

feeling assured that in either event the right men will be elected to the right places. As usual, this will doubtless be the case at the general election to be held on the first Monday (the 7th day) in August next, but several reasons conspire to make it advisable for electors to be at the little trouble requisite to cast their votes in their several precincts on that day, unless unavoidably prevented.

The County Clerks will see that the proper notices are put up in each precinct, "at least six days before the time of election," and may deem it proper, as some already have, to facilitate the voting and returns, to have in readiness, as far as possible, a sufficient number of printed tickets.

The election will be held "from one hour after sunrise until sunset," giving opportunity to vote without interrupting other labors and duties of the day.

NEWS FROM ITALY.—Elder G. San Giovanni, on a mission to Italy, writes from Aux plan des Chenevieres, May 22, to br. D. W. Rogers, of Provo, that he is well pleased with his mission, but as yet his labors have not been attended with much apparent result. The people, in their ignorance, and with astonishment, say, "your doctrine is all according to the Scriptures," not seeming to be mindful that they have, in so saying, admitted one great reason why they should believe it.

Italy tolerates all the so-called religions, but whether the Latter-day Saints as well, he had not as yet occasion to determine.

The ministers there, as elsewhere, circulate all manner of false statements about the 'Mormons,' among others, that "we eat the people that we take from Europe."

April and May had been pleasant, but the winter had been rather severe, and considerable snow fell in March.

Disease was seriously injuring the vineyards, and the sulphur used as a preventive gave the wine an unpleasant flavor. There was also disease among the silk worms and mulberry trees, materially lessening the product of silk.

Elder Sangiovanni is laboring cheerfully and hopefully in a region of great spiritual darkness.

HOME ITEMS.

RETURNED.—President B. Young and company reached the city, after a profitable and pleasant trip to Sanpete, early on Wednesday afternoon, 19th inst., all well.

SUNDAY MEETINGS.—Pres. D. Spencer pointed out the fulfillment of sayings of the ancient prophets in the latter-day work. Exhorted his hearers to decide whether they would be found among the righteous or the wicked.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon reasoned on the indestructibility of the kingdom of God organized in this generation; referred to the various charges of disloyalty made against us, and pointed out that those in the past who had most strongly made such charges and had most blatantly proclaimed their own loyalty afterward stood in open rebellion against their country and its constitution. The work of God shall live and prosper, in the face of every opposition.

Bishop L. Young made some very excellent remarks by way of exhortation.

Afternoon:

Elder John Taylor preached a powerful discourse on the manifest destiny which awaits the righteous and the wicked, though the latter are ignorant of it and will not be warned. The destiny of the righteous is onward and upward to salvation, exaltation and glory.

THE 24th IN THE CITY.—Monday passed off very quietly, with no public celebration, nor any particular stir, although the day appeared to be enjoyed as a holiday by the people generally. The *Matinee* at the Theatre was the great feature of the day, and in the evening there were parties in the 20th and 6th Wards, of which we have had reports, where songs, recitations, &c., made up the programmes, after attention had been paid to the disposition of creature comforts provided. We heard of several gatherings being held in some of the other wards as well. A select cotillion party in the Social Hall, where all enjoyed themselves exceedingly, and which kept up till a late hour, closed the eighteenth anniversary of the entrance of the Pioneers into these valleys.

NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES.—Elders N. H. Felt, A. Miner and L. G. Rice passed Julesburg on the 20th, all well.

THEATRICAL.—The indisposition of Mrs. Gibson compelled the Management to postpone the representation of *Madelaine*. Family Jars and The Idiot Witness were substituted for it on Saturday evening, with a song by Mr. Dunbar, followed by Turn Him Out as announced. The pieces have all been presented and noticed before, so we will simply remark that the playing was lively and spirited throughout, the pieces being put on the stage in the usual good style and the characters being well sustained. As the announcement of the change was not made until Saturday morning, much credit is due the company for the admirable manner in which they played and were up in their parts on such brief notice.

