

OUR CORRESPONDENCE.

ELDER SNOW'S MISSION TO ST. LOUIS—A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF UNCLE SAM'S MAIL SERVICE—THIS YEAR'S IMMIGRATION, &c.

G. S. L. CITY, Sept. 3, 1855. EDITOR OF THE NEWS—Dear Sir:— As you and your readers are already aware that I left this city July 8, 1854, to take charge of the general affairs of the church in St. Louis and Western States, and to superintend the affairs of our emigration, I embrace this the earliest opportunity to communicate the result of my labors, and to inform the saints of the present condition and whereabouts of our emigration.

I would preface my report by saying that I had a pleasant trip over the plains last season in company with Elder Orson Spencer and others, carrying with me the United States Mail for Messrs. McGraw & Co., for which service they have as yet NEGLECTED TO PAY ME—their promise to the contrary notwithstanding.

We reached St. Louis Aug. 28. The weather was excessively hot, and all Missouri literally parched up.

I called a special conference on the 4th of November, and organized a Stake of Zion at that place, appointed and ordained a Presidency, High Council, Bishops, &c.; for a full report of which I refer your readers to the first No. of the "St. Louis Luminary."

About the middle of November I commenced the publication of the "Luminary" under very discouraging circumstances. But it has gradually increased and extended its circulation and influence, until its tottering, childlike steps have been succeeded by the firmer and bolder tread of conscious strength and manhood; and when I left it in July last, its circulation was about 1500; and under the able management of Elder O. Spencer, who takes charge in my absence, assisted by Elder Jas. H. Hart, I trust its circulation will be greatly extended, and its blows tell for weal or woe upon both saint and sinner.

I left Mormon Grove with a light carriage and four mules in company with the mail party, Aug. 3, 2-2 p.m. Mail party consisted of two new vehicles, which I shall call "Concord mongrels," for they were neither carriages, coaches, nor wagons. One was named "Brigham Young," and the other "Jack Jemison," each drawn by 6 mules. Besides the driver, was one side rider with each team, to whip up.

They were heavily laden, but by feeding on buckskin, profusely mixed with oaths and curses, dealt out with damnation, they succeeded in reaching Big Blue at the usual time; at which station they found part enough animals for a change, and those in poor condition.

Pushed on to Kearney; arrived on afternoon of 9th.— Met the Salt Lake mail for July on Little Blue, Aug. 8.— They had waited 12 days at Devil's Gate for an escort of soldiery from Laramie, and then went forward and met the escort about Deer creek. This mail would reach Independence about the middle of August.

Our mail party exchanged some broken down mules with them, and on reaching Kearney took the balance of the mules which they had driven down, and turned them again towards Laramie, which place they reached through increased whipping and cursing on the 17th. Left one mule on the way and with great difficulty raised a dog-trot.

I would say that we did not have any escort from Kearney, which accounts for the good time made by the party. The former practice has been to detain the mail at Kearney until about the 15th, and then send an escort 50 as to meet near Ash Hollow the down-coming mail with a like escort from Laramie.

This time we met Capt. Ketchum with the down coming ESCORT near Chimney Rock on the morning of the 16th; and on the NEXT DAY, some 20 miles below Laramie, we met the down going mail, whipping up to overtake the escort, which had started two days ahead of them.

On reaching Laramie, Mr. Gilky, conductor of our party, was informed that he would have to wait for the return of Capt. Ketchum's escort.

I therefore struck out to overtake a train of emigrants a little ahead, and advised the conductor to follow, which he promised to do, next day.

But I traveled with the ox train until the night of the 24th, and no mail party yet, so I left the train this side the upper ford on Platte, and arrived here during the night of the 31st ult.

Whether Capt. Ketchum has yet returned with his escort, I have not learned.

Our emigration from Europe has been unusually large during the last season, many of whom are obliged to tarry in St. Louis and along the frontiers, and others in New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

The number crossing the plains may perhaps be less than that of some previous years.

