

centre table were albums, books, dominoes, &c., for those who desired other amusement than dancing.

Among those present we noticed Presidents B. Young and D. H. Wells, Elders Orson Pratt, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, and other leading citizens. The Committee of Management, Mesdames J. Horne, D. Richardson, E. W. East, G. W. Taylor, W. Wilkinson and A. Miner, and the Floor Managers, Messrs. H. S. Beattie & H. P. Richards, discharged their duties in a most efficient and agreeable manner; and everything was pleasant and enjoyable until the hour for separating arrived.

Dancing was kept up spiritedly till 10 o'clock, when the following address was delivered by Mrs. A. Miner:

Having been called upon by our Presidentess, Sister Horne, for an address, I shall endeavor to comply, although I feel my incompetency for the task assigned me. While hoping that you will be kind enough to excuse all deficiencies, I will try and do, to the best of my ability, all that is required of me.

I think our Bishop was one of the first to follow President Young's counsel last winter, in forming a Relief Society for the poor; and we have endeavored to supply their wants and prevent any suffering in the ward, and so far we have been successful. We have also sent five children to school, and paid \$130 into the Emigration Fund, and we hope as our society increases in wealth and numbers, that we shall do still more good.

As for fashion, I do not think she has, as yet been meddled with. I, for one, realize the truth of Crabbe's lines:

Fashion, though Folly's child, the guide of fools,  
Rules e'en the wisest; and, in learning rules,  
From crowds and courts to Wisdom's seat  
she goes,  
And reigns triumphant o'er her mother's  
foes;"

and acknowledge that I, at least, am too cowardly to make the first attack, though ready to follow in the wake of those that do, and render all due homage to their courage. We have one good strawbraider in our Society, who is willing to instruct those who wish to learn; and at least one good milliner. We have also on hand several quilts and other articles and fifty yards of rag carpeting. This is our condition.

Now, I appeal to the women of the ward: Will you not come forward with one united effort and claim your rights—a woman's right—to be not only the human sunbeam of a good man's home, but messengers of relief and comfort to the abodes of the poor; giving not only from your means, but from your understanding good advice, cheering words; seeking work for the healthy, caring for the sick and procuring education for the young. Is not this a fitting work for the daughters of Israel? When faithfully performed it raises us from being mere pets or household necessities, to being truly the companions of the sons of God. To our young ladies it is an actual good. They are gaining an experience that will benefit them in after years, when they have taken their positions as wives and mothers, and their husbands are sent to carry the gospel to foreign lands, their financial abilities will have been in a measure developed, and the knowledge thus gained may save them many a day of anxiety and many a sleepless night. Will you not respond? Shall we not see some new faces at our meeting? It would indeed be a pleasure.

Now, to our brethren: We realize that although we are women, we are but little better than children in a business point of view; and we ask you with your larger experience to aid us with your counsel and advice, for we wish to be, not rulers, but what God made us for; the companions and helpers of man.

President Young then made some appropriate remarks on the objects and workings of the Society, which were profitably listened to by all present. Afterwards, dancing was renewed and kept up till the close.

It is gratifying to state that the party was successful, the object in view in getting it up being so meritorious. The address of Mrs. Miner shows that the labors of the ladies have thus far been productive of great good. All honor to them; and may their continued efforts be still more greatly blessed!

**THE EASTERN MAILS.**—There have been numerous complaints made of late that mail matter was lying between the railway terminus and this city, which was due at the Post Office here. Yesterday afternoon we called upon T. F. Tracy, Esq., in relation to the matter, who politely furnished us with the following information, which we hope will be acceptable to the public: During the high waters some time ago, it was impossible for the stages to make time, and a certain class of mail matter, composed of newspaper and periodical mail and public documents—the latter predominating—accumulated on the road. When Division Agent J. T. Gilmer, was here some little time ago, he was instructed to use every effort to get it forwarded; but on his going east to Bridger, the heavy storm set in which the telegram to Mr. Tracy, published in Monday's News, referred to. The local agent, where the mail matter is, was instructed to forward first the newspaper and periodical mail, giving preference to it before the pub. doc's; but he, either through not knowing the difference or misunderstanding his instructions, forwarded pub. doc's. Mr. Tracy said he would dispatch a letter this morning, giving plain and positive instructions with regard to this matter; and from the improved condition of the roads he expected the back mails would reach this city in the course of a week.