The *Matinee* on Monday was a great success, the principal feature of which was the ever-changing, moving mass of little faces lit up with happiness and pleasure. The playing was excellent throughout, little Dellie being exceedingly unctuous in *Out to Nurse*. She was well sustained by the other characters. Miss Alexander in *Nature and Philosophy* and Magie Toys fully sustained her reputation. In the first of these pieces Miss Zina played the little part of Eliza with a vivacity and spirituelle that gave rich promise for the future. In *Magie Toys* Mrs. A. Clawson's *Urgandula* was a most pleasing and natural piece of acting, and Mr. Margetts' *Merlin* was well played. The tableau at the close was exceedingly fine, reflecting great credit upon the Stage Manager and aids.

The celebrated Chapman family gave a performance last night, but too late for our going to press.

IMPROVING.—We called to see Br. James S. Brown, on Monday, who is recovering after an operation performed on his thigh a week previously, when twenty small pieces and two large pieces of bone were extracted, having been chiselled off where it was decayed. It will be remembered that Br. Brown got accidentally shot about midnight on the night of the 20th August, last year, in Alexander Canyon, near the mouth of Silver Creek Canyon, where he had gone to procure some logs for lumber to finish his house. Having been compelled to go out into the brush at that hour, he was mistaken for a bear and fired at by a young man who had been sleeping close at hand with some others, the ball striking the inner part of the thigh and ranging upwards. After being confined to bed there for about ten weeks he was brought to his home in the city, where he has been compelled to keep his bed since, excepting a short time when he was able to move out a little. This is the third operation he has undergone. In January a portion of the ball was extracted, and on the 18th May sixteen pieces of bone, two more pieces of the ball and a piece of a brass suspender buckle were taken out. Each time the wound healed up, but suppuration from the bone necessitated its re-opening to bring off the matter with the decayed bone and flesh. The wound now is seven inches long, down to the bone, which was well scraped during the operation. It will be gratifying to his many friends to learn that he appears to be rapidly recovering, and strong hopes are entertained that both life and limb will be saved.

SHOT DEAD.—On Saturday morning, 22d, Geo. Gates shot Wm. Ferguson dead, near Kimball's ranch over the Summit, in a quarrel arising out of a difficulty supposed to be about driving off Gates' cattle. Quarrels of any kind must be strongly deprecated, but when they lead to such fatal results as this the horror of the case is augmented and terribly intensified. If men would cultivate a little more patience and forbearance with each other, and seek to avoid wrong, there would be less cause for difficulties and fewer cases of violence to report the world over. Gates is reported to have delivered himself up to the authorities at Weber. The body of Ferguson was got by General W. H. Kimball and a party of men about a mile from Canyon Creek, east from Ferguson's house. He had been shot with a ball, which passed through the collar bone at the upper part of the right breast. He was a young man, only twenty-seven, and leaves a wife and parents to lament his untimely end.

AFTER THEM.—Mr. D. B. Huntington, Indian Interpreter, at the request of Paul Coburn, Ass. Sup. O. S. Line, and Wm. Mann, Esqs., made a trip north last week, from which he has returned, to try if with the aid of the Indians he could not discover the miscreants who recently committed the murders and robberies in Port Neuf Canyon. Mr. H. procured Po-ca-tello and three other Indians, and took them to the spot where the murders were committed. The Indians started out on the trail from that point, but the heavy rains had obliterated the tracks of the villains. The country was searched for two days and their rendezvous found, but the wolves had left their lair. Plenty of "horse-signs" were around the place, as if 30 or 40 men with horses had been there, and five distinct sleeping-places were noticed, one of which had been occupied by a person either sick or wounded; Mr. Huntington is satisfied that if the search had been instituted in season the murderers could never have escaped. He reports Po-ca-tello as more than willing to render all the assistance he could.

