

## Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 8, 1869.

**Editor Deseret News:**—President Young and his party returned on Saturday afternoon from a trip of eleven days among the wards in Utah, Juab and Sanpete counties. We traveled about 300 miles, visited 20 settlements and held 27 meetings; the meeting-houses every where were too small to hold all those who desired to hear the counsels of our leaders. The teachings were of a most practical kind. The brethren in a plain and familiar manner met the people on almost every practical ground or duty. The business man, common laborer, farmer, mechanic, lumberman, the married, unmarried, fathers, mothers, and all classes, received instruction most vital and important to this people. The President's instructions to mothers were very excellent and if carried out must prove beneficial to them and their offspring.

The people everywhere were much pleased and gave evidence of their joy, by adopting, in their receptions, every feature that would please and happy their guests. Among the many practical duties enjoined upon the shoulders of the Elders by the President was that of laying up grain, now that wheat is plentiful and cheap. It would seem as though enough has been said, during this visit, to carry the faithful listener safely through this world and place him on rising ground in eternity. How greatly we are favored in the practical and applicable lessons so repeatedly and persistently kept before us by our leaders, given with so much fervor and solicitude!

In Juab and Sanpete counties, mounted escorts of armed men accompanied us from place to place; and on this trip, as heretofore, on approaching the settlements, old and young, with banners, flags, bands of music, &c., &c., were paraded to greet the company. Many of the banners and mottoes were new and very appropriate. The great numbers of healthy and precocious children were particularly noticeable and repeatedly referred to by Presidents Young, Smith and others; these brethren jokingly asking several of the settlements from what other town they had borrowed children! Bro. Kanute Brown, at Ephraim, made every effort to please the visitors. The pitch-pine torches paraded in the street, the Chinese lanterns, transparencies, and the music, instrumental and vocal, comic and sentimental, were all pleasing and effective.

Now that the Indians are peaceable, improvements in building &c., are going forward. Bro. Brigham several times remarked, that the ranks of the red man were being rapidly decimated, while our numbers are as rapidly increasing. He saw the hand of God in this and brightened up our hopes, that not long hence we may have perfect control of opposition from this source.

In the school house at Mantle, the Saints had on exhibition many excellent specimens of home products. The cloth and ladies' wear were very encouraging. Fruits and vegetables in that high altitude were fine. The dividends of a number of the co-operative stores indicate a profit of from 23 to 80 per cent. per annum. The Female Relief Societies are doing much good. The sisters are glad to be enabled, through these organizations, to assist the Elders in promoting the purposes of Heaven.

I will close by referring to some of my cogitations while attending meeting in the log meeting house at Fairview some two years ago. I visited Sanpete county on business at that time, and on reaching Fairview, on Sunday morning, I found that many of the citizens were in the same log meeting-house engaged in laying out and preparing for interment the bodies of a man and his wife, son, grown, and three younger daughters, who had been killed by Indians in Thistle Valley the day before. On the afternoon of the day I refer to I preached in the town, and with the Bishop, urged the people not to expose themselves to the assaults of the Indians. Next day a brother who, with his brother-in-law, had just arrived from St. George, and who was a member of the memorable Mormon Battalion, went out in quest of animals, was ambushed and killed by two Indians. The family of this brother had been repeatedly cautioned by their Bishop and many others, but all to no purpose. Hence the necessity of repeated, persistent and almost perpetual counsels on all subjects relating to our temporal and spiritual duties, and the great necessity for a living and inspired head.

Respectfully, &amp;c.,

A. MILTON MUSSEY.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

**PRESIDENT AND PARTY.**—The President and party left Nephi at six o'clock this morning; they will dine at Payson, reach Provo to-night and arrive in this city to-morrow.

