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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY:

Wednesday-----May 16, 1855.

The Eastern Mail,

So long expected, and at times almost given up, arrived on the 12th inst., bringing I 'way' and 22 'through' sacks, and leaving 16 sacks in a wagon which broke down near Weber river. The sacks unavoidably left at Weber will probably be brought in on the 15th or 16th.

From all we have as yet had time to learn, it is presumed that all back mail matter, to April 1, is now in. For this we thank the indefatigable and energetic conductor, Mr. Hudspeth, the very prompt, accommodating, and gentlemanly Postmaster in Independence, P. McClanahan, Esq., and the efficient agent at Independence, Mr. Isaac Hockaday, and every other person who has aided in furnishing these 'upper regions' with the news and intelligence emanating from the 'lower

Having written this much we would like to stop, but 'truth and liberty' will not permit. The over, and a fair held upon it, I believe. official conduct, between Independence and Fort Laramie, with mail matter for Utah, we have not been able to satisfactorily determine for some time past, but from positive information in our lice. possession the Postmaster at Fort Laramie has much room for improvement.

A responsible employee, who left here with the April mail for the East, says, that on arriving at Laramie the Postmaster overhauled the 'way' mail sack, which contained, as it always does, all matter for offices on the route, and then expressed rested and carried off to the police office. In the great anxiety to ransack the balance, with which he had no business, only to forward by the first opportunity in the precise condition it had arrived; new address. It is at the corner of Islington, and wondered where his copy of the Deseret opposite Mrs. Knight's-a splendid house for an and Orson Hyde in establishing a printing office News was, &c.

But, many thanks to our friend McClanahan therefor, the brass locks prevented his rummaging, to use no severer term, and we trust that the Postmaster General will perceive the necessity of Please address your future letters to 36, Islingthe case, and at once cause proper bags to be furnished to the Postmaster at Independence sufficient to contain all mail matter for Utah, with of through emigrants-P. E. F. and those who ing' of that work, and be the foreman in the new bled, That, in lieu of the rates of postage now established brass locks for each, and no keys for these locks, except at Independence and G. S. L. City.

This mode, and this alone, will prevent the wholesale rummaging, which Utah has so long endured.

As to the copy of the 'News, which the Postmaster at Laramie claimed, we have instituted an enquiry, and cannot find his name anywhere upon our books; if he can substantiate a right to a copy it shall be forwarded forthwith, and as regularly as the mails will carry it, for this office is extremely careful and punctual in that department.

Furthermore, if he will give responsible security that he will not overhaul any but the 'way' bags, | yesterday from Singapore, in good health and fine nor permit it to be done within his jurisdiction, nor fail to forward mail matter to its destination by every opportunity, we pledge ourselves to furnish him the 'News' without further charge during good behavior.

When the conductor arrived at Laramie he enquired for all mail matter for Utah, and this specimen Postmaster handed out a very small ton, we are enabled to furnish the following -March 8, a fire at Weston, Mo., destroyed that indicated upon the face of such postage stamp or for amount; the conductor asked again if that was Extracts of a letter from Elder Thomas S. Wil- buildings and on er property estimated at \$120,all, and the reply was again, yes; when at the lams .- [ED. same time there was a large number of mail sucks in plain sight behind the door, and one of the April 20, 1855. hands said, I know those are for Salt Lake, and you had better not ask again, or we shall have them all to carry. However, for some reason not yet found out, those sacks were afterwards forwarded to the conductor.

These few items give a little insight as to the whereabouts of Godey's Lady's Books, Graham's and Harper's Magazines, Ballou's Pictorials, London Illustrated News, and broken files of our best exchange papers.

causes us disappointment and loss, but works a direct loss and vexation to all subscribers to Eastern periodicals and papers, and to their publishers. nights, which I shall do all the way down. And, candidly, it is rather too much to be whipped for ignorance, and then, after being driven here, to be so completely debarred from the current blaze of light poured forth by the world's presses.

fiberal to officially assist benighted Utah to an occasional ray, when by so doing he is only it. I think it would be well for the Governor a Geman, and this, undoubtedly the crowning cerning the above named persons, whether living or dear performing his duty for which he is well paid to know of it, that the Utahs there may be in- achievement of his skill, will rank him amongst

presents himself at the confessional.

