

HOME ITEMS

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

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FROM ST. THOMAS.—Bro. C. E. Bolton, writing from St. Thomas, on the Muddy, says: "Cotton is promising to do well this year. The hot winds ceased about two weeks ago. There are thunder showers on the mountains around us nearly every day. The cottonwoods are growing almost past belief. The wheat crop in this valley will average about eighteen bushels to the acre; oats and barley do well. St. Thomas is emphatically a healthy location. Everybody is well, but overworked."

INFORMATION WANTED.—Mr. James Erskine, of Port Sanilac, State of Michigan, writes to Mr. Street, Postmaster, for information of a person, supposed to be a resident of this city, named Rori Smith, from the Sanble River, and formerly of the State of Michigan.

MONA.—Bro. Edward Kay writes concerning this settlement, in Juab County, stating that the majority of the people are trying to live their religion. Elder Jonathan Midgley, Superintendent of Sunday Schools for Juab, paid them a visit last month, accompanied by Elders George Kendall and Thomas Ord, and organized a Sunday School, appointing J. A. Keyte Superintendent and Thomas Robertson Secretary. There had been a Sunday School there previous to this organization. A Female Relief Society was also organized, Sister Eliza Somerville being appointed President, with Sisters Bascom and Newton Counselors, Sister Keyte Secretary, and Sister Robertson Treasurer.

Improvements are progressing, houses being put up, and lots fenced in the new survey on the bench.

MOVING ON.—"The track is now laid thirty-five miles west of Benton. On Thursday, four miles were laid. A night and day force of track layers are now employed and the work ceases neither night nor day.

"Benton is to be removed to a point sixteen miles west, known as Rolling Springs, where the railroad will have their depots and shops."—*Cheyenne Leader*, Aug. 1st.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—On Saturday afternoon a little boy ten years of age, son of Mary and the late Wm. Nixon, who had gone to bathe with some other children in the 6th Ward slough, got into deep water and was drowned. We are informed that a man who was close by declined trying to save the lad for fear of an accident to himself. The body of the deceased was buried this morning. His name was Charley Alma Nixon.

OBITUARY.—On the 11th ult., Mr. Samuel McCartney, one of the leading merchants of St. Louis, departed this life. The deceased gentleman was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and was born in the year 1818. When only ten years of age he emigrated with his parents to America, and resided in New York until he was fifteen years of age. He then set out in life on his own account, and made his first venture at Cincinnati, at which place, he for three years followed the occupation of clerk. For the next five years he was engaged in floating produce to New Orleans and Vicksburg. He subsequently returned to Cincinnati and became a partner in the firm of Butler and Matthews. In 1847 he took up his residence at St. Louis, and opened the grocery firm of McCartney & Butler. The name of the firm was afterwards changed to McCartney & Hamilton, and, finally, to McCartney & Co. For four years—until 1851—fortune was not very propitious; but from that day on he amassed wealth rapidly. He was a man of energy and good business tact, at his death being worth nearly five hundred thousand dollars. He was well known to most of our leading merchants, and so far as we have been able to learn, in their business transactions with him he always showed himself an honorable and reliable business man.

GETTING WATER.—One of the quickest instances of sinking for and obtaining water, that we have noticed recorded in the *Colorado Tribune* of the 29th ult., in which the editor says, "We saw D. G. Peabody dig a well, put in a pump and fetch water in one hour and a half yesterday. He used a patent tube, which he drove into the ground fifteen feet to water, and then attaching the pumping apparatus, pumped out good cool water. Verily, this is an age of invention."

DIED.—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of Brother Emerson Smith took place in this city, Elder Geo. A. Smith having preached the funeral sermon. Deceased was taken sick in California about the first of last March, and traveled to Southern Utah; from whence he came up to the city with Bro. Richard Bently. His sickness continued, notwithstanding the change of air and climate, and for some time his death has been expected. He was twenty-nine years of age on the 29th of July. He died strong in the faith of the Gospel.