**REDUCTION IN TELEGRAPH TARIFFS.**—The loud outcry made by the press and people, especially in the West, for a reduction of telegraphic messages, seems to be having a good effect. The Western Union Telegraph Company, whose lines ramify through all parts of the country, to meet the demands of the public, have already made a considerable reduction in their tariffs to all points eastward, and a few days since, Mark Croxall, Esq., Manager of the Company's office in this city, received from Geo. H. Mumford, Esq., President of the California State Telegraph Company, the reduced tariff on messages sent over their lines to all points westward. Under the new system a ten-word message, sent twenty-five miles, air-line distance, will cost twenty-five cents; fifty miles, thirty-five cents, a hundred miles, fifty cents, and greater distances in proportion.

The following table contains the old and new tariff, coin rates, from this city to the points named:

	Old rate	New rate
San Francisco,	\$250	\$200
Sacramento,	250	175
Austin, Tex.,	150	100
Virginia, Nev.,	200	150
White Pine,	150	125
Ruby Valley,	150	100
Rush Valley, Utah,	100	50
Promontory,	100	75
Kelton,	100	75
Elko, Nev.,	150	100
Reno,	200	175
Portland, Or.,	400	300
Los Angeles, Cal.,	375	300
Victoria, V. I.,	550	350

**FINE DISPLAY AND CHEAP.**—We were much gratified at the fine display of house decorating articles displayed in the window of the Eagle Emporium. In fact the ladies are kept ever on the *qui vive* with the constantly new acquisition to the most complete stock of dry goods ever brought to this market, and which are offered at prices equally as low as Chicago or New York—so say our lady friends.

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.**—A telegram per Deseret line, from Saint George, Washington County, states that the semi-annual Conference of the Southern Mission commenced this morning: there was a large concourse of people in attendance.

**AT OMAHA.**—We learn, through a telegram from Elder G. B. Wallace to President Young, that the missionaries, who left Utah on the 1st inst., reached Omaha at half-past ten yesterday morning, all well.

**OPERATION FOR STONE IN THE BLADDER.**—A son of Bro. Geo. Badley, of the 10th Ward, a little lad of five years old, was operated on yesterday for this distressing complaint. The stone removed was one and a fourth inches in length and three-fourths in diameter, and very similar in shape to a pigeon's egg. The operation was performed by Dr. Anderson, assisted by Drs. Fowler, Richards, Tait and Young. The little patient, under the influence of chloroform, slept as calmly as an infant during the trying ordeal.

We understand that this is the third successful operation for lithotomy since the settlement of the Territory, and it is considered one of the most formidable as well as delicate operations the surgeons have to encounter.

**MR. O. C. SMITH'S CORRESPONDENCE.**—The letter which appears in to-day's News from Mr. O. C. Smith, of Echo, is very timely, and contains some valuable hints to farmers, which we are satisfied they would find it very advantageous if carried out in practice; the farmers of Utah, we think, will stand in the way of their own pecuniary interests, if, in future, they devote their labor and time almost exclusively to raising grain, as has been the case in the past. The change of relations with the east and the west, effected by the completion of the railroad, will be the means of grain being imported into this Territory at cheaper rates than our farmers can afford to raise it. In no part of the Union, and probably in no part of the world, are the labors of the agriculturist of so arduous a character as here; and when all rush into raising grain, almost exclusively, and an abundant yield rewards their toil as is the case this season, the market is glutted with grain and the price falls below living rates; as for the exportation of grain, that is out of the question.

While we can all rejoice in a plentiful supply of bread, produced at home, it would be no small matter of gratulation if the butter and the cheese were produced here in sufficient quantities to meet the home demand. But such is not the case, and with facilities for their production, equal probably to those possessed by the best dairy regions in the country, a large amount of both articles is imported. But while the farmers of Utah can never hope to export grain without heavy loss, Mr. Smith shows that the case would be very different with butter. Hence we feel to urge the hints contained in his letter upon our agriculturalists, be-

lieving that the course recommended by him, if adopted, would prove beneficial in its pecuniary sense, to the whole community.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

**MEETING OF HIGH COUNCIL POSTPONED.**—The meeting of the High Council, called for to-morrow morning, is postponed until Friday, Nov. 12th, at 10 a.m.

**RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT AND COMPANY.**—The President and Company left Provo at six o'clock this morning, and passed American Fork at ten minutes to nine.

