

Correspondence.

KAMAS, Utah, Jan. 20th, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir—About sunset on the 18th instant, the sky was overcast by a thin hazy mist of clouds, culminating in a snow storm. Just as we are going into meeting, we were startled by a bright light in the heavens. On looking to the east we observed a small ball, about the size of a large apple. It made its course westward, and after traversing about two-thirds of the distance across this valley, it burst into three separate parts, each emitting sparks of fire resembling stars, after which it began falling and appeared to fall on the hills west of our valley. Immediately after it fell, a loud report was heard very much resembling a cannon, but it had more the effects of an earthquake, as it shook the earth for a great distance around, and in some cases came near shaking the dishes from the cupboards.

The ball, as it passed over the valley, increased in size until it appeared about as large as a cannon ball before it burst.

In its passage it opened the clouds to the width of three feet, and it seemed as though one could see through the opening a distance of fifteen to twenty feet, showing the clear blue sky above and leaving a trail of fire or light, about three feet wide.

Respectfully,

G. B. LEONARD, P. M.

SALT LAKE CITY,

January 18, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir—One of the most deplorable consequences of persons not doing their own thinking is the widespread delusion of vaccination. What right-minded person can regard with any feeling but that of horror, the spectacle of an innocent babe, with clear skin and pure blood, being taken to a vaccinator to have infused into its body a filthy pus, discharged from a diseased cow, if even the incomprehensible stuff used should happen to be what is called pure lymph? And who knows what besides is mixed up with it if obtained from other sources?

The horrors which have recently come to light respecting the effects of this monster superstition of the nineteenth century demand an urgent consideration of the whole subject. Nowhere has vaccination had a fairer trial than in France; it was enforced by ex-Emperor Napoleon on the whole of the French army, and so stringently was it performed that no set of men in the world were oftener vaccinated than French soldiers; as a result several of the men died from the effects of the filth inserted in their bodies, and hundreds had their arms amputated to save their lives. So clearly were the results due to vaccination, that the horrid practice was prohibited by the same authority. Notwithstanding the vaccination and re-vaccination of these men, it is well known to those who are acquainted with the history of the recent Franco-Prussian war that thousands of French soldiers died of small-pox during the siege of Paris.

The archbishop of Canterbury knows too well what is the real nature of vaccination, having had five children killed by it successively. Queen Victoria last April was vaccinated as an example to her subjects; but a few weeks afterward her vaccinated arm broke out in abscesses, as any English daily paper published about that date will show.

These cases are cited because, being prominent, they are known as facts by thousands, and if you would grant me a column of your paper every day for a month, I could fill it with the details of cases of a similar nature which have come under my own notice. It is, however, to be regretted that so many of our fellow creatures so misplace their confidence in others as to need such cases to be laid before them to convince them of the folly of the practice; but who that claims possession of any reasoning power requires such arguments? Such know that it is an eternal law of nature that out of disease, nothing but disease can ever come; for a good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit. The experience of ages has proved that the stronghold of small-pox and all other epidemic forms of disease are in places where there are defective sanitary conditions, such as ill-ventilated, low-roofed, overcrowded houses, improper diet, neglect of bathing, or a violation of one or all the laws of health; therefore, it is obvious, that the only rational way to prevent small-pox is to remove its causes by sanitary and hygienic means. From several distant cities

during the last few months accounts have reached us of the prevalence of small-pox, and it does not need much of a prophet to predict that again and again small-pox will devastate whole districts, as it has in the past, unless the laws of health are obeyed and the causes which develop it are taken away.

For upwards of half a century, millions of dollars have been worse than wasted in propagating the seeds of disease and premature death by vaccine filth, and still the disease which it is pretended to prevent or mitigate is as rife as ever it was. A paragraph in the DESERET NEWS a fortnight ago states that no fewer than 8,000 persons died of small-pox in London alone in the year 1871.

A moment's reflection will convince any candid person that when various matters exist in the body, its expulsion is as essential to health as that of any of the other excretions. It is proverbial that a person who has had small-pox is sure never to become consumptive, whereas on the other hand, when the vitality is not strong enough to throw out the variolous matter, or when it has been pent in by vaccination, consumption or some other internal disease will soon wear away the fragile frame. That doctors with some exceptions uphold the practice is a very good argument against it, for doctors live by disease, and unfortunately the present members of that class are not sufficiently distinguished for patriotism to discard the practice, though death has not been unfrequently traced to the vaccine filth which they have put into the body. Humanity groans under a diabolical medical despotism, and may heaven grant that a day of emancipation may soon come when men will seek immunity from disease by improving their dwelling houses, regulating their diet, and by daily bathing, instead of being misled by a credulous practice like vaccination which has neither science nor common sense to recommend it.