**MALAD VALLEY.**—Bro. Daniel Daniels, writing from Malad Valley, says:—

"Our fall grain looks beautiful, and also our spring grain. We have every prospect of an abundant harvest this summer; no grasshoppers are to be seen here; and the creek channels are well supplied with water, indicating the hand of God. If you should get short of breadstuffs, in consequence of the grasshoppers, you now know where to come (Malad Valley).

Bro. John Nelson, from Logan, has commenced building a grist mill in this place. Bro. Henry Peck's saw mill is running and doing good work. We are enclosing the Malad field, which contains about 10,000 acres of hay and tillable land. The brethren are quite spirited in temporal labors generally.

We have good meetings every Sunday; and a good Sunday School and Day School under the management of R. G. Evans, Esq.

MR. JAMES COMPTON has a letter at Pres. Brigham Young's Office.

#### FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

**GONE TO PROVO.**—President B. Young, with Elders John Taylor and George A. Smith started this morning for Provo. The President reached American Fork at 1.15 p. m., and left for Provo at 3.10.

their response to the applause. "On and Off" went swimmingly.

To-morrow night the very exciting and emotional drama "The Island King" will be repeated, being its last presentation. This piece gave extreme satisfaction on Tuesday night and was watched throughout with the closest interest; and a very general desire for its repetition has been expressed. It should draw a crowded house. It will be followed with a song by Mr. Hardie; and the comedietta of "The Wilful Ward," in which Miss Adams, Messrs. McKenzie, Lindsay, Graham and Matthews appear.

**MAY WALKING** was not at such a premium to-day as it has been, the Matinee being the great centre of attraction. Still, we saw the 15th Ward school moving towards City Creek this morning, preceded by the martial band. The day was pleasant enough to make the walk and canyon recreation so. At 4 p.m. they returned to the tune of "Highland Laddie."

**THE MATINEE** was the greatest kind of a success. There was a perfect sky of faces with not one single cloud. Bright faces, happy feelings, joyous moments,—blessed, innocent childhood! They could see nothing in "Nick of the Woods" but fun; while the Fair Scene was a feast to them. The Theatre was crowded in every part.

**SAD ACCIDENT.**—From Br. Reed of Ogden we learn that a little son of Br. John Staker, who resides about two miles west of Ogden, met with a sad accident a few days since which resulted fatally. Sister Staker was making soap, and had emptied the contents of the kettle into a tub. The little boy was playing near by at the time, and when his mother's attention was directed elsewhere he walked backwards and fell into the tub while its contents were yet hot. He died early the next morning. This occurrence should be a warning to mothers. They cannot be too careful in putting everything out of their children's reach that could by any possibility injure them.

**FROM THE SOUTHERN STATES.**—We extract the following from a letter from Br. J. W. Crosby, dated Cooley county, Alabama, April 4th:—

"The Spring seems fairly open; peach and apple trees have been in full bloom for ten or twelve days; the people have finished putting in their corn, and are now preparing for cotton planting. All is quiet, but the people, both colored and white, are feverish, and look to the future with much distrust. Secret organizations are said to exist in the neighboring cities, holding their meetings in the grave yards, and appearing in winding sheets now and then. These things, with the appearance of grasshoppers in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, etc., are the leading topics; and although but few can see the Kingdom of God and the rising glory of Zion, yet all can see that distress of nations is at hand, and men's hearts are failing them for fear looking after those things that are coming on the earth."

**QUICK WORK.**—On Wednesday a telegram was received by T. F. Tracy, Esq., that a couple of individuals had robbed the mail at the head of Echo, and that they had been arrested by a man who saw them making for the mountains. He telegraphed back to hold them fast. Yesterday morning General Clappitt, Special Mail Agent, accompanied by Officers Heath and Dewey, started east for the Weber, and to-day they are on the return, with the prisoners in custody.

