

THE TWENTY-FOURTH.

THE 23rd Anniversary of the arrival of thePioneers in these valleys occurs tomorrow, but being Sunday that great event will not be celebrated until Monday, when all classes of citizens will no doubt take much pleasure in participating in the ceremonies of the occasion. On that day all business establishments, including the DESERET News Office, will be closed, and the day will be celebrated and honored heartily and joyously, but in a manner becoming Saints.

As old-time citizens of the various nationalities of the civilized world, a great many of us sympathize with the holidays and festivals of early days; as citizens of the United States we all participate with zest in the celebration of our nation's independence, the Fourth of July; but as members of the great latter-day Zion and Church of God, we recognize the 24th of July, as the day of all days worthy of being celebrated and honored; for on that day the Saints of God, after suffering persecution unexampled in the history of modern civilized nations, found an abiding place, and the kingdom in which liberty, justice and the possession of every right will be guaranteed to all, may be fairly said to have commenced its sway. Such an event is worthy of celebration and of being sung in the grandest peans of which human tongue is capable.

In honor of this event there will be celebrations throughout the Territory. In this city we shall have a good time. The exercises at the New Tabernacle will comprise an oration by Elder Orson Pratt, speeches by Presidents Young and Smith, music, singing, toasts, etc., etc. We expect to see a grand turn out of citizens.

DESERET UNIVERSITY.

YESTERDAY, being the last day of the Summer term, at the Deseret University we dropped in for awhile to hear the close of the examination of the pupils of the institution. The exercises consisted of select readings recitations and orations; the examination in mathematics, history, the languages and other studies having been brought to a close on previous days.

The teacher of elocution is Professor Riggs, and the efficiency attained and evinced by some of his pupils yesterday afternoon certainly reflected the highest credit upon him as a teacher.

Among the pupils examined, deserving especial praise, were Messrs. Harmel Pratt, B. Young, O. F. Whitney, and J. L. Roberts, and the Misses Slade, Susie Young and Kittie Hayward. Their recitations were given not only perfect in word, but they were spoken with the spirit and the understanding, and gave evidence of considerable knowledge of the principles of elocution. The exercises in the mathematical, commercial and other departments of study, we are assured were equally as creditable, and the fact that an institution exists in our city, where pupils may graduate, as in the best colleges of the East, should be a matter of gratification and gratulation to our citizens generally.

The Institution, in its present form, has existed not quite eighteen months. It is ably conducted, and provided with competent professors in every branch taught, and they are enthusiastically devoted to the advancement of education. The success of their labors, as exemplified in the progress of their pupils, is abundant proof of this; and as such they merit the thanks, and substantial gratitude and support of the community. Too much importance cannot be attached to education, and we are glad to see that it is claiming that share of attention from our people generally, which it deserves. We sincerely hope to see the pecuniary support absolutely necessary for the support of such institutions as the Deseret University rendered by the public, that the blessings and benefits of a thoroughly liberal education may be enjoyed by all the young folks throughout our whole community.

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THE EXCURSION PARTY ON SUNDAY.—On Sunday afternoon, after the meeting at the Tabernacle, a special train carrying several hundred citizens, among whom were Presidents Young, Smith and Wells and several members of the Twelve, left the depot of the Utah Central in this city for Ogden, to meet Hon. W. H. Hooper, Delegate to Congress from this Territory,

on his return from Washington. The party was accompanied by Croxall's brass band, which at every station on the up and down journey added to the enjoyment of the occasion by playing merry tunes.

The train left the depot at about half past three, and in one hour and a quarter it reached Ogden. Brother Hooper, accompanied by Bro. John T. Caine, who has been in the East for several months past, were awaiting the arrival of the party, and such a time of genial greetings and hand shaking has seldom been seen. The affair was free from that formality usual on such occasions, and was one of pleasure to all present.

In about twenty minutes the return journey was commenced, and on arriving at Kaysville there was a large crowd of citizens, who as soon as the train stopped, called "Hooper," and "a speech." In response the Captain made a short speech, thanking his friends for their friendly greetings and expressing his joy at again reaching home. A similar scene took place at Farmington, where a large inscription "Welcome to our Delegate," had been erected. The appearance of the Captain was greeted with loud cheers and the firing of ordnance. By a mistake the engineer came by Centerville without stopping, where a large party was assembled, and came on to Wood's Cross, where music from a string and martial band, and the firing of cannon again greeted the party; but this time the calls for a speech were not responded to, the Delegate being too fatigued to do any more talking. The train then came on to the City, performing the journey from Ogden, including stoppages, in less than an hour and a half.

The trip was one of the most pleasant ever taken in the Territory, and it was difficult to say which enjoyed it most, the members of the party from this City, or the gentleman in whose honor the demonstration was made.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF JULY.