Yours Respectfully,

GEORGE BRUNSWICK.

PANGUITCH, Jan. 10, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir—This valley is eighteen by five miles in extent, of excellent fertility. There are about seventy-five families here, with room for four hundred more, plenty of wood, water, grass and saw and building timber within easy access. The brethren are all wide awake to their best interest in building and fencing to make themselves comfortable. Pangutch will be one of the most thriving places in the mountains, especially when the railroad comes here.

Our bishop, brother George Seby, is a good man. He has a good sawmill in operation about eight miles up the Pangutch stream, where there is an abundance of timber. There is one shingle machine, owned by the Butler boys, also up the Sevier seven miles. Brother Wilson and Joel Johnson have two sawmills on the way, which will be set in operation as soon as practicable, also Brothers James and Samuel Henry have a grist mill in course of construction by Brother McNelly. The frame is up and all other materials are ready.

This has been a very pleasant, open winter, no snow in the valley at any one time over two inches deep, but there is considerable on the mountains.

We have a co-operative store in full blast here.

We have no signs for grasshoppers next year.

We live in anticipation of an excellent crop of all kinds.

We had a wolf hunting expedition recently, but it was not very successful.

Our women here say if the judiciary puts their husbands in the penitentiary, they will board at the same place. So Uncle will have a large family on his hands. What a good man Uncle is to legalize prostitution and free love and bastardy, while his representatives prosecute plurality. But I guess it aint going to be much of a shower—it looks clear in the west.

WM. H. PACKER.

MILL CREEK, Salt Lake County,

Utah, Jan. 15, 1872.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir—It is said by many, that the "Mormon" people must put away polygamy, that our government will never acknowledge it as a religion, or a religious faith. But will deal with it as a great crime.

I believe that all Christian people or nations extant, acknowledge the divinity and truth of the Old and the New

Testament, and take them as a rule of faith, or claim to. In this age the Christian world, with few exceptions, look upon plural marriage as a great evil, a wicked abomination, or pretend to. And they teach that it is at war with the holy gospel and with heaven's institutions, and that all persons who have faith in it and defend it and practice it, are corrupt, and behind the civilization of the nineteenth century. And this is not all, but that when they practice this principle, they are committing a great abomination in the sight of God, that cannot be justified in this Christian age.

Now this is all very well, for worldly gain, for political purposes, and to gain the favor of the unwise yet pious Pharisees and Sadducees of our age, and for popularity and splendor, to sway an unrighteous influence over the masses, based upon a false principle, denying the revelations of God, and the voice of inspiration that rested upon the fathers.

But this is not all—it is dictating to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and telling him what is right and what is wrong, and that when he gave to our fathers, Abraham and the prophets and patriarchs, a plural number of wives, he did with equal certainty commit a grave blunder, a great abomination. For if it is abomination and wrong before the heavens now, it was then. And the Lord God of our fathers made a mistake and a grave blunder, for our government and these righteous Pharisees to correct in the nineteenth century.

It certainly must in truth be acknowledged by every sane person, who has read and believes the Holy Scriptures, that God did approve and sanction and sustain this great principle in the days of the prophets and patriarchs. And that he did acknowledge the posterity thereof as legitimate and left his special blessings upon them.

The great blessings of God, and his dealings with Abraham were all under a gospel covenant. In Galatians 3rd, we read that the gospel was preached to Abraham, and the law was added four hundred and thirty years after, because of transgression.

It was the holy gospel then that was transgressed, the higher and greater law. "For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise, but God gave it to Abraham by promise," under the gospel covenant.

The Lord Almighty sent his holy angel to Gideon, and he appeared to Gideon while in the humble employment of threshing wheat under an oak tree, in the land of his fathers, and commanded him to go forth and save the Israelites from the hands of the Midianites. In obedience to this great command, Gideon went forth in the strength of the Lord, and with only a few men he slew 120,000 of the Midianites, and was the great instrument in the hands of God, to bring peace and rest to Israel for forty years. Judges VI and VIII.

Who was Gideon, that God thus favored, and let his special blessings rest upon? Verse 30th, "And Gideon had three score and ten sons, of his body begotten." "For he had many wives." If then his having many wives was an abomination in the sight of God, why did God not take a monogamist, one of those who are so divinely pure, in their own estimation?

