

**THEATRICAL.**—The special performance on Saturday evening, in honor of the Hon. S. Colfax and his traveling companions, was quite a success. The pieces selected were admirably calculated to please and afford gratification; and the playing throughout was excellent, though some parts of the first piece went rather slowly. Mr. McKenzie's Maurice was equally as good and in some places we thought superior to his previous renditions of the character. Mrs. Gibson's Camilla was rendered with a truthfulness to nature and evinced a care of study that gave it powerful interest and effect. Mr. Dunbar's Dogbrier was excellent, and his dry and not very strictly honest "feelosophy" called forth a great amount of laughter. The other characters were well filled.

Magic Toys was all that could be expected. The characters were admirably sustained. Miss Alexander's dancing displayed a grace and finish that will warrant us in expecting much more from her in the future in that line than could reasonably be demanded from an amateur in terpsichorean performances. The young ladies did exceedingly well, and the illuminated tableau at the close was a fitting termination to this pleasing and attractive little farce. Everybody seemed to be fully satisfied with the evening's performance.

The regular summer season will open on Saturday evening next. Madelaine and the Bachelor's Bedroom, two new pieces, are to be the attractions.

**DEPARTURE.**—The Hon. S. Colfax and companions left on Monday, per Overland Mail Line, on their travels westward. On Thursday, 15th inst., the party, after having enjoyed their trip to Salt Lake the previous day, started on a visit to Rush Valley, and returned to the city on Friday. Their sojourn in this city must have been pleasantly agreeable to themselves, the city officials and the citizens who enjoyed their society, affording opportunity for the interchange of many expressions of respect and esteem.

**THE FOURTH.**—A committee has been appointed and are now engaged in making arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth. We presume we will be able to lay the programme of proceedings before our readers next week.

**ORATION IN THE BOWERY.**—Our readers will find a synopsis of Speaker Colfax's oration, on the "Life and Principles of Abraham Lincoln," on the first page of the present issue.

**GOODS AT AUCTION,** Wednesday and Saturday, by J. P. Dixon, at corner of East and Second South Temple streets.

**HUNG.**—Ransom Young and John Wab, who killed the three men near Schell Creek—two of them named Woolman and one name unknown—confessed to the killing, and were hung on the 15th inst.

**INDIANS** are said to be troublesome on the mail route between Fort Halleck and Green river.

**GREEN RIVER,** br. Lewis Robison informs us, is likely to continue high until late in the season. Emigration had not begun to arrive at the ferry when he left, and he thought it would be much less numerous than it was last year.

**FIRE IN PROVO.**—On Monday, 12th inst., a fire broke out in Mr. B. K. Bullock's stables, which destroyed a fine span of mules, one yearling steer, four calves, six and a half sets of harness and other articles, with the building, reaching an amount of over \$1000. The origin of the fire is not definitely known.

**NEPHI.**—Elder Samuel Pitchforth writes that a much needed shower revived vegetation in Juab county on the 15th inst. Insects were doing much damage in fields and gardens. The crops are late, and appear much inferior to what they did last year at corresponding date.

Their large and commodious meeting house—said to be the best building south of this city—is completed, the ladies having furnished the window blinds, cushions for the stand, and the carpeting, and the people are anticipating and preparing for a series of interesting meetings upon the arrival of Pres. Brigham Young and party this week.

Want of room prevents printing the courteous communication entire.

**PINTO, IRON COUNTY.**—Br. Joseph Eldridge writes, June 5, they have flattering prospects for fruitful harvests; though, up to date, frosts from 1-16 to ¼ inch made regular nightly visits, so that plum blossoms were the nearest approach they had made to raising fruit.

That spirited little settlement has a school in flourishing condition, and are very energetic in developing their surroundings to the best advantage; but nearly 7 months severe frost and snow, like last winter, 5 months of which were too bitter for any outdoor work, and lighter frosts nearly all the balance of the year, would doubtless deter all but those with iron nerves.

Bishop H. W. Lucz of Cedar and Bishop David Evans of Lehi, with the Cedar Choir, visited Pinto on the 3d, and were cordially greeted.

**CROPS IN CACHE VALLEY.**—Bishop Nicholls informs us that crops in Cache Valley are equally as unpromising as they are in Box Elder county. The crickets and grasshoppers have done considerable damage there, especially in and around Hyde Park.

**CHEAP AND HANDY BOOT-POLISH.**—Mix the soot of your wood stoves with molasses vinegar, and you have it made to your hand. It acts like a charm, is easily got, and fully equals the best prepared paste. This recipe comes to us from Provo; we have tried it and vouch for the article.

## Correspondence.

### PRESIDENT YOUNG'S TRIP TO UTAH COUNTY CONTINUED.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

DEAR BRO:—On Thursday, 8th, the President and party, including Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, whose name was inadvertently omitted in the report of Wednesday, left Payson about half past nine in the morning for the Farm.

