

narrowly escaped blowing down the rock embankment. Serious damage would have resulted if the destructive effect of the shot had not been noticed. Little Bear river, near Hyrum, has also been the scene of the dynamite fiend's exploits recently. Vigorous prosecution awaits the first one caught at the nefarious work.

Died at her home in Batesville, foveele county, Utah, June 17th, 1895, Ann Elizabeth, beloved wife of Orson P. Bates, and eldest daughter of Arleth C. and Margarette Brower, born in Indianapolis, Indiana, March 25th, 1840. She emigrated to Utah in 1848 with her parents. Sister Bates died of inflammation of the brain, after an illness of seven days. She leaves a husband, six sons and two daughters to mourn her loss; also a large circle of friends and relatives. The funeral took place on Tuesday last, in Toveele, being largely attended, as the deceased was highly esteemed.

It will be interesting to many returned Elders from the Nottingham and Sheffield conferences, who have at various times been hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Parker, formerly of Hasengate, and now residing at 16 Staunton street, Lincoln, to know that Sister Parker and her four daughters were admitted into the Church on Friday, the 17th of May, 1895.

The ceremony was performed at 10:30 p. m. on a cold and rainy night. The night was also windy and very dark. The candidates were baptized in the open air baths about a mile out of the town. Elder Nathan Reeves officiated, and Elder Alma Johnson and Brother and Sister Pinder were witnesses.

In the DESERET NEWS of May 18th, Elder Hyrum J. Smith mentions that he aided in presenting the Gospel to an old lady eighty-seven years old. The old lady referred to is the only sister of the late John P. Wright, formerly of Paradise, Cache county. She is also aunt to Bishop John F. Wright, of Hyrum. The Gospel was presented to her by Elder Geo. F. Wright, of Hyrum, who is now laboring in the Leeds conference. Sister E. Wright was baptized December 1, 1894, at 10 p. m., at Nottingham.

Several other relatives of Elder Geo. F. Wright have also joined the Church through his efforts.

LINCOLN, Eng., June 7, 1895.

The settlement of West Jordan, southwest of this city, is wrapt in gloom over an awful accident which happened there Friday afternoon, resulting in the death of James Alvin Bergen, the six-year-old son of Adolph Bergen.

The little boy, with an elder brother about nine years of age, was herding cows about two miles from his home in West Jordan. The little boy was on the horse which the boys were using, and some way slipped and fell off. In doing so he became entangled in a rope on the animal. The horse ran away, continuing for perhaps ten or fifteen minutes, kicking and dragging the unfortunate child, to whom no help could be given.

After a time the animal stopped, when the elder brother got up to it and cut the rope which had held his brother close to the horse's heels. He

then mounted the animal and rode home, telling his mother that his brother Alvin was hurt. The mother started immediately, and coming to the place, about two miles from home, where her child lay, she found him dead. Every bit of clothing had been torn from his body while he was being dragged, and his skull was crushed in. She took up the body tenderly and conveyed it home, arriving there a few minutes before the father came home from work.

The family are plunged into the deepest grief by the terrible calamity, and have the sympathy of the whole settlement.

HOW MUCH TO PAY.

RED CANYON, Uinta, Wyo.,
June 20, 1895.

Mr. John W. Sammon, clerk of the district court at Evanston, held a meeting with the widows and dependents, who were deprived of their bread winners by the explosion of gas in the No. 5 mine of Red Canyon on the 20th of March, 1895, in the T. of H. hall this evening. The attendance was large, although only those were admitted who are directly interested in the case.

The business of the meeting was laid before the audience by Mr. Sammon, who read over a number of letters which had passed between himself, the company and their agents, relative to the claims of the widows and other dependents.

The widows of the Finlanders were properly instructed by one of their own countrymen on every point laid down by Mr. Sammon. A large number of questions were asked bearing on the amount of money the company was willing to give toward the claims made upon them by Mr. Sammon on behalf of the bereaved families, and the highest amounts we have offered was \$1,500 per head. At this point the sense of the meeting was taken as to whether they would meet Mr. Beeman and accept the company's offer as a settlement. To this the following proposition was unanimously carried—That we are prepared to accept as a settlement of our claims upon the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron company, if paid at once, the sum of \$3,000 and costs.

