

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Heber J. Grant & Co., Thursday received word that the school house at Promontory had been totally destroyed by fire. The building and its contents were insured in the Home Fire of Utah for \$500.

Ezra Ricks, of Benson ward, was milking a cow on Monday morning when the animal kicked and knocked him under another cow, which in turn kicked him severely. He came out of the melee with his left arm broken in several places, and a number of bruises.

HADEN, Fremont County,  
Idaho, Jan. 14, 1896.

There was a social party at the residence of David Breckinridge January 10th, at which there was a large number assembled. The evening was spent in songs, recitations and dancing. Refreshments were served by Misses Blair, Moffat, Breckinridge and Little.

Respectfully yours,  
HENRY WALLACE.

LOGAN, Utah, Jan. 18.—Sam A. Steele, a traveling man for Pitkin & Brooke, crockery house, Chicago, died last night at 10:20, at Hank's Hotel, of catarrhal pneumonia. He was first attacked by la grippe a week ago. He has been cared for by local Masons, who will forward the body to Salt Lake for burial. He was well known and liked all over the State. He was a Mason, Knight Templar, and Mystic Shriner, and will be buried under the auspices of those orders.

A cablegram received Monday by President Woodruff, from Elder A. H. Lund, president of the European mission, with headquarters at Liverpool, England, brought the sad news of the death of Elder Joseph Alma Ott, in his missionary field of labor, Germany, on Saturday. No details are given.

Elder Ott left this city a little over two months ago, on Nov. 8, 1895. He was the son of David B. and Hannah Normington Ott, and was born at Duncan, Washington county, Utah, Dec. 12, 1871, being just over 24 years of age. His home is at Tropic, Garfield county. Tidings of the sad event have been forwarded to his family.

We received a call Friday morning from Elder John F. Burton, who returned Tuesday from a mission to Australia, on which he left Star valley, Wyoming, on Feb. 26, 1892. Elder Burton's missionary labors were in Queensland, Australia, and were attended with good success. He reports that mission as being in a prosperous condition. There has been a considerable increase in Church membership during the time Elder Burton was there, and a Mutual Improvement association and Sunday school have been organized at the Oorparoo branch, Brisbane. The feeling among the people is more favorable toward the Saints than formerly. Elder Burton enjoyed good health. He returned on the steamship Warrimoo.

John W. Ohary, of Paradise, met with an accident in one of the canyons adjoining that town on Thursday afternoon, that resulted in his death on Friday night. In company with others he was sliding logs down a

ravine, and was using a handspike to guide them in the right direction. A large knot on one of the sliding logs caught the handspike and drove it against Ohary's head with such force as to badly fracture the right side of his skull. On being taken home a surgical examination showed that the entire right side was crushed in. The depressed portions were raised and the pressure on the brain relieved; but the injury was too severe for the patient to recover from and he passed away at 9 o'clock on Friday evening without having recovered consciousness. Mr. Ohary was an exemplary young man and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He leaves a widow and two young children.

Deputy Sheriff Zimelman, of Carbon county brought a young man down from Helper Thursday with the intention of placing him in the asylum for treatment. The young man, Dalley, who appears to be about 20 years of age, has been an inmate of an asylum in California, where he was placed under the following circumstances: His father was a passenger on the steamer Elbe when that vessel wrecked. It was generally supposed that Mr. Dalley had perished and when this news was communicated to the boy he lost his reason. In time he recovered and was sent to Utah where his father was teaching school in one of the districts near Helper and for some time was apparently in good health, but it is believed the high altitude affected him and he suffered a relapse. Now he does not recognize his father and mourns him as dead. He throws himself on the floor at times, and moans piteously and when not so violently affected has a very dejected and sorrowful appearance.

Funeral services over the mortal remains of William H. Miles were held on the 16th inst. in the Twelfth ward chapel, under the direction of Bishop H. B. Clawson. The speakers on the occasion were Elders John T. Caine, George Romney, R. F. Nesten, James Dwyer, Martin Lenzl, Seymour B. Young and H. W. Naisbitt. Each spoke of the singularly felicitous character of the deceased, as an unselfish and devoted man, one whose life was to do good, and help to establish this "marvellous work and a wonder" of our God upon the earth. Brother Miles's life was, from a human standpoint one of continuous sacrifice; time, means, business, home and family were secondary always to his interest in and love for that faith and religion which received in early life was the crown of his mature manhood, and the glory after all of a well spent life. It was aptly said that he was "an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile." This was appreciated by those who attended these closing services, and said, "Peace be to his ashes."

RICHVILLE, Morgan Co., Utah,  
January 17, 1896.

Kindly permit me through your valuable columns to report an item in connection with this portion of our vineyard located in Morgan county, and inform your many readers that al-

though we are somewhat isolated, as it were, from the rest of our county, we still have interests in common with them, and are still trying to do our part in the great work of redemption.

On Tuesday evening, January 14th, a large number of the many relatives and friends of Brother John Wood met at his residence in Richville, and successfully surprised him. He will leave Saturday, January 18th, to perform a mission in the Southern States. The evening was pleasantly spent in speeches, songs and recitations; with a bounteous repast which was partaken of and enjoyed by all present, who were full of good sentiments and wishes for the missionary. Brother Wood gave a short address. He manifested great appreciation for the respect shown him, and bore his testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

JOHN H. ROSE, Historian.

The Supreme court of the State met in their rooms in the joint city and county building at ten a. m. Monday, with Chief Justice Zane and Judges Barch and Milner on the bench. A large number of attorneys were present and cases were set down for hearing as per agreement of counsel on either side. Contrary to general expectation, the case of the probate judge was only referred to incidentally—merely for the purpose of determining upon a date for its hearing, which on suggestion of Attorney General Bishop was set for the 29th inst.

Attorney General Bishop presented a quo warranto petition which concluded as follows:

First—That there is no such office as that of probate judge for Salt Lake county in the State of Utah.

Second—That the respondent is not entitled to exercise any of the functions of the district judges in causes and matters in probate, nor to exercise jurisdiction, power, or authority as probate judge.

Third—That he (Judge McNally) be ousted from said office and franchises and that complainant have and recover its costs in this behalf incurred.

The general thaw, heavy rains and consequent swelling streams were prime causes in the breaking away of a reservoir in Red Butte canyon Tuesday morning about daylight, which sent a large volume of water thundering down towards and through Fort Douglas, creating fear and alarm in the minds of the post inhabitants.

The reservoir is situated in the mouth of the canyon, and up to the present it has been considered impregnable; but under the extra pressure produced by the causes enumerated about twenty feet of the masonry and dirt broke away, giving free play to the volume of water that was stored above. The old channel held only a portion of the flood, the remainder overflowing the banks and going directly through the reservation, flooding door yards and lawns and filling the basement of the officers' club house.

A large quantity of the flood came down towards the city in the ravine traversed by the Salt Lake City street car line and spread out in the various irrigation ditches in the southeastern part of the city. The damaged reservoir will be rebuilt without unnecessary delay.

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