

The Recent Heavy Rainfall There.

Fruit Crops Generally Looking Favorable.

Correspondence of The Bee.

SALT LAKE CITY, August 20.—Unusual and exceedingly heavy rains have occurred in various and widely separate portions of this region during the past two or three weeks, doing much damage to saw mills and canyon roads and bridges, and to fields and pastures in the valleys. Among the towns that have suffered are Alta, American Fork and Alpine in this neighborhood, Pinto and Orderville in the far south and in Castle Valley in the southeast. From the last named place it is reported that on Sunday last at Cottonwood Springs, on the railroad grade in that valley, a cloud burst and washed away the entire mercantile store of R. R. Hopkins, with its assorted merchandise and supplies. Nothing was saved except a little steel. A cloud burst in Soldier canyon, the main traveled road from the north to Castle Valley, and washed out the canyon road so that it is impossible to convey supplies. Another cloud burst near the county seat of Emery county, situated in this valley known as Castle Dale, and did considerable damage. The history of the washouts in other places is almost identical, but I am happy to say the loss of life has been small.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Betsy Ann Eldredge, the wife of General Horace J. Eldredge, departed this life. Gen. Eldredge is well known to the business men of Omaha as the late president of the Big Loop, or C. M. I., before Hon. William Jennings assumed that position.

A horrible murder was committed at Moab, one of the outlying southwestern settlements, a short time ago. A storekeeper named John Kellam-bury was murdered one evening when alone in his store. Certain citizens heard shots fired in the direction of his building, and a number proceeded to the place, when after some delay, they found Kellam-bury dead. It was found that three pistol shots had entered his body. No facts could be elicited at the coroner's inquest as to the cause of the crime or who perpetrated it.

The heated spell appears to have passed, leaving but little snow on the highest peaks of the Wasatch range that surround this valley, and from whence our city receives its supply of water. The farmers have mostly gathered their grain crops; the peach crop nearly \$300,000 when dried and shipped. Fruit of every kind is very abundant, but apples, pears and some other kinds, are sadly injured by worms, grubs and moth. There will be a ready market right at hand for most of the hay, grain and potatoes in the grading camps of the railroads in construction, but much of the dried fruit will be exported.

The health of Salt Lake City is not yet satisfactory. Dysentery has almost entirely disappeared from Provo. The other large cities are reasonably healthy.

Notice that a new movement has been made for the suppression of Mormonism. A bill has been introduced in the legislature of Georgia for the suppression of Mormonism in that state. The Mormon preachers have been very successful in their late years in preaching in their tents in the southern states, and have made Georgia their headquarters. What special restrictions, if any, be inaugurated against the holders there is not yet decided. Good and pious politicians, and politicians neither good nor pious, have not been very successful, as a rule, in making a political issue out of the wrongs of Mormonism. Somehow or another the result never pans out as was expected. Mormonism is certainly extending the area over which it controls a preponderant influence, but at the same time non-Mormons are growing in wealth and numbers in its strongholds, and are exercising an influence little dreamed of by the orthodox saints a decade or so ago.

Daring Attempt at Robbery.

Correspondence of The Bee.

GREENWOOD, Neb., August 22.—Quite a sensation was caused in this village and vicinity by some unknown person attempting to rob a prominent citizen and extensive farmer, Mr. A. C. Louder, residing a quarter of a mile north of the village, last Sunday evening. Mr. Louder and family were out riding and on their return Mrs. Louder went into the house alone while Mr. Louder and children drove to the barn. On opening the door Mrs. Louder was seized by the burglar. She caught him by the throat and a scuffle ensued. For some moments it was difficult to determine which would be victorious. Mrs. Louder called for help and Mr. Louder ran to the house, but before he reached the house the burglar had disappeared and has not since been heard of. Mr. Louder was known to have several hundred dollars within the house.

