

Who can give information of one Joseph Wood, a cripple, who left this city about the first of last August, going East, loaded with eggs and apples, and was last heard of at Bridger, near Bear River, when he was supposed to have started back for another load? He had a pony team, and it is thought about \$400 in money on his person.

IMPROVEMENT.—We are pleased to notice the marked improvements observable around the Theatre, in consequence of the completion of the plastering and the removal of the scaffolding which has somewhat obstructed the thoroughfare on the East side of the Theatre. The side-walk has also been very nicely graveled and otherwise improved, which adds to the neatness and beauty of the building and its surroundings.

IN PHILADELPHIA.—Brother Albert Lutz, one of the missionaries who recently left this city, writes us from Philadelphia on the 30th ult. He says the prospects are not very brilliant at present of the missionaries to the East doing much by way of converting the people, though the arrival of so many Elders from Utah is causing a good deal of comment. There had been two meetings held in that city at which were present Elders Brigham Young, Jr., Henry McEwan and A. K. Wright of this city, and W. Wright of Cache Valley. On the night previous to writing Bro. Lutz says that he and Elders Wright, Sheets and Groo tried to obtain admittance to the Young Men's Christian Association, at which place there was a lecture delivered upon the subject, "Shall the Mormons and Mormonism be tolerated in the United States." This lecture seemed to take immensely, for the place was so full that the brethren were unable to obtain admission.

WHERE'S THE FAULT? WHO'S TO BLAME?—Mr. H. A. Skinner, postmaster at Beaver City, Beaver Co., writes on the 3rd inst., complaining of the very irregular arrival at that place of the **DESERET NEWS**. He says it often happens that they do not receive the **NEWS** until two weeks after schedule time. He is unable to tell where the fault lies. So are we. One thing is very sure, there is gross negligence somewhere, and it must be speedily rectified. The Beaver packages, in common with all for the southern portion of the Territory, are mailed with the utmost regularity at the Salt Lake post office, and we are quite satisfied they are sent south from that office with equal regularity, so that the fault is with some of the intervening offices. We should feel obliged if the brethren who keep the post offices would pay the necessary attention to this matter, so that the complaint, on the part of our subscribers in Beaver, may be removed. To receive a newspaper two weeks behind time is an intolerable nuisance, and if it is not removed we hope to hear again from the postmaster at Beaver, when we will institute inquiries and seek to have the matter remedied through the P. O. authorities in this city.

LEFT FOR THE PACIFIC COAST.—Horace S. Eldredge, Esq., left by this morning's train, on a visit to the Pacific Coast. He will probably return home shortly after Christmas.

NEW HAVEN.—Brother Burr Frost writes from New Haven, Connecticut, on the 30th ult. He was well, and had paid a visit to a factory, about two miles from New Haven, where rail cars were being built, which he was informed were for the Utah Central; they were substantial and elegant. He had not done much preaching, but was doing his best to obtain a room or hall in that city, in which he might have a talk to the people about "Mormonism."

DIED suddenly on the 20th of Nov., at the residence of Elder A. F. McDonald, Provo, Mary, relict of the late John Sutton, of Nephi, aged 71 years.

OBITUARY.

Died at Logan, Cache Co., Nov. 29th, 1869, Emer Harris, brother to Martin Harris, one of the witnesses to the Book of Mormon, aged 88 years and 6 months.

Deceased was born at Cambridge, Washington County, New York.

At the time of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon he was living in Luzern County, Pennsylvania. Hearing by letter from his friends in Palmyra about a new Golden Bible, as it was termed, being found, he went there to investigate the matter for himself, and was there at the time the Book of Mormon was being published, and received the first Book of Mormon that was ever bound, and with it returned home. After satisfying himself of its divine authenticity he again returned to Palmyra and was baptized and ordained a High Priest. He then returned home, rented his farm and started for Kirtland and

arrived there with his family in the fore part of the summer of 1831. He traveled and preached most of the time for the next two years, and afterwards worked on the Temple and was at Kirtland at the time of its dedication.

In the fall of 1838 he went to Missouri, and was in Charlston County when the mob turned him back, and he returned to Quincy sometime in December. He afterwards moved to the vicinity of Nauvoo and again worked on the Temple, and was driven from there with the balance of the Saints and settled in Pottawatomie County, where he remained until 1852, when he emigrated to Utah and settled at Provo and was soon after ordained a Patriarch.

In the fall of 1859, his health failing, he went to live with his children and remained with them until his death, and died in full faith and in the hope of coming forth in the morning of the resurrection.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

LIVERPOOL.—By letter from Elder John Jacques, dated 20th ult., we learn that Bro. C. W. West, Jun., arrived there Nov. 16th per steamship *Palmyra*, from New York, Nov. 4th. He left Liverpool for Zurich, via London, Nov. 18th.

President Carrington left Liverpool on the 20th to attend conferences in South Wales, and would be absent ten or eleven days.

The season was very mild in England, raining gently almost every other day.

A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.—The *New York Times* is a paper of note in that city. It is supposed to have excellent taste, and a judgment on political matters that is usually deemed reliable. The *New York Tribune* is also a paper of fame, with a reputation not a whit behind that of the *Times*; in fact, there has been an idea extant that the inhabitants of the bucolic regions for a large area around New York generally accepted its writings as devout Christians are supposed to do those of St. Paul. Both papers are Republican in politics. They have both pronounced their opinion, as we learn from the despatches, upon President Grant's message. The *Times* says it is the weakest message ever sent to Congress by an American President. The *Tribune* regards it as one of the wisest. The *Times* says that in financial affairs it is quixotic and too chimerical for serious consideration. The *Tribune*, on the contrary, calls it most judicious and declares it will meet with hearty approval. When two such authorities disagree so widely, who shall decide?

ATTRACTIVE.—In the window of the Eagle Emporium can be seen some very fine things in the shape of furs and Suez hats, which are the novelty just now; and in referring to their advertisement one can be posted where to obtain a large number of articles all in good condition. That house makes the finest show in town.

OUR DELEGATE.—From a telegram, which has just been received, we are pleased to learn that the health of Hon. Wm. H. Hooper, our Congressional Delegate, is improving.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

ALMOST A FIRE.—Our attention was called by the police, at about twelve o'clock last night, to what would probably have resulted in a somewhat destructive conflagration had not the attention of the officers been called to the matter by the smell of smoke.

It appears that some careless person had thrown some burning ashes on a quantity of old weeds or rubbish of a combustible nature against the fence adjoining the University building, opposite this office, which had ignited and was very opportunely discovered, as stated above, and promptly extinguished by the officers.

This fire might have resulted seriously had it not been so promptly discovered. People should be more careful, when emptying ashes, that they do not leave them in a position where they can ignite any combustible substance.

SANTIAGO wants to know the man who says the ladies of Utah Territory are not industrious when Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution sells annually as much of Coats', Clark's and Sterling spool cotton as is equal in measurement to once and a half around the globe and numbers 24,000 doz. of cotton, or 17,280,000 feet of sewing material, which is mostly used up by hand