

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 30.

Fallen Asleep.—Father John Wilcox, of Herriman, formerly of Wrington, Somersetshire, England, died this morning at 5.45 o'clock, of old age. His doors were always open to the Elders, even before he entered the Church, and since his immigration to Utah, eleven years ago, he has manifested the same spirit of benevolence and integrity to the cause of truth. May he rest in peace.

Christmas Story.—The publisher of the *Contributor* some time ago invited every one who had ever written for its pages to enter into a friendly competition for a prize Christmas Story, to appear in the holiday number of that magazine. These stories are now being received. All of them are to be in by December 1st, when they will be examined by a select committee, who will decide upon the best and award the prize. From the interest being taken by many of the talented writers for the *Contributor*, the indications are that a very superior Christmas story will adorn the pages of the holiday number.

Spaulding Story Again.—Bishop Nepai Packard, of Springville, informs us that a certain book agent has been canvassing that town of late, with a large pictorial Bible, containing among other things historical sketches of all religious denominations. It will be sufficient to inform the Latter-day Saints that the account given of the origin of "Mormonism" is nothing more nor less than the silly Spaulding story, to put them on their guard against patronizing such a work, which, if it belters up one such flagrant falsehood as that referred to, may readily be presumed to contain other statements equally unreliable. The agent for such a publication cannot expect to prosper among a people who are insulted and lied about by the very book they are asked to purchase.

A Characteristic Letter.—Elder John Pickett, who had charge of the October immigrants from Europe, and a description of whose experience en route was published in this paper some time since, has received the following letter, so characteristic of its writer, in relation to the trouble by rail on the section of the O. & N. W., between Chicago and the Mississippi:

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 24, 1888.

Mr. John Pickett:

Dear Sir—I have seen your letter of the 12th to your Mr. Hart, at New York, in which you state that one of our conductors at Council Bluffs (a mistake of place—Ed.) was very officious, and that he and other employees of the company were abusive and insulting. I regret to hear that you or your people have any basis for complaint against any of our employees, and I will be very glad if you will give me all of the facts connected with the case, naming if possible the conductor and other employees of the company, so that I can have them dismissed the service of the company, as we are determined not to retain any one person employed by the company, who will treat any of the patrons of the road abusively, or who do not treat them with perfect courtesy. An early reply will oblige.

Yours truly,
W. H. STENNETT, G. P. A.

Elder Marks Heard From.—Elder S. R. Marks, writing from Covington, Fountain County, Indiana, September 22d, to President Joseph F. Smith, states that in the neighborhood where he and Elder Davis were "tarred and feathered" some months ago, quite a number of people had been roused up to investigate "Mormonism" by the indignation they felt towards the perpetrators of the outrage, and two persons had been baptized.

Elder Marks had lately received a letter from a gentleman living near the scene of the mobbing, in which he expressed himself in very friendly terms, asked the brethren for their pictures and gave the current views of others relating to the affair in reference.

His wife, he said, was now determined to hear the "Mormons" preach although previously much prejudiced, and an old gentleman named George Jones had delivered himself to the effect that he would as soon be guilty of murder as to treat anyone in such a barbarous manner. Others denounced the mobbers in plain terms, and a number of those who assisted in the flogging were

heartily sick of their action, and would fain undo it if they could.

After a Murderer.—Mayor S. B. Westerfield, of Salida, Colorado, announces an offered reward of \$3,350 for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Chaffee County, in that State, of Frank Reed, the murderer of Baxter Stingley, marshal of Salida, on the evening of October 28th, 1883.

The reward will be paid as follows: By the town of Salida, \$1,000; Governor of Colorado, \$1,000; Park and Fremont Counties Cattle Association, \$500; Saguache County Association, \$250; Chaffee County, \$500; Beckwith Brothers, of Custer County, \$100.

Following is a description of the murderer: Height, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches; complexion, dark; weight, 170 to 180; eyes, black or dark brown; when last seen had a short dark mustache, dark brown hair, cut short; nice teeth, stout and regular; large mouth, thin lips, short chin, bull-dog expression of countenance, a plain scar in forehead over one eye; age 24 or 25 years. When last seen he had on a light-colored, broad-brimmed hat with falc leather band. Former occupation, blacksmith; for last year has been a cowboy, and prides himself as such; is an athlete and drinks considerably; when drinking is quarrelsome and boisterous.