A Substitute for Black Walnut—Black birch is rapidly coming into favor. Black birch is a close-grained, handsome wood, and can be easily stained to resemble walnut exactly. It is just as easy to work, and is suitable for nearly, if not all, the purposes to which walnut is at present applied. Birch is much the same color as cherry, but the latter wood is now scarce, and, consequently, dear. It is with difficulty that cherry wood can be obtained at \$60 a thousand and almost impossible to distinguish the difference between it and walnut as it is susceptible of a beautiful polish, equal to any wood now used in the manufacture of furniture. In the forests throughout Ontario, birch grows in abundance, especially if the land be not too boggy. There is a great difference in the wood of different sec-

ions speak the tones of his voice, although very low, are quite distinct. Since this last spell he has not spoken above a whisper. One of the things which impresses me most forcibly as to his weakness is that he has never since he was shot asked to be read to. Formerly the first thing he sought to have done for him when he came home was for his wife or somebody else to read to him. Not even when he seemed to be on the road to recovery did he care to have anything read except the letters of his mother and family. Sometimes he expresses a desire to see some of his old friends. He often asks about Hinsdale, the president of Hiram College, and wonders when he will see him or some of his other old friends. This he has not done so much in the last three days. To-day he has laid quiet most of the time, often putting his hand to the back of his neck, which seems to give him some pain.

"Has Mrs. Garfield ever felt that he would not live—has she ever given up hope?"

"Not once. Nor did she on Tuesday give up hope when everybody else thought there was none. To-day she came from the sick chamber smiling. I know she is deep apprehensions, but she conceals them well and certainly never has relinquished hope altogether."

ABOUT THE PRESIDENT.

From a Very Old and Intimate Friend.

Washington Correspondence New York Herald.

To-day Captain Henry, Marshal of the District and an old friend of the President, talked with your correspondent about the patient's habits of life, and more particularly about his dyspepsia. He was an old army friend as well, and the two men have been intimate for years. "The President," said Marshal Henry, "has always been a delightful table companion. He would eat and talk while the others ate and listened. No sooner did he come to the table than he began to be entertaining. No one could interest a table circle like he, and his excellent social vanity, if it may be so called, was that he delighted to shine in conversation, and he always did. This was a trait of his earlier days as well as of the latter times. I think it was developed chiefly at college. In those plain New England boarding houses in collegiate towns they rarely gave more time to a meal than twenty, or at most twenty-five minutes, and as a rule they ate from first to last of the meal, and then got away from the table as quickly as possible. Thus while they ate, Garfield talked, bolting his food between remarks, and as a result we find him to-day a confirmed dyspeptic."

"Did he ever talk to you about the condition of his stomach?"

"Oh, yes; we have talked of that often and often, and he has always readily admitted that his trouble grew out of his own carelessness. He said to me once: 'Why do you talk so much while you eat? You do not masticate your food properly.' He said he knew that, but would almost as soon have a bad stomach as be quiet at meal times. He told me then that he was frequently required by the pressure of business to go direct from the table to his desk and forced to apply himself at once to the work in hand, and that he had learned over his papers, and that he had burned and throbbled so that he had to lie down for an hour or two, and have his temples bathed with cold water."

WANTS TO GO TO MENTOR.

"Have you seen the president since he was wounded?"

"Not to talk to him at any length."

"Do you know whether he talked about his dyspepsia?"

"No, I do not. But he talks about home. He is so homesick that I do not know what he will do if presently something is not done to bring him in association with the old farm."

"Have you spoken to him about that?"

"No; but to-day Mrs. Garfield, in a long conversation, said that he was hungry for Mentor and that he hated the white house. She says that as soon as he is able to make the land journey he shall be taken to Mentor and remain there until he can walk around and be altogether well."