ST. JOSEPH.—From St. Joseph, Pah Ute county, Arizona, we learn, through Bro. James Farmer, that a great deal of corn and cane had been planted there this season; and the cotton crop looked very promising. The advance guard of the grasshoppers reached that place on the 24th ult., in vast numbers, but it was hoped too late to injure the cotton crop, though it was doubtful. The Indians are friendly, had planted considerable corn at date of writing and were still planting.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

GOT HOME.—Our respected Delegate, Hon. W. H. Hooper, arrived by the stage from the East this afternoon, as we were preparing to go to press. His faithful services in the interests of this Territory, at the seat of the National Government, are appreciated by his constituents; who will all be pleased to learn of his safe arrival home.

GREEN RIVER CITY AND THE RAILROAD.—M. A. Carter, Esq., who returned to this city yesterday, informs us that he had been east as far as the terminus, and says the railroad is progressing rapidly from the point where track-laying is being prosecuted to Green River. Grading camps are scattered all along the way, with short intervals between; and Mr. Case-ment told him he could lay the track to Green

River in forty days, and expected the grading would be ready for him to do so. Mr. Carter says Green River City is not so black as it has been painted. A rough and lawless element, such as always makes itself manifest in these railway towns, predominated at first; but the civil officers have it in control; and the business of the place is in the hands of substantial and reliable men, several eastern houses having agents there. Of course there are a number of "dance houses" in the place, with considerable gambling going on, and a good deal of whisky walking around.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—Yesterday afternoon while David Fisher, of the 10th Ward, was working on Sharp & Young's contract, on the railroad, about three miles from the mouth of Weber Cañon, filling a wagon, there was an earth slip, a portion of which fell on him. He called for help, but before it could reach, there was another slip of the earth, which fell upon and killed him. His body was brought into the city, arriving early this morning, and will be interred this afternoon. Deceased was a quiet, good man, and is spoken of in the highest terms by those who knew him. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his untimely end.

WEBER COUNTY.—President L. Farr was in town to-day for a few hours and informed us that the people of Weber County are pretty well through with their grain harvest. The yield of wheat is better than was expected for the whole county, considering the destruction caused by the locusts. He says they have raised enough to bread them; we hope they will have some to spare. The oat and barley crops are very light. Corn and cane look well.

AN EXTRA SPRING.—It is curious to see the trees so lately bare of foliage, as if Autumn had stripped them for Winter's untimely arrival, putting forth their leaves in the delicate green of Spring, which contrasts strangely with the darker-hued foliage that received the Summer's sun and which was uninjured by the locusts. If we should not be visited again by the destructive insects, a very short time from now will see our trees again fully clothed in their livery of Summer. The apple trees, locust trees and cottonwoods seem to be putting forth their leaves more quickly than other varieties of fruit.

CALLED.—We had a call to-day from, and a very pleasant interview with, Mr. Hewitt, traveling correspondent of the *Cincinnati Chronicle*, a new and popular paper that has recently been established in that city. Mr. Hewitt intends to remain in the city a few days. He will go from here to Virginia, Montana; and expects to visit Oregon and from there down the coast to San Francisco. He expresses himself much pleased with this city and what he has seen here.

MISLAID.—We were favored with reports of the celebration of the 21th in Farmington and Centerville, from Bro's Arthur and Charles Stayner, which have been mislaid during the absence of Local, on whose file they were placed. Our friends in those settlements will please pass over the omission, resting assured that we were gratified to learn of the excellent manner in which they enjoyed themselves on the late anniversary of the entrance of the Pioneers into these valleys; and that we hope they may continue to enjoy themselves on such and on all other occasions.

DIED.—At Mant, July 31st, David Carlos, son of George and Sarah S. Braithwait; aged twelve weeks.

