

the payment of custom duties, from interior taxes on provisions, furniture, implements, tools, machinery, materials for house-building, etc.; and these exemptions are to be in force for a period of ten years. The sum of \$250,000 has been appropriated by Congress to carry out the provisions of the act for the current year."

**MEN SCARCE.**—Not only in Massachusetts, at the North American watering places, and in Old England, but in Germany, and probably in many other countries, the women are largely in the majority. Now the following paragraph is going the rounds as true—

"In Germany the loss of young men in the war has been so great that there are at the present nearly a million more women than men."

Well, the only available and competent relief, and escape out of the difficulty, that we can see, are that which has been established in Utah.

## Local and Other Matters

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, AUG. 31.

**Showery.**—A slight sprinkle of rain this afternoon.

**Stormy.**—A little thunder and lightning, wind and rain last evening, not enough rain.

**Codling Moth Grubs.**—Mr. Wm. Tucker, gardener for H. C. Kimball, Esq., brought into this office a few codling moth grubs to-day, as specimens. They were ensconced between layers of old shingles, which had lain around apple trees, on the ground. He says he has killed 300 of these grubs.

**Going South.**—To-morrow morning President D. H. Wells, Apostles Lorenzo Snow and Franklin D. Richards and Elder R. T. Burton, will leave on a preaching tour through the southern settlements, and will probably be absent about one month. On the way south they will be joined by other brethren, who will accompany them on their trip.

**The Utah Northern.**—A letter received by a gentleman of this city, on Wednesday, from a prominent official of the Utah Northern road, states positively, "that the road is to be pushed out to Fort Hall this fall." This settles the utter incorrectness of the reported conversation of Mr. Richardson with Colonel Viall, in which the former is alleged to have disclaimed any such intention. No such conversation ever occurred between Mr. Richardson and Col. Viall.—*Helena Independent, Aug. 27.*

**Shooting Case.**—This afternoon a couple of boys, one of them named Watson, who work on the Depot Block, for the railroad company, called at the City Hall and desired the arrest of an old man named Mousley, who, they stated, fired a gun at them and threatened to put a bullet through them, while they were engaged eating fruit from trees on the block belonging to the railroad company. It is probable that the old man thought they were the same boys who, it is stated, entered his lot and stole some fruit the other day, but the shooting is not excusable on any grounds.

**Lamentable Accident.**—We learn, by letter from Henry E. Beckstead, of South Jordan, in this County, that Samuel William, son of Henry Byram and Catherine M. Beckstead, met with an accident on the 21st inst., which terminated fatally. The little fellow was playing about the house when he fell backwards into a kettle of boiling water, which scalded him fearfully, so much so that he expired at half past two the following morning. The poor boy retained his senses almost to the last moment of his life. He was born June 25th, 1872, and died August 22nd, 1875, and was therefore three years and two months old, lacking three days.

Our correspondent asks us to request the *Ogden Junction* to make a note of the occurrence, as above stated.

**Home Missionary Work.**—On Saturday, Aug. 21st, Elders John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff and Geo. Q. Cannon, of the Twelve Apostles, and Bishop E. F. Sheets left this city on a preaching tour. They went direct to Morgan City, Morgan County, on the day before named, and held two days' meetings, commencing on Saturday,

21st, at 2 p.m.; Elders John Taylor W. Woodruff and Geo. Q. Cannon being the speakers.

Sunday, 22, the assemblage was addressed in the forenoon by Elders E. F. Sheets and John Taylor, and in the afternoon by Elders Geo. Q. Cannon and W. Woodruff.

Monday, 23d, the party proceeded to Coalville, and on Tuesday, 24th, held meetings in the bowerly at that place, addressed by Elders E. F. Sheets and Geo. Q. Cannon in the forenoon and W. Woodruff, J. Taylor and Geo. Q. Cannon in the afternoon. At the close of the latter meeting the rules of the United Order were read by Elder Cannon, and the latter subsequently baptized the bishops and their counsellors and other leading men of Summit County, the confirmations being done under the hands of Elders Taylor and Woodruff.

Wednesday, 25th, the party drove to Wanship and held meeting at 10 a.m., addressed by Elders E. F. Sheets, W. Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon and John Taylor. The brethren then drove to Rockport, where Elders Woodruff and Sheets stopped, held meeting and spoke to the people, while Elders Taylor and Cannon went to Peoa, met with and instructed the people.

In the evening the party met at Kamas, where Bishop W. W. Cluff met with the Scandinavians of that part, and instructed them in their own language. Bishop Sheets also held a meeting there and instructed the people in relation to temporal matters.

On Thursday and Friday, 26th and 27th, the brethren commenced the holding of two days' meetings at Kamas, the first on Thursday forenoon, being addressed by Elders John Taylor and Geo. Q. Cannon, and that in the afternoon by W. Woodruff, John Taylor and Geo. Q. Cannon, the latter reading the rules of the United Order.

On Friday the assemblages were addressed by all of the members of the party, and at the close seventeen of the leading brethren were baptized for a renewal of their covenants, Elder George Q. Cannon administering in the baptismal ordinance and Elders John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff attending to the confirmations.