The place selected for rendezvous and outfitting for the plains we christened "Mormon Grove." It is well supplied with springs and rivulets for family use; situated in the middle of a high, undulating prairie, 5 miles west of the Great Bend of the Missouri river, half way between Weston and St. Joseph, 30 miles north west of Fort Leavenworth, and 1-2 miles east of the Salt Lake mail road. The place selected for landing nearest the "Grove" is excellent, and a good prairie road from the Levee direct to the Grove.

A new and thriving little town called Atchison is springing up at that point, the rise and growth of which is mainly attributed to our emigration. Later in the season our Utah merchants have been attracted to, and made that an outfitting point for all their late trains.

I commenced shipping emigrants from St. Louis to that point early in April, and continued to ship them as they arrived until July. Eight companies have been organized and fitted out under my superintendence, and are now on their way from "Mormon Grove" to this place. Lists of all but the 8th company I handed to Thos. Bullock; they number in all according to the reports of the several companies, two thousand and forty-six persons; three hundred and forty-four wagons and carriages; nineteen hundred and sixty-seven oxen; three hundred and forty-one cows and young stock; ninety-five horses and mules, twenty-four dogs; four hundred and thirty guns and pistols, and fourteen hundred and sixty pounds of ammunition.

This however does not embrace those families and teamsters who are with merchant trains, most of which have in part or in whole been supplied from our emigrants.

The 8th and last company of P. E. K. passengers, under the charge of Elder Milo Andrus, assisted by John S.

Fullmer, and Israel Barlow, left the Grove Aug. 3rd, and Elder Bassett and myself passed them same evening 12 miles out.

The 7th company, Church train, Capt. Isaac Allred, left 31st July, and we left them 20 miles out on the morning of the 4th.

The 6th company, P. E. Fund passengers, Captain Charles A. Harper, left July 28th, and we breakfasted with them on the 5th, about 75 miles out.

The 5th company, Capt. Moses Thurston, left the Grove July 4th, and we left them at the upper Ford of the North Platte, on the evening of the 24th Aug.

The 4th company, P. E. Fund company, Capt. Richard Ballantyne, assisted by Elders Glover, Pitt, and Gardner, left the Grove July 3rd, and we overtook them this side of Laramie, and journeyed with them to Deer Creek, where we left them on the morning of the 24th.

The 3rd company, Capt. S. M. Blair, left June 16th; 30 out of 89 died of cholera before they were a hundred miles out, and others not included or numbered, in the list, were sent from the Grove for their relief; and this company we passed on Green river, Aug. 29.

The 2nd company organized under Elder Jacob Searist, who subsequently died of cholera on Little Blue, leaving N. T. Guyman in charge of company, left the Grove June 14th, and we passed them at Fort Bridger, on the 20th of Aug.

The 1st company, Capt. John Hindley, left June 7th, and we passed them on the Weber Aug. 31st.

I am happy to be able to say that all the companies were in general good health, and moving prosperously and harmoniously, and their stock doing well. We met most of the relief teams with provisions at Bridger.

Hooper & Willingham's 3d train of Merchandise was about starting from Atchison when we left; their 2d we passed on Big Blue; their 1st, on Bear river, during the night of the 30th.

Messrs. Livingston, Kinkead & Co.'s 3d train we passed on Muddy creek, 45 miles out on the 4th Aug. Their 2d beyond Big Blue on the 6th.

We passed and met a great number of government trains going to and from Forts Laramie and Kearney.

The Sioux were all off the road except a few of the Ogallalabs about Ward & Guerrier's. Saw a few Pawnees on Little Blue. The Cheyennes were at Laramie receiving their annuities. Saw a few Arapahoes at Platt Bridge. Traders all along the road were badly frightened, and all from below were moving to Laramie or to the States, and those above, as far as the Devil's Gate, were preparing to move down when the next escort came up.

Mr. Kerr and others recently from this city, were stopping at Senoioe's Fort waiting for the escort.

