

Local and Other Matters

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAY 23.

Fair.—Steps are being taken at Provo with the view of holding a fair for Utah County in that city the coming season.

Order Lost.—The person who picked up an order on the General Tithing Store for \$20, in favor of Thomas Green, will confer a favor by leaving it at this office for the owner.

Fun.—Harrigan and Hart are coming to make fun for theatre-goers. Their posters are up and they will be here on Monday next to fill an engagement for three nights, commencing on that evening. They draw large houses everywhere.

Doing Well.—We learn from Brother Lafayette Ball, that matters at the Indian farm, at Deep Creek, are very promising. From 35 to 40 acres of land have been sown in grain at that place, and about 12 acres near Willow Springs, some distance this side of Deep Creek. Most of the Indians are industrious, work with a will, and like their new mode of life.

Thin.—The Rocky Mountain Christian Advocate, a sickly paper, published in the interest of Methodism, recently said:

"Good reports come to us from Provo; the church services are all well attended."

The Territorial Enquirer pokes fun at this statement, asserting that "there are only 15 disciples of Methodism in Provo."

District Court.—Thursday morning, May 23.

Territory of Utah vs. O. F. Strickland; dismissed by plaintiff at his cost.

P. L. Briger vs. Thompson and Lyngberg; on motion of defendant, appeal dismissed; procedendo stayed one week.

W. H. Hooper et al. vs. James Townsend et al.; trial by the court; decree for plaintiff.

George W. Norton vs. Jas. Snyder dismissed on defendants motion, for want of prosecution.

Liberal.—On Tuesday Brother Elias Morris received from Brother Nephi Pratt, of Fillmore, the sum of \$90, in aid of the Welsh emigration fund. It was accompanied with a statement to the effect that the means was obtained by posting a notice outside the store that subscriptions would be received there for the charitable object, and in a short time the sum named was donated. Brother Pratt expected to be able to obtain more means for the same purpose.

Why So High.—The fees demanded by the District Courts of Utah for naturalization papers is a general subject of remark and complaint. Five dollars is charged for final papers alone, to say nothing of the amount that has to be paid for the declaratory document. If we are correctly informed, the highest sum charged for both papers in the courts in the east does not exceed \$2.50. Why the figures should be so much higher here many people would like to know. We are not aware of any good and sufficient reason for the wide difference.

Rocklaying Resumed.—Yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, rocklaying was resumed upon the walls of the Temple, for the season, and is progressing finely. The new improvements in the means of placing the rocks in position work admirably. The blocks are run into the center of the building along a platform, on trucks and an iron tramway. They are then hoisted by steam power, to a platform, which is on a level with the present height of the walls. They are then placed on another truck and conveyed, on a tramway, to the east or west end of the building, as may be necessary. From there they are lifted by a derrick and placed in proper position for handling by the masons, who are now at work on the west wall of the building. The scaffolding in the interior is so constructed that, when necessary, the upper platform can be further elevated as the increased height of the walls may require.

Intolerant.—The Elders were beginning to make good headway, in spreading the gospel, in Finland, when the authorities of that principality drove them out of the country. As that frigid portion of the globe is under the yoke of Russia, it is probable that the expulsion of the

missionaries was done at the instance of representatives of that government. We have not yet, however, been advised of the affair in detail. A door has, however, been opened for the spread of the message of salvation, the "gospel of the kingdom," which is to be presented to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people," in this dispensation. It is not probable that, seeing the good seed has been sown, the door will again be effectually closed.

Elder Halgren, of Ogden, who was recently called to go on a mission to Finland, is now on his way to that country.

Dairy Business.—Bishop E. F. Sheets informs us that, during his recent trip to Bear Lake Valley he visited the dairy of the co-operative mercantile institution of Paris. It is situated in Nounnan Valley, and he was greatly charmed with the air of neatness and cleanliness that pervaded the whole establishment. He was pleased with the excellent quality of the products manufactured—butter and cheese. The surroundings of the dairy have also the same trim and thrifty aspect.