They arrived in this city this afternoon.

**COMPLIMENTARY PARTY.**—There was a very large gathering last night at the Fifteenth Ward Hall, of the members of the Ward and their friends to attend a complimentary party given to Bishop Robert T. Burton, prior to his departure on his mission to the Eastern States. During the evening an address was read by Bro. J. K. Hall, on behalf of the members of the ward, which had been prepared by the committee, composed of Bros. Jas. Moyle, Wm. Bangor and J. K. Hall, in which was embodied the kind feelings they entertained towards their bishop and their high appreciation of his worth and past labors in their midst; with a hope that he might be greatly prospered on his mission and be able to return again in the enjoyment of every blessing to resume his labors among them.

A suitable response to the address was made by the Bishop.

Mrs. Sarah H. Kimball then read an original poem, the subject of which was the departure of Bro. Burton.

An elegant supper was served up at eleven o'clock, of which all present partook.

Dancing was kept up with spirit throughout the evening, the best of music, with that prince of callers, Bro. James Curry, having been secured. The entire proceedings passed off in the most delightful manner, and the occasion will doubtless be long remembered by all present. The proceeds of the party are to be devoted to the Female Relief Society.

**GREAT CRY AND LITTLE WOOL.**—Our contemporary the Omaha Herald, of the 2nd instant, referring to an article which appeared in the News a few days ago says:

"The DESERET NEWS very properly rebukes the claim of courage set up for Mr. Colfax on account of his recent speech in Salt Lake. It does not require any particular courage, not even boldness, for non-Mormons to speak their sentiments in Utah. It does not require men to be even respectful in such expressions so far as anything like violence is concerned."

"This claim of courage for Mr. Colfax for the speech he made in Utah is the sheerest nonsense. It is an utterly groundless claim, and that is a cheap reputation for bravery which that gentleman is acquiring on that score among those who know the tolerant spirit with which the Mormons treat those who oppose their peculiar institutions."

The same paper of the 3rd instant, refers to an account, received from its Corinne special, of an assault committed at Brigham City upon the person of a Mr. Beadle, and though disapproving of his course since he has resided in Utah, says, while the outrage was doubtless committed by some fanatical men, it is diabolical, and swift and condign punishment should be dealt out by the legal authorities.

We should not have noticed this affair, but seeing that a partial or garbled statement of it is going the round of our contemporaries, we think it best to publish the facts, so far as they have been transmitted to us by telegraphic message from Brigham City.

It is well known that Mr. Beadle is the editor of an insignificant sheet, published formerly in this city, but latterly at Corinne, which only maintains a circulation of a few scores by continually loading its columns with diatribes against the Mormon Church, and people and their leaders, remarkable for nothing but scurrilous abuse and sheer lack of truth. Sometime during the past summer this same Beadle published, in his columns, a slanderous report about Judge Samuel Smith, of Brigham City. On Monday last there was a trial at the Probate Court at that place, which resulted in an attachment for between eight and nine hundred dollars being levied upon the paper of which Beadle is the representative.

After the trial, while leaving the Court House, a young man named Hyrum Smith, the son of Judge Smith, seized Beadle and inflicted severe personal chastisement upon him for having thus assailed the character of his father. Young Smith was arrested and brought to trial, and fined \$50, and during the trial the above facts were elicited.

The above are the whole of the facts in the case; and while we do not attempt to excuse young Smith, and think he was culpable, and that a more prudent course might have been taken, for the law would have afforded redress in case of a libel on his father's character; still, under the circumstances, there is some allowance to be made for him, and there are very few young men, feeling as they ought to feel, tenacious of a father's honor—but would have done as he did under the circumstances.

As for the continual stream of lies and abuse published by Beadle, and concocted by the miserable, corrupt clique of apostates and bad men to which he belongs, we care nothing about them. Instead of injuring the people here, the dearest wish of the hearts of those who concoct them,—they defeat the very end for which they are designed; for their sensation stories are so outrageous and falsehood are so palpable in all they issue, that the thinking portion of all who read them cannot help pronouncing them the productions of unprincipled slanders.