In such case, if all upon the route, who are used to indulging in the reading and retaining publications which are not theirs, will inform us who they are, where they live, and what publications they prefer, we will endeavor to have them furnished direct from the different offices; souri, March 27: for we had rather pay twice the amount and get what belongs to us, than to pay the fair value and get nothing.

Elders' Correspondence.

We are much obliged to Elder Samuel W Richards for the following extracts of late news from a letter written to him by Elder James Linforth, of the Millennial Star office, 36, Islington, Liverpool, March 2, 1855 .- [ED.

Br. Franklin desires me to say for him that he should have written you and his friends this mail, but his health would not admit, although up to within a few days past it was very good, the regain their health. weather having been exceedingly clear and frosty for about a month.

Apropos of this frost, the business of the town and port was nearly suspended. The receipts at the Custom House fell to fifty pounds of lowa. one day-a thing never before known. The river contained large pieces of floating ice. I saw some about as large as the office desk which you purchased; vessels were kept out until nearly 800 were due, and the telegraph was almost out the county; the Thames was again frozen

The depression existing in connection with this frost caused bread riots and other disturbances. Liverpool was shut up for ports of several days, and the militia were under arms to assist the po-The breadshop windows were smashed, and the shops emptied of their contents by the ham will return at the same time, and Br. Skeldiately, and issued relief tickets, and all the deserving poor were soon supplied with bread, soup, and coals; -much better than being left to starve with hunger, or fired upon for taking what nature was craving for. It was a sad sight around our office in Islington, to see people armidst of it all, the militia mutinied, but were soon brought to terms.

By the heading of this letter you perceive a office for us. The house at 15, Wilton-street in that city for the purpose of publishing the Book matter to save many enquiries, which entails a great deal cannot be given up until the 1st of August, but we are now partially removed into Islington, and br. F. and the rest of the stock, &c. will come, I presume, when the through emigration is closed. | truth may require.

You would no doubt like a word about the emigration. This year there are only two classes have their own teams. Fifteen pounds is the office. sum considered to be sufficient to cover the expense of one individual. All who can pay twelve being taken out on condition that they donate ples. the money and repay the full cost of their emigration after arriving out,

Philadelphia loaded entirely with saints.

About 1800 in all, including the Scandinavian proving daily. emigration have already left these shores this season, and about 1300 more are on books for

Br. W. Willes, from the E. I. Mission, arrived spirits. Br. Bell, from Malta, is in town, too. Both are expecting to go to the Valley this

Elder T. Williams, late president of Hull cona clerk. He and the other brethren desire their love to you.

Through the courtesy of Elder William Clay- of M rch 31.]

rescued them from the Indians by paying for mules are in fine order. I intend to reach the hoax. frontier by the 5th of May, if no accident happens I leave here to day.

Three or four days before I got to Devil's season. gate, a large war party of Indians had driven off __ The railroad suspension bridge at Niagara, was all of Semino's horses, and all of Pappan's and the mail mules, making a clean sweep of all the The following statistics from the Buffilo Express As we have said before, this system not only animals at that point. Also, the very morning will give some idea of the Great Bridge and its cawe got to the bridge on the Platte river, they pacity: had taken 75 head from Racheau and the traders at that point. I saved myself by traveling | Height of tower above rock on American side,

> The Indians here seem to be quiet, and manifest a desire to remain so. The Indians and Diameter of mach cables Whites are involved in war on the Arkansas Number of No. 9 wires in each cable

The small-pox is causing great destruction | Weight of superstructure among the Utah Indians, and among the Cam-If the Postmaster General is not sufficiently anches, and Arrapahoes on the Arkansas. The people here feel somewhat alarmed, for they hear that the Indians are moving this way with

we shall not be able to absolve his sins when he formed, and thus be enabled to keep on their the greatest Engineers of his day. He has reared guard, for their tribe East of the Wahsatch a monument of the greatness of his mind, which Mountains have it very bad among them. Two will be lasting as time.' hundred and eighty died in one village of the -Riots had occurred at Liverpool and London, Arrapahoes.'

