

Some seeds of the date tree have been forwarded from Egypt and an experiment is being tried with them in the Colorado desert. The tree requires little water and it is thought that the soil and the climate are favorable. The date palm would make a splendid and profitable transformation of the desert.

The popular preacher of the new school is very accommodating. He preaches to order; his congregation pay their money and take their choice. A committee lately asked one of this kind if he was willing to preach the old Calvinistic dogmas. He replied with a smile, "Gentlemen, just name the doctrines you want to have enforced; I am acquainted with them all."

Nebraska is receiving a large increase by immigration. The lands along the South Platte are rapidly filling up. The B. and M. Railroad, in one county of the State has lately sold nearly thirty-five thousand acres, and it is anticipated that the population will be increased this year by at least 50,000. It is also expected that the plains will be alive with cattle during the approaching summer, as many Nebraskans purpose engaging largely in stock raising.

Massachusetts is in trouble over the marriage question. A polygamous colony has been established in its very midst, and now fifty women who call Moses "a barbarian" have petitioned the Legislature to do away with the marriage ceremony. Considering the great preponderance of the female element in that staid old State, marriage ought to be encouraged in its widest and fullest extent. Better break down the monogamic barrier than abolish the sacred ceremony.

John A. Sutter was recently honored with a complimentary dinner at Washington, as the first discoverer of gold in California. The real discoverers were "Mormons" belonging to the "Mormon" Battalion, just discharged from service, who were digging a mill race for the man who has just been wined and dined as the instrument of the development of California. Such is life. Due honor seldom rests upon the rightful claimant.

The electric telegraph is generally considered an invention of the nineteenth century. A writer to the New York Herald shows that as early as 1747, Dr. Watson transmitted the electric current through a wire two miles long, and that the communication of intelligence by this means was successfully tried by Mr. Le Sage at Geneva in 1774. *Scott's Magazine*, published in Edinburgh, Feb. 17, 1753, contains a full description of Charles Marshall's electric telegraph, which shows that to him belongs the honor of conferring this great boon upon the world in modern times.

People who take it for granted that the literal interpretation of the first chapter of Genesis has been abandoned, may be interested to know that *Scribner* for April will contain a paper by a writer (Mr. C. B. Waring) who maintains that there is no discrepancy between the Mosaic account of creation, and the actual demonstrations of modern science. Mr. Waring compares the two accounts with reference to the different points in dispute—the origin of light, etc. The same magazine will contain a popular exposition of the Phonograph and Telephone by the electrician of the W. U. Telegraph Company, with explanatory cuts of the various kinds of instruments.

A new work has just been published by the Putnam of New York entitled "Conquest of New Mexico and California." Apart from the general interest of the book it has a special attraction for the people of this Territory, as it contains full particulars of the wonderful march of the Mormon Battalion, a military feat unparalleled in history. It is from the pen of Gen. P. St. Geo. Cooke, who commanded the battalion from the Rio Grande to the Pacific sea. It contains a map of the route and the book is divided into four chapters—New Mexico; The Insurrection and Final Conquest; The Infantry March to the Pacific; California; Final Conquest of California. It is well written, embodies much information as well as episodes of thrilling interest, and is nicely printed and neatly bound in full cloth, gilt lettered. For sale at Dwyers.

A quack died at Brooklyn, N. Y. a few weeks ago, leaving property to the value of \$500,000 which he had accumulated as a "wonder doctor." He told people's diseases without any scientific diagnosis and, although it is said his cures were few in comparison to his failures, his claims to the supernatural drew applicants from the highest as well as the lowest classes. Humbug flourishes where science starves.

Those who love to exhibit their self-righteousness and to expose the failings of others, might profit by the following: "Having in my youth severe notions of piety," says a Persian writer, "I used to arise in the night watches to meditate, pray and read the Koran. One night, fully occupied with these practices, my father, a man of practical piety, awoke. 'Behold,' said I, 'thy other children are lost in irreligious slumber while I alone awake to praise God.' 'Son of my soul,' answered he, 'it is better to sleep, than wake to remark the faults of thy brethren!'"

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 19.

Surveyor General.—The new Surveyor General of Utah, F. Salomon, who takes the place of General Kimball, has arrived in the City.

