

lished December 12th, 1876, and were drawn out by a letter from Elder Palmer, written October 23rd at Sylvester, Mecosta County, Michigan, and published in the DESERET NEWS November 8th, of the same year. In the letter which then appeared in the NEWS reference was made to the mobbing of Elder Palmer at Westville, Montcalm County, Michigan, when he was followed after a meeting by a crowd "armed with drums, bells, pans and pistols." In his letter published in the NEWS last Monday, Elder Palmer gives particulars of an attack made upon him at Wheatland, at his first meeting there, after twenty-five copies of the *Tribune* containing the libels about him had been sent to persons in that neighborhood. Those who struck and spat upon him repeated the falsehoods of the *Tribune*, and when he denied that he had five wives that he was a liar, etc., and declared that he never had but one wife, they responded "you need not deny those things for they came direct from your own city." After this, Elder Palmer says he was attacked at Westville, in company with Brother Enos L. Root, and gives particulars of this occurrence similar to those of his letter of October 23d, 1876, except that the mob threatened to "send his dead body home to his six wives," etc. The *Tribune* asserts that it had no hand in this occurrence, and that the claim that it had must be a lie, because the event described took place before the article complained of was published. All the rest of its tirade this morning turns on this point.

Now let us see how much ground it has to stand upon from which to fling its mud at the NEWS and at Elder Palmer. Suppose that the latter made a mistake in his last letter as to the date of the Westville occurrence, and that consequently the *Tribune* was not in any way responsible for that outrage. What about the violence at Wheatland which was directly caused by the libels of the *Tribune*, twenty-five copies of which were sent to Sylvester, five miles distant, for distribution? That paper does not dispute the sending of those copies, nor of the publication of a vile letter preceded by vile comments about a man of whom its editors knew positively nothing. It admits they called him a "chief of liars and a polygamist," when they had no evidence whatever of the truth of such assertions, and they were as a matter of fact atrocious falsehoods.

What was the object of sending about the same number of the papers containing this personal attack upon Brother Palmer, as the number of converts he had made in that part of the country? The object was seen in the effects. Violence was stirred up against a successful "Mormon" missionary. We referred to this as evidence of the truth of our statement to the effect that agencies in this city, and among them the *Tribune*, were indirectly responsible for the violence done to our missionaries, culminating in some instances in bloodshed and murder. We hold to our position, and the letter of Elder Palmer furnishes a portion of the proof of its correctness.

But the *Tribune* says Elder Palmer is a liar because he was mobbed at Westville before the publication of its libel. Indeed? Is it not possible that the occurrence described in the letter in last Monday's NEWS was a repetition of the violence of the previous occasion, the embers of the former fires of persecution being awakened into active flame by the libels of the *Tribune* and the outrage it produced in Wheatland? On the first occasion only noise was made; on the second Elder Palmer was threatened, the mob declaring they would send his dead body home to his six wives, etc., and Brother Enos Root's name and house are mentioned for the first time in this connection.

But throwing out this occurrence as taking place after the *Tribune* libel, there are the Wheatland outrage and the subsequent burning of Bro. Root's house with Elder Palmer's trunk and clothing, as a few of the results of the attack made upon personal character by "American gentlemen." They say however that they were not then writing for the *Tribune*. Yet they endorse its falsehoods and continue its policy of slander and scandal, and the same method is pursued in regard to placing copies of the paper containing the most infamous charges, calculated to firemen's blood in anger, in the localities where our Elders labor who are thus maligned. It is the work of cowards and scandal-mongers and has contributed to the violence which our missionaries have to meet. And we might retort with the same excuse. The present editor was not connected with the DESERET NEWS when articles were published, the responsibility of which they seek to fasten upon him and upon his coadjutors. However, we care nothing for all that, nor do we wish to avail ourselves of any such pretense.

As to the attacks again made on Elder Palmer, he can take his own course in regard to them. We are not responsible for him nor for his views, or his narrations, or his actions. But we will say this, that the venom of the *Tribune* recommends him to us. He whom that paper abuses, receives a tribute to his worth. Its defamation is a certificate of good character.