HEAVY FREIGHTED.—The coach which arrived from the East this afternoon, brought with it, along with other passengers, Hon. Geo. C. Gorham, Secretary of the Senate, Senator Stewart, of Nevada, and our Delegate, Hon. W. H. Hooper.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

THE MISSIONARIES.—We have been favored with the perusal of a letter to Elder George A. Smith, from Elder George Teasdale, en route to England on a mission, dated New York, August 5th, from which we glean the following: The missionaries with whom he traveled reached Plate City on the 8th of July, in Captain Mumford's train, and after resting a day were sent down to the railroad with a couple of teams. From the end of the track they rode to Laramie by rail in empty trucks for ten cents a mile! There they met brother A. C. Pyper. They also met Elders Winslow Farr, Ferrin, Farnsworth, Glossop, Shaw, Lewis and Bell of the missionaries going east. At Omaha they remained a day, having met Bishop John Brown. Elders H. B. Clemons, F. Farnsworth, J. Glossop and O. B. Shaw went by steamer to St. Louis, on the way to see their friends, thence on to New York. Elders Haden W. Church, T. B. Lewis and Bell left for their fields of labor in the States; and Elders Teasdale, Edmund Eldredge, W. Farr, J. W. Ferrin, L. M. Grant and Hans Petersen took the cars for New York, by way of Chicago and Suspension Bridge. They reached New York after a ride of three days and nights, and found the heat very intense and enervating. Here they met Elders H. B. Clawson, W. C. Staines, D. O. Calder and Heber J. Richards. Elders Grant, Eldredge, Ferrin, Farr and Petersen sailed for Liverpool in the steamship *France*, on Saturday, July 18th; and on Saturday, the 26th, Elders H. Clemons, Farnsworth, Shaw and Glossop, who had arrived the previous day, took passage on the *Virginia*, Elder Teasdale having been detained by Elder Clawson to assist in the emigration business in New York.

WELCOME HOME.—We received a call to-day from our old friend, Hon. W. H. Hooper, who is among us once more, radiant with good humor, and well satisfied with the results of his labors as Delegate to Congress from the Territory of Utah. The Captain's health has not been the best, but he is looking much better than we expected to see him, from accounts which we had received. His health is much improved of late, and he is looking very well. A respite from the cares which have pressed upon him, and an opportunity of enjoying the society of his family

and friends, breathing our pure mountain air, will enable him to recuperate rapidly. His numerous friends will be glad to hear of his safe arrival and to see him.

STARTING OF TRAINS.—The following trains started from Laramie City at the dates named, with immigrants: Captains Rawlins' and Loveland's trains left July 25th; Captain Murdock's on the 27th, and Captain Haight's on the 28th, with the passengers that came by the *Minnesota* and *John Bright*, 1,250 in number. Captain Seeley's train left August 1st, with the *Williamsburg* passengers, and freight. The first of the trains may reach this city by Saturday or Sunday, though it is difficult to say exactly, since no information has reached yet of their striking the road where a telegraph station is; and the first they would come to, on the road they will most likely travel, would be at Bear River.

Since writing the above, the following telegram has been received from Captain Murdock:

Fort Bridger, Aug. 13, 1868.

President B. Young:—My train is on the way in good condition. Be at Salt Lake the 20th. J. R. MURDOCK.

THE IMMIGRATION.—We have been favored with the following telegram to President Young, which announces the arrival of the *Emerald Isle*, the last ship of the season. We are grieved to note the mortality among the passengers:

New York, Aug. 12.

The last ship, *Emerald Isle*, has arrived. There have been thirty-seven deaths during the passage, and forty have been sent to hospital; mostly Danish children, with measles.