**PASSING THROUGH.**—A small party of packers passed through this morning, Sweetwater bound. The roads are now reported much better for traveling, east and west, so that the living stream may be looked to flow with tolerable steadiness towards the South Pass region for a season. We are not particularly timorous, nor biased by any feelings of animosity, but judging from some of the specimens we have seen passing through here, we would rather make a little somewhere else than a fortune where such individuals gather in force. Considerably rather.

**INDIANS.**—The "New North West" and other places, keep considerably agitated about Indians. Papers from the north, west, east and south in almost every number have notices of Indian raids. We clip the following paragraphs from among many:

"The Cheyenne Argus says that on Friday morning the section hands at work between Summit and Antelope stations were attacked by a band of Indians. The boys were prepared for them, and shot two dead. The Indians then fell back. The men are well armed, and prepared to meet the foe."

A St. Louis telegram says: "The Third United States cavalry, Major Elliot commanding, left Fort Leavenworth on Friday last for Fort Hays. A general feeling prevails in Kansas that there will be serious Indian trouble in that State this summer, and it is thought that this cavalry has been sent out to meet such a condition of things. Very little reliance is put upon the treaties with the Indians being carried out in good faith."

The Idaho Statesman has the following:

"The Indians made a foraging raid through Payette Valley, a few days ago, capturing a number of horses. Troops have been sent post haste in pursuit from Fort Boise."

The Arizona Miner says:

"Indian sign is plenty in the mountains between Lower Lynx creek and Bug Bug. T. W. Boggs, who came up from the Lower Agua Frio yesterday, saw, on the trail, close to Pinyon ranch, the remains of somebody's ox which they had killed and eaten Thursday night."

The Cheyenne Leader of the 21st contains this item:

"Yesterday a number of wood teams belonging to Mr. Larimer were driven in from where they were engaged in obtaining wood by a band of Indians. This occurred in the Black Hills about twenty-five miles from this city."

And here is another:

"The Argus has learned from good authority that two ranches were burned at

Cottonwood, about twenty-five miles beyond Laramie, and that two settlers were killed by Indians."

#### FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**EIGHTH WARD PARTY.**—Last night the ladies of the Eighth Ward Female Relief Society gave a party in the Assembly Rooms of the Ward. The hall was nicely decorated for the occasion with pictures and banners. The music was good; the company agreeable; the dancing kept up spiritedly; and all went merry as a marriage bell, till the hour for separation arrived. There were no "wall-flowers;" all had dancing to their satisfaction; and the utmost harmony and genial feelings prevailed throughout. Much credit is due the Committee, Mesdames S. A. Needham, E. R. Lynch, E. L. Sheets and E. P. Frost; and the Managers, Mrs. A. Dewey and Mrs. A. G. McAllister, for the excellence of their arrangements and the efficient manner in which they performed their duties. We have not learned the financial results, but hope they are satisfactory.

**KILLING THEM.**—Col. J. C. Little informs us that at Holladay's Settlement, Big Cottonwood Ward, the people are employing the following method to destroy the grasshoppers or locusts. They take two wheels of a wagon and bind the butts of brush on the axle-tree, making the brush about ten feet wide, and drive it over the grain fields. This brushes and rolls and kills the insects.

**PHONOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.**—The members of the Phonographic Society are requested to give a full and punctual attendance at the City Hall, on Monday evening at 6 o'clock, business of importance having to be transacted.

J. C. GRAHAM, Secretary.

**STORM.**—During the night there was an introduction of thunder and lightning, with a continuation of rain, by which the ground was nicely wet this morning. A raw, cold atmosphere prevailed during the forenoon. We heard of some person who did not have the chance yesterday, going May-walking this morning, with a crowd of little ones, but can scarcely think that anybody could be so unwise as to take children walking on a day like this.

