

fall straight down into the rushing flood, striking the water with a splash, which was heard above the roar of the fall. A boat was in readiness to pick him up, which was safely done, and the Professor was taken to shore, not injured in the least. The feat will be repeated two days each week during the season.

NEW YORK, 26.—Private dispatches state that the storm on the Nova Scotia Coast, commencing on Saturday night, was the most severe ever experienced in that section. Over 100 miles of telegraph line was blown down, and there was fearful destruction of bridges, trees and telegraph poles from Dorchester, N. B., to Plaister Cove. Trees were blown down in all directions, and the wires were blown across them and tangled up. Great destruction of property is reported.

INDIANAPOLIS, 26.—The *Journal* publishes an authoritative statement that Senator Morton's back pay was put in the U. S. Treasury some time since.

NEW YORK, 26.—P. Alexander, of the New York, Mexican and Havana Steamship Co., was elected director of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to-day, in place of George Palmer, resigned.

A terrible murder and suicide occurred a few minutes after 12 o'clock to-night, in Centre Street, where a German named Henry Westrich, shot his wife and then himself. It appears that they had been separated some time, and Mrs. Westrich was living at 220 Centre Street, with a friend. Her husband came to-night to talk matters over with his wife, but she refused to live with him again. Upon hearing this he drew a revolver and fired three shots, two of which took effect. The woman screamed and fell to the ground, and in a few minutes expired. The husband placed the revolver to his mouth and fired through the back of his head, and carried part of his tongue away. He was taken to the hospital, and is still alive, but cannot survive many hours.

WORCESTER, Mass., 26.—The Mechanics' Hall was crowded to-night to listen to Butler's opening speech of the campaign. His remarks were characterized by a loss of that vim which marked his efforts two years ago, but he won considerable applause from his friends by his continued attacks on Judge Hoar and other Republicans.

WORCESTER, Mass., 26.—The trial of the German beer dealers of this city was concluded to-day before the superior court. The jury was out six hours but failed to agree. The court adjourned *sine die*. The result is considered a victory for the Germans.

WASHINGTON, 26.—The *Daily Republican* has three columns of contributed articles, devoted to the advocacy of the claims of President Grant to a re-election for a third term.

NEW YORK, 26.—A Washington special to the *Evening Post* says that within the past few days Gen. Spinner has received the back pay from two members of congress; one is supposed to be senator Morton and the other a member of the House, neither of whom aspires to newspaper notoriety.

The *Journal of Commerce* thinks the interval between the murder of Gen. Canby and Mr. Thomas and the execution of their murderers so long that the Modocs stand some chance for commutation, and says if the President really means hanging he must nerve himself to stand the assault of all the sentimentalists in the country.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 25.—An inundation of the Guanajato, from a water spout, has occurred, and a great deal of property has been destroyed and a number of lives lost. The yellow fever is still raging at Vera Cruz. Several cases have been reported here, but they are not confirmed.

SAN FRANCISCO, 26.—At the billiard tournament this p.m. Little beat Perkins 45 points, and Wait beat Terrill 102 points. This evening every seat in the hall was filled to witness the game between McCleery and Kraker. It was won by McCleery by 53 points. The second game this evening was between Little and Wait, and was won by Wait by 8 points. When Wait lacked 15 points of winning Little was 63 behind.

Alfred Rubery, of diamond notoriety, has begun an action for libel against the *London Times*, in which he fixes his damages at £100,000, giving for cause of action the publication of his adventures in the Colo-

rado country, the land of snow and salted gems.

Steam launches are already in use, under native auspices in the inland waters of Central China at Shanghai.

Great exertions are being made to arm and fortify the approaches to Tientsin. Several Russians were assaulted at that port a short time since, but the revolt was fortunately quelled without bloodshed.

The manufacture of Rubbish tea from damaged tea leaves has of late been vigorous.

A tremendous storm burst over Hong Kong, Aug. 15th. The lightning struck several places, but no serious damage was done.

The *Japan Gazette*, of August 6, printed at Yokohama, says, "From Hamada we receive accounts of a serious disaster. Up to the third of July the weather had been so dry that it was impossible to plant out the young rice. On that day, however, it commenced raining, and the water of the river in the Naka province overflowed its banks, and gave the whole of the country on each side of its course the appearance of a lake. Much damage was done. Some houses were washed away bodily, and all the dwellings on the low lands were more or less injured."

A despatch from Sing Sing says the special Chicago express, which left at ten o'clock yesterday morning, when three miles north of Sing Sing, ran into a team, horses and wagon, driven by a farmer named Cyrus Hillicker. The horses were instantly killed, the wagon was shattered, and Hillicker sustained fatal injuries.

## EUROPEAN.

VIENNA, 26.—A grand gathering given by the people of Vienna, took place last evening at the Exposition building. Over 10,000 distinguished citizens and visitors were present at the entertainment, which was one of the most brilliant affairs yet witnessed during the holding of the Exposition.