Officers are now on his track.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY DEC. 1.

Home Again.—President Geo. Q. Cannon arrived home this morning from the East, in his usual excellent health and spirits. Welcome home.

Contributor Xmas Story.—We are informed that quite a number of the prize Christmas stories, from which one will be selected for the holiday number of the *Contributor* have already been received. They should all be in to-day, but for the accommodation of certain writers living at a distance, the publisher has decided to wait until the 3th of December, next Monday, before placing the stories in the hands of the committee, which will make the selection and award the prize.

The Middlesbrough Reunion.—The social reunion of the Saints formerly of the Middlesbrough branch, took place, as expected, on Thanksgiving Day, in the Fourth Ward Assembly Rooms. Bishop Sperry and Counselors were present. Bro. Robt. Aveson acted as master of ceremonies. Dinner was served at 2 p.m., and the rest of the afternoon was taken up with a pleasing variety of exercises.

Addresses were made by Middlesbrough traveling and local Elders, and songs, recitations, etc., from various ones, filled up the time till half-past six o'clock in the evening. The attendance was numerous without being crowded, and the affair was in every way a gratifying success. The main feature seemed to be the singing of the old-time hymns, rendered in a spirited manner by the whole congregation. All seemed determined it should not be the last occasion of like character.

Honorably Released.—We had a pleasant call on Wednesday from Elder James Meikle, a resident of Smithfield, Cache County, who lately returned from a mission to Europe. He left for his field of labor on the 11th of April, 1882, and on reaching Liverpool was assigned to the Glasgow Conference, where he operated during eleven months in the district of Lanarkshire. He was then appointed to preside over the Birmingham Conference, where he remained until released to come home with the October emigration.

He enjoyed his mission thoroughly, and the present writer speaks from personal knowledge when it is stated that he labored faithfully and efficiently. His health was poor most of the time while abroad, and President Smith, though sorry to part with his services, felt in duty bound to give him his release, which came to Brother Meikle as a surprise.

Death of a Pioneer.—Another veteran and pioneer has passed behind the veil, in the demise of Father William Davis, of Brigham City, who fell asleep after a short illness on November 22nd. He was the son of David Davis and Eleanor Black, and was born September 12th, 1795, in Westmoreland County, Union Township, State of Pennsylvania. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in December, 1832, by Elder Simeon

Carter, in Shelby County, Hanover Township, State of Indiana.

He endured faithfully the persecutions and drivings of the Saints from state to state, and came to Utah in the Company of Pioneers with President Brigham Young. He was, with his family, among the first settlers of Box Elder County, and was the first Bishop of Brigham City. About thirteen years ago he had the misfortune to lose his eyesight. His remains were laid to rest with the same honor and respect in which he was held while sojourning in life. It is expected that his biography will be published in the Faith Promoting Series.

A Pleasant Excursion.—A Grantsville correspondent sends a description of a trip made in the interest of the Sunday School cause, through some of the settlements of Tooele State. On Friday the 23d ult., Brother William Jeffries, Sunday School Superintendent, with his assistants Alma H. Hale and Jas. Radcliff, accompanied by twelve members of Radcliff's brass band, seven members of his string band and eight members of Andrew Millwara's choir, 24 persons in all, including five ladies, left Grantsville for St. John's, Vernon, and Clover Creek.

At St. John's the inhabitants turned out en masse and crowded the meeting house. Meeting was opened by music and prayer. Much good instruction was given by Brothers Jeffries and his associates, and the balance of the evening was taken up with music, singing and dancing.

Next day, near Vernon, the party stopped at Brother W. Ajax's, very glad of a chance to warm themselves; his house being in a side hill they entered at the roof and went down stairs into the building. He keeps a well supplied store 10 miles from the nearest settlement, and two miles from his nearest neighbor, and is doing a good business.

The evening was spent in Vernon very enjoyably, and on Sunday morning the party met with the Sunday School, the superintendent of which reported that every child in the settlement attended in fine weather.

