

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 5.

Nephi Republic: Over the valley from Nephi, in Goshen canyon, is located one of the largest deposits of saltpetre. This claim belongs to Councilor J. W. Ellison, and his brother, of this city. The face of the body of saltpetre is 200 feet wide, 240 feet high, and the length is as yet unknown, but can be traced in plain sight for 500 feet. It seems to be what is termed in mining parlance "a blow-out." It is of the finest quality, going, according to assays, 40 to 78 per cent in saltpetre.

While Mr. Howarth was engaged in doing the assessment work there he conceived the idea of investigating what looked like an entrance to a cave, a short distance from their labors. After cleaning out the rubbish and accumulations of years, they crawled down the passage and entered and open chamber, six feet high, from 12 to 16 feet square. Further explorations took them down a passage in a southerly direction 40 feet, and here the gentleman had to stop, being unable to proceed further, on account of the very fine dust which rose at every move they made, thus choking them. They returned to the chamber and gave it a thorough exploration. Embedded in the saltpetre was found the lower hone of the arm of a man in a good state of preservation. The man must have been of gigantic proportions to judge by the bone. At the side was also found the wooden shaft of an arrow, that, too, being in a well-preserved state, as the wood was pliable and could be bent. The remains of an Indian urn were also found, which went to conclusively prove the prehistoric origin. The Ellisons are going to further explore the cave and see if other evidences of prehistoric man can be unearthed. On the rocks outside are seen some Indian hieroglyphics and also the picture of a woman of that period. The relics have been placed in the Republic office, and are on exhibition there.

George A. Alder, the well known boot and shoe man, is dead. His demise came at his residence, 744 Fifth East street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. While he had not been well for some time past there was nothing in his general condition that excited the alarm or apprehension of relatives or friends. For two days only had he been compelled to remain at home and when the announcement was made that he had breathed his last in mortality a severe shock was realized by his family and acquaintances. The attending physician, Dr. Wilcox, gave the cause of death as heart failure, superinduced by acute gastritis of the stomach.

The immediate family of the deceased consists of a wife, two sons and three daughters, all of whom have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement.

The funeral will be held from the residence Thursday afternoon beginning at 1 o'clock. Elder L. G. Hardy, Bishop of the Second ward, will conduct the services, and interment will be at the city cemetery.

George Alfred Alder was 55 years of age and was a native of Cheltenham, England. When a young man he came to America, settled at St. Louis, and while a resident of that city married a daughter of the late George Dunford. In 1867 Mr. Alder came to Utah, bringing with him a large supply of boots and shoes. He soon afterwards engaged in that business in this city with Mr. Dunford, his father-in-law. Later he became connected with Z. C. M. I. as head of the shoe department

of that institution. Later still he went into the employ of Walker Bros. and remained with that firm for a period of fifteen years. In 1890 he established the firm of George A. Alder & Sons and under that name carried on a general boot and shoe business for two or three years. On his retirement from business he became city store-keeper in the waterworks department, and filled that position for two years. Latterly he was in the employ of R. K. Thomas. Formerly the deceased was a member of the Thirteenth quorum of Seventy, but of late years has belonged to the Tenth quorum of that order of Priesthood.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 6.

A pleasant time was spent in the Twenty-second ward meeting house on Monday evening last, when the One Hundred and Ninth quorum of Seventy tendered Elder Andrew Kimball and his family a farewell social. Elder Kimball has been chosen to preside over the St. Joseph Stake in Arizona, and will leave shortly for his new field of labor. Among those who were present were Elder A. O. Woodruff of the quorum of the Apostles; Seymour B. Young and J. Golden Kimball of the First Council of Seventy; Bishop Solomon and counselors and Bishop Beesley of Teton Basin, Idaho. The time was spent in singing and speech-making. Remarks were made by Elders Woodruff, Young, Golden Kimball, Andrew Kimball, Aspen and Noel. The musical numbers were furnished by Professors Weihe and McLellan, Misses Staples, Druce, Flashman, Hayman and Billeter, and the Beesley brothers. Harry Gardner was master of ceremonies and Joseph Anderson was in charge of the refreshments.

