

your God, be baptized for the remission of your sins, or you will assuredly be damned.

Friends, help us to gather our harvest, and then you can have grain or flour to help you on your journey; be kind to each other, and take a good feeling with you, and be kind and familiar to each other; and brethren, if a man is without bread, and you have only one meal of food, divide with the stranger, and don't let him go hungry away; and may the Lord 'God of Israel bless you: amen.'

Reported by

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For the Deseret News.

G. S. L. City, July 1, 1850.

MR. EDITOR,—

I ask a small space in your paper, to correct an error, which, to my surprise, I have been informed, exists on the eastern side of the mountains, with regard to the reception here of the party under my command. An impression, I find, has gone abroad, not only that we were received with coldness and suspicion, but that the survey of the Great Salt Lake, which was the object of the expedition, had been forcibly opposed by the inhabitants of the Valley. How this rumor became prevalent, I am ignorant, as my official reports to the War Department, gave ground for no such impression. Let that be as it may, I take pleasure in declaring that nothing can be further from the truth. We were received by the President and Public Authorities with the greatest courtesy, both officially and personally; and will remember with gratitude the many tokens of kindness and regard we have received from them, and the citizens of the place.

Every facility has been studiously afforded us for the prosecution of our duties; instruments of science frankly and gratuitously loaned, and the able and faithful assistance obtained, from their commencement here, of a gentleman, well known as a fearless advocate of your doctrines, and a prominent and influential member of your community.

I have deemed it not improper to say thus much, to counteract

an erroneous impression against a people, already burthened with too much undeserved reproach.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

HOWARD STANSBURY,

Captain Corps Topographical Engineers, in charge of Survey of the Great Salt Lake.

WEATHER.—The valley weather has been very warm the past week. Mercury at noon, in shade, on Wednesday, 100°. At 1 P. M. a pleasant thunder storm passed over the southern portion of the valley, a few drops falling on the city. Mercury fell to 88°—but immediately rose again.

HARVEST has commenced: many small pieces of wheat have been cut this week.

BIG FIELD.—From the actions of certain individuals, one might naturally infer that the Big Field is a common pasturage; but from the decision of Justice Farr, on Wednesday, State of Deseret, vs. Howd, we infer to the contrary: and we give this friendly advice to citizens and travellers:—inasmuch as you are desirous of saving the grain now growing, and of keeping your money in your own pockets, keep your horses and all other grazing stock out of the Big Field; for, be assured, you have reason to expect, that any advice to the contrary, well followed, will be duly attended to by our ministers of justice.

EMIGRANTS, for your benefit we say, that the farther you can make it convenient to locate your camps, or send your teams from the city, to graze, during the short period you may wish to tarry among us, to recruit and refit; the better for your teams; for the feed is very short, within a few miles, while beyond, it is as good as need be wished.

JUSTICES' COURT,—W. Snow Esq. Presiding.

June 25, State vs. E. C. Dougherty, of Dubuque, Iowa. Complainants Leach & Watts; for leaving

Willard, (passenger with Mr. D.,) "sick, to perish on the road." Defendant honorably acquitted; no cause of action.

Six other cases were brought before the same Court, on the three following days, by individuals emigrating to the mines; mostly about the division of property; and attendant causes of dispute natural to the hardships, losses, and discouragements of travelling over the deserts and mountains. We had not had a Court in Deseret, for so long a time, previous to the arrival of the emigrants, that the scenery was quite a novelty to our citizens. Cease contention, and starve the judges and lawyers.

Sacramento City, Feb. 1, 1850.

"The streets were filled with hundreds of boats, of every size and shape, all of which were busily engaged in taking passengers to houses with second stories, or to the shipping. Although there were plenty of boats out, there were not half enough to supply the demand, judging from the number that came floating along on tables, planks, &c. Here came a gambler, on his monte table, poling along leisurely, seeming in the highest glee. After him came an old baker, sitting in his dough trough, all the spare room of which he had the good sense to fill up with the staff of life. Another fellow came drifting along, doubled up in a tub, and looking as if his gastric region was ill at ease. Then came another chap astraddle of a barrel, perfectly happy, as it were, and singing "begone dull care." Hundreds of ludicrous, & yet pitiful, scenes were to be seen all the day long. The most laughable sight I saw was the newsman who came flying along with sails hoisted in a wagon body. He was crying at his highest pitch, that he had the latest news from all parts of the world, which he would sell unusually low, as he was on his way down south.

The loss of human life by the flood, I believe, has not been very great.