

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

A section foreman named O'Neil was run down and killed by a Southern Pacific train west of Cortone on Wednesday. A fellow laborer was also seriously hurt and taken to Ogden for treatment.

Word has been received of the death on November 25th, at Strasburg, Germany, of Mrs. Christine Albertine Neff Goss, a sister of Mr. P. F. Goss in Salt Lake City. Deceased was 62 years old. She will be remembered by Elders who have labored in that part of Germany in later years and who have enjoyed the hospitality she always was ready to extend to the messengers of the Gospel.

Moroni Grice, No. 11 Kingdon street, Stockport, Cheshire, England, desires to know the address of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Harrison, who emigrated to Salt Lake City, from Bootle, Liverpool, about the year 1884. She once lived at No. 334 west Third North street. Any person knowing her present address will confer a favor by informing her brother at the above address.

Elder W. W. Beckstead of Riverton, Salt Lake county, has returned home from a mission to the Eastern states. He left on Oct. 13, 1894, and arrived in this city, after being honorably released, on Dec. 12th this year. During his absence he labored in Mississippi and north Alabama. He says he enjoyed good health during his absence and is well pleased with his work in the interest of the Gospel among his fellowmen.

James Hooper, writing from Lost River, Idaho, under date of Dec. 14, says that on November 30, Henry, son of James and Elizabeth Hooper, was thrown from a load of wood while riding down a rough canyon and run over and killed, living but six hours after the accident. The funeral was held at Matthews's hall on the 3rd inst. A large crowd of people attended the obsequies. The deceased was unmarried and 41 years of age.

The sad death occurred Dec. 16, of Mrs. Maggie Weihe Ross, wife of David Ross of the Nineteenth ward. She was a lady of many lovable and estimable traits of character. Her death was due to consumption from which she suffered greatly for more than a year past. She was but twenty-five years of age and had a large circle of friends who will sincerely regret her early demise. Mrs. Ross was a member of the Tabernacle choir and a sister of Prof. Willard Weihe. She leaves no children.

By private letter to President Woodruff from his nephew, E. A. Scammon, Columbus, Kansas, the news is received of the death of Mrs. Rhoda F. Scammon, on the 18th inst. A year ago she had a paralytic stroke and was unable to walk for two months; subsequently, notwithstanding her great age, she recovered somewhat, and was able to move about, though still quite feeble. She was the sister of the late Sister Phebe Woodruff and Sister Foss, both well known and leaving many relatives in this

community; and at the time of her death she was aged 87 years, 9 months and 6 days.

Elders F. M. Stephens of Lewiston, Cache county, and Joseph G. Ranck, of East Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, were callers at the News office Thursday, having returned from a mission to the Eastern states.

Elder Stephens left for his field of labor on Sept. 10th, 1895. He has been traveling in Illinois and Wisconsin principally and has enjoyed his mission very much, he says, except for a spell of sickness that for a time prevented him from active work. He arrived in this city on Dec. 15.

Elder Ranck left on June 29, 1895, and has spent the time in Illinois. He reports that he has enjoyed good health and felt happy in the work for the dissemination of truth. He returned to this city yesterday, December 16.

For the information of the numerous relatives of the deceased, who reside in this Intermountain region, and are generally readers of the NEWS, we publish the following death notice:

Maria Stoddard Woolley, died October 8th, 1896, at Colchester, Illinois, aged 64 years, 5 months and 17 days. She was born April 12, 1832, in Kirtland, Ohio; was married to N. B. Woolley, June 6th, 1852, at Webster, Illinois. Deceased was a daughter of Calvin and his wife Sophronia Smith, and niece of the Prophet Joseph Smith. She was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, when quite young, at Nauvoo, Illinois, by her uncle, and died as she had lived, a believer in his divine mission.

The following letter all the way from London was received by Chief of Police Paul on Friday. It asks for information concerning the whereabouts of Jonathan Steggell or his children, and is handed to the NEWS with a request for publication:

3, St. George's Cottages,
Jonathon St., Kennington,
London, S. E., Dec. 3, 1896.

Dear Sir—I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing this letter to you, but I wish to know if any of my people still exist in the Salt Lake City, as it is now some years since any of us related to them in England have heard anything from them. I believe my uncle, Jonathan Steggell, to be dead, but there must be some children left behind who would be glad to communicate with me or other of their relatives.

Trusting you will, if possible, bring this matter under their notice, I have the honor to remain,

Yours obediently,

ALF. J. STEGGELL.

Mrs. Jennie M. Scoville Wheeler, of Torrington, Conn., writes to President Woodruff that a member of the Scoville family residing in New York is preparing for publication the genealogical record of the "Scoville family in America;" and with a view to making the record complete she seeks information in regard to a branch of the family supposed to be in Utah. Mrs. Wheeler is in possession of old cor-

respondence going to show that Abner Scoville Jr., and wife Betsy joined the Mormon Church, and it is thought they emigrated to Utah. She takes it for granted that they are dead, but understanding that they had children, the object of her writing is to be placed in communication with either them or their children. If this should come to the notice of any of the descendants of Abner Scoville Jr. and wife Betsy, they are invited to place themselves in correspondence with Mrs. Wheeler at the above address.

The Primary conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was held this morning December 19, 1896, in the Assembly Hall, beginning at 11 o'clock, with a large attendance of children and teachers present, Sister Camilla C. Cobb, presiding. On the stand with her was her counselor, Mary L. Morris. Elder Joseph E. Taylor, of the Stake presidency, and Sister Louie Felt, Nellie C. Taylor and Julia C. Howe. A very pleasing Christmas program was rendered by the children, consisting of songs, recitations, essays, etc., reflecting great credit on the teachers and children, and showing advancement in primary work.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor and President Louie Felt addressed the conference, expressing their pleasure in listening to the exercises, and speaking words of advice and encouragement to those present and all engaged in this important work.

Mrs. Carl Sandahl is missing from her home at Murray. She left there last Sunday evening, and grave fears are entertained as to her safety. Prior to going away she made the remark that she was about to kill herself, and it is feared by her husband and friends that she may have carried her threats into execution.

A diligent search has been instituted for her, but up to now no word has been received. Some fear she has thrown herself into the river, while others again think she has done away with herself in another way.

The woman is a Swede by birth, about feet six inches tall, light hair and complexioned, blue eyes, and when last seen had on a brown or blue dress and a black ulster coat with cape. Her husband is nearly distracted over her disappearance as she is said to have had no cause for such an act. Her home has always been a happy one, but it is thought that her mind is somewhat unbalanced.

John Fuller a very recent arrival from England died suddenly of apoplexy on Tuesday last. The gentleman was assisting Bishop Brinton in the latter's slaughter house at Big Cottonwood, when all at once he reeled and fell over dead. An inquest was held the same day before Constable H. R. Stevenson, and the jury consisting of David McDonald, Jacob H. Jensen and Joseph Boyes, rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts stated.

The deceased was recently baptized into the Church and leaves a wife, a widowed daughter and several other children to mourn his untimely taking away. He was converted to the faith by Elder Thomas Howard of Big Cottonwood with whom he was living when called to pass beyond the veil. The funeral was held on Thursday