Of thirty thousand medals awarded to exhibitors at the Exposition 400 go to America. There is much dissatisfaction with the result of the Exposition. It is charged that many articles which entered for competition received medals, and several firms which had none of their goods on exhibition were put through by the manipulation of the jury. It is alleged that those who know how prizes were secured will attach no value to the medals of the Vienna fair. The quantity of goods and specimens which will be returned home from the American departments is very small, most of them will be sold here.

LONDON, 26.—The storm of Sunday and Sunday night was one of unprecedented severity. The accounts from Cambridge, Newark and other towns represent that the wind and lightning were appalling. One thousand people refused to go to bed lest their houses should be overwhelmed while they slept. A number of fires was caused by lightning, and many deaths are reported. Childerly Hall, near Cambridge, historically connected with Charles First, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Some interesting Shakespearean documents have just been discovered, which contradict the recent theories touching Shakespeare's business connection with theatres.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, 26.—Sir Samuel Baker and party have reached here, returning from their expedition into Africa.

At a demonstration of trades unionists at Edinburgh on Saturday, 15,000 were in procession. The object of the demonstration was to protest against the criminal law amendment act.

The counsel for the defense announced that McDonald and Geo. Bidwell pleaded guilty to the charges in the indictment, and fully exonerated Austin Bidwell and Edwin Noyes from any complicity in their crimes. The prosecution refused to exonerate Bidwell and Noyes notwithstanding the plea of guilty by Geo. Bidwell and McDonald, and their efforts to exonerate the other parties by declaring them innocent. A verdict was therefore rendered, pronouncing all four guilty, and they were all sentenced to penal servitude for life. It was ordered that the costs of the prosecution be paid by the prisoners. This proposition and the sentence created considerable comment in court.

LONDON, 26.—Wm. Monsell, the post master general, has tendered his resignation, but at the solicita-

tion of Mr. Gladstone he remains temporarily in charge of the department.

THE HAGUE, 26.—Gen. Swieten, the new commander-in-chief of the Dutch expedition against Acheen, has arrived at Buitengong.

ANTWERP, 27.—A fire in a warehouse has been extinguished, after damaging the building and contents to the extent of £90,000.

ANTWERP, 26.—A severe thunder storm occurred to-day. It was accompanied by lightning, and struck a building. The loss will be very heavy.

BERLIN, 26.—Carl. Wilhelm, composer of the famous German war song, "Watch on the Rhine," died to-day, at Schwarwalden.

LONDON, 26.—The expedition which is laying a cable between this city and Rio Janeiro, after proceeding 333 knots, was stopped by the discovery of a fault in the wire. The expedition will continue paying out until it reaches Madeira, whence the cable steamer will probably have to return to repair the fault.

## Correspondence.

WASHINGTON,  
Washington County,  
August 16, 1873.

Editor Deseret News.

In the year 1861, when a great many were called on a mission to this southern portion of the Territory, myself with other families located at Washington. At that time there were but a few small patches of alfalfa, no meadow land and poor range in the vicinity of Washington. There were a great many teams in the company, and the consequence was we would have to work our teams in the day and turn them out to get their living as best they could at night; either this way, or contrive to work them two or three days and then turn them out for a while; and then oftentimes it would take days to hunt them up again. Sometimes we would find them dead, having fallen over the rocks, or into some mire hole. At other times we would find them lifeless, having died of hunger.

This state of things we found to be ruinous financially, in consequence of which we soon began to increase the number of our alfalfa patches. This also disclosed the fact that to extend the area of those patches would under the circumstances be sound policy and economy. At that time we had a great deal of light sandy land, in our field, which would not produce either wheat or corn. This land to-day yields prolific crops of alfalfa. Then we have another class of land commonly known among ourselves as mineral land. It is so strongly impregnated with alkali that it will not produce vegetation. With this class of land we have adopted the policy of constantly flooding with water. After a long application of water in this way it will begin to vegetate with sunflowers and wild grasses. Then we sow it down to alfalfa, and the result is, to-day the land that was barren and would not produce vegetation a few years ago, is now showing a luxuriant growth of alfalfa. In this we have accomplished by labor and perseverance a two-fold object, namely, the reclamation of the soil and the production of an abundance of first-class hay, so that we can now afford to keep our animals in the stable and always have them at hand, also an abundant supply of the best kind of feed for our milk cows, which in return yield an abundance of rich milk.

The health of the settlement is good, taking into consideration the very hot weather in this part of the country. We have had two beautiful refreshing rains of late.

R. F. GOULD.

SALEM, Aug. 24th, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

Two days' conference was held in this place, Aug. 23 and 24. Missionaries of this county present—President A. O. Smoot, and Elders Joseph S. Tanner, Orriwell Simons, I. M. Coombs, B. F. Stewart, Zebedee Coltrin, Thomas Childs and John B. Milner.

The first day, in the morning, the speakers were Elders I. M. Coombs, Zebedee Coltrin and President A. O. Smoot; in the afternoon Elder John B. Milner and President A. O. Smoot.