By politeness of Br. Isaac Bowman we are enabled to make the following extracts of a letter from Elder Milo Andrus, dated at Weston, Mis-

'I have just counted 200 well-armed men passing the city Hotel on their way to the ferry; they are going to cross over to Kansas Territory to be at the election, which comes off on the 30th inst.

The weather is very changeable, and colds are very prevalent.

About 80 Danish brethren have arrived bere; they have had some sickness, and 5 have died .-A company of 100 Danish Saints are at Fort Leavenworth; 3 of them have died. The 40 who came up with me are all well; and as the three companies are now off the river I trust that all will soon

Great excitement prevails in regard to the Indians, they seem hostile, and on this account many families are moving from the northwestern part

The past winter has been very cold in most of the States, and this month has been unusually cold for this latitude."

On the 28th, Elder Andrus intended to go a blank sheet. The thing was general through- aboard a steamer for St. Louis; his health was

By letter from Bishop N. V. Jones, dated in Calcutta, Jan'y 8, we learn that his health had for home about the 1st of Feb'y. Br. Fotheringmob. The leading men took a wise step imme- ton will tarry until the Saints in that region are prepared to emigrate.

> DEPARTURE .- On the 10th inst., Gen'l Charles C. Rich, one of the Twelve, started on his return to San Bernardino, accompanied by Elders, from the Deseret News office, and will proceed to of Mormon in the Hawaian language, a newspaper, and such other publications as the cause of

> Elder Cannon translated the Book of Mormon into Hawaian, while on his mission to the Saudwich Islands, and will attend to the 'proof-read-

pounds are being assisted to the other three. skill, the establishment on the Pacific coast will Those who can only pay ten pounds each are be of vast utility in disseminating correct princi- not exceeding three thousand miles, three cents; and for

Elder J. S. Fullmer has been appointed the Wines brings word that he met Elder Hector C. managing conductor of the P. E. F. Emigration Haight & Co. four miles this side of Cache al weight of half an ounce, or additional weight of less this season. He sailed with 429 others, on the Cave. They were all well, with the exception of Br. John L. Smith, and his health was im-

with frequent high winds.

Summary.

[From a file of late Western papers courteously forwarded by P. McClanahan Esq'r. Post Mas- not for transmission through the mail, but for delivery only, ter at Independence, Mo., to Judge Smith, incluference, has recently been added to the office as | ding the Missouri Republican of March 23 and maining over, or uncalled for, in any post office, shall be 26, Missouri Democrat of 23 and 26, the Frontier | postage, both to be accounted for as other postages now News of the 22nd, and the Occidental Messenger are.

SANDY POINT, 7 miles west of Fort Laramie, -It has been formally announced in both Houses of Parliament that Nicholas, Emperor, of Russia, fect and be in force from and after the commencement of 'I arrived here yesterday all well, and found died of pulmonic apoplexy, on the 2d of March. nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to alter all our mules here, as Ward and Gurrier had Such was the telegraphic report to London, but the laws in relation to the franking privilege. them, costing ten dollars per head; they also its correctness is doubted by the Russian Minis- security of valuable letters posted for transmission in the recovered Mr. Eldredge's in the same way. Our ter at Washington, who pronounces it to be a

I have been very fortunate since I started .- est snow storm it had experienced during the past

crossed by a locomotive on the 9th of March .-

Length of span from centre to centre of towers,

floor of Railway, 1º inches 750 1259 " Maximum weight the cable and stays will 7800 "

Height of track above water 234 ft.

arising from distress caused by the severity of the past winter, the rioters entering the shops of the bakers and and butchers and compelling them to give food.

-Norfolk, Virginia, was visited by a severe snow storm on the 22d of March; the snow was six inches deep, and more falling.

-On the 1st of Feb. a fire in New Orleans destroyed property valued at \$125,000.

-The past winter is sa d to have been the coldest kn. wn in the British Isles since 1813.

-An explosion in the coal mines at Chesterfield, Va., on the 19th of March, killed 42 of the work-

-During the night of January 21st, an the morning of the 22nd, an unusually severe thunderstorm and hurricane did much damage to shipping on Long Island, on the New Jersey coast, and at Baltimore, and Philadelphia; to buildings, fences, &c., at Mount Vernon; New Rochel'e; Tarrytown, and Albany, N. Y.; Boston; Hartford and New Haven, Conn.; Trenton and Camden, N. J.; Philadelphia; and Baltimore. West of Albany, N. Y., the railroad was so deeply submerged in places that the water extinguished the fires in the locomotives.