Bear Lake Valley and vicinity is one of the best dairy countries "lying out of doors," and in view of this, and in appreciation of the fact, Bishop Sheets informs us that another factory of that kind is about to be established, near the town of Liberty, by President Budge and Brothers J. N. Stucki and Walter Hoge; and still another by Gen. C. C. Rich and Brother Ezra T. Clark, some distance from Paris.

Highwaymen.—The following appears in the Eureka (Nevada) Sentinel, of the 19th:

A half a dozen Mormon teams were in town on Friday last, and in conversation with one of the drivers, we learned of quite an exciting incident experienced by them a couple of days before reaching Eureka. They had concluded their day's drive, gone into camp, and had just finished supper, when three mounted men rode up to the fire. They dismounted, and pulled out three very wicked looking revolvers, requested a surrender of all the valuables possessed by the party. The teamsters assured the highwaymen that there was nothing in the crowd beyond a few dollars kept by them for emergencies; but their assurances did not satisfy the robbers, and they demanded the coin received from the sale of a portion of the load at Tybo. The Mormons responded by producing receipts from Wells, Fargo & Co's agent, showing that they had shipped to Utah, through that agency, the results of their barter. The proof was convincing, and the road agents had to content themselves with a contribution of \$17, and a silver watch possessed by one of the drivers and valued at \$20. Having secured this paltry booty, and bestowed a hearty cursing upon the campers for their precaution and poverty, they rode off into the twilight and disappeared. The Mormons made no attempt to follow them or retrieve the plunder, being very well satisfied at having escaped so cheaply.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAY 24.

Gone North.—President W. Budge and Brother J. U. Stucki left for Bear Lake this afternoon.

Returned.—S. W. Sears, Esq., who has been absent in San Francisco several weeks, returned home to-day.

Manganese.—A specimen of manganese ore, very rich, from Kane County, has been presented to the Museum. Manganese can be put to a great many useful purposes, and the discovery of the ore, which exists in a large body, may therefore be considered important.

Death on the Train.—Early yesterday morning a lady, named Turner, of Chicago, died on the east bound Central Pacific train, near the Promontory. The deceased had been residing in California for some months, in the hope of benefitting her health, being a consumptive. On reaching Ogden the remains were packed in ice and forwarded eastward to the care of her husband, who was at Omaha.

Steel Skeins.—Mr. L. B. Mathison, of the "Blue Front," First East Street, has received a lot of steel skeins, which are covered by letters patent, and can only be found on the Mitchell wagons. Those skeins are strong and dura-

ble, being neither liable to displacement nor to become loose. They are receiving attention from farmers and freighters.

Western States.—Elder C. H. Wheelock wrote from Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 16, that there is a good field for missionary labor in Nebraska, Iowa, and adjacent States. About half a dozen people were ready for baptism where he was located at the time of writing. He had received an invitation from some people about thirty miles from Council Bluffs, with the assurance of a kind reception and a room to preach in. He expected to leave for Wisconsin as early as practicable.

Information Wanted.—We are requested by A. E. Anderson to publish the following:

S. Walton would like to know the whereabouts of Nils Nielson, born at Christianstad, Sweden, traveling missionary in Christianstad and Blekinge. Address S. Walton, 711 Washington Avenue, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minn.

Andrew Olson, wishes information concerning the whereabouts of Anders Anderson and Olof Anderson, born at Gunnarskog, Sweden; moved therefrom to Christiana, Norway; emigrated to Utah. His address is, Andrew Olson, Hastings, Dakota County, Minn., box 624.

Good For Manti.—Brother James C. Brown, superintendent of the Manti Co-operative store, in forwarding a hundred dollars, in aid of the Welsh emigration fund, wrote as follows, on May 20th:

"The singers of Manti gave a concert on the 13th inst., and realized fifty-five dollars therefrom. The balance of the money has been paid over to me by individuals, as donation."

"Improvement is the order of the day here. Active labor is being performed on the Temple grounds. Our new Tabernacle is progressing nicely, and work has been resumed on our City Hall. There is a good feeling among the people of Manti and, with few exceptions, they are enjoying good health."

Base Ball.—Several hundred persons witnessed the contest yesterday afternoon between the Mutuals of Mill Creek and the Red Stockings of this city. The game resulted in favor of the latter by a score of 41 to 4.

The Mutuals appeared in their new and tasty uniform.

