

loss to Mr. Faust, who is sincerely sympathized with. Providentially the wind which had blown fresh in the morning had calmed down or the damage would have been much more serious. The premises occupied as workshops by Mr. Hayward and Mr. P. Margetts were pulled down to prevent the fire spreading; and every assistance was rendered that could be made available.

This would be a good opportunity to give a homily on the danger incurred in various parts of the city from fire, but more especially in East Temple street and places adjoining, did not almost everybody agree on the subject without being prompted to do so. We have been measurably careless in the past about fires, the distance between houses rendering the danger to adjoining buildings comparatively slight. But in that particular portion of the city the buildings are close together, the back yards are full of empty crates, inflammable litter, dry lumber, wood, and other things easily ignited, while lumber buildings are standing contiguous, around which there is very far from the necessary care exercised to prevent conflagration. The increasing danger to life and property from this cause demands that increased care should be exercised, and measures taken to prevent, as far as possible, the risk of fires, and their immediate suppression when unfortunately they do occur.

**SUMMIT CREEK.**—After laborious research we are enabled to state the geographical fact that Summit Creek, Iron county, is in the southern part of this Territory, and not in the north-eastern part of it as some have supposed. There is a Summit county in the latter direction, which, by minds that arrive at hasty conclusions, might be mistaken for Summit Creek; and Santaquin is also sometimes, but not correctly, called by the same name. We do not expect to be voted a piece of plate for this discovery, but inquiring minds at Santaquin and elsewhere will be satisfied to appreciate our labors. Santaquin postmaster is respectfully requested to forward parcels of the News, addressed Summit Creek, to that place, situated between Parowan and Cedar, in Iron county.

**GETTING THEM OUT.**—Elder Geo. A. Smith, who returned to the city from a short trip south as far as Spanish Fork, on Wednesday, 22d inst., informs us that Bishop A. Johnson, of Springville, took all the available teams of that city on Monday, 20th., into the canyon after telegraph poles, and expected to have poles sufficient on the ground for 8 miles on the following Wednesday afternoon. Bishop Miller, of Provo, was about moving in a similar energetic manner for the same purpose.

Elder Smith while gone from the city held meetings and preached in American Fork, Springville and Spanish Fork. In the first named place he discoursed on the Geography and Ancient History of the American Continent, drawing information largely from the Book of Mormon. The subject is one of great interest; and the authority quoted from not sufficiently studied for that and other purposes, doctrinal, as well as historical and geographical.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—Br. S. Cornaby, Spanish Fork, informs us that on Friday, 18th inst., two little boys, named David F. and Thomas D., sons of Morgan Hughes of that city, aged respectively 5 and 3 years, were scalded by the upsetting of a kettle of water, so seriously that the younger died 24 hours afterwards, and the other is suffering severely, though likely to recover.

**NEW PAPER.**—The first number of the *Montana Democrat*, published and edited weekly by J. P. Bruce, Virginia city, Montana, has reached us. It is a creditably got up sheet, a little less in size than the News, with a fair quantity of original, selected and telegraphic matter, published at \$7 per year. The editor nails down the planks of his political platform very plainly, and talks his intentions squarely. In arrangement and workmanship it displays a familiar acquaintance with the business. We greet it among our exchanges.

**INTERESTING ITEMS.**—Through the kindness of Elder George A. Smith, we glean the following items from letters to him, which we give our readers the benefit of:—

Elder Erastus Snow writes, Nov. 19th, that the previous week he had paid a visit to the settlements on the upper part of the river, (Rio Virgen,) and made arrangements for the protection and safety of Kane county stock from marauding bands of Indians. The brethren called this fall were beginning to arrive. Elder Snow was about starting for a short trip to the settlements on the Muddy.