Seven companies of regulars, 5 of Infantry, and 2 of Dragoons were at Kearney preparing for a sixty days campaign, and about the same number at and about Laramie. It was understood that the expedition would be directed towards the Missouri where the Sioux warriors were supposed to be gathering.

The Agent from Laramie had sent for them to come in and settle, and have a talk and receive their annuities, but they had not come, and it was thought they would not. The troops awaited the arrival of General Harney who was soon expected from Leavenworth.

Beyond Laramie we had plenty of rain, but this side the country was dry, water scarce, and feed but indifferent.

ERASTUS SNOW.

GREEN RIVER, AUG. 17, 1855.

EDITOR NEWS—Dear Bro:— Permit me to hail you by my express, so near the fat valleys of Ephraim, after an absence of three years. Truly does my heart rejoice in contemplation of the past, especially when I find myself with the third company of Mormon emigration, safely on the beautiful banks of this crystal stream, hoping soon to see you in connection with my brethren whom I love, on earth in the flesh, as well as to enjoy the endearments of my dear family, whom I left only for the gospel's sake.

Too numerous are the events which have transpired during my voyage of 18,000 miles, to portray at present, but hope to more fully at some future period. Suffice it to say, June 22 I was appointed to take charge of the third company of emigrating Saints; then advanced 60 miles at Oak Point in care of S. M. Blair, Esq., who was severely afflicted and surrounded by dead and dying, for death had marched into their ranks with undaunted firmness.

23d.—Having partaken of the fatted calf, green peas, onions, &c., from the Mormon farm at Mormon Groves, prepared by the hand of our much respected brother, Milo Andrus, for the returning missionaries, as well as those late from the Valley, Capt. Hector Haight and company, which was to me a double feast to meet with and partake of the feast prepared under the commodious bowery in this delightful resting place for gathering Israel; many were my reflections when I took the parting hand of my brethren, who have stood firm in Mormonism in early years, when the artillery of Satan seemed to feel for the foundation of Mormonism, but alas in vain, and now going to face a rowning world in defence thereof; then I gazed on the opposite, and I chided those who have faced sneers and scorn, having borne a faithful testimony, for which some have in this enlightened age, suffered imprisonment, but have received sheaves for their hire, and are on their return home, laden with an everlasting joy, that they were counted worthy to suffer this for the Son of Man's sake.

Having taken the parting hand, left with five brethren to the aid of our afflicted camp, passing the graves, from one to three persons in each, speaking loudly of their dreadful fate. Reached camp one o'clock, p.m., next day, having traveled all night, and found about 39 had died, and 25 on sick list, among whom was Elder Blair. While administering to some of the Saints, as I turned, I saw one man stagger and fall vomiting; I ran and laid hands upon him, and he recovered. This being the first of the terrible destroyer, cholera, I ever witnessed, caused my heart to pain and ask why should the destroyer have so much power to destroy the lives of the gathering Saints. The scene was indescribable. After some arrangements, I moved the camp fifteen miles, and this eve, Satan, not being well pleased, attacked my person with cholera, but took a dose of oil, and through the blessings of the priesthood bid defiance to death, although Elder Earl, who has proved faithful, after administering, vomited and cramped. I am happy to say, according to promise, death soon left our camp, and I we have had good health since, excepting some cases of measles.

Peace and union has prevailed, and I am happy to say that Texans are not the worst people in the world. Grass is very poor, because of the terrible drouth. I am told by mountaineers its equal never was found here. I can highly recommend Seminoes cut off, which is the left hand road, about 6 miles this side of Ice Springs; and as it may be beneficial hereafter, I will give the watering places; first about one mile, a sulphur creek and some grass, but not a desirable place to camp. Five miles to a small stream, and tolerable good grass; then 6 miles to a spring and some grass right of road; 12 miles to Sweet-water, good feed, water, and fuel; about 8 miles to Old Road; 10 miles from South Pass the roads are somewhat hilly, but much better than to cross the Devil's Backbone of the Rocky mountains; and I am informed that Strawberry creek and other streams are dried up, and no water for 25 miles.