And how on what a slender foundation has the organ of the scandal-lovers built up a structure of billingsgate and recrimination! If its editors wish to figure as "American gentlemen" why do they not change their course and become tust a little bit decent?

—Fort Saunders, near Laramie, is to be opened to public sale.

## LOCAL NEWS.

### FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 14.

#### PEOPLE'S TERRITORIAL CONVENTION.

##### HEADQUARTERS PEOPLE'S TERRITORIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

###### SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 10, 1884.

A Territorial Convention of the People's Party is hereby called to convene at the City Hall, Salt Lake City, on Wednesday the 8th day of October, 1884, at 12 m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for delegate to the Forty-ninth Congress.

The number of delegates to compose the Convention has been appointed to the several counties as follows to wit:

COUNTY.	NO.	COUNTY.	NO.
Beaver	2	Rich	1
Box Elder	3	Salt Lake	13
Cache	6	San Juan	1
Davis	3	Sanpete	6
Emery	1	Sevier	2
Garfield	1	Summit	2
Iron	2	Tooele	2
Juab	2	Utah	9
Kane	2	Wasatch	1
Millard	2	Washington	2
Morgan	1	Weber	6
Piute	1		
Total,			75

The County Central Committees are requested to take immediate steps in their respective counties for the election of delegates to the Territorial Convention.

By order of the People's Territorial Central Committee.

JOHN SHARP, Chairman,  
THEO. MCKEAN, Secretary.

**Notice.**—The State secretaries of the Primary Associations are earnestly requested to forward semi-annual reports immediately, in order that a complete report may be made to the General Conference in October.

LILLIE FREEZE, Secretary,  
C. B. P. A., P. O. Box, 1183,  
Salt Lake City.

**Arrival.**—Elder J. M. Tanner, of Provo, arrived in Liverpool on the 10th inst., per S. S. *Alaska*, on his way to the continent to serve in the Swiss and German mission. Since leaving his home he has visited various parts of the United States with a view to making observations and informing his mind; and for the same purpose will travel about Great Britain somewhat before proceeding to his field of labor. —*Mill. Star.*

**Davis County Primaries.**—The following has been sent in for publication:

The Primary Associations of Davis Stake will hold their conference on Saturday, the 20th inst., at East Bountiful, beginning at ten a. m.

They will also open a fair at the same place on Thursday, the 18th, which will be open till Saturday evening. To prevent its being too crowded on Saturday it is hoped that those living in the nearest settlements will make it convenient to visit the fair on Thursday and Friday as much as possible. An admission fee of ten cents for adults and five cents for children will be charged for visiting the fair, except to children who donate some small article to be sold during the fair. The proceeds of such sales will be distributed among the different associations.

We sincerely hope that parents will give their children a holiday and also take a holiday themselves to visit the Conference and Fair on the 20th.

AURELIA S. ROGERS,  
President.

## OUT OF WHOLE CLOTH.

A TALE WITH NEITHER MORAL NOR TRUTH.

The city organ of the veracious and modest "American gentlemen," noted all the time for the economy with which it uses the truth, and the slender foundation of fact on which it ventures to erect a whole superstructure of fancied injury or immorality or scandal, had the misfortune last Tuesday morning to put itself in a conspicuously bad light before the public. Its city editor, in his usual sensational way of treating everything, wrote up the finding of the body of a new born babe in the pit of an outhouse, about two blocks west of the D. & R. G. Depot last Friday, efforts to conceal which occurrence it said had been made, but without success. It narrates how a man who went into the outhouse heard the cries of a child, but had to go a second time to find out whence they proceeded, then on peering into the vault he beheld the struggling infant, shouting as loud as its little lungs would allow. He secured assistance, overturned the building and rescued the little one, which was found to be about four or five hours old. Nor was this all: the enterprising reporter declares that the inhuman mother was tracked, found to be a Danish girl, charged with the crime, and that she finally confessed it, stating that she did not want the trouble and expense of bringing the child up.