Elder A. S. Gibbons writes from St. Thomas, Nov. 15th, that there has been considerable sickness in the settlements on the Muddy, chiefly at St. Joseph, mostly "chills and fever of the old 'Dixie' kind." There had been six deaths recently at St. Joseph, four children, and two of their most enterprising citizens from American Fork,—bros. Holsten and Palmer. There is everything, he says, to encourage the settlement of that valley; the season is at least two months longer than on the Santa Clara and upper Virgin; but they want men to settle there who will not be bluffed off by warm weather. Mr. Lamb had picked one acre of cotton six times, each picking yielding about 200 lbs.; and he expected to get 300 lbs. more off the same patch this season. Cotton will grow on land so strongly im-

pregnated with minerals that nothing else will grow on it. They have raised considerable sugar-cane, some corn, which was mostly stolen by Indians, feel the lack of lumber very much, yet only need men of energy and perseverance to make the settlements on the Muddy highly prosperous. The Indians have shown no signs of hostility against the settlements.

Elder A. K. Thurber writes from London, Oct. 18th, he was well, feeling well, and laboring to extend the cause of truth. At a conference held in London on the 1st Oct., Pres. B. Young, Jun., Elder O. Pratt, and about forty other Elders from Zion were present, feeling well and enjoying their missions.

**THEATRICAL.**—The *Fatal Mask* was successfully repeated on Wednesday evening, 22d, the playing throughout being very good and well received. The epilogue, or "tag," as delivered by Mrs. Hayne, is not only one of the most endurable things of the kind, but one of the happiest we have ever listened to.

Marriage at any Price gave Mr. Dunbar a very good character in Peppercon which was humorously rendered, and Miss Alexander one of those rattling parts in which she succeeds so well. The rest of the cast was well filled by Messrs. Whitney, Simmons, Bowring and Kelly, Miss Adams and Miss Zina.

**THEATRICAL.**—The Colleen Bawn drew a very large audience on Saturday evening, who must have been delighted with the performance. Julia Dean Hayne's Anne Chute was capitally played; she looked and acted the high-spirited, light-hearted, golden-haired colleen or girl of the play; Mr. Dunbar's Miles was as racy as before; Mr. Waldron's Danny Mann, though somewhat different from any we have seen—not so obtuse and blindly devoted to his master as it is usually played—was a very effective piece of character acting; his conception of the character was faithfully and artistically embodied; Mrs. A. Clawson's Elly we take to be one of her best characters, artless, girlish, full of the unselfish love which the author has clothed her with and put on her tongue and in her heart. The other characters were played with the ease and care of the last presentation. The scenery and appointments were such as could be found in few houses west of New York or Boston.

In Jubilee House all were good, and though a very farcical farce it afforded a capital opportunity for playing. Mr. Waldron's M. Tourbillon was the best stage Frenchman of the old-school gentleman we have seen for a long time; Mr. Graham's Dr. Swish was perfectly pedagogical; Miss Alexander's Bob Nettles was plucky, spirited and what a boy of the stamp would be; Mr. Bowring's Waddilove was the extreme unctuousness of boobyism, one of the best things we have seen him do among many good things; Miss Adams' Mary was pertly diffident, what the character should be, and Miss Zina's short part of Virginia was not only played with taste and feeling, but showed she could do something more. In fact the whole of the characters were life-like; and we like to be able to say so.

Lesbia, performed on Wednesday evening, is intensely Italian, slightly Frenchified in the passions, feelings and characters depicted. In few if any dramas are the conflicting passions of hate and love brought so directly into play, or the sudden transition from one to the other in the same character so manifest. Lesbia is a reckless, fearless, high-spirited woman, who braves danger, privation and death itself, for the man she loves, but shrinks at his infidelity, and seeks revenge which that strong love will not let her execute. The character was rendered by Julia Dean Hayne in her best style. Mr. Waldron's Orscoola was excellently played. Ambition, hate of the Falleri, vengeance for his murdered son and love for his grandchild absorb his life, yet the last named feeling predominates; among many fine passages, the last scene where his lips breathe love for Viola and the same breath utters maledictions on Galleno, the husband he has bestowed her upon, was capitally given. There is a good deal of Richelieu in the character. Galleno commands neither respect nor admiration, though it sometimes does pity. Mr. McKenzie played it in his usual style. Mr. Lindsay's Spolatro was played with his customary care. Viola was rendered by Miss Emelie very happily. The other characters were sustained with average merit. The scenery was magnificent, the dances pretty and well executed, and the appointments elegant. The piece was decidedly successful.

How's Your Uncle was again received with much laughter.

