PROVO LETTER.

World's Fair Arrangements.—A Family Reunion.—Social and Business Notes.

Special Correspondence of the News.

PROVO, Dec. 13.—Messrs. Richard Dodd and W. D. Roberts have contracted with the Rio Grande Western for the exclusive management of their World's Fair traffic. Mr. Dodd has just returned from Chicago, where he has rented a five-acre park midway between the Illinois Central and C. B. & Q. railway depots for the use of their patrons. Here will be erected temporary houses, tents and a large dining room.

The Crandall family of Springville held their third annual reunion in the city hall of that city on Thursday evening, December 29th. The family was very numerous one, and they believe in enjoying life. At the last reunion over three hundred persons were present and a most enjoyable time was spent. The number in attendance will be fully as large this year.

The Odd Fellows of Provo celebrated the third anniversary of their lodge at the Opera house last night by a brilliant ball.

A case of diphtheria exists at Alpine. Precautions have been taken to prevent its spread.

The thermometer registered seven degrees below zero on Monday morning.

Our merchants are making their holiday openings. They expect a fair holiday trade.

St. John's Stake of Zion.

Our quarterly Sunday School conference was held at 3 p.m. on the 2nd inst. and, we presume on account of the inclement weather, did not have a very good attendance.

The Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement conference was held on the 3rd inst. The meetings, both morning and afternoon, were exceedingly interesting.

The quarterly conference of the Stake convened at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, the 4th inst., President David K. Udall presiding. Four meetings were held, two on Sunday and two on Monday.

All the brethren and sisters seemed to enjoy a good portion of the spirit of the Lord.

CHARLES JARVIS, Stake Recorder.

ST. JOHNS, Apache county, Arizona, December 7, 1892.

A Modern Hazel.

When we read concerning a western train robbery first the robber gets about $100, we are invited to contrast the new highwayman with the old. In the older times if a bold spark took to the road and held up his coach perhaps he got a watch or two and maybe a handful of gold thrown hastily in the lining. But that was about as much as he could hope for. The purse or at most positively snatched with crying "Stand by" was an absolutely great in a single night with crying "Bring in." The crew attempted not merely discharged soldiers and Aleutian ruffians, but decent gentlemen and shabby hacks.

One lady started records how her father, a stout naval officer, on one occasion captured Master Highwayman and was shocked to recognize in him a son of his own admiral. The knight he spoke him an admonition, received his promise of amendment, gave him some pieces of gold and let him go. The promising youth was ultimately hanged all the same. Modern western railway highwaymanry is a radically different business.

Eight thousand dollars is a fair hit and excessive hard to make by a successful coup. Now it shall take the average man in any walk of life some years to put so large a sum to the good. The temptation to make it all at a stroke is so strong that rather than wonder at the enterprises of this sort that actually occur, the wonder seems to be that they are not still more frequent.—New York Evening Sun.

A Gypsy Baron.

Among the odd figures that draw attention in the metropolis nowadays is Thomas Stanley, a gypsy baron, who comes here to make preparations to exhibit himself and his people in Chicago during the Columbian exposition. There is little in his appearance to denote that he is of Roman blood, and of one of the finest strains at that. His skin is not swarthy, and his eyes and hair are brown instead of black, as is common with most gypsies. His garb is that of a well to do business man, and were it not for the number of rare and valuable jewels he wears he would not attract attention. His shirt front is adorned with a cluster of twelve diamonds of five carats each, valued at $20,000. He has finger rings, a jeweled fob chain and a watch incrusted with $5,000 worth of precious stones.

He lives in Providence and is reported to be richer than the common run of Romany noblemen. He is here superintending the building of what will be the handsomest and most costly gypsy van ever seen. Its exterior will be decorated with oil paintings, and the ornamental figures and trimmings will be gold and silver plate. The interior, of quartered oak with metal and French plate glass trimmings, is fitted with the daintiest specimens of furniture, which will give it the look of a hand, one house in miniature.—New York Advertiser.

Carrying a Voice Into Africa.

Although the general public have reason to complain of the delay in placing the phonograph within their reach, one still hears occasionally of the ingenious invention. Professor Garner, who has left to study the language of apes in Africa, takes with him a message of introduction to the chief of Lokalela in the middle Congo country. The message is from Mr. E. J. Glave, who knows the country and its people well, having spent three years there, and it is on one of the delicate little wax barrels which take the impression of the voice in the phonograph.

By the aid of the apparatus, lent to him, it is to be presumed, by special favor of the inventor, Mr. Garner will reproduce in the heart of Africa his friend's voice, conveying a request to the people of Lokalela, many of whom he calls by name, that they may aid him in his work, treat him kindly in all respects and always speak the truth.