In all of which there is not a single word of truth. There is no outhouse of the kind described in the locality mentioned, hence none was overturned. The child was not found in the vault, because there is no outhouse

with a vault in that part of the town excepting the one belonging to the D. & R. G., and that, of course, is enclosed, and not open to everybody. Still, slight inaccuracies may frequently occur in a hastily-written article, founded, as we have no doubt it will now be claimed this was, upon hearsay evidence. It would be possible to excuse the mistake about the overturned outhouse and the foul gaping vault, if it were possible to discover that the child had been found at all, under any suspicious circumstances whatever. But no such thing has occurred. No baby has been cast away and none has been found since the two cases referred to in this paper some days ago, or the public would have heard of it. The following of the Danish girl, therefore, and her admission of the crime are nothing but falsehoods manufactured, or at least greedily snapped at, by the duped scribbler.

It may interest the *Tribune's* readers to know how its reporters get their news. We can tell just what the item about the mythical infant cost, but will not do so for fear of causing a feeling that the price paid was extortionate. We are in possession of information as to how the whole thing started, but there is so little foundation for any real sensation that we would almost be afraid to insult our readers' intelligence by making the tale a matter of such importance. It will be perhaps sufficient to say a couple of ladies were conversing about the leaving of the two babies at the doors of Mrs. Wahlstrom and Mr. Hemmer, when one remarked to the other, "I would not object to a nice little baby boy being left on my door step. I would treat it as if it were my own." This remark was told to one of the husbands who told it again until it finally reached the ears of one who knew how to turn it to good account, at a place where everything revolting is welcome whether true or not.

A gentleman tells us that a similar story to this of the *Tribune* recently appeared in a Denver paper as having occurred in that city. Perhaps the local scribe only stole the item instead of making it up. However, what we have given above is all there is in fact to the shocking story of the third little castaway. Will the newspaper concerned have the manhood to confess itself "taken in?"

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 12.

**The Bullion and Crown Point.**—John Beck, Esq., of Lehi, was on the streets yesterday afternoon, rustling towards the train which was to take him south again. He took time enough, however, to tell a NEWS reporter that the Bullion Mine, in Tintic, of which he is the lessee and part owner, is shipping two carloads (30 tons) of lead and silver ore to the Germania Smelter, daily, and that about sixty men are employed there. He is also a half owner in the Crown Point Mine, a continuation of the Bullion lode, as yet but slightly developed, but which promises well. This said, Mr. Beck left in haste for the depot, having spent 24 hours in town on business.

**Last Night's Fire.**—The fire which set the bells ringing and alarmed the town last evening, was at the millinery establishment of Button and Boyan, Main Street. It started some minutes before 9 o'clock, in the cellar of the store, it is supposed, though from what cause could not be definitely ascertained, unless, as some think, it was from the smouldering embers in a stove on the second floor, sparks of which may have fallen through the flue into the basement, where a fire was found burning. Another theory is incendiarism, but there was no clue to trace it by.

The firemen arrived on the scene soon after the alarm was given, and supposing the fire was in the second story, from the windows of which dense volumes of smoke were issuing, they directed their efforts in that quarter, and it is said a large quantity of goods was damaged by the water. But this, under the circumstances, was unavoidable, and the efforts of the brigade put an end to what would have undoubtedly developed, if unchecked, into a disastrous conflagration. Button & Boyan's is between Auerbach's store and McCormick's bank, both of which were in imminent peril until the flames were extinguished. The loss is put up into the thousands, from fire and water combined, but all is covered by insurance.

## TERRITORIAL ITEMS

SUMMARIZED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—The Idaho Democratic territorial convention meets to-day at Boise City.

—Ogden had the Jubilee Singers last night, and will have Effie Ellsler next Monday.

—Conrad Walz, of Logan, was thrown from his wagon the other afternoon and severely bruised. The team ran away, two wheels passing over the driver's body.

—Two boys of M. D. Hammond, of Providence, were thrown from a running horse last Sunday, one of them having his left thigh broken in two places.

—A man named McIntyre was imprisoned a few days since in Paris, Idaho, for biting off an antagonist's ear and a piece out of his breast. The fight occurred near Dingle, a station on the Oregon Short Line.

—A Helena, Montana, man says he is certain a subterranean river runs under that city, and can put his foot upon two spots within the corporate limits where water can be reached. He says it may be a cave, still it runs quite swift. He has been satisfied of this fact for eight years.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 13.