After dinner the band started back for Clover Creek, to be present at the evening meeting in that place, while the missionaries remained to the afternoon meeting in Vernon and then followed up. That evening all met with the Young Men and Young Ladies Association, comprising all the inhabitants of the Ward. Here again good instructions were given and a favorable report made of the Sunday School, old and young attending. The bands remained over Monday, giving a dance to the children in the afternoon and a social party for the big folks in the evening, and on Tuesday the party returned home, having enjoyed themselves immensely and made others equally happy.

Cure for Diphtheria.—A correspondent in one of the northern settlements sends the following prescription, which he claims to be a sure cure for diphtheria. "Take of green copperas (not slackened) and burn on a stove-lid or otherwise, until it can be pulverized. It should be burnt until it becomes of a yellowish brown. Take one level teaspoonful of it, the same of sulphur and the same of burnt alum. The alum should be taken off the fire before it quite stops boiling, as it is then stronger. Put these ingredients in a tea-cup and fill with hot water, then add one tea-cupful of white sugar. Put the mixture in a tight bottle and shake it before using."

Directions for use are as follows: "In extreme cases give one-fourth of a teaspoonful every hour, and keep the outside of the throat cold, to take down the fever. Ice water with salt-petre in it, is good for this purpose. In extreme cases the cloth should be changed every two or three minutes."

To prevent diphtheria, the following course is recommended: "While in health, give one teaspoonful twice a day, for one week, every two or three months. If this is followed up, diphtheria will never be taken. Persons waiting upon those who are sick with diphtheria, should keep taking the above while exposed to it."

Our correspondent states that his mother obtained the above prescription in Missouri, at the time so many were dying of the scurvy, and that she has used it many times with invariable success, it having in no case yet failed to cure.

To cure scurvy on the head and face the following rule is given: "Give to an adult one teaspoonful, three times a day, and take one teaspoonful of the powdered copperas, one teaspoonful of the powdered alum, and one teaspoonful of the sulphur, mix dry with lard, and apply on the sores as a salve. In all cases where the prescription (which is binding in its nature) is used steadily, give physic about once a week. This medicine is harmless to even nursing babies. I have used it for thirty years myself, and never failed with it, unless the patient was beyond mortal help. Give to children one-half as much as to adults."

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DEC. 3.

Over the Water.—We learn from the "Millennial Star" that Elders Frederick Christenson, Niels C. Mortenson, A. J. Anderson and Andrew P. Renstrom arrived in Liverpool on the morning of Nov. 9th, per S. S. *Wyoming*, and proceeded the same day towards their destination, Scandinavia, whither they go to proclaim the Gospel, and labor for the salvation of their fellow-men.

Sunday School Review.—Elders George Goddard, John Morgan and William Willee, attended the review of the Sunday school in Centerville yesterday morning. The chief features of the occasion were the utilization of the entire school in class exercises, the remarkable display of memory among the little ones in answering questions, and the orderly manner in which everything was conducted. The Superintendent is Brother George Chase.

Accidents at Evanston.—On Saturday the 1st inst., at Evanston, two accidents occurred on the U. P. Railway, one of which resulted fatally. A conductor of the line was engaged in coupling cars, when his foot caught in a frog and caused him to fall prostrate. Before he could be extricated the train passed over his body, making a diagonal cut and taking off both his legs. He died in a few hours afterwards.

On the same day another train man had his hand caught and crushed between the buffers of two cars. The member was mutilated in a frightful manner, leaving it a shapeless mass of flesh and bones. Amputation was unavoidable. The names of the two men were not ascertained.

Burned to Death.—A day or two ago, a brief item appeared in the News relating to a fearful accident at Evanston, to Mrs. P. J. Reddy. It was by the upsetting and explosion of a kerosene lamp, the flames from which, while the poor mother was making heroic efforts to save her children, caught her dress and enveloping her in a fiery embrace, inflicted fatal injuries before she could obtain relief.

She rushed out of the house to a neighbor's near by, and sought to attract the attention of those within, but not succeeding in this, she cried aloud "My God, will no one help me," and was heard by a Mr. Foote, who rushed to her and after tearing her clothing off, succeeded in putting out the flames.