THE ABSENTMINDED WOMAN.

Several Arguments to Prove That She Is Not, as She Fears, Insane.

A lady who hastened to explain that she is "not a drinking woman," that she is "not addicted to the use of drugs," in short that she has no habits that would tend to impair the intellect, after an experience that has caused her much disquietude. Briefly told and in her own language, she "went down town and forgot to put on either hat or bonnet." This bit of mental aberration has so haunted, worried and generally upset her that she appeals for relief—something in the nature of relation of similar cases that may convince her that she is not a glaring exception to the world of sensible people and that her performance is not to be taken as an indication that she is losing her mind.

It ought to be the easiest thing in the world to convince this needlessly alarmed lady that in the light of the many and notable examples of mental lapses her experience is rather a pleasantly distinguishing characteristic and not a terrifying malady. If she has followed the daily papers or has read the floating bits of biography she must have noted the many strange stories of great men and women remarkable for their absent-mindedness. In fact, the preoccupation of the mind has led people into many absurd experiences and has made them the subjects of many oft told jests.

But nobody would think for a moment of accusing such people of a marked tendency toward insanity or of intimating that the brain was softening. The explanation would be that the mind is so concentrated on what happens to be occupying it at the moment that all other things are subordinated. For example, people wrapped in thought will be carried beyond their railway station, will walk several blocks out of their way, will even pass their own door.

A further interesting and consoling thought is the fact that the profoundest thinkers afford the most numerous illustrations of absentmindedness. Scientists, literary men, college professors, lawyers—in short, all classes of people who are of a studious profession—are noted for such eccentricities. The wise professor, with his head crammed full of the inspiration of the study, is the butt of the students and the practical folk that enjoy the bewilderment into which his preoccupation leads him. Professor Sophocles, of Harvard university, was a man of this kind. Professor Snell, of Amherst, was another. Professor Walter Houghton, the historian, is a third. It is related of Professor Houghton that in leaving his room to pass down a long corridor and thence to the street he invariably raised his umbrella unconscious of the smiles of the amused spectators.

Samuel T. Glover, for many years the bright ornament of the St. Louis bar, was notoriously absentminded. He would enter a restaurant, order a luncheon and fall into a brown study over a low stool. After the luncheon had been served he would pick up the check, pay the cashier and walk out leaving the food untouched, entirely unmindful of the fact that his stomach was still unsatisfied. Mr. Beecher has related stories in which thought preoccupation has played him pranks, and has laughed as heartily as anybody over the mistakes.

In view of the thousands of experiences that might be cited in evidence of the extent of absentmindedness, it would appear that the lady who pranced down town bereft of her bonnet has no reason to fear that she is about to be bereft of her reason. A thousand Bloomingdales could not accommodate the lunatics in her stage of disease.—New York World.

A Primitive Shelter.

While engaged in a military expedition against the Sioux in Wyoming, in 1873, I saw those Indians construct at the various camps we made what I take to be the most primitive form of house built by human hands. It was simply a shelter, or tepee as they called it, made with the green boughs cut from the cottonwood trees. Without any especial preparation of the ground, they lopped off the cut ends of the limbs in two parallel rows about eight feet long and five feet apart. The tops were adroitly bent over the inclosed space and fastened together along the middle line, thus creating a semicylindrical shelter open at both ends. These tepees were merely intended for two or three men to sleep in, all the cooking and other arrangements being performed outside.—R. W. Shufeldt, M. D., in Popular Science Monthly.

Clever Dogs.

Notwithstanding the doubtful statement of Lodinots that he heard a shepherd's dog utter no fewer than thirty words, it may be asserted that no quadruped has been taught to talk any language spoken by man. Certain learned dogs have been taught a kind of speech. But this consists merely of differentiated tones of the bark. Professor Benedict, of the University at Louvain, had a dog which could accompany with his voice a tolerably complicated air played on the piano. Another dog, belonging to a different man, could sing in unison an air of "La Favorita" when a centralto friend gave him the keynote.—Atlanta Constitution.

Using Waste Steam.

A Glasgow paper states that an engineer resident there has, after nineteen years' labor and experimenting, devised an arrangement in an engine by which he returns all the steam back to the boiler after doing its work in the cylinder. In several cases he has got his engine installed and at work, giving most extraordinary results, and in one case in a textile factory it is doing as much work with one ton of coal as was formerly done with seven tons.

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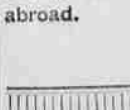

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