Telephonic.—The home-made telephone has been brought into successful operation in the packing department of Z. C. M. I. A bill of goods called off in an ordinary tone of voice at one end of the building, is taken down by the invoice clerk at the other end, a distance of 318 feet. Next.

Information Wanted.—Frederick McLaren, a young lad, left his home in Summit County, early last Spring. Any person who can give information of his whereabouts will confer a favor upon his anxious father by communicating with him.

Address.—James S. McLaren, Bee-Hive Stereo and Electrotyping Foundry, 622 Clay Street, San Francisco. Word can also be left at this office.

Funeral Services.—The funeral services of the late Elder Burr Frost were conducted at the Eighth Ward Assembly Rooms yesterday afternoon, commencing at two o'clock. The large hall was densely crowded on the occasion by the relatives and acquaintances of the deceased. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Elders Orson Pratt and D. H. Wells. The remains were followed to their resting place by a large cortege of vehicles filled with mourners.

Horrible.—The *Junction* publishes an account of a horrible outrage, as related to it by Mr. Funge. He was up Weber River fishing, on Sunday, and got upon a freight train to return home. On going into the caboose he saw a squaw with one or two of her fingers cut off, her arm broken, the flesh completely cut off one of her thighs, and her body otherwise cut and mutilated. The outrage was committed by her husband, in a fit of jealousy, on account of her being unduly familiar with some soldiers.

Mineral Paint.—We have seen, to-day, a specimen of very fine mineral paint, discovered by a gentleman in the south, and brought to the city by Brother B. S. Young. It is a natural ochre from a large deposit near the Colorado River. When levigated it makes a valuable paint; some of it prepared as a blue color is excellent.

We have also seen some mineral from the Frisco District, which could be utilized for a higher grade of pigments. The minerals of Utah have only to become generally known and utilized, when there will be no lack of labor for our boys and many industries of the lighter kind may be started to find lucrative employment for our girls.

Balky Horses.—An agricultural paper publishes a number of devices for curing a balky horse of his balkiness. Their object is to divert the attention of the animal from the subject of his going.

1. Tying a string around the horse's ear close to the head. 2. Hitching the horse to the singletree by means of a cord instead of the tugs, the cord fastened to the horse's tail. 3. Filling the mouth full of some disagreeable substance. 4. Tying a stout twine around the

leg, just below the knee, and then removing it when he has traveled some distance. Never whip a balky horse, for the more he is whipped the crazier he will become. Let everything be done gently, for boisterous words only confuse him and make him worse. Treat him in the mild manner you would a crazy man, and you will succeed.

Diphtheria.—A Bridgeport physician sends the following to an exchange:

Our advice to parents is—for this is mostly a disease of childhood—protect the feet, legs and bodies of your children well, by substantial clothing. Give them plain, substantial food, plenty of rest, with fresh air and sunshine. Discard late hours and exciting amusement and too hot rooms. If your child takes cold, keep it at home, in a pleasantly warm room and admit the sunlight freely. If with the cold there is some sore throat, use simple remedies to promote perspiration and a water compress about the neck, and upon the first appearance of white or gray patches send for your physician. Do not put it off to see if it will get well itself. Twelve hours may decide the fate of your child—prompt, thorough, efficient medication at this stage of the disease will rarely fail of success—later, the system may be too depressed to respond to any remedies.

Moan Copy.—Andrew S. Gibbons writes from Moan Copy, Arizona, Feb. 19.

This winter in that section has been the severest in the memory of that venerable individual, "the oldest inhabitant." The snow had been unusually deep. The weather had moderated at date of writing and the settlers were preparing to sow wheat.

Owing to the severe weather but few Indians had been seen for months, but, according to the best information obtainable, a more friendly feeling among them toward the brethren never existed. A large number of them were expected to join with the settlers in farming operations during the approaching season. The country is much better than it was considered when the mission was first established. There is plenty of good land and water for a much larger number of people than is settled there. The settlement is in need of a number of good families who have the interests of the work of the Lord at heart.