**Conference and Fair.**—There will be a Primary fair and conference for Davis Stake at East Bountiful on September 20th (Next Saturday). For the convenience of visitors from this city and other points in each direction, special half fare rates will be given by the U. C. Railway.

**Colossal Corn.**—Mr. J. Arthur Day is one who, for a little man, entertains big hopes of the future of the Dry Bench. He has had some water this year, however, and now shows corn nine feet high, straight stalks, large, full ears, and an occasional plump little worm. He feels encouraged over his little homestead up there, and if it continues to yield like it has this season, we think he has good reason to be. Better corn don't grow anywhere in the valleys.

**Big Ones.**—S. B. Dallas, of the 17th Ward, showed us, a day or two ago, some samples of tomatoes raised by him in his garden, which exceed in size anything of the kind we have ever seen before. One tomato measured eighteen inches in circumference one way, and twelve inches the other, and weighed 2 lb 2 oz. Two others weighed each 1 lb 10 oz. and measured twelve inches in circumference one way and fourteen inches the other. They were very fine in appearance and looked of excellent quality.

**A Departed Veteran.**—Father Abraham Rose, an old and respected resident of Farmington, Davis County, died at his residence at that place on Tuesday evening, September 9th, at 9 o'clock. He was born at Utica, Oneida County, New York, October 5th, 1803; was baptized by Elder Orson Hyde in August, 1836; arrived in Nauvoo in 1843, and left that place in the persecutions in 1846; arrived at Council Bluffs in July, 1847, and remained there till 1853, when he reached Utah Sept. 17th, and settled in Farmington. He was a Teacher there for many years, and was active and efficient as a peace-maker and administrator to the sick. He left an excellent record.

A large congregation assembled in the Meetinghouse at Farmington on Tuesday, September 11th, at 10 a. m., when a funeral discourse was delivered at the special request of the family by Elder C. W. Penrose. Particulars of the life of the deceased were given by Elder Arthur Stayner and President John W. Hess and Bishop J. M. Sechrist bore testimony to the worth and thoroughly good character of our departed friend. A long cortege followed the remains to the Farmington cemetery. Peace be to his dust.

**Choir Excursion.**—The present fine weather is of itself suggestive of outdoor recreation. This season has been so prolific of excursions that their frequency was liable to satiate the public. It is possible to have too much of any good thing. However, there is an exception to every rule; and it will readily be conceded that the latter is true of the few excursions arranged by the Tabernacle Choir each year. Taking advantage of the kind invitation of President William Paxman, our worthy singers contemplate having a trip to Nephi on Tuesday week, the 23d inst. Leaving here on the morning train, and arriving at Nephi before noon, will give an opportunity to call on friends and enjoy sociable amenities until evening, when a concert will be given by the excursionists, for the entertainment of the Nephtes, whose hospitalities they will enjoy. A trip up the canon, to the shades of Mt. Nebo, is contemplated for the next day, returning to Nephi in time to take the train that afternoon for home. This is the programme of the choir. An opportunity thus afforded for any and all of their friends to accompany them, with privilege of returning either on Wednesday the 24th, or Thursday the 25th, will be an advantage of this the last excursion of the season. More particulars hereafter.

## TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—Four or five cases of diphtheria at Pleasant Grove.

—A heavy frost was felt in and around Provo last Wednesday night.

—Peter Neilson, while riding a wild colt in Provo last Thursday, was thrown heavily to the ground, cutting a large gash over his eye.

—A little son of Alex. Wilkins, Provo, in climbing over a fence last Tuesday, got his foot caught between the pickets, and broke one of the bones of his right leg.

—A son of Bishop W. T. Reid, of Mant, was thrown from his horse last Thursday evening, sustaining a concussion of the brain. It was at first feared the patient would die, but he afterwards rallied and is now doing well.

—The *Enquirer* (Provo) says last Tuesday morning Mr. George Meldrum, Jr., made a misstep from a load of hay, and in falling was caught in the side by one of the stakes. The stake penetrated just below the short ribs nearly three inches, making an ugly and dangerous wound. The injury will not prove fatal.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 15.