ANOTHER ATTACK.—The Northern stage-coach was stopped on its last trip down within two miles of the place where the murders were committed in Port Neuf canyon, by three men who

had five horses with them. After searching the coach and finding no passengers inside, they appeared rather exasperated, and told "Frank"—the driver, if he came down again without passengers they would blow the top of his head off, coupling the threat with a more than emphatic expletive. The audacity of the scoundrels is increasing.

THE FOURTH.—In addition to the many places previously mentioned, the 4th was in like manner appropriately observed in Parowan and Panguish, Iron County, and Virgin City, Kane County, as reported by Messrs. William Davenport, A. J. Ingram, John Thomas Geary and A. J. Workman, for which they will please accept our thanks, and readily discern that dispatches and a crowd of other current items have prevented publishing in full.

SOUTHERN MAIL.—Mr. Charles Wilden, Cove Creek, Millard County, July 14, writes that the News packages of June 21 and July 5 had not come to hand, and that letters and other mail matter for that place were also missing. He suggests that "HOLES IN THE MAIL SACKS" may partially account for the failure. Will postmasters and carriers see that Cove Creek is supplied with the mail matter that belongs to it?

If Mr. Wilden will learn who is at fault and inform us, we will help him remedy the evil.

NEEDED AND COMMENDABLE.—Br. A. F. MacDonald, of Provo, informs us that he was gratified on his way to the city, at seeing Bishops D. Evans of Lehi, L. E. Harrington of American Fork and J. Brown of Pleasant Grove, with a large body of men from their wards, assisted by some from Mountaineer, busily engaged widening and rendering easily passable the new dug-way at the point of the mountain. Travelers over that part of the road between this city and Lehi will be able to appreciate the results of their labors.

POLICE REPORT.—On Thursday afternoon, three men were arrested on suspicion of being connected with the gang that attacked the stage coach and committed the murders recently in Port Neuf canyon, but on examination were released, nothing being elicited to confirm the suspicion.

On Friday, two saloon keepers, named Wymer and Reeves, were arrested for selling liquors without a license, and each fined \$100.

MATCHES.—"Findlay's celebrated matches" are still before the public, and "warranted to give entire satisfaction." At a dozen boxes for \$2 there is a prospect of our being able to kindle a fire for less than two bits after a little. He sells jet ink as well.

SUMMARY EXECUTION.—We have heard on reliable authority, that two men were strung up, by exasperated parties, at Snake River last week, traveling south with a large quantity of bogus money; one of the two hailed from New York. A third was held in custody, his case not having been decided upon.

HON. AMOS REED, Secretary and ex-officio acting Governor of Utah, returned from the east on the 22d inst.

WHO WANTS that No. 8 Monitor Coal Stove? Call at this Office and see about it.

A GENTLE thunder-shower, on the evening of the 24th, purified and cooled the air, laid the dust and brightened vegetation—doing good.

FISH AND FISH OIL.—The fisheries on Provo river have been very productive this season, and a considerable quantity of oil has been obtained from the fish caught.

TOKERVILLE.—Elder John T. Geary, after an interesting report of the 4th in Tokerville, omitted for reason given elsewhere, states that "for the first time this summer rain descended in copious showers during the whole day." "The crops look promising, and general peace and good will prevail."

SHONESBURG, KANE COUNTY.—Br. John J. Allred writes that insects had destroyed their gardens and done some damage in fields. The Fall and early sown Spring wheat is good; the hot winds injure late sown wheat, and farmers are learning to so time grain sowing as to avoid their effects. September has thus far, as reported, proved the best time for sowing wheat in Washington and Kane counties.

The prospect for cane, corn and cotton, on the upper Rio Virgin, is tolerably good.

VIRGEN CITY.—Br. A. J. Workman writes, July 9, that rain on the 4th had greatly benefited that region. They have a good stock range, their wheat looked well, and the cotton crop was never better at the same time of year. They have planted a greater breadth of cotton than usual, and expect to raise more grain than they did last year.

A late frost destroyed the fruit, but the trees are, in consequence, making an extraordinary growth of wood.

New settlements are being made in the most available localities.