They led the way to these mountains,
Those men who were favored of God;
To Zion's high hills and her fountains,
O'er paths where the red man had trod;
In the east they were hunted and driven,
For the soles of their feet they'd no rest;
They complied with the counsel of heaven,
And sought out a home in the west.

Thank God for the noble and great,
To lead out in His mighty cause;
And 'stablish foundations of state,
Where Saints can abide in His laws:
Thank Him that we live here in peace,
May we live and the blessing maintain;
That His kingdom may grow and increase,
'Till Messiah shall come here to reign.

Centerville, July, 1870.

NEPHI.

CRAMP WHEN SWIMMING.—Every summer brings its sad list of drownings through cramp, and this season they have been rather more numerous than usual. The real nature of the muscular paralysis which suddenly sinks even the strongest and most expert swimmers without a moment's warning is necessarily very much a matter of conjecture. The result is in the majority of cases fatal, and, even where the sufferer is saved, the shock, followed by insensibility, prevents him from clearly remembering the symptoms. According to the common theory, the cramp seizes the swimmer's leg, but the London *Lancet* questions this. Though disabled for a moment from swimming, there is no reason why a man with cramp in the leg should not float; indeed to throw himself on his back with legs distended would be almost an instinctive impulse, and in that position he could easily maintain himself without an effort, especially if accustomed to the water. It is the terrible characteristic of these seizures that the victim goes down instantly, and without a struggle. This our medical cotemporary is disposed to attribute, not to the stiffening of a limb, but to cramp of the respiratory muscles, by which the expansion of the lungs is checked or the air therein expelled; thus deprived of its buoyancy, the body sinks. Swimming undoubtedly puts a considerable strain on these muscles, and there is plausibility in the theory, though it is difficult to ascertain the truth with certainty. The subject is well worthy of further investigation. Much would be gained if only some warning symptoms could be pointed out for the guidance of swimmers, who might then strike out for the shore before the cramp actually came on.—*Albion*.

Nine thousand persons are sheltered in tents by the government since the Constantinople fire. The number who have been out, and furnished with provisions by the government, is 15,000 making an aggregate of 24,000.

Some one was informing a German of a brewer who had married a young lady related to a peer, when the German remarked: "Ah, yes, a very proper match. Of course a brewer ought to be connected with the beerage."

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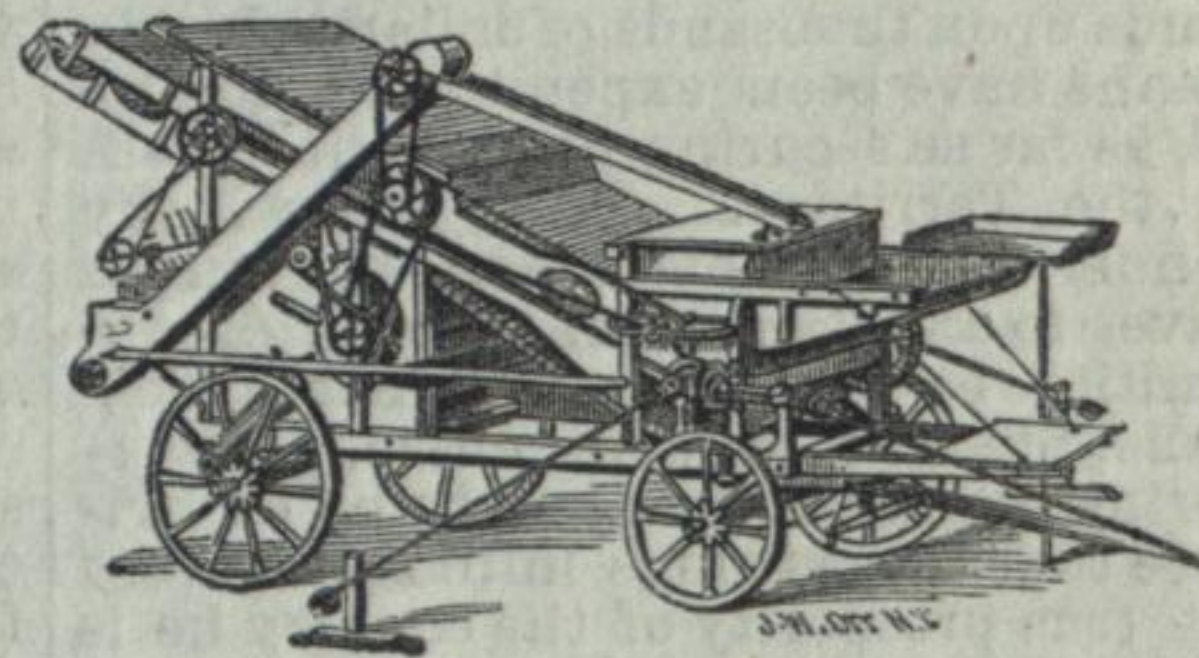
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