As long, however, as their slanders and vituperation are general in their character, the carrier that each member of the clique carries about, and feeds and clothes every day, is not at all likely to be molested in Utah, for as our cotemporary, the Herald, says, "it does not require any particular courage, not even boldness, for non-Mormons to speak their sentiments in Utah. It does not require men to be even respectful in such expressions, so far as anything like violence is concerned." When, however, such parties make their slanderous aspersions personal, they must look for and abide by the consequences.

**EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.**—Warden Rockwood informs us that John McIntyre, sentenced on the 12th of August last, in the Probate Court in this city, to one year with hard labor in the Penitentiary, for an assault with intent to commit rape, was pardoned by His Excellency, Governor Durkee on the 30th ult.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

**RIFLE PRACTICE.**—A few days ago we inserted an article in the News, from an esteemed contributor, containing hints and suggestions in relation to the formation of rifle companies, in order to promote and secure efficiency in the use of that weapon. We have not heard of any response, or of preliminary measures being taken in any quarter in relation to the matter, but expect to do so, not that there is the least necessity for hurry, but it is a subject worthy of attention.

Our cotemporaries, or many of them, who are always on the stretch to hear of trouble among the "Mormons," may think these suggestions in the DESERET NEWS, the Church organ,—ominous; but to allay their anxiety we beg to assure them that there is not the least cause for fear. All is peace in Zion, and, in the language of Billings, or some other classic, "everything is lovely and the goose hangs high." But we live in a country where Indian raids are not unfrequent; and the other day we heard of a party down in Southern Utah, who, while in pursuit of Indians who had stolen a band of horses and mules, fired upon them at seventy yards distance without effect, and hence the necessity for more skill in the use of the rifle is very apparent.

But, aside from all such considerations, rifle practice is pretty exercise for the boys, and, in case of necessity, to be expert and sure is no less a necessity than to trust in God and to keep a supply of dry powder on hand, which has been strongly recommended by some great authority.

Who will take the initiative in this movement?

**STEAM SAW MILL.**—A steam saw mill, complete, manufactured by Griffith & Wedge, of Zanesville, Ohio, arrived in this city to-day en route for the South. It is the property of Bro. Willis Copeland, and is intended to be placed on Indian Creek, Beaver County. Bro. Copeland will sell lumber, sawed by this mill, at twenty-five dollars per thousand feet, the present price being double that sum. The mill is pronounced one of the best ever imported into the Territory. The boiler is twenty horse power, and weighs 4,500 pounds. The entire outfit weighs 16,286 pounds, being, it is said, the largest steam saw mill in the Territory.

## Married.

In Salt Lake City, October 18th, by Joseph E. Smith, Ellen M. Bunn to Joseph Todd, both of Birmingham.  
Mill. Star please copy.

## Died.

In the 2nd Ward, of this city, on the 27th ult., Christine Donnellson, aged 27 years, 9 months and 22 days.  
Skandinaviens Sjerne please copy.

In the 20th Ward of this city, this morning, or teething and canker, Amy, daughter of William C. and Sarah Barton, aged 13 months and 8 days.

In Leeds, England, on the 4th ult., Joseph Harland Senior, son of Joseph and Ellen Senior, aged 6 months and 25 days.  
Millennial Star, October 20, please copy.

In the 11th Ward, of this city, on Sunday, the 7th inst., of typhus fever, Sarah Annie, daughter of Jabez and Sarah Annie Taylor, aged 2 years, 9 months and 4 days. The funeral services were held at the 11th Ward school-house at 10 o'clock to-day.  
Mill. Star, please copy.

At Mount Pleasant, San Pete Co., on the 17th ult., of brain fever, Elina Dehnen, aged 35 years and 3 months, late from Skona, Sweden.  
Skandinaviens Sjerne please copy.

In Sugar House Ward, this morning, Mary Emma, daughter of Albert P. and Julianne S. Rockwood, aged 18 months.  
The funeral will take place at one p.m. to-morrow from the Warden House. Friends are invited to attend.