the vicinity.

Visiting Home.—This morning we were pleased to meet with Elder William C. Staines, Church emigration agent, who arrived home on Tuesday evening, on a brief visit, in the interim between the arrival at New York of companies of emigrating saints. He is only in moderate health, having suffered considerably from the oppressive heat which prevailed in the east.

The emigration business of the season has thus far progressed satisfactorily. Elder Staines speaks highly of the efficient manner in which Brother Nibley has conducted the details of that department at Liverpool.

Elder Staines will leave here in the beginning of September, in order to reach New York in ample time to be prepared to meet the next company, which will leave Liverpool about the 12th of that month. The last company of the season is expected to leave England some time between the middle and latter end of October.

Returned Missionary.—We have received a visit from Elder John Cook, of Mill Creek, who returned from a mission to the States and England on the 18th inst., being the president of the company of emigrating saints that reached this city on that date.

He left to go on his mission, Nov. 14th, 1876, and proceeded to Ohio, in which State he labored about eight months and baptized five persons. While there he received instructions to go to England, and left for that country, where he arrived June 22nd, 1877. After visiting relatives and friends in the Nottingham Conference, he went to the London Conference, in which field he had been appointed to labor as traveling elder. In the following September, on the departure for home of Elder William Paxman, he was appointed to preside over the London Conference, which position he occupied until his release to return to Utah. While he labored in that part of England quite a large number were added to the Church, and the prospects were good for a further increase at the time he left. He enjoyed his mission very much. The halls used by the saints in London are generally well filled with attentive strangers.

Weather in London.—The following "jottings" are from the *Millennial Star*, of July 1st:

"June 21st (the longest day) closed the cold, wet season for the present. The following day, traveling to London for the district meeting, the warmth suddenly increased, the sun poured its calorific into the carriages of the rushing train more fiercely than felt during our present visiting experience in England. Arriving in due time at "20," found President Cook and Brother W. B. Smith and Miles all in good health, and anxious for the morrow to be here. Meeting convened at 10.30 in Goswell Hall. The heat was fearfully sultry and oppressive, which soon broke into thunder and heavy rain. Between meetings it was fair, but the thunder was unusually loud. The afternoon meeting was only just opened, when the peals appeared to come closer and the hailstones rattled, while the rain fell almost in sheets. Singing was necessarily continuous, as in the roar and rattle nothing else could have been heard. The results were astounding to the Londoners; the underground railroad flooded, suspending train and travel until Tuesday; sewers burst and cellars filled, some of the brethren finding four feet of water in the house when they reached home. An immense amount of damage was done, although the sun came out and the evening was beautiful. The afternoon meeting after all was good, but the evening meeting was extra, the hall was full, and the interest intense."

Missionary Labors in Tennessee.

By letter from Elder Edward Stevenson, dated July 16th, at Duck River, Hickman County, in the above State, we learn that, in company with Elder P. P. Pratt, who joined him from the northern States, on the 18th ult., he had just completed a tour of 100 miles; found a new opening for the spread of the gospel in Louisville County, and had held 24 meetings during the past 28 days. These meetings were fairly attended, notwithstanding the farmers were busy harvesting, and a spirit of belief and inquiry was operating upon the minds of many of the people. The weather was very oppressive. The wheat yield in the Counties of Hickman, Louisville, and Maury, had been very light, at

one place 100 acres of land producing but 200 bushels, at another, 60 acres, 61 bushels, and another, 80 acres, 144 bushels. Some farms, however, had yielded from 8 to 10 bushels per acre. The corn crop was good, cotton very light. The season had been unusually wet. Elder Hyrum Clark was released from his mission, on the 16th ult., on account of ill health.

The prospects were good for continued success in that vicinity, and the Elders felt encouraged to proceed in the good work of winning souls to Christ.

Cloud Burst.—On Tuesday evening a cloud bursted in the mountains east of Farmington, Davis County, letting down an immense volume of water, which divided into two streams, one rushing down Farmington Cañon and the other down a gorge about two miles south of the town. The first stream swept down upon William Glover's farm, damaging it greatly, virtually transforming it into a sand-bank and strewn it with gravel and huge boulders. The farm of Henry Steed also received considerable damage. Mr. R. N. Russell, who is our informant, and Mr. O. F. Atwood, were leaving Mr. Steed's place for the city, and hearing the rumbling of the torrent as it rushed along, turned back, but did not succeed in regaining the house before it came upon them. The roaring stream struck their team and wagon, sweeping them away. Yesterday morning one of the mules was discovered imbedded in the sand, with only his head and neck visible above it. The other was found lodged against a rock a short distance below where it was caught. Both animals were badly bruised. The wagon was swept under a shed and utterly demolished. The rush of water commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and continued about two hours. Mr. Russell informs us that the main road leading to the city is impassable to teams, being blocked with sand, gravel and boulders.