The poor woman was fearfully burned, the right side and leg almost to a crisp, so that little hope was held of her recovery. The worst fears, we learn, have since been realized. Mrs. Reddy died yesterday morning.

Home Again.—C. W. Penrose, Esq., editor in chief of the *DESERET NEWS*, and Mr. C. R. Savage, of this city, returned yesterday morning from a three weeks' detour of the east, south and west, on which they started November 10th. They traveled about 3,700 miles, passing over the Denver & Rio Grande, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific lines, and taking in all the important points along the route traversed. Among the places visited were Cimmaron, Canyon City, Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo, La Junta, Santa Fe, Deming, Bowie, Tucson, Yuma, Flowing Wells, Los Angeles, the Mojave Desert, San Francisco, San Rafael and Sacramento. From the last named city they came directly home. They had fine weather throughout, and enjoyed the trip exceedingly. Brother Penrose, it is pleasing to say, returns in improved health and feeling first rate. Brother Savage, whose main object was to replenish his stock of negatives, brings back some fine views of natural and artificial curiosities and wonders, including cactus and yucca negatives, and others of an-

tiquities and various objects of interest seen during their travels. We bid them welcome home.

Death on the Rail.—The *Butte Miner* of December 1st contains the following:

"Train No. 5 came in yesterday morning on time, at 10 o'clock. The conductor, Jay Griffin, after attending to his usual duties in the caboose car, stepped over to another caboose standing on a side track on the south side of the yard. After talking a few moments with friends in the caboose, he noticed the conductor of the Deer Lodge train standing on the depot platform and started in that direction to speak to him. He stepped off hurriedly, and his back being turned toward a switch engine which came thundering down an intervening track, shoving a coal car before it, he evidently did not see it, and was entirely oblivious of danger. Mr. Wetmore, the yard master, saw the perilous position of Griffin, though not until the fatal car was within two feet of its victim, and signalled the engineer to stop. H. W. McConnell, a brother of the popular General Western Agent of the U. P. road, F. R. McConnell, was the engineer, and says he first saw a signal to stop given by the conductor of the Deer Lodge train, and he immediately reversed his engine and applied the brakes, but it was too late. When the switch engine came to a stop the engine and car had passed clear over the body of Griffin and his mangled remains lay upon the track. The wheels had severed his right hand from the wrist and almost cut the body in two at the waist, but he was still living and was picked up and carefully cared for and a surgeon summoned, but he died without regaining consciousness in about thirty minutes.

The deceased was a single man, about thirty-five years of age. He had been running as a passenger conductor on the U. P. road during the past year, and had recently been transferred to the U. & N. division.

The deceased had a father and other relatives residing in Omaha, Nebraska, who have been notified of the sad accident and it is expected they will request that the remains be forwarded to Omaha for interment."

Killed by a Car.—On Saturday night, about ten minutes past nine o'clock, an old gentleman named Benjamin Bartlett was knocked down, run over and fatally injured by a street-car, near the crossing just south of the Theatre. It appears that he was under the influence of liquor, a bottle of which was found in his pocket, and was walking eastward along the track, just as the cars were going in for the night.

The head car driven by Henry Badley, was within two or three feet of the old man before the driver saw him. As soon as he did he called out to him and clapped on the brake. The old gentleman heard the noise, but evidently being half stupefied, instead of getting off the track, simply moved from the right to the left side of it, and in another instant was knocked down by the mules and run over.

The car was immediately stopped, and he was found between the front and hind wheels, the former being set by the brake, having cut and gashed his body in a frightful manner. He was carried into the City Hall and Dr. Benedict was summoned, who on arriving found it to be a desperate case, and had the patient removed to the Catholic Hospital. There everything was done for him that could be, but it was of no avail, he died at 20 minutes past 1 o'clock next morning.

He was sensible after the accident, and said he thought he could not recover. The wheel passed over him from right to left, breaking his leg in several places, tearing the groin and cutting along the inside of the limb, but inflicting no internal injury. A coroner's inquest held yesterday rendered a verdict of purely accidental death, for which no one could be held accountable.

Mr. Bartlett was from Brimall, Monmouthshire, England, was 78 years of age, and came here in 1868. He has no relatives in this country.

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