H. B. CLAWSON.

FUNERAL OBSEQUIES.—Through the kindness of Bro. B. Lang, of the 10th Ward, we are placed in possession of the following: Yesterday afternoon the obsequies of Bro. David Fisher, who was accidentally killed in the cañon, were conducted in the 10th Ward School-house, by Bishop J. Proctor and Counselor A. Spiers. After singing by the choir and prayer, Bishop Proctor spoke of the upright character of deceased. During the six years of his residence in the Ward he had lived the life of a Saint. Of a mild and gentle disposition, he was an affectionate husband, a kind parent and a good neighbor. The Bishop's remarks were full of sympathy and condolence to the bereaved. Counselor Spiers followed, corroborating the Bishop's remarks with regard to Bro. Fisher's character, and gave utterance to some timely reflections, on the uncertainty of human life, and the importance of being prepared for such a change, expressing his confidence that Bro. Fisher has passed from death to life, and that he will inherit the promises made to the faithful.

Elders Joseph Taylor and B. Lang, close neighbors to deceased, also spoke of his many good qualities, and expressed their condolence with the bereaved family.

The School-house was filled with many friends who came to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of deceased. Bro. Fisher was born August 10th, 1823, in Johnston, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He was baptized November 14th, 1852; and emigrated in 1860, crossing the plains in a hand-cart company.

During the forenoon yesterday, Bro. Joseph A. Young visited the family, and after expressing his sorrow at the sad occurrence, gave the widow a hundred dollars, with the assurance that she and her family should not want while it was in his power to assist them.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

IN THE CITY.—Elder Jesse N. Smith arrived in the city yesterday evening, having left Parowan on Sunday afternoon. He remained at Beaver one day, and consequently made the distance, about 250 miles, in three and a half traveling days. He is en route to Europe to fill a mission there to which he had been appointed; and the call to go upon it he has answered with this promptitude in person. We are pleased to greet Bro. Jesse. He informs us that the grasshoppers have not injured the wheat much, except to strip the leaves off, which will probably cause the wheat to shrink. They had been most severe on the oats and barley.

MARRIED.—August 7th 1868, Mr. John Squires, jun., to Miss Alice Penn Maiben, by President D. H. Wells.

GOT HOME.—Elders Ephraim Green and Charles Boyden and families, from the Sandwich Islands Mission, arrived last night, after a six weeks' trip from Sacramento to this city. They came from the Sandwich Islands with Elder Alma L. Smith, whose arrival was noticed some time ago, but purchased and traveled with their own teams from California, while Elder Smith and family came by stage. They were accompanied by Bro. Geo. T. Wilson and family, from Australia, who arrived in California a year ago last April, and remained working in that State till he started with Elders Green and Boyden. During their journey from Sacramento they nearly all suffered from ill health, but they are now recovered, except one of Elder Boyden's children and Bro. Wilson, who still suffer.

THE TRAINS.—We have been favored with the following telegram from General Eldredge to President Young:

Benton, Aug. 13.

Brigham Young:—Capt. Molen left to-day. McArthur leaves to-morrow; both with freight month of July, and the laborers will receive their pay in full about the middle of each month, from this time. Thus the greenbacks will begin to be scattered around, and every kind of trade will feel an impulse.

Sharp & Young want 500 more good, reliable men, stonemasons, quarrymen, and laborers, to whom they will pay the highest wages; and they will supply them with good board at fifty cents a day.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Jesse N. Smith, who has been appointed a mission to Scandinavia, spoke of the feelings which the elders possess when they are called to go on missions; of the doubts and anxieties he experienced when he went before to the same place; and of the blessings which the Lord bestowed upon him through humility and in answer to earnest prayers. He bore testimony to the truth, expressed his feelings with regard to his mission, and requested the prayers of the Saints to be with the missionaries.

Elder Albert Carrington, who is also about leaving for Europe, to take charge of the missions there, reasoned on the principle that the object of our existence in this probation is simply to do right. Then arises the question with many, What is right? The Latter-day Saints need have no dubiety on this point; for they know that to do right, is to do the will of the Lord; and they need not be under doubt concerning the will of the Lord, for it is their privilege to possess the Spirit of God which will enlighten them and reveal to them the truth of every duty required and of every principle advanced by the servants of the Lord. He pointed out some of the ways by which the Adversary tries to allure us from the path of right; and urged upon the Saints to sustain each other in righteousness; showing the evil results of hasting to get rich and placing a false estimate upon wealth, seeking to gain it by unjust and iniquitous means.

