

**The SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE** of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will commence on Sunday, the 7th of September next, 10 a. m., at the Bowery, in this city.

Subscribers are requested to take from the office, without delay, an occasional odd copy, yet remaining, if they want the same.

**MORE ABOUT PAINE'S NEW LIGHT.**—The Worcester Spy, whose account of Paine's most recent discovery we copied, adds the following information on the subject:

"At the time we penned the article referred to, we were not permitted to give any explanation of the nature of the process, but we are now permitted to state, that the atmosphere is passed cold, through a simple apparatus containing a liquid that absorbs the nitrogen of the air, leaving the oxygen free; then the pure oxygen is passed through another fluid, by which it is catalysed, and rendered highly luminiferous. It is not a process of evaporation, for the gas is conveyed to any distance without condensing, and no heat is required in the process of catalysing. The process is not like the passage of air through benzole or other fluid carbons, according to the process so well known to chemists; for in such cases, the rapid evaporation cools the liquids, and then the luminous action ceases; while in this, the action is the same through any required length of pipe, or any number of burners.

"Mr. Paine has made us acquainted with the materials used in producing the astonishing results which we have described, of converting atmospheric air into a purer and better gas than is furnished by any gas company in the United States; and from what we know of their cost, and what we have seen of their consumption in the production of light, we think the expense of a light from a common argand burner could not exceed one mill or so per hour. Mr. Paine informs us that he succeeded, two years since, in producing a brilliant light by his present process; but on account of some difficulty connected with the mechanical passage of the air through the apparatus, and the occupation of his mind with other matters, he temporarily abandoned it. But now, all difficulties are obviated, and the apparatus is in complete and successful operation in different places. The apparatus for lighting a large house, will occupy but little room, scarcely more than a large sized gas metre. Men of science, and gas company directors have, within a few days, given the whole matter a thorough investigation, and so far, there is but one opinion in regard to the invention, viz.: that it is the one thing needed to give a safe, unfailing supply of light at a merely nominal expense, free from all danger of explosion, and accessible to the use of all."

A newspaper reporter in New Orleans recently had his pocket picked by some expert thief, who extracted therefrom a purse with two cents in it, a steel pen, half a pencil, a tailor's bill, a rent bill, an omnibus ticket, and a dickey. He requests the robber to sell the valuables, pay the bills, and keep the balance himself.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES Of the Mails to and from Salt Lake City Post Office.

Eastern mail, for Independence, Mo., leaves the 1st day of every month, at 6 o'clock a. m., and should arrive the last day of each month.

Western mail leaves for Sacramento City, Cal., the 1st day of every month, at 6 o'clock a. m., and should arrive the last day of each month.

Oregon mail leaves for the Dallas P. O., Oregon, the 1st of October, December, February, April, June, and August, and arrives the 10th of the same months.

Brownsville and Davis county mail leaves every Monday and Thursday, at 6 o'clock a. m., and returns every Tuesday and Friday, at 8 o'clock p. m.

San Pete and Utah Lake mail leaves every Monday, at 6 o'clock a. m., and returns every Saturday, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Letters must be in the office before 4 o'clock the day previous to the departure of each mail, in order to secure their transmission.

Postage on single letters, PRE-PAID, three cents, any where in the United States, under three thousand miles.

W. RICHARDS, P. M.

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## MORMON BATTALION.

THE soldiers who served in this battalion will please take notice, that we will purchase their claims to a LAND WARRANT and THREE MONTHS EXTRA PAY, for which we will pay their full value in goods in advance, out of our store, at cash prices, so soon as the necessary papers shall have been signed.

It is not our object, in purchasing these claims, to speculate at the expense of the SOLDIER, but to turn our goods into cash, hence the reason of our paying their full value.

We do not expect that any claim will be presented that has heretofore been forwarded for collection either with or without the knowledge or consent of the claimant.

LIVINGSTON & KINKEAD.

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## ATTENTION, MORMON BATTALION!!

THE UNDERSIGNED takes this method to inform those who have not received their Land Warrants, or Extra Pay, that he is now ready to attend to their claims for them, and wishes to have them ready to forward to Washington City by Dr. John M. Bernhisel, who will leave immediately after Conference.

Office in Dr. Hotchkiss' new building, near Williams' new store. Office hours from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m.

S. M. BLAIR.

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## FORWARD, BATTALION!!

TRAVELLING PAY AND SUBSISTENCE JUST AHEAD!!!

THE UNDERSIGNED will pay a fair price for the Claim of every Officer, Musician, and Private of the Mormon Battalion against the Government of the United States, for Travelling Pay and Subsistence, or he will make out their Claims and prosecute the payment of the same from the Government. All kinds of Government Claims attended to from 1790 until now, of Pensions, Back Pay, Back Rations, and every thing due the Soldiery.

Fellow Soldiers, it is worth your attention. Call and see me at my office in Dr. Hotchkiss' new building near Williams' new store. Office hours from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m.

S. M. BLAIR.

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## NOTICE.

BY ORDER of the Surveyor General, H. G. Sherwood, I have connected all the Surveys in Utah Valley, numbered and mapped in order, and returned the same to him.

All persons having lands can have their certificates by applying to

ANDREW J. STEWART,

Surveyor of Utah County.

Provo City, Aug. 7, 1851.-39:tf

## WEIGHTS & MEASURES.

I hereby notify all merchants and other persons, who use Weights, Measures, or Balances, that I can be found at my Office next to the Mint, and am prepared to brand all such Weights or Measures as, on inspection, are found to be correct.

JOHN KAY,

Inspector of Weights & Measures.

Aug. 5, 1851.-39-3in

TAKEN UP, from the west side of Jordan, a Cow and Calf bearing the following description:—An ordinary size, black sides and back, white belly, hind legs and tail white, right horn off near the head and stub turned downward, a white star in her face, and branded with a large M on her right hip.

The above described cow is in possession of Henson Walker, 16th ward.

Aug. 9, 1851.-39:lin

## NOTICE.

IF the person who borrowed my Spade from the "Old Fort Ground," will return it to the Post Office, he will oblige the Subscriber who is in want of it every day. The Spade is branded "J. CAIN," on the back of the handle.

JOSEPH CAIN.

Aug. 14, 1851.-39:lin