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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

**ANOTHER COMPANY.**—The following was received by W. U. Telegraph line, just before going to press:

"New York, August 22, 1871.

Brigham Young:—Mr. Douglas' company, seventy souls, leave to-night. All well. W. C. STAINES."

**ELECTION AT ALTA.**—The following was received by Deseret Telegraph line this morning:

Alta City, 22.—James E. Matthews, Chas. Read, John McDonald and F. W. Brushaber were candidates for Recorder, and the election was held yesterday. Matthews received 128 votes, Read 157, McDonald 153, and Brushaber 32, one majority for McDonald.

**BROKE A BLOOD VESSEL.**—We very much regret to state that last night, while in the Theatre, Mr. Albert W. Merrill, one of the dramatic company, was seized with a very severe fit of coughing, and during the paroxysm he burst a blood vessel. His sufferings seemed to be severe. Assistance was promptly rendered, and in a short time a carriage was procured, and he was conveyed to his residence. We have not heard of his condition to-day, but hope he is in a fair way to convalescence and recovery.

**"MORMON RAIMENT."**—The preceding is the heading to the following, from the *Territorial Enterprise* of the 19th inst:

The number of persons to be seen upon our streets in Mormon uniform is becoming alarming. In assuming the garb of the Saints, they doubtless also clothe themselves in their opinions, particularly those relating to marrying early and often. The excuse given by those who have adopted the new style of dress is that it is the cheapest and best that can be purchased between the two oceans. The material of which these Salt Lake suits are made is home-spun jeans of a gray or brown color, and the saintly tailor who manufactures the suits charges but \$15 each for them, and this in greenbacks. Measures (not men) are forwarded, and in due time the clothes arrive by express. Half a dozen new uniforms came to hand in this town yesterday.

**FIRES IN THE MOUNTAINS.**—A gentleman just in from Parley's Park informs us that extensive fires have been raging for some time past in the vicinity of that place; that the sides of the mountains for miles in extent are ablaze. It is likely to prove a serious loss to the inhabitants of this city, as heretofore much of the fire wood and other timber used by them has been obtained from that part. It is believed that the fire has been started by some careless prospector, hundreds of whom are ranging over the mountains and camping wherever night overtakes them. Large fires have also been consuming the timber of American Fork canyon of late, probably resulting from the same cause. While we are importing to this Territory thousands of dollars' worth of timber it is worse than madness for any one to set fire to the little growing here, and no sane man would be guilty of it.

**RETURNED.**—Presidents B. Young, Geo. A. Smith, D. H. Wells and Joseph Young, sen., with Elders John Taylor, George Q. Cannon, T. W. Ellerbeck and S. B. Young, arrived from Provo this afternoon, where they have been holding two days' meetings. The meetings were excellently attended; Elders Edward Stevenson and Geo. Q. Cannon and President B. Young addressed the congregation on Saturday morning. The afternoon was occupied by Presidents D. H. Wells and Jos. Young, sen., and Elder S. B. Young. On Sunday morning Elder John Taylor and Presidents Geo. A. Smith and B. Young spoke to the people. The meeting-house was too small to accommodate the large congregation with any degree of comfort, a proposition was, therefore, made to adjourn the meeting to the new factory, which had been seated for the use of the people in celebrating the 24th of July. This change was a very advantageous one; the building was cool and commodious and answered admirably as a meeting-house. Elder A. P. Rockwood, Presidents Geo. A. Smith, Jos. Young, sen., D. H. Wells and B. Young delivered addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation.

The new woollen factory in Provo is a splendid building and greatly adorns the city. There is no more substantial building for manufacturing purposes erected on

this side of the Alleghany mountains, and it is doubtful if there is any better of this kind in the United States. The main building is roofed, the floors partly laid and the plastering is being pushed forward. On the twenty-fourth the upper room was used as a ball room. The scene, as described by those who witnessed it, must have been very fine. President A. O. Smoot sent invitations to every settlement in the county to join in the celebration at Provo, and the people turned out numerous. One of the other buildings belonging to the factory was also used as a ball room, we did not learn how many cotillions danced there; but in the main factory building there were fifty-six cotillions on the floor at once. The company dined on the first floor.

As President Young returned he and company were met at the end of the track of the U. S. R. R. by a locomotive and car in which the party returned to the city. On their return the President, vice-President, Superintendent, Freight and Ticket Agent, Ass't. Engineer, and chief Mechanic spent some little time in examining various points of the line at which improvements, a switch, spurs, a Y and other conveniences for the traffic of the road will be constructed. It is expected that the trestle-bridge across Dry Creek will be finished in a few days.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**THE "LADY OF THE LAKE."**—This little steamer made a trip of about five miles down the Jordan this morning in an hour; the return trip was made in an hour and ten minutes.

**GRASSHOPPERS IN SUMMIT AND MORGAN.**—Bishop Cluff, of Coalville called in this morning. He says that myriads of grasshoppers made their appearance in Summit and Morgan counties two weeks ago. They are too late to do much damage to the crops this season; but everywhere in the two counties the pests are now laying their eggs, giving promise of a full supply of their descendants next Spring.

He also informed us that a vast amount of timber is being burned at the head of Weber. How the fires originate is unknown, but it is supposed that they are left smouldering at their camping places by prospectors. The head of Weber is about the best timber-growing district in the Territory, and to have so much good wood wantonly and foolishly wasted is a great pity. Men out in the mountains ought to be more careful than to leave fires at their camping places. Whoever may be responsible for this destruction deserves severe punishment, whether it be the result of carelessness or wickedness.