Levnet's Job.—The next number of "Joseph Smith's Levnet's Job" which is the 10th, will contain the whole of the 18th and the six first pages of the 14th chapter, the contents of which are as follows:

Spring Hill or Adam-ondi-Ahman—The Garden of Eden, etc.—The cornerstone of the House of the Lord at Far West is Laid—An Important Revelation Concerning the Twelve—The City of DeWitt is founded—The Saints at Kirtland go up to Missouri in a Camp Capacity, where the Alarm-bell of Mobocracy again is Ringing for Renewed persecutions against the Saints—A Combat by Gallatin—Judge Black makes a Peace Declaration—Joseph and Lyman Wight voluntarily deliver themselves up to the Court, but are again released on bail.

The mob continue their infamous deeds—A hypocritical Judge—Governor Boggs as a willing Tool in the Hands of the Mob—An Anecdote of a Young Officer—De Witt is surrounded by the Mob—A Characteristic Letter—The Saints are compelled to leave De Witt and settle in Caldwell Co.—The Mob retire from Davis Co.—A Skirmish by Crooked River—Death of Col. Patten—The Mob are put to Flight—The Defense of the Saints is construed into Murder and Treason—Governor Boggs issues his notorious Exterminating Order.

The Manti Temple.—Brother J. J. Taylor wrote to his father, President John Taylor, from Manti, March 10th:

"We are progressing with the work here as fast as practicable. The weather the past week has been cold and stormy. There are, on an average, about 140 men and 20 teams at work on the Temple. We have had as high as 180 men at once. Yesterday we fired a shot in the hill loosening about 650 yards of earth. We tunneled in about 23 feet and then ran branches north and south, each about 16 feet, in the form of a large T, in which we exploded 800 pounds of powder. This is the last large blast we shall

have to make, and if we can keep up our number of hands will have the top clear, ready for the corner stones, early in May. This county is doing nearly all the work at present, but we expect hands from other settlements as soon as spring opens.

"Two of the terraces are completed with the exception of the coping which, with the steps, is being cut. The third wall is well under way and the fourth and last begun. Bro. E. L. Parry has charge of the masons assisted by Bro. N. L. Christiansen of Ephraim. They have been laying stone for several weeks past on the south and west sides of the terraces. The brethren generally feel well and are energetic in the work."

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 20.

The Tannery.—About 500 skins are in the vats at the new tannery, undergoing the tanning process.

Postponed.—The sale of the Utah Northern Railroad, which was to have taken place to-day, has been postponed till the 3rd of April.

From Bear Lake.—We had the pleasure of meeting Elder Charles C. Rich this morning. He came down last evening from Bear Lake. Bear River Valley is entirely free from snow and Bear Lake Valley nearly so. Stock have done well on the range all winter and there is no lack of hay. The storms have been very light the past winter. If the weather keeps favorable, plowing will be in progress by next week. The people generally are enjoying good health.

Mutual Improvement.—A meeting for the purpose of electing officers was held last evening by the members of the 15th Ward Y. M. M. I. A. The result of the election was: Thomas E. Hull, president; W. C. Burton and Jas. H. Moyle, counselors; Wm. E. Jones, Secretary; L. G. Burton, treasurer; Edward T. Ashton, librarian; Peter T. Tibbs, music director; and Thos. C. Griggs, Jas. M. Barlow, Jr., and Frank G. Burton, committee on programme. The above officers were elected by ballot and received a majority of all the votes cast. The term of office is one year.

A Pioneering Mission.—This afternoon Elder James Z. Stewart, of Draper, the same who recently returned from a mission to Arizona and Mexico, left for Pueblo, Colorado, via Denver. He has been called on a mission to take charge of the removal of the company of saints stationed at Pueblo, taken there from the Southern States, principally Georgia, by Elder John Morgan, last fall. After his arrival at Pueblo Elder Stewart intends starting out alone, in search of a suitable location for the colony to settle upon. This he expects to find in or near to the San Juan country, in the southern part of Colorado or northern portion of New Mexico. After finding a desirable locality for settlement, Elder Stewart will return to Pueblo and the process of removal will be entered upon.

Elder Stewart is a young man, but possesses the courage, prudence and promptitude necessary to fit him for the important mission assigned him.