Their second base man, pitcher and catcher deserve special mention, and the nine, although so badly beaten, should consider that their opponents are a leading territorial club, and that they were required to bat against Barker's pitching, which, probably is the swiftest of any one's in the city.

The fielding of the "Reds" was excellent, only seven errors being scored against them in the nine innings. Barlow's playing behind the bat was without an error.

The Southern States.—We have been enabled to peruse a letter from Elder John Morgan, written at Cassandra, Georgia, May 8th. According to the communication the missionaries from Utah have been distributed throughout the field as follows:

Elders Williams and Johnson, in Paulding County, south of Rome; Elders Sabin and Rogers, Marshall County, Ala.; Elders Stevenson and Clark, Hickman County, Tenn.; Elders Morgan and Standing are laboring together.

Brother Russell Rogers walked a distance of 400 miles, from Mississippi to Georgia, to get a traveling companion. On the journey he found several good openings for preaching.

The manuscript for a brief pamphlet, on the first principles of the gospel, is about ready for the press. The opposition to the work in that part of the country has been persistent and bitter, but, thus far, has only had the effect of helping the good cause. Poverty, distrust, and despondency were prevalent among the people of the south.

Enjoyable.—Yesterday, the Seventh Ward Sunday school, with Superintendent McLaughlin, Bishop Thorne and a large number of parents and friends of the children, spent a pleasant day at Fuller's Hill Pleasure Gardens. After enjoying themselves freely all day, Bishop Thorne called the folks together in the bowery, and made remarks upon the time of happiness they had spent the whole day; stated that he little thought a few years ago that the spot covered only with sagebrush, and looking very

desolate, would ever be converted into such a pleasant, verdant looking place as it is to-day; complimented the proprietor on the well-applied labor everywhere manifest, and a vote of thanks was given for the use of the gardens.

On Wednesday, the Tenth Ward Sunday School, with the superintendent, teachers and Bishop Spiers, had a day out.

To-day the Fourth Ward folks, with the school, have been enjoying the fine weather, and next Tuesday, weather permitting, the Eighth Ward Sunday School purposes occupying the "Hill" for recreation.

The New Colony.—We have been permitted to make extracts from a letter to President John Taylor, from Elder J. Z. Stewart, written at Conejos, Conejos County, Colorado, the place which the Saints who emigrated last year from the Southern States, are beginning to settle up.

"We have about seven acres of wheat sown, over an acre of potatoes and a considerable variety of vegetables." Nearly all of the company were still at Pueblo and vicinity, working for different parties, there being but one of them with Elder Stewart, taking care of the crop. Elder Stewart expected to return home as soon as matters were in pretty good shape. Before returning, however, he will probably visit some relatives in Illinois. Brother Peterson and Trujia, with their families, had arrived at Conejos, from New Mexico. Brother Blair, of Bear Lake, was expected to reach there also on the date of the letter. The letter crossed from Sanpete to the San Juan country on the Spanish trail. He saw some splendid tracts of land on the journey.

Brother Stewart says there is a large breadth of good land unoccupied where he now is, and the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad will run directly through the valley, from one end to the other, the coming year. This will make the land still more valuable, and increase the population.

"The population at present are Mexicans. The seed sown by Brother Peterson, before he left this part is taking root. He has translated the Articles of Faith, from Brother O. Pratt's pamphlet, into Spanish, and wishes to get them published. It will not likely require a pamphlet of more than ten pages, to contain his selections."

"The State officers of Colorado are quite anxious for a 'Mormon' emigration; so they have stated to me. The land and water are good, and timber plentiful, but the climate is cold; yet good crops are generally raised, but are sometimes cut off by frost. The altitude is about 7,000 feet."

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 25.

Early.—Home raised new potatoes are already in the market. That is unusually early.

Coal.—Huntsville, Weber County is excited over a coal discovery in that vicinity. The carboniferous material, of good quality, has been found near the surface of the ground and shafts are being sunk with a view to ascertaining how the article holds out further down. We hope it will be found in abundance. If it should be, Huntsville will soon be a big and prosperous town.