We understand that, in addition to Julia Dean Hayne, Mr. Waldron and the regular stock company, the Management have engaged Mr. and Mrs. Leslie for the season. As an accomplished songstress and a clever actress Mrs. Leslie is well and favorably known to the theatre-goers here, and her engagement will be an acquisition to a company we have never seen excelled outside a first class metropolitan theatre; certainly we have never seen it equalled by a regular company in any provincial theatre. The beautiful drama, *Green Bushes*, will be presented on Thursday evening, with Julia Dean Hayne as Miami, a character which many have expressed a desire to see her in, supported by a strong cast. Mrs. Leslie will make her first appearance in the same drama as Nelly O'Neil.

We understand the Management intend to reproduce Lesbia on Saturday night. The piece would bear repeating more than once. It is one of those plays that requires to be seen at least twice to fully comprehend its merits and plot.

**PROSPEROUS.**—Bishop John Brown, of Battle Creek, informs us that everything is prosperous in that settlement, good health and good feelings prevailing among the people. This is the burden of the reports from settlements north and south, east and west, and indicates that Israel is growing in faith, unity and good works.

LOOK HERE all that are troubled with the piles, and be troubled no more, for I have found out, by experience, the following certain cure:—Put three spoonfuls of common salt in a tumbler full of lukewarm water, and, when it is nearly dissolved, swallow it, or use the syringe with the same quantity of the same materials, and it will effect a certain cure of that painful disease.

Let no one say he cannot take it, for I would rather take it ten times, than the pills the Doctors would give you, for the best of them are good for nothing, but to destroy men's systems.

JOHN PARREY.

G. S. L. City, 16th Ward, Nov. 21, 1865.

**FROM ENGLAND.**—Through the courtesy of Elder W. H. Shearman, we learn by a letter to him from Elders D. P. Kimball and John Nicholson, dated Birmingham, Oct. 20th, that the labors of the Elders in that region continue productive of good results; baptisms are frequent, and the Saints are united and full of faith. At a conference held in Coventry, on the 15th of the same month, Pres. B. Young, Junr., Elders D. P. Kimball, J. Nicholson, J. Y. Hood, F. Platt, S. M. Blair, Junr., W. Woodruff, Junr., Edwin Tufts, E. Frost and S. H. Hill were present, some excellent teachings were given and a good time was enjoyed. A very strong desire is manifested by the Saints there to gather to Zion, and those who have immediate friends and relatives in this Territory are looking anxiously to them for assistance where it can be rendered. Elder Kimball has furnished Elder Shearman with a list of names of persons in that locality, with the names and addresses of their friends here from whom they look for help. We trust when these individuals are directly applied to, that they will do all in their power to send means back to the waiting ones in "the old country" to assist them from Europe.

**RETURNED.**—Elder Thomas Taylor returned to the city on Sunday evening. Elder F. W. Cox, of Mant, arrived the same evening, from a two and a half years' mission to England.

**FALL PLOWING.**—Is everybody engaged in fall plowing—that is everybody who owns land and has a team? This fine open fall weather is excellent for breaking up land and sowing fall wheat.

**PLAIN FIGURES.**—Some of the stores have adopted the practice of marking the prices in plain figures on their goods. That is right, and as it should be; put them on so plain that anybody can see the price at a glance, and save time and trouble. It is better than having people puzzling their brains over certain algebraic characters that might as well be hieroglyphics, so far as they convey any information to the proposing purchasers.

**BE CAREFUL.**—Everybody is congratulatory on the subject of fine weather at present, yet colds are very prevalent. These warm days and cool nights require extra care in keeping the temperature of the body even, or colds, catarrhs, and kindred complaints may produce suffering still more generally.

**"MORMONISM"** is quite a prolific topic with some individuals of the editorial, west-ways, eastways and otherways. Don't worry yourselves "good folks," we are accustomed to strong breezes down the canyons here and don't mind them much; they only purify the atmosphere, clean the streets and save hiring scavengers. Something or somebody must do the dirty work, and we like to let them; only, keep hands off, please.

**THE LAST IN.**—Cap. Willis' ox-train camped close to Hardy's station on Tuesday night, 28th inst., and reached the city yesterday evening. This closes the present season's immigration which has been blessed with unusually fine weather extended to a late season, enabling the last of the immigrants to get in without suffering from cold and heavy storms in the mountains.