Judge King, Utah's representative in Congress, who went to Cuba to spend his holidays in an investigation of the true status of affairs on that unfortunate island, appears to have got a good deal of information—information too, that has caused him to make up his mind as to where the fault lies. In a private letter to a friend in this city, he briefly describes the wretched condition of the struggling Cubans. According to Judge King's letter, people are virtually starving to death by tens of thousands, while human life is being taken in the most heartrending and barbarous manner. The judge will probably leave for Washington tomorrow to resume his congressional labors. In his letter, written from Havana, Cuba, under date of December 27, he says:

"I will be in Cuba until about the 7th of January, and then go to Washington. The situation and horrors of this unhappy Isle make me sick at heart. I believe a half million people have died of starvation within six months. The work of slaughtering is still going on. General Blanco is trying to ameliorate the condition, but cannot. It is awful."

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 7.

The funeral services over the remains of the late George A. Alder were held at the family residence yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of friends. The principal speaker was Elder C. W. Penrose. Remarks were also made by Elder Samuel R. Parkinson, uncle of the deceased, of Franklin, Idaho, George C. Parkinson, president of the Onelda Stake, Elders John T. Caine and R. K. Thomas. A quartet, consisting of T. S. Ashworth, Robert Siddoway, W.

G. Patrick and Willard Christoperson, furnished the music. Interment was at the city cemetery.

Diamondville, Wyo., Jan. 5, 1898.

An old folks party was gotten up under the auspices of the Latter-day Saints of this place on New Years day, and a glorious time was had by all. Tables were spread with all the good things that were to be had, and about 200 people sat down to eat, after which songs, recitations and dialogues were rendered in a very pleasing way by the old folks. Then came the merry dance, in which the gray-haired people participated, and it did one good to see how spry, lithe, and jolly they appeared.

J. H. CUTLER.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. Julia Lannan, mother of Hon. P. H. and Martin Lannan, of Salt Lake, passed away at the ripe age of 85 years, at her home in Lynn, Mass. While possessing a strong and rugged constitution, Mrs. Lannan had been ailing for some time, and recently her oldest son, P. H. Lannan, went East to visit her, as was his custom yearly. It was while on this visit that the venerable lady gave up the battle of life. Mr. Lannan was at his mother's bedside when the end came. The two sons, who reside in this city, and Sister Clement of St. Joseph school, Emmetsburg, Maryland, comprise the immediate family of the deceased. The funeral will occur at Lowell, Mass., tomorrow afternoon.

Scofield, Jan. 4th.—After spending a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, every body is settling down to work again. The mines here are working full time, and the company is being crowded to fill its orders. There are plenty of miners but it is impossible to handle the coal fast enough. Two trains are kept busy in the coal service between the mines and P. V. Junction.

Brakeman Wm. Palmer, who has been away for several months, is again with us. Conductor John H. Simster is also back on this branch again. Times change, and so do we rail-roads.

The R. G. W. have completed their double line of railroad between Soldier Summit and Clear Creek, a distance of 7 miles, which is a great improvement, and enables them to handle their great traffic much better as well as making it safer.

Nearly two hundred turkeys were distributed by the Wasatch store company to their patrons at Scofield and Winter Quarters, free.

Brother and Sister James W. Gatherun lost their 13-months-old baby boy last week. The little one was buried at Provo. They have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

The vital statistics, as compiled by the health department for December, shows an improvement over the corresponding period of last year. In December, 1897, there were 33 deaths from all causes, to 50 during the same month in 1896.

The decrease in the number of deaths causes a corresponding falling off in the percentage. For December of 1897 it was 5.65, as against 8.57 in 1896. Following is a detailed statement for December, 1897: Scarlet fever, 1; cancer uterus, 1; marasmus, 2; convulsions, 1; apoplexy, 1; heart disease, 1; enteritis, 2; gastro enteritis, 1; gunshot wound, 1; suicide, 1; cancer idaltherus, 1; consumption, 5; rheumatism, 1; cerebral softening, 1; meningitis, 1; laryngismus, 1; pneumonia, 5; pydonephritis, 1; exhaustion, 1; old age, 4.

Of the number 18 were males and 15 females. The entire mortality was among white people. Eighteen bodies were received from points outside the city and eight were shipped away.