The lower stream swept away a portion of fence around the farm of Hon. William Jennings and carried a large quantity of dirt upon the land. The farm of Mr. Ford was also injured to some extent by it. No lives were lost, but the damage to property amounts to considerable in the aggregate.

City Council.—The Council met on Tuesday evening, Alderman Raleigh presiding.

A petition, signed by James Burgess and 23 others, was received, calling attention to a nuisance which prevails in parts of the city in the shape of ducks and geese running loose and damaging crops and making water filthy, and asking that an ordinance governing the same be passed by the council. Referred to the committee on municipal laws.

A communication was received from Councilor James W. Cummings, in which he proposed to perform the duties of supervisor, watermaster, and jailor, and to board the prisoners in the city jail at a reduction of the amount at present expended by the city for these purposes. Referred to the committee on streets and alleys and on prison, in joint capacity.

The committee on municipal laws to whom was referred the bill for an ordinance providing for levying a special tax for waterworks, reported said bill back with a substitute therefor. The substitute was read and 30 copies were ordered printed in open lines for the use of the members of the council.

The marshal was instructed to furnish, for the use of the Council, copies of the laws passed by the last legislature.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Millen Atwood, asking that he be refunded a portion of the money paid by him for a butcher's license, he having quit the business before the license expired, reported recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Report adopted and \$9.00 appropriated.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Warner, asking that a portion of his

liquor license which was not used, owing to repairs proceeding in his building, be refunded, reported that they found the statements correct, and recommended that the sum of \$50 be returned to him in compliance with his petition. Report adopted and amount appropriated.

The committee on municipal laws reported back the bill for an ordinance relative to the city cemetery and sexton, amended, the bill as amended was ready, but without definite action thereon, the Council adjourned for one week.

The Birch-Boyd Shooting Affair.—A Leeds correspondent, under date of July 19th, forwards the following particulars of the late shooting affray at that place.

"Mr. Birch was discharged by the Justice of the Peace this afternoon. He was acquitted by a coroner's jury, after which a complaint was entered by the prosecuting attorney of the county, and a full investigation was had before the committing magistrate, and, after a full examination of a large number of witnesses, Mr. Birch was discharged, on the grounds of self-defence. The evidence showed that George Boyd was held under bonds of \$1,000 last November, to keep the peace, especially toward Mr. Birch, and that on the day of the shooting Boyd went twice to Mr. Birch, to get up a quarrel, the last time following the latter with a pistol in his hand, Boyd going into the store, Boyd standing at the door in the act of shooting, when a shot was fired from the inside, missing Mr. Boyd. Boyd fired a shot into the store missing Mr. Birch. Another shot was fired from the inside, resulting in the death of Mr. Boyd. The ball struck about six inches below the nipple, in the left breast. The evidence further showed that Boyd had threatened Birch's life, and that, two hours before the shooting, he swore he would kill Mr. Birch before sundown.

The general sympathy of the people of Leeds and Silver Reef is with Mr. Birch, and even friends of Boyd consider it justifiable homicide."

NEW YORK TRADE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Readers and Heads of Families!

CUT out this notice and send it to the Graefenberg Company, 54 Reade St., N. Y., together with TWENTY-FIVE cents, and you will receive by return mail, postage paid, a copy of their valuable family medical book, entitled

The Graefenberg MANUAL OF HEALTH.

It contains 360 pages, handsomely printed on fine paper, and is written in language plainly understood by every one.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described animal:
One ruddy yearling HEIFER, brand on left shoulder has the appearance of 88, underbit in each ear and crop off the left.

One small red yearling HEIFER, no brands visible, upper slope and underbit in left ear, and crop and underbit in right ear.

If the above described animals are not claimed and taken away before Thursday, the 1st day of August at 10 a.m., they will be sold, at public auction at the St. George Estray Pound.

GEORGE T. COTTAM,
District Poundkeeper,
St. George, July 22, 1878.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described animal:
One dark bay HORSE, white star in forehead, white on nose, and feet white, and dark marks on each side of left shoulder, branded on right side of hindquarters with a

One dark bay HORSE, white star in forehead, white on nose, and feet white, and dark marks on each side of left shoulder, branded on right side of hindquarters with a

One very small light bay MARE, speckled back, branded on left hind leg with a

One very small light bay MARE, speckled back, branded on left hind leg with a

One very small light bay MARE, speckled back, branded on left hind leg with a

One very small light bay MARE, speckled back, branded on left hind leg with a