Rough Usage.—Elder B. H. Schettler has been receiving some rough usage in Amsterdam, Holland. According to late letters from him some recent meetings held in a hall, hired by him for the purpose, were better attended than usual. The last three, however, were broken up in a row. The windows of the building were smashed by a mob, who turned him out of doors. The crowd directed a torrent of filthy and abusive language toward him. He was protected from personal injury by the police.

On his appealing to the American consul at Amsterdam, that functionary made the almost incredible statement that he had special instructions not to assist any "Mormons." The proprietor of the hall refused to allow Elder Schettler to occupy it any more, and he has been compelled to suspend public preaching. Brother Schettler states that the people of Holland are exceedingly wicked, and the prospect for many embracing the gospel in that country is not very promising at present.

East Bountiful.—At a meeting held in East Bountiful Ward, a few days ago, Elder Anson Call,

counselor to the President of the Davis County Stake, donated, for the use and benefit of the people, a piece of ground, which he will deed to the Bishop and his successors in office, for the purpose of raising mulberry trees, etc. The object is to enable poor people to engage in raising silk, obtaining the feed for the worms free of charge. The extent of the ground is about 28 acres. A committee, appointed by Bishop Chester Call, to plow the land and plant it with trees, are busily engaged in that laudable enterprise.

In the same ward the people cheerfully responded to a call of the Bishop to improve the Tabernacle Block. They have put up a number of rods of fence and planted a quantity of shade trees.

A similar call, by the Bishop, to assist the ladies, by clearing of brush a lot belonging to the ward Relief Society, and plant it with suitable trees, was acted upon with the same promptitude. A friendly and united feeling exists among the people of the ward generally, which they manifest by their works.

City Council.—The Council met last evening, Mayor Little presiding.

A. D. Wheeler and others, directors of the Deseret Base Ball Club, petitioned for an absolute lease of the west half of Washington Square, and for the privilege to occupy the same for base ball or other athletic sports; also for the privilege of charging an admission fee to spectators for the term of nine months, commencing on the 1st day of April and ending on the 31st of December, 1878, with the privilege, at the expiration of that time, of entering upon said ground and removing whatever improvements they put in, in the shape of seats, fencing, etc., agreeing to pay for use of said ground the sum of \$500 in nine monthly instalments. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

H. B. Clawson, agent for the Hazard Powder Company, by communication, represented that he wished to build a magazine in which to store powder, and petitioned the council to designate a suitable place for its location. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

Francis Armstrong petitioned for the privilege of obtaining water for his premises at the head of First East Street, by means of pipes, from the 19th Ward ditch. Referred to the committee on irrigation. The committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred the petition of M. G. Attwood and 24 others for an allowance of taxes to be appropriated to repairing streets and crossings in the 12th Ward, reported favorably and recommended that \$100 be appropriated. Report received, recommendation adopted and amount appropriated.

The committee on elections reported on the subject of offices to be filled by the Council, and the following were appointed to the positions named: John T. Caine, Auditor of Public Accounts; W. Hyde, Supervisor of Streets, Watermaster and Jailor; Andrew Burt, Captain of Police, Market Master, and Inspector of Provisions; Joseph E. Taylor, City Sexton; Jesse W. Fox, Jun., City Surveyor; J. L. Rawlins, City Attorney; M. H. Peck, City Sealer of Weights and Measures; Feramorz Little, Superintendent of Public Works and Waterworks; George M. Oitinger, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; Seymour B. Young, City and Quarantine Physician.

A recommendation of the committee for the appointment of an Inspector of Buildings, together with the question of the duties and remuneration pertaining to that position, was referred to the committee on municipal laws.

A former motion which had been passed, to the effect that the Warm Springs Bath House be leased to Mr. James Townsend on and after April 1st, was reconsidered and, the date changed to May 1st, until which time the present tenant will retain his occupancy.

Appropriations were made, contingent to pay the salaries of city officers for the ensuing year, payable monthly as the same shall become due, as follows: Mayor, as superintendent of public works and waterworks \$3,000 per annum; recorder and auditor of public accounts, \$2,400 per annum; treasurer, \$1,500; clerk for office, \$600; city marshal and captain of police, \$2,000; street supervisor, jailor and watermaster, \$1,800; chief engineer of the fire department, \$600; city and quarantine physician, \$500.

The Council adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.