As Elder B. Snow has just come to camp, I hasten to forward this, desiring to be remembered to President Young and council. Ever praying for your continued welfare,

I remain, yours in the love of the gospel, EDWARD STEVENSON.

[From the Newark Mercury.]

Condensed History of England.

Fifty years previous to the Christian era, Britain, then a barbarous country, was subdued by the Romans under Julius Cæsar, and when, after a lapse of 450 years, the Romans resigned their dominion in the Island, the Saxons followed. These divided England into seven petty kingdoms, called the Heptarchy, all of which, after a time, were united in one, A. D. 827, under Egbert, the first sole monarch of England, in whose reign the Danes first invaded the Island.

Egbert was succeeded by Ethelwolf, Ethelbald, Ethelred, Ethelred, Alfred, Edward the elder, Ethelstan, Edmund, Alfred, Edway, Edway, Edgar, Edward the martyr, Ethelred II., Edmund Ironside, Canute, Harold, Haretoot, Hardicantute Edward the confessor, and, lastly, Harold, who was slain at the battle of Hastings, A. D. 1065, by William the Conqueror.

Table with columns: Names, Accession, Age at Accession, Date, Events.

Table for NORMAN FAMILY: William I. 1066, 49, 1087, Curfew Bell established.

Table for PLANTAGENET FAMILY: Henry II. 1154, 23, 1166, Conquest of Ireland.

Table for HOUSE OF LANCASTER OR RED ROSE: Henry IV. 1399, 32, 1413, Plague in London.

Table for HOUSE OF YORK, OF WHITE ROSE: Edward IV. 1461, 19, 1483, Printing introduced by Caxton.

Table for THE ROSES UNITED: Henry VII. 1485, 30, 1509, America discovered.

Table for HOUSE OF STEWART: James I. 1603, 37, 1625, Bible translated.

Table for HOUSE OF HANOVER—GUELPH FAMILY: George I. 1714, 54, 1727, Pretender (son of James) in Scotland.

Table for HOUSE OF HANOVER—GUELPH FAMILY: George II. 1727, 44, 1760, Victory of Culloden.

Table for HOUSE OF HANOVER—GUELPH FAMILY: George IV. 1760, 22, 1830, Independence of America.

Table for HOUSE OF HANOVER—GUELPH FAMILY: William IV. 1830, 60, 1837, Cholera appears in Eng.

MARRIED:

In this city, on 30th inst., by President B. Young, Mr. PRESTON S. FREE and Miss MARY J. TITCOM.

With hands and hearts together joined, Your union sweet shall be: Be fruitful then, and multiply The "blessings" of the FREE.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The inhabitants of this territory are informed that a meeting will be held in the Social Hall on Thursday eve'g., the 13th day of September current, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of establishing a Horticultural Society in this Territory.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

ONE of the most desirable locations in G. S. L. City; being all or part of the north half of Lot 1, Block 84, with the improvements thereon; being south of and joining the Pioneer Grove on City creek, fronting the east, on the third block west of the Temple.

This is an excellent opportunity for a bargain, seldom offered to capitalists.

Also a good ten acre lot in the Big Field.

DESERET STORE. THE Proprietors would respectfully inform the citizens that the first part of their train has arrived, and they will exhibit for sale, a choice selection of STAPLE MERCHANDIZE in a few days.

Call upon us and examine.

TO BE SOLD.

THAT House and Forge as formerly occupied by Wm. Westwood, on Emigration St., opposite the Eagle Mansion. Also a House and Lot in ninth ward, well situated. Apply to WILLIAM HOWARD, 13th Ward.

STRAYED.

