

ED RECORD

Leaving your city at four o'clock with T. S. Watson Esq, a ride of one hour and thirty minutes landed me in Heber City where I received a cordial welcome from former acquaintances

Yesterday I visited all the public and private schools with Mr Joseph Hatch. A report of my observations will I trust interest your readers. Mr Henry Clegg some time since established a private school in one of the lower rooms of the court building which has grown to an average daily attendance of forty pupils. It has become so popular that his room is filled and he has been obliged to refuse admission to seventeen who recently applied to him for instruction, having no room to accommodate them. He has many scholars well advanced in mathematics and grammar, and under his thorough discipline and system of imparting instruction his school is steadily improving, and Prof Clegg is satisfied with the progress which his pupils are making. Mr J. H. Moulton with one assistant only is teaching the district school of one hundred enrolled scholars with a daily attendance of ninety two. Here all branches are taught that are common to district school, and in addition Mr. Moulton has a class in Book keeping. He considers good reading as one of the most important achievements to be made by everyone and devotes much of the time, perhaps more than at any of the other schools here to bringing his classes up to perfection in this exercise. A class in the third reader was called during my visit and I listened to several excellent recitations who delivered their exercises with great credit both to themselves and their teachers.

Considering the crowded condition of Mr Moulton's school room, good advancement is being made.

The Heber Graded School under the direction of Mr Wm Bays, with Miss M. L. Clyde, assistant teacher, possesses superior advantages for obtaining a thorough education. In Miss Clyde's department there is a daily attendance of forty four pupils, young boys and girls, who are preparing for the intermediate and higher departments under Mr Bays. Her scholars are all young and in their primary studies, but are making rapid improvement under her careful and skillful guidance. She has succeeded in getting her little company thoroughly interested in their work, and ambitious to excel in it. She requires some of her reading classes to write their exercises on their slates bringing them to recitation where they are examined and errors pointed out. Thus her reading and writing exercises are combined. I found many boys and girls in her classes of ten to fourteen years who could be considered very near perfect in these branches. When they are sufficiently advanced they are transferred to Mr Bays' room, where they receive instruction in all that goes to make up a good business education. At present Mr B. has about seventy-five scholars, and your correspondent listened to recitations in grammar and algebra that would be a credit to any school. Mr Bays has classes in United States History, rhetoric and book keeping. He is a thorough teacher and is leading his pupils up and through his school to graduation in as perfect a manner as is possible. Much better progress could be made if the school authorities would build more school houses or, better still, one large one. Too many children are crowded into too small rooms and the teachers have more than they can do. I believe it is the intention to do this or something to that effect next spring.

The Y. M. M. I. A. meets every week. The exercises include declamations, compositions and extemporaneous speaking by its members. Judge F. S. Watson is its president. The meetings are well attended, and are a great benefit to the young men.

Prof Henry Clegg delivered a very interesting lecture during my stay on "Man," to a full house.

Dancing parties are given every Thursday evening, and are a source of enjoyment to all who attend. I accepted an invitation last evening and found the hall comfortably filled with a fine company of ladies and gentlemen. After the exercises were fairly inaugurated, a young man apparently a stranger, entered. His personal appearance was rather souchy, though he had evidently seen better days but he felt sadly out of place in so brilliant a gathering. He was received with the cordial welcome always accorded strangers by the people of Heber. A partner was secured and a place assigned him on the floor by the side of a handsome lady. The music struck up and that young man began to glow. Numerous as the dance wore on the young men grew too numerous, and his partner's disgust turned into pity. The quadrille drew to a close eventually, and the young man resolved to tackle the light fantastic no more forever. That young man was me.

The business interests of Heber are flourishing. The Co-op Company are intending to build a large three story brick store this season, to better accommodate their increasing trade.

Large amounts of freight continue to go through to Fort Thornburg, by way of Daniels Canyon, though it is thought by some this freighting business may be diverted from here. It is proposed to leave the supplies at Carter's Station on the U. P., and then freight from there via Bridger, but this will hardly be done when it is known that the route from Heber to Thornburg is a natural pass through the Uintah mountains, with a tolerably fair road, while the route from Carter Station lies directly over the mountains and will cost an immense amount of money to put in shape to haul freight over. The advantage in distance is slightly in favor of the Bridger route but I am told by reliable men who are thoroughly acquainted with both roads that it is wholly impracticable to adopt it.

Quite an amusing incident occurred yesterday on Main street. Several of the older and more respected citizens of the town indulged in horse-racing to such an extent that they violated an ordinance prohibiting the running of

horses anywhere within the city limits. Sheriff Jones hauled them up, gave them a talking to in a tubelny way, saying their conduct was greatly to be deplored, prejudicial to good order and discipline and withal a very bad example to the rising generation, and the transgressors were fined various sums according to the magnitude of their offenses.

Before concluding I must call your attention to a report which appeared in your last issue, of the approaching marriage of Mr John Smith, of this city. I have it from the best authority that Mr S. has no intention of leaving the ranks of bachelorhood at present, and he is at a loss to know your source of information. He is so much depressed by this rumor that he has taken his gun and dogs, gone off into the mountains and adopted a life of almost complete seclusion. It is but just to him that you place this matter right before your readers.

R. C. G.

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