#### INDIAN ETIQUETTE.

As the company approached the Farm, a small party of Indians, stationed on a rising ground, notified the main body of the fact, and in a few minutes after the party arrived the Indians came gently sauntering down on horseback, seemingly endeavoring to keep up an appearance of dignity. All the chiefs were present except San-pitch, who had taken suddenly indisposed for the occasion,—indisposed to attend the meeting or be a participator in

#### SIGNING THE TREATY.

After a few brief and pertinent remarks by Col. Irish, the chiefs manifested their willingness to sign, and attached their marks to the document, old Sow-e-ett leading, as the oldest chief. Kon-osh, by his manner, seemed to think that simply putting his mark to the paper was rather small business. I afterwards learned that he prides himself somewhat on his ability to write his name, as is well known, Indians generally are in much the same condition of ignorance with regard to caligraphy, that the mailed knights of Christendom mostly were who bore the banner of the cross against the Saracens, to rescue Palestine from their infidel hands.

#### THE TALK AFTERWARDS.

Col. Irish pointed out to them that if they lived up to the conditions of the treaty, they might date the commencement of a career of prosperity from that day, encouraging them to do so.

President Young advised them to remember the good advice given them, to learn to read and write and increase in intelligence, stating, in connection, that Col. Irish had done all he possibly could for them, and that he was their friend; he then blessed them.

Kon-osh, Tabby and Sow-ok-soo-bet indulged in a short talk each, expressive of their good feelings; after which the President strongly advised them not to punish the innocent for the misdeeds of the guilty, and if any of their own or other bands should commit depredations, to catch the guilty ones and deliver them up to the authorities of the whites for trial.

#### MEETING AT SPANISH FORK.

Before the "big pile" of presents for the Indians were distributed, Pres. Young and company started for Spanish Fork, and held meeting there in the meeting-house, a very large congregation having assembled. The President said that though he had passed through Spanish Fork, in company with his brethren, several times without holding meeting, it was not because he was not in fellowship with the people there. His feelings were good towards them. He then encouraged them in building good houses and making improvements of every kind that would tend to make their homes places of beauty and increased comfort,—abodes of elegance, taste and happiness.

Elder John Taylor spoke on the benefits resulting from studying and living according to principles of truth, pointing, as an illustration, to the recent treaty made with the Indians and the confidence they had manifested in President Young, a confidence that had grown up in them because he had always spoken and acted truthfully with them.

The President then made some remarks on the book entitled "Joseph Smith and his Progenitors," requesting those who had copies to let him have them, and receive value for them if they desired it.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon followed on the difficulties to be encountered by the servants of God in educating the people; and noticed some of the erroneous ideas that had been entertained by many with regard to the building up of Zion, showing that we must cultivate the faculties and abilities with which the Lord endows us, and the opportunities placed within our reach, to quali-

fy us for the duties which we are and will be required to perform.

After remaining over night in Spanish Fork, shortly after eight o'clock on Friday morning, the company started to hold

**ANOTHER MEETING AT SPRINGVILLE,** which had been appointed for eleven o'clock.

Elder F. D. Richards treated on civil and ecclesiastical government, showing that when righteously administered the civil law is an auxiliary of the ecclesiastical. He deprecated opposition in elections, reasoning that it was a lack of understanding that led men to pursue such a course.

Elder W. Woodruff showed that opposition to the order of the kingdom of God is the road to apostasy. He exhorted the Saints to diligence and faithfulness in the discharge of their duties. Elder D. J. Ross followed in a few remarks; after which Elder Geo. A. Smith strongly exhorted the Saints to faithfulness, recalling instances of individuals rising in opposition against the Prophet Joseph, pointing out that it led to their apostasy and their eventually participating in shedding his blood.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon quoted from Lehi's vision in the Book of Mormon, of the iron rod and the tree of life, reasoning that if the people will cling fast to the Priesthood and the word of God, they will not wander into by and forbidden paths; although mists gather around them and darken their way, they have something to guide them, which, if they hold on to, will enable them to reach the goal and secure eternal life.

Pres. Young adverted to some of the privileges of the Saints. Speaking of elections, he said the electors should get together a few days prior to the election, and if there was any opposition to raise it and dispose of it then; fix upon a man and be united in favor of him, and that union would give him a power to magnify his office for good, which otherwise he could never have. He encouraged home manufactures and spoke of the purity and cleanliness that would be in the Centre Stake of Zion when it is built up, and the beauty of the city.

In the afternoon the company returned to Payson, preparatory to holding a two days meeting in the new Bowery there, appointed to commence on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Next morning, according to appointment, the meeting commenced. The

#### AUDIENCE AT PAYSON

numbered, I judged, a little over 3,000 persons, assembled from the various settlements from Lake City to Mantti. Happy faces, smiling countenances and pleasant looks abounded. Everybody seemed to have come for the purpose of enjoying themselves and to be instructed and strengthened in good works, which the teachings and exhortations from the stand were well calculated to do.