New Postage Act.

TO THE POSTMASTERS IN THE TERRITORY OF UTAH.

GENTLEMEN:-You perceive by the annexed "New been invariably good, and he expected to start Postage Act," that from and after the first of April, 1855, all letters mailed at your offices to any part of the United States, under three thousand miles is three cents, and beyoud that distance ten cents. PRE-PAYMENT COM-PULSORY.

As the instructions have arrived after the time set for the Law to go into operation, all letters up to the date of your receiving the same which remain in your office had better be forwarded to their destination under the old law.

As many persons may not understand the nature of the George Q. Cannon, Joseph Bull, and Matthew F law it would be well for you to call their attention at your public meetings, informing them that letters to any part Wilkie. Ediders, Cannon, Bull, and Wilkie go of this Territory will be required to be pre-paid as well as to distant points.

Stamps and stamp envelopes can be procured at this San Francisco to assist Elders, Parley P. Pratt office by forwarding the money; until they are furnished your respective offices by the Department.

I have taken this method to call your attention to this of trouble upon this office.

Respectfully yours, &c., E. SMITH, P. M. Salt Lake City P. O., May 14, 1855.

AN ACT further to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of postages in the United States, and for other purposes," passed March three,

eighteen hundred and fifty-one. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assemby law, there shall be charged the following rates, to wit: For every single letter in manuscript, or paper of any With such an array of ability, judgment, and kind in which information shall be asked for or communicated in writing, or by marks or signs, conveyed in the mail for any distance between places in the United States any distance exceeding three thousand miles, ten cents.

And for a double letter there shall be charged double the rate above specified; and for a treble letter, treble those MISSIONARIES EN ROUTE EASY .- Br. Leonard rates; and for a quadruple letter, quadruple those rates; and every letter or parcel not exceeding half an ounce in weight shall be deemed a single letter; and every additionthan half an ounce, shall be charged with an additional single postage; and upon all letters passing through or in the mail of the United States, excepting such as are to or from a foreign country, the postages as above specified shall be pre-paid, except upon letters and packages addressed to officers of the government on official business, THE WEATHER, May 16, is still very dry, which shall be so marked on the envelope. And from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, the Postmaster General may require postmasters to place postage stamps upon all pre-paid letters upon which such stamps may not have been placed by the

> And all drop-letters, or letters placed in any post office shall be charged with postage at the rate of one cent each; and all letters which shall hereafter be advertised as recharged with one cent each, in addition to the regular

> SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any postmaster or other persons to sell any postage stamp or stamped envelope for any larger sum than a larger sum than that charged therefor by the Post Office Department; and any person who shall violate this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeaner, and, on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten nor more than five hundred dollars. This act to take efthe next fiscal quarter after its passage. Provided, That

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That for the greater mails of the United States, the Postmaster General be and hereby is authorized to establish a uniform plan for the registration of such letters on application of parties posting the same, and to require the pre-parment of the post--Ma ch 15, St. Louis was treated to the sever- age, as well as a registration fee of five cents on every such letter or packet to be accounted for by postmasters receiving the same in such manner as the Postmaster General shall direct: Provided, however, That such registration shall not be compulsory; and it shall not render the Pest Office Department or its revenue liable for the loss of such letters or packets or the contents thereof.

Approved March 3, 1855.

INFORMATION is wanted of JAMES BEATY. formerly of Franklin Co., Ill., about 60 years old, some deaf, a school teacher by profession.

Also, of a man named BAILEY, owning an interest 60it in some property in Illinois, deeded to him by Wm. H.

Also, of a young man named JAMES W. PARKER, 12400 tons. | formerly of Houston county, Texas, by his aged father. And of REUBEN W. MILLER, a tailor by trade, y

W. H. Willson, of Clermont, N. Y. Saml. G. Ladd and Saml. Johnson have letters in my possession, which they can have by calling at the Post Of-The Engineer, Mr. Roebelin is, we understand, fice, G. S. L. City,-where intelligence is solicited com-

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