**The Emigrants.**—A dispatch from Elder B. J. Bennett at Council Bluffs to President John Taylor, received yesterday, stated that the company of emigrants, over which the former has charge, had got that far all well, and would probably reach this city tomorrow (Tuesday) forenoon.

**A Fresh Amputation.**—Dr. J. M. Benedict this afternoon amputated the leg of the circus man, Melville, who was injured so badly by a falling tent-pole, in Utah County some time ago. Since his injury the patient has been lying at St. Mary's Hospital, and had already undergone one amputation on the limb that was shattered. Then it was below the knee that it was taken off, now it is above the knee that the operation has been performed.

**Instantly Killed.**—A man named Chisolm, a miner, working in the Ontario mine, Park City, was killed on Saturday night about 10 o'clock, by a flying rock from a blast, which struck him in the head, crushing the skull, and killing him instantly. The usual signal was given before the blast was fired, but he did not get out of the way soon enough, and the fatal accident set forth was the result. A verdict of accidental death was rendered by the coroner's jury at the inquest. The deceased was a resident of Utah County.

**Insane.**—Mrs. Cooper, who as stated in a previous issue came to the city in a demented condition and was afterwards taken to the Deseret Hospital, could not be prevailed upon to stay there, and has since been rambling around the city for two or three days. She has been taken in charge by her husband, who will place her in the asylum. The step is one which he takes with great reluctance, but as the unfortunate woman has been in this sad condition seven years, and seems to be getting worse, this course is considered the only one left. The trouble is said to be the result of an attack of typhoid fever.

**Bruin's Adventures.**—Bears abound in other parts of the country than Summit county. The *Logan Journal* says that as two young men were getting out logs at the wood camp, about 15 miles up Logan Canon one day last week, they espied a large cinnamon bear passing; they unhitched their horses and chased him for about 300 yards. After firing two shots which took effect, the brute turned and came about 10 yards towards them when a third shot from the gun gave him his quietus. The animal was the largest ever known to have been brought there. It weighed 500 pounds. On the same evening Mr. Jacobs shot a black bear a short distance from the mouth of Blacksmith's Fork Canon, Cache County. The animal was purchased and cut up in a Logan meat market, the carcass weighing 200 pounds.

**Returned.**—We had a pleasant call last Friday from Elder J. T. Henninger, of Moroni, Sanpete County, who returned on Thursday, in company with Elders Roberts, Jones and Thompson, of the Southern States Mission. Brother H. left home on the 5th of September, 1882, and on reaching the States was assigned to labor in Virginia, West Virginia and some little in North Carolina, in which district he traveled over some twenty counties during his seventeen months' stay and had an excellent time, though he met with some persecution and many threats. In the Old Dominion there is not the same violent lawless opposition, however, as the Elders in other portions of the mission have had to contend with. The concluding seven months of his mission Elder Henninger spent in Manassah, Colorado, from which place he accompanied the other brethren home. He returns in good health, which he has enjoyed uninterruptedly during his entire absence.

## A SHOCKING CRIME.

Last evening, Marshal W. W. Fife received the following shocking news by dispatch from Tombstone, A. T.:  
W. W. Fife, City Marshal, Ogden.

Your mother killed by Mexican, yesterday. Murderer not yet captured.  
Geo. Osborne.

This dispatch fell like a stunning shock on the loving son and the two daughters living here, (Mrs. Velasco Farr and Mrs. Sarah J. White) who are plunged in the deepest grief filial affection is capable of. Three other children of the deceased are with their parents at Oak Grove, Sulphur Springs Valley, A. T., (60 miles from Tombstone) in which region our former Marshal, Wm. N. Fife (W. W.'s father) has just succeeded in making for the family a comfortable, happy home. Sister Fife was about 48 years of age, a strong, healthy woman, of strong mind and body, a level head and a loving heart.

It is the intention of Marshal Fife to leave this evening, via the C. P., for the sad scene of the desolate home of his father, when he expects to bring his mother's remains back to Ogden, to give them repose in the City Cemetery, where several of her children rest, to await the morning of the resurrection.

We extend our heartfelt condolence to our stricken friends and pray that the Heavenly Father may extend to them that balm of solace that flows only from His infinite grace and mercy. —*Ogden Herald, Sept. 13.*