**PRESENTATION.**—The Omaha Herald brings word of a pleasant surprise conferred upon Captain S. B. Reed, Superintendent of Construction on the U. P. Railroad, in the form of a splendid tea-set of silver presented to him. The set consists of some sixty pieces of solid silver some of them gold-lined. The centre piece stands about two and a half feet high, weighs thirty-five pounds, and alone cost over a thousand dollars. "On the silver are three engravings taken from scenes of S. B. Reed's active life as engineer—Salt Lake City, the Weber Canyon and Lone Rock Valley, in the great Desert, with engineering parties, &c. The engraving is splendidly done." The set was bought by the employees and contractors of construction; was manufactured by Ball & Black of New York; and is described as being most elegant and artistic in design and workmanship. Those who are acquainted with the genial character of the gentleman thus surprised—and he is well known in this country in connection with the railroad survey—will say "served him right!"

#### FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—The morning meeting was addressed by Elder Enoch Reese and President H. C. Kimball in an instructive manner. In the afternoon Elders Wilford Woodruff and George Q. Cannon treated on a number of subjects to the edification of the congregation.

**IN TOWN.**—Elder E. T. Benson arrived in the city to-day from Logan, in good health and spirits.

**THE ORGAN FRONT.**—Br. J. Ridges has favored us with a sight of the design for the front of the new organ. The design is a very handsome one; and the front will be formed with flutings, panels and pillars in the Corinthian style, tastefully carved and crowned with pyramidal tops. As the whole will rise over forty feet above the floor, the front, when completed, will present a massive and imposing appearance, while there will be ample space for the display of artistic ability in elaborating the design.

**MORE INDIANS.**—The Cheyenne Argus of the 23d ult., says that a band of Indians attacked a camp near Fort McPherson, two days before, killing four or five men, and driving off some stock. Fort McPherson is situated at Cottonwood Springs, on the old emigrant road, on the south bank of the Platte, and ten miles below the mouth of North Platte. Several attempts had been made to run off stock from a train which had just passed the road, but they were ineffectual, most of the drivers being old plainsmen.

The Montana Herald of the 25th ult., tells of an Indian raid on the Yellowstone, resulting in one man being killed and another missing. Troops have been sent out from Fort Ellis.

**A BATCH OF THIEVES.**—The two men who robbed the mail at the head of Echo Canyon were brought in by officers Heath and Dewey on Friday night late, and are now safely locked up. Their names are Young and Watson. They had been tending station at the head of Echo, in Col. Gilmer's Division of the Stage line. Young had been three weeks in the employ; Watson two months; and the latter had served four years in the Federal service. Some freighters going out to Sweetwater, who were camped a little below the station, saw two men sneaking around in a suspicious manner. Thinking they were trying to get a chance to steal horses, they were watched; and some of the freighters going up to the back of the station found a quantity of mail matter. They arrested the two men, Young and Watson; telegraphed to Mr. Tracy; who notified Gen. Clappitt; and he started immediately with officers Heath and Dewey to bring in the prisoners. On returning, coming down the canyon in a wagon with the men and two witnesses, it was very dark, and about eleven miles down, they drove off a bridge and all were pitched out except one of the prisoners, the principal witness, named Goodwin, having his leg broken. With much difficulty the injured man was got down to the mouth of the canyon, where they had to leave him, and bring their prisoners in to the city.

On the 25th, two men named Albert Wilson, alias Wm. Anderson, and Charles Jackson, were arrested in Millard county for horsestealing, and fourteen horses were taken with them. They were brought into the city by Officer Calder, examined this morning by Judge Smith, and bound over in \$1,000 each to appear at the

Probate Court, June term, for trial. Failing to find security, they were lodged in the County jail.

Alex. Oglvie was charged with stealing cattle at Chicken Creek, Juab Co., and held to bail in \$500 to appear for trial at the Probate Court.

An old man named Harris, with three sons, were arrested on the Sevier, charged with sheep-stealing; examined this morning; and held to bail in \$1,200.

**CHEAP TRAVELING.**—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company is now carrying passengers from San Francisco to New York on a ticket costing one hundred dollars, and guaranteeing the privilege of remaining six months in the east before returning. That is tempting to admirers of sea travel and eastern sights who vegetate on the Pacific coast.