"It has been said that he should go to the Soldiers' Home when he could be moved (if he ever got well enough to move)." "No; he wants either to take a short sea trip, or to go to Mentor. He thinks—or, rather, before this last relapse he thought—that he could be carried to the river, where he could be taken on board the Tallapoosa or Dispatch, by going in a large hammock carried by twenty men or so walking in regular step. In fact, the general of the army had some men drilling to transport him. The general said he would be carried without knowing, he was moving, provided his eyes were kept closed, for any distance which a squad of men could walk. He begged Mrs. Garfield to take him to the Soldiers' Home, but she said that when he left the sick chamber to take a journey it would be to Mentor, if it were not for a short sea voyage."

"Since his last relapse she has had any letters of his mother or sister read to him?"

"None. He asked Mrs. Garfield to-day how his mother was, and if she had written to him regularly. He was told that she had and they asked him if they should read what she had written."

"Read me the last letter, please," he whispered in reply. When they had done so they asked him if they should read any more, and he indicated not then. But he has heard all of those that were received from his mother."

REDUCED IN FLESH.

"When you saw him the other day what impression did you get of the change in his appearance?"

"Well, his face does not show it so much as you might imagine. Mrs. Garfield, talking about him, said that he was much wasted away in the body, but he had been down two or three weeks before showing any signs of losing flesh. Then he lost flesh very fast."

"And he has lost as much as sixty pounds?"

"I dare say that he has lost as much as seventy-five—perhaps more."

"Is it true that his voice has gone?"

"No, although he only speaks in a whisper as a rule, which can be heard half way across the room. When he

visits the Alapha in search of fish, which about great numbers in this stream, and are easily caught at this season. The party stirred up a hole with their hoed and poles and seined out hundreds. In churning up the water a huge alligator was disturbed in his quiet repose beneath the still waters, and he began to make trouble for the fishermen. The fishermen were determined to "clean out" the hole and have fish or fight. Several of the party led by Lawson Smith (who sat on the bank at a safe distance, watching the water to run the alligator out. Several of them seized the gator, some by the head, some by the body, and some got "tail hold," and right out of the water they came with the amphibious creature, which appeared as much surprised as disgusted at its own weakness and the strength of its antagonists. Out on the land they came, but in a grand effort, and a stroke of his powerful tail, knocked one of the men headlong back into the water. At this juncture of affairs several of the fishermen jumped on the back of the gator and held it down until the others killed it with their hoed and axes. The gator measured nine feet in length. After this adventure the fishing went on and the party caught 446.

Alachua (Fla.) Advertiser.

Ed. Howell, who carries the mail between this place and Newmansville, has very narrowly escaped from being caught by an alligator on Thursday morning last. While passing through a dense swamp, and near a small creek, he saw an alligator stretched across the road apparently dead, but he was only taking a morning nap. Mr. Howell thought he would stir him up so that he could pass. The alligator, on being aroused from his peaceful slumber, made a hasty retreat for the little branch, closely pursued by Mr. Howell, who was armed with half of a fence rail, and soon overtook and commenced to attack him with the rail; Saurian, not liking this treatment, showed fight, and attacked Mr. Howell with deadly intent. The fight he states lasted several minutes, and he would have retreated, but was unable to do so on account of the thickness of the bushes. But the first opportunity presenting itself was taken by Mr. Howell, who was closely pursued by the alligator. He only kept the alligator off by vigorous kicking. He states that he kicked him away the second time, thereby making good his escape with no more injuries than several bruises and being pretty badly scratched. This was, indeed, a narrow escape.

Don't Marry for Money.

Richmond Dispatch.