For, according to the teachings of our Christian friends, and their dealings and the actions of the government with the Mormon Church, and their religion, certainly the Lord, in calling Gideon, made another wonderful mistake. For he was a polygamist, and consequently corrupt and unworthy of this great favor. And if our very pious Utah judges had him to deal with, they would lock him up in the felon's cell, as they would like to do the "Mormons" to prevent them from obeying God.

Again, the Lord made another grand mistake, when he made Abraham great promises, "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge," "my commandments, my statutes and my laws." Gen. xxvi. And at the same time was in plural marriage.

There was also another mistake in the councils on high when Moses was made the favorite instrument, and law-giver to Israel, and received the law of God on tables of stone in Mount Sinai, from the Almighty in person, when the mount trembled under the thundering of heaven, and he also a polygamist.

And again there was another grand mistake, when the Lord Almighty sent the Prophet Nathan to David.

"And Nathan said unto David, thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, 'I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hands of Saul, and I gave thee thy

master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom. 2nd Samuel, chapter xii.

And again another mistake followed, when Solomon his son was called, and made the great and mighty instrument, in the hands of God, to build a great temple in Jerusalem, which has never been excelled for beauty and splendor before or since. And again in the great wisdom that was given to Solomon by revelation from heaven. And he was only condemned in his disobedience to God, in taking strange women from strange nations.

But the greatest blunder that our heavenly Father has made in all his dealings with our fathers, in this great principle of plural marriage, is making the promises and blessings to the tribes of Israel through the loins of the twelve patriarchs, the sons of Jacob, the polygamist, begotten of his four wives, living at one time on the earth, promises that will reach from earth to heaven, and that are great, excellent and glorious; and that will be perpetuated in the house of Israel for ever. And the names of those twelve sons are to be engraved in letters of gold on the gates of the great and glorious city the heavenly Jerusalem.

And there they will remain a perpetual testimony, and a memorial of the greatness, truth, and divinity of plural marriage, and of the sanction of Almighty God upon it, notwithstanding the testimony to the contrary, of a wicked and corrupt generation, "Who have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinances, and broken the everlasting covenants."

One thing more and I am done. If God sent Dr. Newman to Utah to convince 150,000 people that Abraham and the prophets were false and corrupt, and that plural marriage existed only in the wickedness of their own own hearts and was no where sanctioned in holy writ, for this is certainly what he taught, then he made another wonderful mistake, for he set aside not only his own word and promises, but his eternal covenant also.

But not so. God makes no mistakes. And in the restoration of the fullness of the gospel, and the accomplishment of his mighty purposes, he will establish his kingdom on earth, and in doing so he will shake Babylon to pieces, and the mother of harlots must fall to rise no more for ever, and her offspring, the young harlots, extant over the earth, in all their organizations, having no authority from God, will be made partakers of her plagues.

Respectfully,

REUBEN MILLER.

FACTS ABOUT SMALL POX.

Here are some facts in reference to this terrible disease which have been indisputably established by careful observations of scientific men at home and abroad:

1. That infants should be vaccinated in a month after birth.
2. That vaccination should be repeated at the age of fourteen years.
3. That the older persons grow after that the less danger there is of an attack of the small pox or varioloid, which is small pox modified by previous vaccination, and that after fifty there is no danger of an attack.
4. Still, if there is any danger of unusual exposure to the disease, or if it prevails largely in a community, it is safer to be vaccinated again.
5. Nurses in small pox hospitals who are revaccinated are almost wholly exempt, while other nurses who are careless of revaccination have varioloid in cases ten times more numerous.
6. That the further the remove of the vaccine matter from what was taken from the cow, the more necessary is revaccination; that is, vaccine matter loses some of its power in every person it passes through; hence, if city practitioners should take all their matter from the cow, direct, every ten years, the community would be greatly safer.
7. No authenticated case has yet occurred where any disease has been communicated through vaccine matter, other than modified small pox. This statement should be fixed upon the memory of the intelligent reader, as bare assertions to the contrary are recklessly made by a certain class of uneducated persons, who write on matters pertaining to health and disease.
8. It is a very rare occurrence that any person who has been once well vaccinated, and was in good health at the time, suffers from varioloid. Those who have varioloid after having been vaccinated once suffer because it did not take well, or some other disease was in the system at the time, or the matter was at too great a remove from the original source—the cow.—*Ex.*