The subjects spoken upon were the necessity of being prayerful in

our families and training the young to walk in the ways of the Lord, also the necessity of becoming a self-sustaining people, and to promptly and honestly pay our full amount of tithing.

On the second day, Sunday, there were present on the stand, besides those yesterday, Elders Geo. Wilkins, C. D. Evans, David D. Halliday and Parley P. Pratt.

In the morning the speakers were Elders Parley P. Pratt, C. D. Evans, John A. Lewis and Orriwell Simons; in the afternoon, President A. O. Smoot and Elders Samuel S. Jones and L. John Nuttall.

There was a good portion of the Payson and Spanish Fork choirs in attendance, materially helping in the singing. The attendance this day was considerably larger than yesterday, a great many having come from other settlements. A good spirit prevailed throughout the meetings. The leading instructions of to-day were the necessity of developing the resources of our country, of becoming self-sustaining, and united in building up the kingdom of God.

The Payson brass band was in attendance, playing some good, lively music. LEVI H. JACKMAN, Reporter.

## SERICULTURE.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM FRANCE.

Editor Deseret News:

Last winter I sent to France two samples of our domestic silkworms' eggs to be tested there by the highest authorities. I received yesterday a letter from the editor of the *Moniteur des Soies* (the leading French journal on the silk business), from which I extract the following interesting items:

"LYONS, August 2, 1873.

"Dear Sir—Your samples of silkworms' eggs, having been examined with a powerful microscope, have been found perfectly sound. In raising the worms, they were lightly afflicted with 'la flacherie' (a kind of mild sickness), as all our yellow races generally are, except a very few. The final result in the cocoons was far above the average. In the present state of European sericulture, your Utah eggs ought to be classed among the very best yellow races, and as such are worthy to be recommended to our silk culturists.

"The price of choice eggs, like yours, is variable, ranging between three and four dollars per ounce, according to the quantity in the market. France is now chiefly supplied with eggs imported from Japan. Yours, &c."

This same gentleman has been commissioned by me to collect the amount due for the eggs exported last winter to France. His last letter contains the following item on that matter: "In her correspondence yesterday, Mrs. J. R., the widow, affirms to me that your eggs have been lately paid in full." The meaning of this sentence is a perfect mystery to me. When I reflect how hard I have labored to get a return for our Utah eggs, and the perplexities I have endured, I am exceedingly annoyed at the result. But my home correspondents and friends must be patient a little longer. LOUIS A. BERTRAND.

## TERRITORIAL DISPATCHES.

PER DESERET TELEGRAPH LINE.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Sanpete, Aug. 25th, 6.30 p.m.—To-day, at a quarter after one o'clock, Thomas Kidd, 84 years old, while sitting at table eating dinner, dropped dead. He was apparently well and was relating an anecdote at the time.

TOQUERVILLE, Aug. 25. Last night the citizens of this place held a meeting for the purpose of forming a company to bring the waters of the Rio Virgin on to what is known as Lavarkin bench, for irrigating purposes. A committee was appointed to examine the country through which the water is to run. It is thought there will be from 40 to 50 rods of tunneling to be done, and the ditch and tunnel will cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000, and when done it will bring into use one thousand to fifteen hundred acres of excellent farming land.

PROVO, 26.—The first district court opened at ten this morning. A venire for a grand jury was ordered to be issued, returnable on September ninth. The civil docket was called and several cases advanced a step. About ten persons were admitted to citizenship, and the court ad-

journalled till nine o'clock to-morrow.

CAMP LILJENQUIST, 5400 feet above the sea level, Aug. 26th.—The President and party are all well. The new road, an easy grade, made up Blacksmiths' Fork Canyon, is due to the enterprise of Hyrum settlement, and cost \$7,000. We met here Gen. Rich and Bp. Budge, from Bear Lake. Frost last night. We go to Laketown to-day.

A. M. M.

PROVO, 27th.—In the District Court this morning the pleadings in the case of Bachman vs. Patrick, and Wilson vs. Jones were settled and a jury desired.

The case of Pratt vs. Hallman was argued on demurrer to answer, and taken under advisement. Parsons vs. Lake, a chancery case, which has been nearly three years on the docket, was determined. Five aliens were naturalized and the court adjourned till 2 p.m.

## PIOCHE NOTES.

From the *Record* of Aug. 22—

Early in the evening we penned an item announcing that the weather was showery; but now, at 12 o'clock (midnight), we are under the necessity of stating that a heavy rain has been falling for an hour or more. Vivid flashes of lightning were also observed.

The money order offices in this State are at Aurora, Austin, Carson City, Elko, Hamilton and Virginia. We believe in all candor that Pioche is as much entitled to a money order office as any of the places named except Virginia. We hope the matter will be agitated till we get what we so much need.

The mob of "funny" writers who are now appearing in the American newspapers must look out for their laurels. They must display a little sense, even though they may be as funny as they please. Mere slops are not attractive. Some of them are intolerably silly. We should think that their constant readers must become at least semi-idiotic.—*Ex*

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