"Uncle Pleasant Watkins is sixty, and his wife seventy-two. The other day a friend said: 'Uncle Pleasant, why in the mischief did you marry a woman nearly old enough to be your mother?'" "You see, boy," he replied with a sigh, "I was wurkin' for Long John Freeman, in Hanover, when I was just eighteen, and Sarah Ann Russ old Mrs. Russ's only daughter, was thirty if she wur a day. At every quilter she used to chuse me fur her partner, and everybody said it appeared like she wur a courtin' me. She gimme four pair cotton socks and a heap of things, but still I didn't have no notion of her. Well, one Christmas eve I went to the old woman's, and I had hardly got down before Sarah Ann brought me some sweet potato pie, such she knowed I was monstrous fond of. 'Why I was eatin' it I heard the old woman upstairs a countin' silver dollars. Now, there was no plaster to the ceiling and the up-stairs floor had cracks in it as wide as my finger. So you see I could hear the jingle of the money jet as well as if I had been up that myself. When she had counted up to 906 I drew up to Sarah Ann and popped the question. In course she said she'd have me, and the next Thursday we was married. Now, what do you think I found out the next day? Why, that the old woman didn't have but thirty Mexican dollars, and that she had counted them over and over just to fool me. Don't marry for money, boy, specially for silver dollars."

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THE LATEST CIRCUS SENSATION.

Zulia, "The Aerial Queen," and Loyal, "The Human Cannon Ball."

These wonderful gymnasts recently arrived in this country, and at the termination of their engagement in the city of New York were secured by Adam Forepaugh to travel with his great circus during the present season. The establishment is to exhibit in Omaha Saturday, August 27. The New York Clipper commented on their first appearance in New York as follows:

"SHOT FROM A CANNON.—George Loyal arrived here from Europe last week, Ella Zulia accompanied him, and together they began an engagement here. Both are excellent trapeze performers; but the burden of the work was sustained by Ella Zulia, whose petite figure is well rounded, and whose comely face was almost constantly wreathed with smiles. During a series of aerial flights from a small platform in the gallery to the outstretched arms of George Loyal, who was suspended head downwards from a trapeze near the ceiling of the theater and close to the proscenium, she displayed much nerve and graceful agility, and subsequently, aided by Mr. Loyal, gave a great variety of difficult acts in rapid succession. During one of these flights she was blindfolded and a sack enveloped her figure (save the arms) from the waist upwards. Their chief attraction was their closing feat. Ella Zulia having ascended to a trapeze close to the roof of the theater, a large cannon, with its muzzle in nearly a perpendicular position, was wheeled upon the stage. Mr. Loyal dropped into the muzzle, leaving only his head and shoulders exposed to view, and at once exclaimed 'Fire!' when the cannon was discharged and Mr. Loyal shot upwards through the air and caught Zulia's hands, while clouds of smoke ascended from the cannon's mouth."

If Arthur Becomes President.

Springfield Republican.

Vice-president Arthur's first act, if by chance he becomes President, is certain to be an endeavor to persuade the country that there is to be no break between his administration and Gen. Garfield's. Arthur's past, his traditions and his associates may easily prevent his accomplishing this; but he is sure to attempt it at the start. If Gen. Garfield had died immediately after receiving his wounds, the effect on the country would have been more startling, but his long illness and his pathetic struggle for life have deepened popular appreciation of his character and popular belief in his policy, and departure from it would be a greater shock now than six weeks ago, and less likely to be attempted in the good intentions with which Gen. Arthur will begin. Unfortunately, even becoming President does not change a man.

Postoffice Changes in Nebraska.

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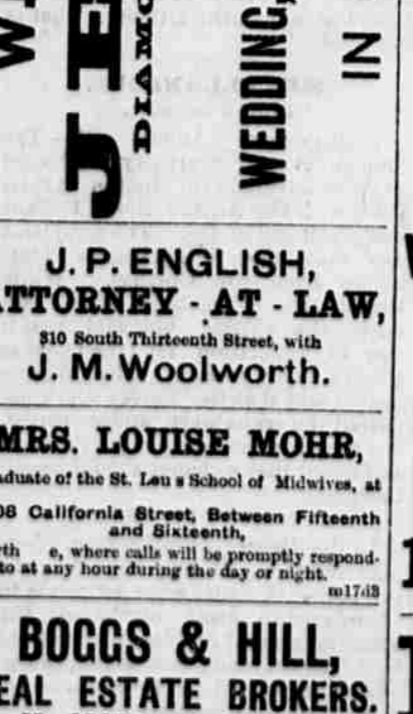
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