Saturday, 28th, the brethren met with the people of Heber City, Wasatch County, and each member of the party spoke during the day.

Sunday, 29th, a large number of the Sabbath school children of Heber City met, and were addressed by Elders R. T. Burton, Geo. Q. Cannon and W. Woodruff.

The general meeting convened at 10 a.m., and was addressed by Elders R. T. Burton, W. W. Cluff, Samuel Atwood and George Q. Cannon. In the afternoon Elders Geo. Q. Cannon, Wilford Woodruff, and John Taylor were the speakers and the rules of the United Order were read by Elder Cannon, a large vote being given to sustain them. Twenty-three of the leading elders of the locality were subsequently baptized by Elder Cannon, for a renewal of their covenants, and confirmed under the hands of Elders Taylor and Woodruff.

In the various settlements visited by the brethren material improvements are everywhere visible, especially in Heber City, where numbers of excellent and substantial stone buildings have been recently erected. They have some as fine stone quarries in that locality as can be found anywhere.

In their preaching the brethren enjoyed great freedom and power, their teachings being of the plainest character, and their labors result in great good in uniting the hearts of the people together, and inducing them to live nearer than they have been doing to the gospel of Christ.

**RAILROAD TO MONTANA.**—A few weeks since Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the Utah Northern management, submitted a proposition to the Directors of the Union Pacific for both roads to unite in extending the former to Montana. The idea thus advanced appears to have met with a favorable reception, and at a meeting of the Union Pacific Directors, held in New York last Friday, it was determined to send a surveying party over the line of the proposed route from Franklin to Helena, charged with the duty of reporting the best practicable route, with an estimate of the probable cost of the enterprise.

A previous calculation, based upon a reasonably accurate survey,

had put the average cost of the narrow-gauge road at eight thousand dollars per mile. It was suggested that the Utah Northern would supply half the means for this construction, issuing bonds to the Union Pacific for the other half, secured by a first mortgage lien, the entire direction of the extension from Corinne to be under the control of the Union Pacific. Such an arrangement would unquestionably secure to Montana the immediate construction of the road. Montana freight, already of considerable proportions, would augment in a ratio of at least two to one, while the Union Pacific would secure a not less valuable interest in the carrying trade of the entire north-west.

The rivalry existing between the Union and Kansas Pacific for the carrying trade of the Western slope, as well as that of the Orient, secured from the Pacific Mail, would make the rapidly developing trade of Montana an item of real importance. This trade, we all well know, is becoming every day more urgent. A country so full of agricultural and mineral advantages will not consent to be isolated as we are from the most important markets of the country.

This condition of things is fully appreciated by St. Louis and Chicago merchants, who are offering the most liberal inducements for the extension of a road through Northern Wyoming into the eastern belt of Montana. While no immediate advantages would result to Helena from such an extension, yet as a factor in the general development of the Territory, it is of inestimable importance. The chief reliance, however, of this part of the Territory is upon the proposed extension of the narrow-gauge, and whether it is accomplished by uniting its interests with those of the Union Pacific, or by its own resources, matters but little to the general public. We want a road, and the way it is to be supplied us, we will not stop to consider, in view of the paramount importance of its coming.—*Helena Herald, Aug. 20.*

THE following letter, on the death of a relative, was written nearly one hundred and twenty years ago, to Miss E. Hubbard by the celebrated Benjamin Franklin—

"PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12, 1756.

"DEAR CHILD,—I condole with you. We have lost a most dear and valuable relation, but it is the will of God and Nature that these mortal bodies be laid aside when the soul is to enter into real life. Existence here on earth is hardly to be called life. 'Tis rather an embryo state—a preparation to living; a man is not completely born until he is dead. Why, then, should we grieve that a new child is born among the immortals—a new member added to their society?"

"We are spirits. That bodies should be lent to us while they can afford us pleasure, assist us in acquiring knowledge, or in doing good to our fellow-creatures, is a kind and benevolent act of God. When they become unfit for their purposes, and afford us pain instead of pleasure, instead of an aid become an incumbrance, and answer none of the intentions for which they were given, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way is provided by which we may get rid of them. That way is death.

"We ourselves, prudently in some cases, choose a partial death. A mangled, painful limb, which cannot be restored, we willingly cut off. He that plucks out a tooth, parts with all the pains and possibility of pains and diseases it was liable to or capable of making him suffer.

"Our friend and we are invited abroad on a party of pleasure that is to last forever. His chair was first ready, and he has gone before us. We could not conveniently all start together; and why should you and I be grieved at this, since we are soon to follow, and we know where to find him?"

"Adieu, my dear, good child, and believe that I shall be, in every state, your affectionate papa.

"BENJ. FRANKLIN."

If your girl, or her big brother, comes along and points a pistol at you, and tells you to walk down to the minister's and be married, go right along and do it, the marriage will be bogus. That has recently been decided by the Supreme Court of New York.—*Milwaukee News.*

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