**JOHN BULL** has got over his Fenian attack, he says, the symptoms having been more alarming than the danger was real. Some people there think that the "boys who wear the green" don a very appropriate color. Quick-witted people know what that means, likely.

**READ CHISLETT & CLARK'S advertisement.** They offer to sell their large stock of general merchandize as cheap as the cheapest.

A. M. MUSSER wants 3 red oxen.

SEE Administrator's notice.

## By Telegraph.

Buffalo, 27.

At Meadville, Pa., yesterday, the entire block of wooden buildings on Dock street was destroyed by fire; it was occupied by some of the most important business houses in this city; the loss is estimated at from \$150,000 to

\$170,000; 11 stores, several minor shops and the *Journal* printing office were destroyed; it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary; insurance small.

New York, 27.

The *Commercial's* Washington special contains the following:—A well known contributor to the press is not the only New-Yorker who believes the collector of your port still lives, and that a method in his madness enabled him to successfully deceive his friends and the public. A lady, whose husband occupies a high political rank, has written a most ingenious paper on the subject, and forwarded it here under injunctions of the strictest secrecy, as she endeavors to prove that Mr. King, if unmolested in the retreat which he provided for himself, will in a few weeks recover his reason. Impossible as this may seem at first sight, the theory is supported by some curious facts not generally known.

## OPENING OF THE PNEUMATIC DISPATCH RAILWAY.

October 10th a train of two trucks containing a quantity of goods was driven through the Pneumatic Dispatch tubular line of railway from the central station at the Bull and Gate, Holborn, to the terminus on the premises of the London and Northwestern railway, at Euston, the carriages in their transit passing beneath the thoroughfares of Holborn, New Oxford-street, Tottenham-court-road, the Hampstead-road, and Drummond-street, to their destination. The time occupied in running between the two stations, a distance of a couple of miles, was some five minutes.

The driving power is stationed at Holborn, and consists of two powerful 24-horse power engines. These set in motion a disc, the diameter of which is about twenty-two feet, and this immense circular fan revolves with great rapidity in an immense air-chamber, creating an almost irresistible atmospheric power which by the use of valves can be used either for blowing the trains through the tubes or literally sucking them back again.

Goods that are to be dispatched from Holborn to Euston will be taken from the street to the platform, which is on the level with the latter, lowered to the trucks lying on the traversing tables, and shifted to the tube entrance (of which there are two—one for Euston, and the other for the Post-office), within which the train will be placed, and then literally blown to its intended stopping-place. The height and width of the completed iron tube are respectively 4ft. 6in., the width between the rails being 3ft. 8½in.

In the course of the week the Duke of Buckingham the chairman, and several of the directors of the Pneumatic Dispatch company, inspected the works and were blown in a train of three carriages, under the superintendence of Mr. Rammell, the engineer, from the Holborn station through the tube to Euston in about five minutes, their arrival being announced at Holborn by one of Wheatstone's telegraph apparatus, the wires of which are carried through the tube.—[*Lloyd's Newspaper*.]

**A JAVANESE HOTEL.**—A traveler writing from Batavia, in the Island of Java, thus describes one of the hotels at that place:

The Hotel des Indes, at which I am now stopping—the main building two stories high, with an immense piazza in front—is connected on each side by buildings like railroad depots, three or four hundred feet long. Each suite of rooms contains room enough to make two, three, or even half a dozen ordinary rooms such as we get in the hotels of the United States. In front and back are bath houses, fountains, flower gardens and out houses, for cooking and for servants, marbled floor, tiled roofs, ceiling from 20 to 25 feet high, no carpets and but few curtains.

Meals are served up in about the same style as at the first-class hotels in New York. The habits of living are quite different. At daylight, coffee and tea are taken to your room; at eight, the same, with light refreshments; twelve, breakfast; and at seven, dinner. Coffee and tea are always ready, day and night, same as baths; no extra charge, take them or not, as you may choose.

The hotel is situated in the new or upper town, some half dozen miles from the water. It is a fair specimen of five or six others, half a mile off each other. My hotel and grounds cover ten acres. The whole ground, like the rest of the city, is one immense forest of trees, and canals.