

urday evening arrived in this city after an extended absence in the Australasian mission field, called at the NEWS office Monday and reported his labors. He left his home in obedience to the call made of him, on Sept. 6, 1892, and upon arriving in the mission field was assigned to labor in the Walkato district where he spent one year and eight months of his time, after which he was called to succeed Elder Benjamin Goddard as president of the Manawatu conference in which capacity he labored until released to return home. Elder Abbott has enjoyed his labors very much and has nothing but words of praise for the people among whom he labored.

The mission is in excellent condition and many honest souls are being gathered into the fold. The Elders visiting in that land are zealous and untiring in their efforts to promulgate Gospel principles and they are being blessed with health and strength and their labors are being handsomely rewarded. Before returning home Elder Abbott visited his mother and other friends in California, which delayed his arrival in this city somewhat.

WHITNEY, Idaho,
May 4th, 1896.

Our little town of Whitney, Idaho, was the scene of a terrible accident that occurred on Saturday, May 2, at 6 o'clock p.m., in one of our beloved sisters, Verena Foster, aged 68 years. As near as we can get at the fact, Sister Foster went out to see to her cow; the latter had just calved and furiously pitched at the intruder, knocking her down, then throwing her up in the air, afterwards stamping and hooking her. Before assistance could come the animal had cut a gash below the victim's right eye, extending to the ear, which took nine stitches to sew up; Sister Foster also had her left collar bone and four ribs broken, also her left leg between the knee and the ankle in two places; besides sustaining internal injuries.

Doctor Candfield of Preston was called at once and did all he could for the sufferer; and although she is in a very critical condition, he thinks there are hopes. What makes it worse is that Sister Foster's only son is in England on a mission; and her great desire is to live to see him return home. She manifested great courage while the doctor sewed up her head and face, without taking any drug.

WILLIAM WINWARD.

The old Council House corner, diagonally across the street from the NEWS, April 30 passed from the possession of its owners, the Salt Lake Literary and Scientific association, into the hands of Mr. A. H. Cannon and associates. The consideration was \$60,000 spot cash and the negotiations were formally closed at a meeting of the members of the society held this morning.

With this transaction comes the taking of another step, and an important one, in the decidedly interesting history of one of the city's oldest and most prominent landmarks. It has seen many changes and has been used for many purposes. It will now be adorned by a handsome and substantial business block, the plans of which show a five story structure modern and complete in all of its appointments.

Originally it was the intention of the society to lease the property for a term of ninety-nine years with the proviso that it should itself use the upper floor of the new building for library and reading room purposes, but it was finally decided to sell it outright without any reservations whatever for the sum named.

It is interesting to know that the first Legislature of the provisional State of Deseret and also the first Legislature of the Territory of Utah assembled in the Council House which for many years stood on the corner the largest building in the Territory except those of a public character. The first issue of the DESERET NEWS was also published in it in 1850. For a protracted period it was the chief seat of learning of the Territory, being the location of the University of Deseret, having been previously occupied by the Commercial college. Not a few of the leading men and women of Utah received the principal part of their education on that spot. The building with several other business houses was destroyed by fire on the night of June 21, 1888. The fire was the result of an explosion in the H. B. Clawson building.

The shocking announcement of the death of Miss Ida Bowman, one of the most widely known and popular young ladies of the Nineteenth ward, was made Wednesday. The sad event was the result of appendicitis for which she subjected herself to a surgical operation in the hope that relief might be obtained from the terrible suffering that had suddenly come upon her.

The nature of the fatal trouble was first indicated on Friday last when she returned home from school with the complaint of severe internal pain. The usual remedies failed and finally Dr. Fisher was consulted. He made a diagnosis of the case and declared that the only chance for life was in the use of the surgeon's knife. The operation was agreed to and was performed yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Drs. Fisher, McKenna and Ewing. The patient rallied for a time but continued to suffer untold agony until 2 o'clock this morning when the thread of mortal life was snapped asunder by the great strain placed upon it and her spirit took its flight into the realms of the unseen world.

The funeral of Miss Ida Bowman, whose sad demise was chronicled in the NEWS on Wednesday last took place from the Nineteenth ward meeting house Friday forenoon, beginning at 11 a. m.

The house (which was filled to overflowing with sympathizing friends of the bereaved family) presented an impressive scene. It was also made beautiful by profuse floral decorations of white hangings tastefully besprinkled with lilies, white carnations, roses and amylax. Not a few handsome special designs were apparent, being donated by the members of the Y. L. M. I. A., High school, the ward dramatic company and other numerous friends. Elders W. H. Perkes, A. W. Carlson and George Bywater paid glowing tributes to the virtues and integrity of the deceased, who will be sadly missed in all circles throughout

the ward with which she was identified.

The ward choir assisted in the services with some very touching music. The funeral cortege to the graveyard was one of the largest seen for some time. It included a delegation from the High School who rode in the Utah drag, which had been chartered for the occasion. Interment took place at the city cemetery, where all that was mortal of one who was tender, respected and beloved was laid sorrowfully away in a grave that was completely hidden by the floral offerings of bereaved relatives and friends.

NEWS NOTES.

A new Baptist church has been organized in Sacramento, Cal.

Two specimens of japyx ameneana, one of the rarest representatives of the animal kingdom, were found recently near North Bend, Washington, by a party of scientists from the University of Washington. Only one other of this species has been found, and it is now at Cornell university.

Senora Catriona Chaves, grandmother of Don Jose Garcia, died on the 25th ult. at the Los Pelos rancho of Mr. Garcia, near St. John, Arizona. The deceased had attained the ripe age of 100 years at the time of her death, and had the full use of her faculties up to within ten days of her demise.

The jury in the case of Josephine Deserant against the Cerillos Coal company at Santa Fe, N. M., Monday, rendered a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$25,000. The husband and two sons of Mrs. Deserant were killed in the disaster in the White Ash mine, owned by the defendant company, in February, 1895, in which twenty-four persons perished. She brought suit for damages with the result given above. An appeal will be taken. There are seven similar suits pending.

A bold but unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Saddle Rock restaurant in the heart of Los Angeles shortly after midnight Sunday. The restaurant had been closed for the night, and Patrick Mathews, the proprietor, was engaged in cleaning up. Hearing a noise in the place he proceeded to investigate. In the kitchen he encountered a masked man, with whom he grappled, but the robber succeeded in freeing himself, and after beating Mathews over the head with a hatchet made good his escape. Mathews was taken to the receiving hospital, where it was found that his wounds, while very painful, were not serious.

Williams, Arizona, News: A dispute over the ownership of a water hole resulted in a tragedy near Ash Fork yesterday. Thursday some of Abshire's herders drove their sheep to the water hole when Philip McDonald, one of the disputants, shot at a herder, the ball carrying away a lock of his hair. The herder retreated as rapidly as possible, carrying with him McDonald's defiance to Abshire to "come himself to-day, and come a gunning." Abshire and McDonald met yesterday and McDonald is dead and Abshire is in jail at Prescott, having given himself immediately after the shooting. McDonald, it is said, killed several men in his time.