

Minister Van Valkenburg, of Japan, informs the people of the United States that arrangements are concluded, by which the city of Yeddo, the town of Negato, and the harbor of Ebisuma will be opened to them for trade and residence, in pursuance of the treaty, on the 1st of April.

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the counsels of the Almighty, many of us, who to-day, are in bondage to these and other pernicious practices would never have indulged in them.

I moved into Kirtland with five families. The question immediately arose, "where shall we settle?" Why, right here in Kirtland, the Lord designs to make this a stronghold for a few years, and here we are to settle; which was the counsel of the Prophet.

The very first thing that occurred after this advice was, that two out of the five came to the conclusion that they had better go to the neighboring town, because they thought they could gain some temporary advantage. To Chagrin they went, in opposition to the advice of the Prophet, and in a few weeks they were in darkness, and not long after they were numbered with the enemies of Zion, and were soon using all their power for the destruction of the Saints.

He that gathereth not with us scattereth abroad. Joseph, the Prophet, told us to go to work and build up the cities of Zion, and not to build up strange cities. Kirtland, of course, contained but few Saints, and they were poor, and many of the brethren who were mechanics would go to Cleveland, Painesville and other places, while the residue were willing to take the advice of the Prophet and stay in Kirtland and get what work they could among the brethren, and make improvements, and at the end of the year it invariably turned out that those who had obeyed counsel had made the most means, and what was more, they had the best spirit, and, as a general thing, they are still in the midst of the Saints; while those who went abroad, contrary to the counsels and instructions of the servants of the Lord, became darkened in their minds, and eventually apostatized.

The fact is, in relation to this, that we are to seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and to use all our efforts to sustain His Kingdom and each other, and to sustain and uphold those who uphold the Kingdom of God, and when we neglect to do this, and suffer temporary interests to drag us to the right or the left, we lay a foundation for darkness and destruction.

However many objections we may feel to abiding the counsels and instructions which are given to the Saints, we will find, under all circumstances, that they are invariably for the best, and that when they have not been observed, the result was unfavorable. It seems to me that most of us can look back the last four or five years and see the course that has been pursued by some in their eagerness and determination to disobey counsel. By these lessons and examples in the school of experience we ought to make ourselves acquainted with the principles of progress and profit by them. If we will do so, God will strengthen our hands and enlighten our minds, and enable us to pull unitedly together; and when we are united as a solid mass, all the powers of earth cannot prevail against us.

Our weakness consists in division among ourselves, in not living up to our calling, in not abiding by the counsels which the Lord inspires His servants to impart unto us, and not abiding by the covenants which we make when we lift up our hands to Heaven and vote to sustain our President, or Prophet, as a seer and revelator unto us. This failure on our part weakens both his hands and ours. Bro. Woolley said this morning, "we are progressing," and there is no doubt we are, but it is slowly.

May the Lord bless us, unite our hearts and quicken our progress, in my prayer, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

LOCAL ITEMS.

THEATRICAL.—There was very good playing, and a highly entertaining performance last night, in the "Sea of Ice" and the farce, though the house was rather thin.

To-morrow evening the great sensational Irish drama, "Arrah Na Pogue," will be performed for the benefit of Prof. Careless. Mr. McKenzie will sustain the part of Shaun the Post; Mr. Hardie that of O'Grady. Mr. Thompson, Major Coffin; Mr. Merrill, the Sergeant, and the other characters are cast as when it was first performed. After the drama comes a Musical Melange, in which several of the most popular vocalists and instrumentalists in the city will appear.

THANKS.—We are under obligations to Theo. F. Tracy, Esq., for a box of fresh oysters, by rail and stage from the east. These delicious bivalves in a fresh condition, will become less rare here, as the distance between the ocean coast and this city is lessened, and if "oysters on the half-shell" should not become so popular as they are in some places, "fresh from their native element" may become so.

THE WEATHER.—It is cloudy to-day, with a slight thaw.

By Deseret Telegraph Line.—Logan; a little cloudy but warm; thawing fast. Manti; cloudy and cold; looks like storming. Chicken Creek; very cloudy. Round valley; cloudy; looks like storming. Painesville; quite warm; looks like a storm. George; warm and cloudy. Thermometer 55.

THE BENEFIT.—Professor Geo. Careless takes a benefit to-morrow night. Our orchestral leader is a gentleman whose greatest noise is made from the auditorium side of the footlights, and then it comes in sweet sounds, often in ravishing strains. The play selected is one of the most popular pieces of the day, which has run for hundreds of nights east and west and in Europe, and is now being played, in translated form, with great success, in France and Spain. "Arrah Na Pogue" has been presented here on two solitary occasions, and all who saw it wanted to see it again, as far as we have learned. They, with the public at large, will be gratified to-morrow night. Professor Careless has secured the service of most efficient musicians for a melange to follow the play, in which we look for a treat. There should be a crowded house.

FROM CACHE.—Elder E. T. Benson has kindly placed at our disposal correspondence to himself from Cache Valley, by which we learn that the labors of the missionaries alluded to in Bishop Hodge's letter, published on Wednesday, continue with much success. There was an excellent time at the two days' meeting in Logan, and a large number of people assembled, and much valuable instruction was given. The stock turned in for the promontory north of the lake on the 29th, about six hundred head of cattle being together. The weather was very cold at the close of January. The people were feeling well, and everything was moving on prosperously.

Died.

This morning, (Feb. 6,) at the residence of her son-in-law, Br. Thomas Higgs, 17th Ward, after a long and severe illness, ANN WILLIAMS, aged 80 years.

The funeral will take place on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

At Fillmore City, Jan. 12th, 1868, of whooping cough with fever, Edna May, daughter of Edward and Sarah L. Partridge, aged 3 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Also, at the same place, Jan. 28th, 1868, of whooping cough, Charles, son of Edward and Elizabeth Partridge, aged 7 months and 10 days.

At Nephi, Jan. 27th, 1868, of convulsions, Paul, infant son of Thomas and Jane Stephenson, aged 8 months and 4 days.

Special Notices.

President Heber C. Kimball understands that there are many in this city and in other places adjacent, who have wool to card. He has put up a stove and has the place where his two double carding machines work, in the 18th Ward, near Pugsley's mill and the Ward Meeting House, fitted up so that carding can be done occasionally when the weather moderates. He also has David Le Baron to work them—a man whom the people know to be honest, for he has been well known among them for many years. He can cheerfully recommend Br. Le Baron as an honorable man, who has always given satisfaction to his customers when running machines for him. People bringing wool can have it done when they bring it, if there is enough at the machines to run a day. Bring grease as usual, say one pound to seven.

If the people will not bring wool along to be carded, the place will be closed.

Mrs. White has arranged to prolong her stay in the city for a little time longer, and those who desire to rapidly obtain an acquaintance with music should see her, for she communicates a knowledge of the science, by "Robbins American Method," so quickly as to astonish those unacquainted with it. We think our musicians who wish to fully understand Harmony or Thorough Bass, applied to the piano, organ, &c., ought to make themselves acquainted with the system soon, as she will remain here but a short time. She can be found at the Townsend House.

22. Sherman and Thatcher, of Logan, Cache Valley, want to trade for stock.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

CAME to my place, on the 24th ult., a white COW, about 6 years old, branded on right side W. H. The owner is requested to pay damages and take her away.

G. L. COTTON, 8th Ward.

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CITY ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Election will be held at the City Hall on Monday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of electing one Mayor, five Aldermen, nine Councilors, a Recorder, Treasurer and Marshal.

Polls will be open at 8 o'clock A.M. Salt Lake City. ROBERT CAMPBELL, City Recorder.

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