**NO GRASSHOPPERS.**—Bro. Fotheringham, writing from Beaver, on the 28th ult., says the weather was becoming very pleasant; the wheat was looking well for the season; and there were no signs of any grasshoppers hatching out.

**WANTED.**—An active, middle-aged woman would like to engage to do house-work in a family where she could have a permanent home. Enquire at Sister Jane Blackhurst's, 7th Ward.

**FIRE AT FORT DAVID RUSSEL.**—The Cheyenne papers of the 24th tell of a destructive fire which occurred in the stables of Company "I" Second Cavalry, at Fort David Russell, on the morning of the 23d ult. The fire was discovered at breakfast time by a sentry, but before the men could arrive the whole building was in flames. Sixty-five horses, seventy saddles, bridles, etc., with some hay and oats, were burned up, involving a loss of between \$14,000 and \$15,000. There were stables adjoining which escaped uninjured.

**STAGE COACHES.**—A late number of the Chicago Tribune says:

"A train consisting of fifteen platform cars, containing thirty stage coaches, and three freight cars loaded with harness, will arrive in this city to-day bound for Omaha. The stages and harness were manufactured by Abbott & Co., of Concord, N. H., for Wells, Fargo & Co's. Western Express Line."

**LABOR SAVING.**—We inspected lately, with much pleasure, some labor-saving machinery for boot and shoe making, in the Big Boot establishment, on East Temple street, which is an improvement on the ordinary hand labor so great that the work is lightened and expedited by it in a wonderful degree. The first instrument was a sewing-machine supplied with a patent heater and waxer, a contrivance very simple and most effectual, by which the thread is kept constantly waxed, better than it could be by hand. The rapidity and strength with which sewing is done by it, is somewhat astonishing to one who sees it for the first time. Various other articles of machinery were in use in the factory, such as a contrivance for turning boot legs, by which that rather tedious operation is performed in a few seconds with the utmost ease; a machine for splitting leather; a circular plate worked on joints and by levers, for working standing instead of sitting, which is so contrived that the boot or shoe can be placed at any required angle or in any position, and several other contrivances of a similar character. It is by the introduction of machinery of this kind that our workmen can successfully compete with the foreign market and imported goods; and we would be pleased to know of twenty times as much of the same kind being at work in the Territory.

**TRAIN IN.**—Shurtliff & Sons' train, loaded with 30,000 lbs., of goods for Walker Bro's, got in to-day from California.

### Died:

In the 13th Ward in this city, at 4 1/2 o'clock this morning, Mary Ellen, daughter of Ethan and Lucy H. Barrows, aged 2 years, 7 months and 17 days.

At Mount Pleasant on the 10th of April, 1868, Anne Maria Nielsen, from Sweden, wife of James Becwick, of inflammation of the lungs, aged 47 years and 7 months.

Scandinavian Star, please copy.

In this city, this morning, at 2 o'clock, Edwin Murry, son of William and Mary Ann Hyde, aged 2 years, 10 months and 22 days.

In Plain City, Weber county, April 26, Robert Rolff, after a sickness of five days.

At Fillmore, on the 15th of April, Martha Boughton, wife of Wm. North, aged 54 years.

"Will you marry me, miss?" "No, indeed, you are too funny for my taste; I can take a jest, but not a jester."

"You say, Mrs. Smith, that you have lived with the defendant for eight years. Does the court understand that you were married to him?" "In course it does!" "Haven't you a certificate?" "Yes, your Honor, three of 'em—two gals and a boy!"

A domestic, newly engaged, presented to his master, one morning, a new pair of boots, the leg of one of which was much longer than the other.

"How comes it, Michael, that these boots are not the same length?"

"I really don't know, sir; but what bothers me most is, that the pair down stairs are in the same fix."

The Cumberland and Presumpscot Mills, on the Presumpscot River, Me., manufactures eight tons of fine book and newspaper a day, and consume 3,500 tons of rags, 175,000 pounds of vitrol, 90 casks lime, 2,500 tons of coal every year, employing 230 hands.