**A RUNAWAY.**—A team which was being used for hauling gravel ran away this afternoon from the rear of Taylor & Outler's store, leaving a part of the running gear in the alley before reaching Main Street, and after that, making a circuit around in front of the Salt Lake House, tearing away one of the posts supporting the awning of the latter building, and finally bringing up a little lower down the street, with no injury worse than the bruising of the horses' legs. The wonder is that the affair was not more serious, as at one time the horses were on the sidewalk crowded with people. This runaway, we think resulted from the carelessness of the driver, but a number of cases have occurred lately on the street that would have been prevented had there been a sufficient number of hitching posts on the sides of the streets to fasten animals to.

**SOUTHERN UTAH.**—Mr. Nathaniel Ashby called upon us to-day, having recently arrived from the Southern part of the Territory. He reports the health of the people as being generally good. The heat has been excessive during this summer at St. George, but no bad results have followed; in fact, the health of the people has been better than usual at this season of the year. The death of Tutsegavit, the chief of the petty tribes around St. George, which happened a short time before Bro. Ashby left home, was looked upon to some extent as a misfortune, for he has always been a firm friend of the settlers and warmly disposed to maintain peace. There has no man of influence arisen as yet to take his place and who is resolved to maintain friendly relations. The Co-operative cattle herd, which is kept on Short Creek, East of St. George, has done well; the dividend made lately, after it had been in operation fourteen months, was most satisfactory to the shareholders, it amounting for that period to 38 per cent. In consequence of the drying up of the Santa Clara the settlers at St. George will be unable to raise either corn or sugar cane; but up the Rio Virgen they have water, and the prospects are better, though

the grasshoppers have done them damage.

**"IRON CITY."**—Hon. Wilford Woodruff, President of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, received a letter a few days since, dated Iron City, Iron Co., July 27th, containing considerable information about the progress of iron manufacture in that locality. Many of our readers are aware that a few men for the past year or two, have been endeavoring to make iron from the ore which, it is well known, is abundant and of fine quality in some sections of Southern Utah. The letter received by Mr. Woodruff, from the Secretary of the company, S. M. Blair, Esq., says that their labors have been successful, and the problem of manufacturing iron from the native ores has been most satisfactorily solved.

The company was incorporated on the 17th of March, 1870; and since that date the company have erected furnaces, imported machinery and are now successfully smelting the ores, and producing a quality of gray cast iron equal to the best. As early as 1868 the gentlemen composing this company commenced their labors; but it was not until about two years had passed that they found material to manufacture fire brick, or lining for their furnaces; and when this task was accomplished they were at a loss for a competent smelter. It was finally found in the person of Mr. David B. Adams, of Beaver Co., and now their most sanguine hopes are so far realized that iron of the finest quality is being produced in limited quantity, and can be to any amount as soon as the means can be obtained to erect buildings, &c., to prosecute the requisite appliances. The capacity of their present furnace is twenty-five hundred pounds per day. The company have now nearly completed a good brick building for a foundry; they have secured the service of a competent moulder, and, at the date of writing, the foundry was expected to be in operation in a few days. It is the intention to erect during the present year, a large smelting furnace, also one for steel, and a forge for wrought iron.

The president of the company, Ebenezer Hanks, Esq.; the directors Chapman Duncan and Seth M. Blair, Esqs.

The importance of the preceding information can not be over estimated, for the inauguration of iron manufacture in Utah is of far more importance, and more pregnant with prosperity to her citizens than a thousand mines of gold and silver were each of them of fabulous wealth. But in no branch of business is capital more needed, than in this; and as the time is not far distant when the Utah Southern railroad will extend to and probably pass through or near to the iron districts, the worth of the iron mines and their wealth creating powers will be appreciated, and men of capital will be ready to invest; and there is no doubt that a big iron trade will grow up in Utah, and a great amount of prosperity be enjoyed by the people engaged therein.

**GHOSTS AT OAKLAND.**—Oakland, Cal has got a first class sensation in the shape of two or three ghosts, which appear at a point on the wharf where several people were drowned several years since during a Fourth of July celebration. Two watchmen have seen them, and have given up their position rather than face the ghosts. The first one says when he first saw them he thought they were ordinary promenaders; but when he went after them they jumped from the wharf without making a splash. He became nervous and resigned. His successor saw them, and one of them asked him "how he liked it." He hurled a keg of nails at the ghost, and it went clean through him, her or it, whichever it was. This settled him and he resigned; he could not stand ghosts. Another watchman has been appointed, but the results of his experience are not yet made public.

The preceding is from the San Francisco and Oakland papers.

**GIPIES.**—The *Juncheon* of yesterday says a family of English gipsies, ten in number, —parents and eight children, reached Ogden from Oregon a few days ago. They came to this country eight years ago, and have traveled through the States and Mexico. The eldest of the juveniles did some fortune telling during their stay in Ogden, which terminated on Tuesday, as the whole family left that evening, for Egypt, via Omaha and St. Louis.

A gentleman having sent his manservant to buy some lucifer-matches, said to him when he came back, "I hope, John, they are better than the last, which were good for nothing." "Oh, these are excellent," replied John, "I have tried every one of them."