A BAY MARE, no brands, no white except saddle marks, a little knee spring, left fore foot cracked, 14 1-2 hands high, crest-fallen, 8 or 9 years old, very spirited. I will give ten dollars for the above mare delivered to S. A. KNOWLTON, Salt Lake City.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession a large red OX about 6 years old, white spot in forehead, some white on his belly, and branded with a large S on his thigh, and on left hip with a brand supposed to be A. H. JOSEPH EGBERT, Pound Keeper. Kaysville, Aug. 30th, 1855.

A-HEAD OF TIME.

I SHALL OPEN my splendid stock of Goods at Reese's old Stand, in a day or two, my Train having arrived sooner than I had expected. Give me a call, see my Goods; no trouble to show them—gentlemenly Mormon clerks—clever fellows—like the proprietor.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the late Leonidas Shaver, deceased; and also Administrator of so much of said estate as is not disposed of by the will. Therefore, all persons owing said Estate will make payment to me; and all persons having claims against said Estate will present them for allowance and payment.

Ten Five Acre Lots for sale.

I HAVE ten five acre lots situated in and about the north east corner of the Big Field, adjoining the city, which I will sell separately or together. There is an excellent spring of water, sufficient for irrigation; and for building; and general improvements; this land is eligibly situated.

SEE HERE.

THE SUBSCRIBER wishes to engage a good Sawyer, one that understands the business well. A Blacksmith and a good wood Turner, can also have employment during the coming winter upon advantageous terms, if application is made in season.

The Pacific Express Co.

DESIGN running a regular Monthly Express between Salt Lake City, via the Southern route to California; the Eastern States, and Europe, and shall start their next Express from this City on the 1st of October.

Letters, Packages, and Parcels will be forwarded to their destination without detention. Special care will be taken of all Orders and Collections entrusted to their care.

LOST.

ON or about the 25th of May last, somewhere in Great Salt Lake City, a small Memorandum Book, with some accounts entered therein, and containing an apparatus for Papers, &c., in which there was a City Treasury order, bearing date May 4th, 1855 No. 1712, for \$25.80, besides the Bills and other papers. Any person returning said Book with contents, will be liberally rewarded by the owner, living in the 14th Ward G. S. L. City.

N.B.—All persons are hereby cautioned against receiving said Treasury Order, and if already received, a favor would be conferred upon the subscriber by informing him of when it was received.

Go to Jennings and Winder's DESERET MEAT & PROVISION STORE.

Store, East Temple st., and to their Meat Market Union Square, where every variety of meats in their season can be obtained on the most satisfactory terms.

JENNINGS & WINDER'S TANNERY

is now in full operation, where all kinds of LEATHER BOOTS, AND SHOES, of the best quality, can be obtained reasonable.

SADDLERS, HARNESS MAKERS, BOOT AND SHOE makers, yes, all who want leather, call and see our stock. We want good hides and skins, for which we will give good price.

N. B. A. F. McDonald is our agent at Springville, Persons in Utah, by applying to him can obtain Best Shoes, Leather, Lines, &c., &c., which he will always have on hand.

WANTED,

IN exchange for goods, city and country scrip. EBENEZER BROWN

TAKEN UP,

BY the subscriber living on south W low creek, one dark iron grey horse colt, 3 years last spring, black main, tail, and legs.

Central Academy, G. S. L. City.

W. EDDINGTON will open 1 day school on Monday, Sept. 3, 1855, 1 block east of the Governor's residence, Hours of attendance, from 9 till 12, a. m., and from 1 till 4 p. m.

ALL persons holding our due bills, requested to present them for payment immediately, as we are about closing out our stock of goods, and those indebted to us are requested to settle their accounts forthwith, to avoid cost.

STRAYED.

FROM the second ward herd, about two months ago, an old cow, with red head neck, her hind parts mostly white. Whoever will bring her to me shall be rewarded.

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STRAYED.

OR DRIVEN from Allen's pasture one red ox, heavy built, some white under the brand with H. C. on the left shoulder, and H. J. on his horn. Any person giving information of said ox, or delivering him to the owner, shall be rewarded.