Manti Rock.—Brother George C. Lambert recently brought with him, from Manti, a specimen of stalcite. It closely resembles the celebrated Gibraltar rock. It is banded in variegated colors and can be obtained in pieces sufficiently large to be made into ink-stands, paper-weights, watch-stands and other articles, useful and ornamental. It can be polished similarly to marble, by using "putty powder" (oxide of tin) and dilute muriatic acid, such as tanners use. This rock is of stalactical origin, and, when properly polished, is very beautiful.

"The Die is Cast."—We have seen a specimen of a medal which the D. A. and M. Society purpose awarding to the best exhibitors in the several departments, at the fairs. On one side is a wreath and "Awarded to Best," spaces being left for the name of the recipient and the article exhibited. On the other side is, in a circle, "Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, organized 1856, and in the centre is a beehive."

The workmanship of the medal is good. Mr. Henry Druce is the

engraver, and Mr. William J. Silver the maker of the die.

Funeral Services.—The obsequies of Elder Benjamin Brown were conducted at the 7th Ward Assembly Rooms, yesterday afternoon.

Elder Wilford Woodruff was the first speaker on the occasion. He gave a brief sketch of the life of deceased, from the time he was baptized into the Church in 1835, the relation showing the integrity of the departed and that the power of God had been frequently manifested through him in various ways, while in the discharge of his duties as an Elder in Israel.

Bishops Edward Hunter, Harrison Sperry, Jacob Weiler and Wm. Thorn also spoke in eulogistic terms concerning Elder Brown.

Aid for the Indians.—The ladies of the Relief Societies are doing an excellent thing for those peacefully disposed, industrious Indians, who have discarded their former nomadic mode of life, and are at work on the farms. The ladies are gathering cast off articles of clothing, washing and mending and forwarding them to Brother D. B. Huntington, for those poor and comparatively helpless people. Some of the societies in the wards have done well in this good work, presenting quantities of clothing in good condition. It is to be hoped that others who have not yet contributed will step forward in this matter. We do not know of a more commendable work in which the Relief Societies can engage than in helping the branch of the House of Israel on this continent, who have reached so low a point in the scale of being. It is in the province of the ladies to do their part in helping them to better their condition both temporally and spiritually. The clothing should be forwarded to Brother Huntington, at his residence, in the 16th Ward. This matter applies equally to the wards in the country as those of the city.

Plenty of Room.—Brother Thomas Bingham, Sen., informs us, by letter, from Ashley's Fork, that he has had many communications of inquiry relative to the character of that country. To obviate the necessity of his writing to a large number of persons, he requests us to publish the appended description:

"This place is in Wasatch County, U. T. The land has never been surveyed. The distance from Green River City, the nearest railroad station, is about 100 miles; the distance from Fort Bridger via Brown Hole, 145 miles; from Heber City 150 miles; from the Uinta Agency, 30 miles. There is, in my opinion, room for five or six hundred families in this part. The soil is varied, some sandy and some clay, covered with sagebrush or white sage. It has proved to be very productive as far as it has been tried. There has been some farming done for the last four or five years. The climate is dry and even; there is plenty of water for irrigation and abundance of mill sites. Meadow land is rather scarce. Bunch grass is abundant on the low mountains for summer range and plenty of white sage in the valley for winter range. There is not much grass near the farming land for cows, in summer."

"The Indians are very friendly. There is plenty of pine timber on the mountains for building and fencing purposes and cedar on the foot hills for fuel, besides cottonwood on the bottoms. There are some coal, sandstone and limestone. There are as yet no mills in this country. The nearest is at the agency, 30 miles. There are about 100 inhabitants in this precinct. All coming to this place this season had better bring bread and seed to do them, as those here will not be likely to raise more than they and their friends will need."

"The roads that lead to this place whether by Fort Bridger or Heber City, are very rough and twenty hundred is a heavy load for four animals. This season is rather cold and backward. We had frost on the 2nd of May. This country is not liable to frost from March to October, so I am told by the oldest settlers. We have applied for a postoffice and mail route to this place and expect it will be established this summer. At present we get our letters by chance, from Green River City or Heber City. All writing to this place should direct to Ashley's Fork via Green River City, or via Heber City. We have learned by experience that it takes at least one-third more bread stuff to last without vegetables. All coming will do well to provide accordingly."