The remaining business, after many inquiries, was to take legal proceedings against the company to recover damages.

RICHARD R. HODGSON.

MAY WEATHER REPORT.

Temperature—The temperature for May, 1895, averaged about one degree below the normal; the average for the Territory being 57 degrees. The highest monthly mean, 68.4, was recorded at Mantli, and the lowest, 48.2 degrees, at Soldier summit. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 99 degrees at St. George, on the 7th, 8th and 25th, and the lowest, 19 degrees, at Fillmore, on the 10th, making the range of temperature for the Territory 80 degrees. At stations having self-registering instruments, the greatest local monthly range was 75 degrees at Fillmore, and the least local monthly range 50 degrees at Salt Lake City. The warmest days were the 7th,

14th and 18th, and the coldest the 5th, 9th, 10th and 28th.

Precipitation—Average for the Territory 1.16 inch-s, which is about .76 of an inch below the normal. The greatest monthly amount recorded was 2.50 inches at Millville, and the least amount .10 of an inch at Giles. The average number of days on which .01 of an inch or more of precipitation in the shape of rain and melted snow fell was 6. The principal part of the precipitation fell during the first and last weeks of the month.

Snowfall—(Stations and Amounts)—Grover, 10 inches; Grouse Creek, 1.5 inch-s; Orton, 1.5 inches; Parowan, 4 inches; Soldier Summit, 3 inches, and a trace at Salt Lake City.

Weather—Average number of clear days, 15; fair, 9, and cloudy, 7. There was 67 per cent of sunshine at Salt Lake City, and 62 per cent (estimated) at Grover, Wayne county, during the month.

Wind—Prevailing direction, southwest. High southerly, back to northerly winds, prevailed during the latter part of the month, doing considerable damage to fruit and shade trees, fences, etc.

Light Frosts—Snowville, 10, 11, 18, 24; Levan, 10, 11, 28, 30; Orton, 13, 18; Pahreab, 28; Grover, 4, 11, 17, 18; Thistle, 11; Salt Lake City, 30.

Killing Frosts—Heber, 10, 11, 17, 25, 30; Orton, 14, 17, 31; Grover, 10; Thistle, 9, 10.

Thunderstorms—St. George, 18; Parowan, 19, 28; Grover, 16, 17, 18; Moab, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23; Giles, 15, 20, 21, 23; Orton, 19; Levan, 19, 20, 31.

Hail—St. George, 28; Grover, 17; Provo, 31.

Lunar Halos—Grover, 7.

Sleet—Grover, 28, 29, 31.

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WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A Tucson, Arizona, dispatch says: The jury on Friday afternoon, in the case of United States Marshal Meade, who sued the *Arizona Star* (Governor Hughes's paper) for \$25,000 for libel, awarded Meade \$1 damages.

On Monday night, says the Beaver *Unionist*, ice froze to the thickness of over half an inch at Indian Creek. The weather generally hereabouts has been peculiar. The days are very pleasant, the nights are cold, cold enough to nip the lucern and down the potatoes.

R. B. Scott, committed suicide at Chico, Cal., Thursday evening by firing a rifle ball through his brain. Scott arrived in Chico Tuesday morning and registered at the Hallam House, where he stayed until Thursday morning. Thursday he started out with a rifle, and the next morning was found dead on the grave of his mother, Mrs. Lydia Wells, who died in 1870.

A Vancouver, B. C., dispatch says: In addition to the deaths by drowning, under suspicious circumstances, already reported, of two chiefs of leading British Columbia tribes near Vancouver, it is now evident that a further fatality has occurred. The body of the klotchman, or wife of the dead Chief George, of Seymour creek, has been discovered floating in Burrard inlet. She doubtless suffered the