Elder Brigham Young, junr., treated upon the mercies of God bestowed upon the Saints, and the opportunities which the young of the people of God possess over those who receive the Gospel in the nations of the earth. Yet we are very weak and liable to go astray; but if we are humble and prayerful, and seek unto the Lord with full purpose of heart, everything that rises between us and the blessings of the Gospel will be removed from our path.

Afternoon.

Elder A. Carrington touched upon the alleged isolation of the Saints, contending that, though we have not been in possession of facilities for very rapid communication with each other and the outside world, we are not and have not been isolated. We have traveled and gone wherever the Lord has required, as His servants have done in every age; but though in the world and among its people, we have not been of them. This is not isolation; it is merely a result of obeying the commandments of God. He considered that the railroad, which many believed would be the means of breaking up "Mormonism," will be a source of blessing to the people of this Territory. He referred to the mission to which he has been appointed, expressing his willingness to go wherever sent, and asked the faith and prayers of the people while absent.

President B. Young instructed the congregation on various points. His remarks were reported in full.

GONE NORTH.—President Brigham Young, accompanied by Elders John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith, A. Milton Musser, and others, started this morning at eight o'clock, for Cache Valley. The President will hold meetings at Farmington and Kaysville, a two days' meeting at Ogden, meetings at Willard, Brigham City, and Wellsville, and a two days' meeting at Logan, during the trip.

FOR EUROPE.—Elders Albert Carrington and Jesse N. Smith leave by stage this evening for the East, en route for Europe.

Died:

In St. Joseph, June 23, Hyrum Broadbridge Farmer, son of James and Sarah Farmer, aged one year, seven months and 27 days.

[*Mill. Star*, please copy.]

At Mount Pleasant, Sanpete county, June 27, 1868, Christina Maria, wife of Richard Hensley, and daughter of H. and A. Jensen, aged 26 years 10 months and 9 days.

She was born in Denmark, in 1841, and immigrated to Utah in 1861. She was a good, faithful, obedient wife.—[*Com.*]

[*Mill. Star*, please copy.]

In Moroni, Sanpete county, August 4th, Hannah Jones, wife of William Newton, aged 57 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Deceased was born in Worcester, England, April 27th, 1811; embraced the Gospel in the Birmingham Conference in 1847; and emigrated to Utah in 1856.—[*Com.*]

[*Mill. Star*, please copy.]

Martha Ann Bitner, wife of Benjamin B. Neff, died at their residence on the State road, 15 miles south of this city, at half-past three o'clock p.m., on the 24th of July last, in the twenty-eighth of her age. She lived and died a Saint, leaving a husband and four children to mourn and feel her loss. The funeral was held in the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms, in which a large number of relatives and friends assembled to listen to addresses by Elders George A. Smith, W. Woodruff, and Joseph Young, sen. She was beloved and respected by all who knew her.

Brother Cannon, will you please insert the above in the NEWS, and oblige her brother,

A. MILTON MUSSER.

Correspondence.

S. L. CITY, Aug. 15, '68.

Bro. G. Q. Cannon, Editor *Deseret News*:—Having by the sanction of President Young, President Spencer and Bishop Hoagland had all matters quietly and peacefully settled, and having renewed my covenant, according to the order of the Church, I therefore wish you to insert in the *DESERET NEWS* the following:

Elder W. I. Appleby has been re-baptized, and is in full fellowship with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In justice to myself I ask this, as my "Excommunication" was published in the NEWS, and circulated both here and among the Saints in the States and in Europe, and I wish them to know that I am again in the Church and Kingdom of God, for which I feel thankful.

Your Brother in the E. C.,
W. I. APPLEBY.

[We hope to see Bro. Appleby soon again laboring in the field as he once was.—*ED. NEWS.*]