#### THE SINGING AND MUSIC

were beautifully executed by four good choirs from Springville, Spanish Fork, Payson and Nephi, and the excellent band from Nephi, which accompanied the President on his southern trip last summer, and afforded so much harmonious gratification to the company and the settlements through which they passed. The singing was very finely rendered; the music of the band delightful; the green foliage of the bowery afforded a cool and pleasant shade from the nearly vertical rays of the sun which streamed down with almost prostrating force.

After singing and prayer,

#### THE MORNING MEETING,

on Saturday, was addressed by Elder Geo. A. Smith, who made a few remarks on the object of holding the meeting, which was to get the brethren together to counsel and instruct them on various matters pertaining to their progress in the work of the Lord. He noticed some of the difficulties of labor and necessity which had to be met by the settlers in these mountains, and their tendency to keep the time so employed that it required some self-denial at times to leave them and gather together in meetings; advising them to leave their labors at home and concentrate their thoughts on the object for which they had come together.

Elder A. O. Smoot followed in some brief remarks; after which, Elder Geo. Q. Cannon spoke of the blessings we enjoy as a people, and the willingness of our Father and God to bestow blessings upon us if we will faithfully live for them; treated on the vague and erroneous ideas entertained by our fathers and ourselves of the Gospel previous to its revelation through the Prophet Joseph, and of the many causes we have for gratitude to God for the abundance of His mercies and the

promises made to us. Bishop A. H. Raleigh then made a few remarks, and was followed by Bishop Hunter in some good and fatherly counsel.

President Young touched upon the difference between preaching the gospel to the world and gathering the people who received the testimony of the truth, and perfecting the Saints when gathered together. Boys and men of but little experience can preach the Gospel to the nations, but it requires men full of wisdom and of large experience to guide the gathered Saints in the road to perfection and exaltation. In the

#### AFTERNOON MEETING

President Young preached a short discourse on the comprehensiveness of the Gospel, taking for his text "life and death," and showing that we have embraced a system of life and salvation which preserves each and every individual, and which preserves all things in their order as they are brought forth; every thing which appertains to life, which tends to preserve and make it happy, is embraced in the Gospel, and the opposite is death, dissolution and destruction. Elders Seymour B. Young and John W. Young then made a few remarks each, when Elder Orson Hyde, who had come up from Sanpete, spoke of the recent Indian outrages, and pointed out the imperative necessity of the brethren being fully armed and equipped, expert in the use of their weapons, all provided with horses, saddles, and other articles necessary for a military outfit, and prepared at all times for any emergency that might arise; to be always prepared for danger is the most certain way of always avoiding it. Elder R. T. Burton made some excellent remarks upon the same subject, and was followed by Elder J. R. Winder in a similar strain.

Pres. Young took up the declarations that the Lord will fight the battles of his people, and that it is his business to provide for them, showing that if to obtain the latter blessing requires the exercise of our abilities and industry, we have no right to claim the former unless we act according to the counsel given to us and do that part of the work devolving upon us. He touched upon the great amount of stock the people have more than they can take care of, and advised them to keep the quantity they can feed and properly attend to, and dispose of the surplus for the purpose of procuring those things which they lack and which present and prospective exigencies require them to have. Your correspondent spoke for a few minutes, and was followed by Elder John Taylor in a short exhortation to the Saints to be faithful and diligent in righteousness, that they might be co-workers with the Lord for the accomplishment of his holy purposes; after which the meeting adjourned until the next morning.

#### THE SUNDAY MEETINGS

were very largely attended, and much valuable instruction and counsel were imparted. Elders W. Woodruff and F. D. Richards occupied most of the time in the morning, exhorting and teaching the Saints; after which the President gave some excellent counsel to the singers, while expressing his pleasure at their proficiency and sweet music, and spoke briefly on the subject of education.

In the afternoon Elders Geo. A. Smith, John Taylor and Orson Hyde spoke on various topics of interest; President Young following with some remarks explanatory of the treaty made with the Indians. He called attention to the administering the sacrament, noticing how few in blessing the bread and water followed the form laid down in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. He then bestowed his blessing upon the congregation, and the meeting terminated with music by the Nephi Band.

#### THE RETURN TRIP

presented but little of interest to chronicle. Immediately after the close of the meeting, the company bade good by to the kind brethren of Payson, and started for Provo, which was reached in the evening. Remaining over night there, a start was made next morning a little before nine o'clock, and after halting at Lehi for dinner, the city was reached at half past six in the evening, all feeling well and having heartily enjoyed the trip. An escort under Col. Pace accompanied the President from Provo to Lehi, where they were relieved by a company of the Lehi cavalry.

Good feelings, good health and the ministrations of the Holy Spirit were enjoyed by the company going and returning, and were manifested in the various settlements where a halt was made.

Yours Respectfully,  
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