

# DESERET NEWS.

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GEN. RICH.—Mrs. Rich has recently received a letter from the General, (written, as we understand, about 50 miles east of Sacramento, where he met his brother-in-law, Harvey Green, who left this place last spring,) in which it is stated that John Bills died, of a fever, at the mountain pass; and J. M. Flake was thrown from his mule, and killed, after arriving at the mines. The General was healthy and fat; also the brethren in the diggings. Short letter, and short news, which we suppose to be the case with many other letters, which came in about the same time; we have not had the opportunity of reading one of them.

*Constant Enquiry.*—"Have any brethren recently arrived from California?" Don't know; haven't seen any.

## TEAM WORK.

The brethren of the city, who have the prosperity of Zion constantly before them, and would make all their labors tend to the upbuilding thereof, are reminded that the work on the Public Buildings must cease, unless teams can speedily be raised to draw the timbers, and lumber. We are aware, as well as yourselves, that the grain and hay harvest are pressing hard, that the harvest is great and the laborers are few; but be assured, brethren, if you will come forward with teams, and draw the necessary materials for completing the Store House, so that your tithes and offerings can be secured at the proper time, you will prosper better in your harvest and you will be richer at the close of the year, than you will to devote all your immediate resources to your own private interest. But little common labor has been called for, of late; it is now wanted in your turn, and mostly, in hauling.

## MAILS.

John Y. Green left this place, with a mail for the States on the 2d inst, accompanied by Mr. Holladay, and others.

*Another mail*, we expect, will leave for the States, about the 15th of Sept. so that Emigrants can still get news to their friends, from hence, quicker than from California.

EMIGRANTS, a small company of California Emigrants, bound for the States, were in our city, last Sabbath. We understand they report unusual good feed on St. Mary's river, occasioned by flood, which compelled the early Emigrants to make a new road on the side of the mountain; that some of the forward teams, were short of provisions; Emigration very great: and men women and children, who had lost their teams, were walking it through, subsisting on dead carcasses, and worn out cattle; Generally healthy in California; but the diggers not making as well as last year.

*Found;* a trunk or padlock key: also a silvery pencil case, by Us.

*Irish Cannon*, how made; pour warm brass or iron around a long hole.

*Cross Examination.* Attorney: What ear marks had said hog?

Dutch witness: Non' 'n pertikiller, kept a vary short tail.

*Gold.* Why are the people of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and Michigan, going to California, if, as the papers say, they all have gold mines at home?

*How to write for the Press.*—Write about *something*; write plain, short, and to the point; read, abridge, correct, punctuate, copy, and be very careful to stop when you have done.

*Startling Discovery.* In excavating the City of Ninevah, Mr. Layard discovered the name of Jonah, inscribed upon the ruins.

[Neah's Sunday Times.]

This may well be a startling discovery to those sons of Judah, who believe in no prophet but Moses; but those who believe in the Old and New Testaments, will not be surprised at far greater discoveries from the researches now being made among ancient ruins, both in Asia and America.

We have before us the "Report of the Select Committee of Thirteen" on the slavery compromise, U. S. Senate, May 8th, and may notice it further, when we have time to devote to politics.

We learn from Fort Laramie that there had passed that Fort up to the 4th of July last; 37171 men, 803 women, 1094 children. 8994 wagons, 22,742 horses, 7,472 mules, 30,616 oxen, 5,720 cows, 45 sheep, and deaths registered 257.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT OF OREGON. We have at length reached a crisis in our civil affairs, which should awaken the strongest and most earnest anxieties of every heart. We are compelled by truth and duty to announce the alarming fact that we are in a state of total anarchy. There is, so far as we can see, no legal protection for either person or property in this Territory. We asked one of our ablest lawyers the other day how we should proceed to procure a warrant or *habeas corpus*. His reply was, that he knew of no officer who was authorized to issue either. Can the citizens of this city sleep quietly in their beds, in this total absence of civil officers, while the place is infested with so many groceries and drunken vagabonds. We do hope this, our last call, will be heeded, and city officers elected. If this is not done, then murder and robbery may be perpetrated, and no security can be enjoyed except in repelling force by force. With a proper board of city officers, a degree of order may be preserved until the officers are created. When Gov. Lane is gone, Marshall Meek will be the only