

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—This certifies that Benjamin A. Norris, of this city, was cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for unchristian-like conduct, by the High Council of this city, the 21st day of February, 1870.

JNO W. YOUNG, President.
WM. DUFFORD, Clerk.

RETURNED.—We had a very pleasant interview yesterday afternoon with his Honor, Chief Justice Wilson, and Col. Wickizer, special mail agent, who have returned from the East in the enjoyment of excellent health. The Colonel feels very much interested in the complaints concerning postal irregularities, and is desirous to have the evils remedied, and we believe from his energy and determination to have the mails in his extensive district properly and faithfully attended to, that a decided improvement may be immediately looked for.

ANNIVERSARY BALL.—The preparations and decorations for the Anniversary Ball, in the Theatre, in honor of the birth-day of the immortal Washington, are in the best possible taste, and every convenience is provided for the comfort and enjoyment of the invited guests. The national colors, the "red, white and blue," are gaily and tastefully festooned, and the interior is strikingly effective. A large hall has been made in the basement, at the rear of the Theatre, where a large number can sit down to supper. A kitchen is also attached to it, supplied with every convenience. There is no doubt but that there will be a genuine "good time" to-night.

WHY IS IT?—"Inquirer" says "an examination of the new time table, issued by the U. C. R. R. shows that the residents of Ogden, or others desirous of taking a trip from the Northern terminus of the U. C. R. R. to this city, can do so at half the price required of persons who may wish to take a trip from here to Ogden. We are gratified to observe this favor granted to our friends in the north, but are curious to know why the same privilege is denied to the people of Salt Lake City."

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—Patriotic feeling was manifested outwardly and very generally to-day by a liberal display of bunting, in honor of Washington's birthday. The people of Utah revere the memory of that great man, and love the principles for which he led his half-starved, half-armed and badly-clothed troops to victory over the veteran soldiers of Europe. This is why they so heartily celebrate his birthday.

THE WEATHER.—We could not have had much fairer weather than it has been to-day, considering the season of the year. If a special delegation had waited on the secretary of the weather department, Old Sol would have been good natured through the few ominous clouds that have hung threateningly in the sky all day; while the "star spangled banner" floats gaily in the breeze from the public edifices of the city.

URUKA.—It has often been asserted that the precious metals abound in Utah; never having seen anything to warrant a belief in such an assertion we have remained dubious. That dubiety, however, was considerably shaken this morning by the sight of a piece of the genuine article—gold, obtained from Brigham Canyon. It was a nugget weighing about a quarter of an ounce, and worth four dollars; it cost in labor and other expenses no more than three hundred dollars. The treasure now adorns the Deseret Museum.

FOUNTAIN GREEN.—Rees R. Llewellyn, Esq., writing from Fountain Green, Sanpete county, on the 18th inst., says the choir of that place, under the conduct of Brother Samuel Jewkes, had given a concert three nights in succession, each one being crowded for the benefit of the Sunday school. The satisfaction and pleasure of the audience were very great.

SOME of the citizens had discovered good coal and very fair fire clay and iron ore not far from the settlement.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE IN UTAH.—The New York Globe, of the 14th instant, contains the following in relation to female suffrage in Utah:

"A morning dispatch informs us that the women of Utah vote to-day, since female suffrage has become a law in that Territory. We expect they will go to the polls in a quiet, orderly, lady-like manner, and deposit their votes without any jeers or opposition from the gentlemen. If this thing can be done in the 'wicked and immoral' city of Salt Lake, where women are supposed to be held in low estimation than they are in the high-toned and healthy cities of New York and Boston, why may it not be accomplished in every town and hamlet in the Union? That the women of Utah will to-day vote to abolish polygamy, we do not expect. They are as much in favor of that system as the men. It is wrong to expect this of the women of Utah, and it will be unfair to call female suffrage a failure if they do refuse to abolish polygamy. That question, however, is not up for decision."

FORT MADISON.—Elder Alma Pratt, writes, on the 10th inst., from Fort Madison, Leo county, Iowa, that he and Elder Richard Maxfield reached that place on the 28th of January, since which date they had been traveling from house to house. They had held no public meetings; the people are kind to them, but do not want to hear any preaching. Elders Pratt and Maxfield would be glad to hear from their friends and to receive copies of the DESERET NEWS. Letters or papers directed to the above address will reach them.

The following is an extract from Brother Pratt's letter:

"Last Saturday we crossed the Mississippi river, and for the first time walked the streets of, and beheld the once beautiful and blessed city of Nauvoo. I cannot describe the feelings that filled my heart on that day. I never can forget that my mother carried me in her arms when she and thousands of others were driven from their beautiful homes. Oh, how I wish that I could speak to my young friends at home and make them realize the importance of the work that rests upon each and all of them."

Called.—We had a call this morning from Mr. N. H. Henson, agent of the American Bible Society, who has just reached

here from California. This is Mr. Henson's second visit to this Territory, he having passed through here last Summer. It is his intention to engage, in the business of circulating the Holy Scriptures throughout the Territory. For the present he will confine his labors to this city and county, and his books will be obtainable at Messrs. Calden, Brother's Book store, on East Temple street.

He intends to sell the Bible and New Testament at New York prices; and where parties are too poor to pay the entire price, he will probably exercise his discretion and make a reduction of part of the price. Mr. Henson does not come here to propagate sectarian views, but as the agent of the Bible Society to disseminate the word of God among the people. We bespeak for him the kind attention of our people and are convinced that he will be heartily welcomed in his labor of love.

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