TWENTY-FOURTH AT PLEASANT GROVE.—The citizens of Pleasant Grove had quite a respectable celebration on Monday, including musketry-firing, a grand procession, with J. W. Smith, Marshal, an oration by Bishop John Brown, addresses by Elders Geo. Halliday and John Jaques, toasts and songs, with good music. A ball opened at 3 p.m., where a numerous company enjoyed themselves in the dance.

Committee of arrangements: Geo. H. A. Harris, H. Greenbush, Wm. West. We are obliged to O. L. Mayhew for his promptness in furnishing the report.

Correspondence.

G. S. L. City, July 21, 1865.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

DEAR SIR:—On the 20th inst. we received a complimentary invitation to attend the "Nineteenth Anniversary Pic-Nic Ball of the Mormon Battalion, at the Social Hall, on Thursday, July 20th, 1865; committee of arrangements: C. Layton, H. W. Brizzee, D. B. Huntington, E. Martin," which we took pleasure in attending.

While gazing upon those brave men, who freely forsook their wives, children and friends, and offered their lives for their God and their brethren, we could but breathe a blessing upon them and theirs; and while contrasting their present with their past, we acknowledged the hand of Him who brought them safely out of the fiery trial, and restored them again to home, family, friends and happiness.

There were present of the Battalion at this ball, 91 men.

These, with their ladies and a number of complimentary tickets, that had been issued by the committee of arrangements, crowded the hall too much for comfortable dancing, but upon the whole, it was an excellent party.

Pres. B. Young arose and expressed his happiness at seeing the brethren of the Battalion again. This people and the Mormon Battalion are conspicuous before the eyes of Him who rules in the heavens. He has formed of them a nucleus to which He will gather all that is good and great among men, and from which will emanate true national power and dominion. Those men who are familiarly called the "Battalion Boys," had a hard time of it; it tried their faith, and their bone and their sinew. It broke the constitutions of some, and others were unharmed. They were called to perform a duty under the most trying circumstances. This duty they nobly performed, not knowing to the full extent the great benefits that would arise from it to this whole people, for they were the bulwarks of our national existence.

These meetings can be made very profitable to us. They revive old associations and reminiscences of the past, and we are enabled to look from the past and the present into the future, which we can look upon with greater delight than we can upon the past. We came from midnight darkness and obscurity, but there is light ahead—the glorious day is before us—before us is glory, power, excellency and eternal life, and we are reaching forward to possess those great blessings.

Although the brethren of the "Battalion" have done a good work, yet I am not disposed to give them the pre-eminence—or in other words, to say that they are the only ones who have labored faithfully in this great and good work. I was anxious to go with them myself, if I could have been spared from the camp, but it was not so ordained. I felt that they needed some one with them who could give them the word of the Lord, and to stand forward in their defence in case of insult and injury being heaped upon them. The angel of the Lord went with them, and they did very well, and the most of them returned again to their families and friends. I promised them when they left, if each of them would do as I told them, that in the name of Israel's God not a man of them would fall by the hand of death, and none should suffer from accidents of any kind; had they listened to me, all of them would have returned safe and sound—but they did well. We look upon this Battalion as we do upon any other organized body in this Church, and we look upon the whole of this people together, spiritually and nationally, as the kingdom of God which must ultimately rule, or else our faith is vain.

We should be faithful to our God and to our covenants, and to each other, and be filled with integrity. That man whose character is blameless, whose garments are spotless, how cautious he should be not to stain his fair fame, and throw a blight upon his faith and honor as a faithful saint in this Church. All the saints should live a pure and blameless life before God and before man, and O, how watchful we should all be lest we commit an overt act, and thus bring sorrow to our hearts, which we can all escape, by living strictly, wisely and obediently to all the requirements of Heaven; then will confidence increase in each other, and the confidence of angels will increase in us. Wherein any of us have sinned or committed an error let us do so no more, and seek to the Lord for a free pardon and forgiveness of all our of-

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