

tracted. We believe that all was the whitest honey we ever saw, and it was also exceedingly thick and rich. We imagine it was sweet clover mixed with alfalfa, which made a delicious honey, indeed. For such honey there ought to be large demand and ready sale. We wish to thank Mr. Lovesey for his thoughtfulness and generosity. But it's just like those Utah people. It's a way they have. So our brother reports, who had been spending a month in Utah, and brought the samples of honey to us.

Brigham Bugler: A few days ago, Mrs. T. H. Blackburn met with a peculiar accident which might have proved very serious. It seems that for some time the lady has been suffering with a severe pain in the head. As night came on she thought the pain might be relieved by hot bran. So a pan full was placed in the oven to warm. When it was removed from the stove the bran on one side was slightly scorched. All was stirred up together with some salt and placed in a sack. Mrs. Blackburn then placed a skull cap on her head, wrapped a blanket over that and went to bed with her aching head on the warm sack of bran. The next thing she knew was when she was awakened about midnight, probably by the popping of the salt in the sack. The cap on her head was scorched brown, a hole two feet square was burned in the blanket around her head, and the pillow was also badly burned. Strange to say, the fire was entirely extinguished when the lady made the discovery. Aside from this there was no damage. It was indeed a close call for Mrs. Blackburn.

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The "News" is always a welcome visitor here and is read with much interest and profit. We certainly appreciate it and feel thankful for it. A daughter of Mrs. Rachel Boyce-Barrett—Nancy Barrett-Brown—desires to gain information through the "News" of the whereabouts of her uncles, Peter, Syrus and John Boyce (if yet alive), or of some of their posterity. They would confer a great favor on her if they would correspond with her. Address: Mrs. Nancy Brown, No. 204 Munroe St., Joliet, Will county, Illinois; also Mr. James Lumsden desires to know concerning Mr. Alexander Challice, son of John Challice, from Motherwell, Scotland. Address: James Lumsden, No. 706 Webster St., Joliet, Ill.

Should any of the readers of the "News" have relatives or friends in Joliet, they would confer a favor upon us by sending us a letter of introduction. Elders

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FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 18.

Provo, Utah, Jan. 18.—Hubert Argyle Young, son of Oscar B. and Annie M. Young, died last evening at twenty minutes past ten, of rheumatism of the heart, after two weeks' illness. The deceased was born in Sugar House ward, Salt Lake county, November 8th, 1877. He was a most exemplary young man, whose death causes parents, brothers and sisters great sorrow.

Brother Samuel A. Bills, of South Jordan ward, was set apart as First counselor to the president of the Twenty-fifth quorum of Elders, last Sunday.

David McRae, of the Eleventh ward, was set apart as second counselor to the president of the Ninth quorum of Elders last night.

These changes were occasioned by removal from the district of the former counselors.

Elders Angus M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor, of the presidency of the Stake, attended to the setting apart of

the brethren named, and also gave some spirited instructions in the meetings, suited to the occasion.

Judge Rolapp, at Ogden last evening, in the case of Ogden City vs the Bear River Irrigation and Waterworks company, appointed Judge Thomas D. Dee receiver, having previously announced in a decision that it was his opinion that a receiver should be appointed to take charge of the property and the rentals derived or to be derived therefrom; also such books and other personal property in the possession of the defendant as have heretofore been used in the operation of such waterworks.

The case was a very important one and involved not less than a quarter of a million dollars. On the court's announcement of a receivership appointment the attorney for the defense moved that the company be allowed to file a \$50,000 bond in lieu of the receivership appointment. Extensive arguments were made and the question taken under advisement. In the meantime Judge Dee filed a bond for the faithful performance of his duties as receiver. His sureties were David Eccles and H. H. Spencer.

For the benefit of Utah people who contemplate Pacific Ocean travel, the announcement is made that numerous changes have been made in the dates of departure of steamers from San Francisco for Australia and New Zealand. The corrected list is as follows:

Steamer.	Date.
Alameda	February 3
Mariposa	February 23
Moana	March 23
Alameda	April 20
Mariposa	May 19
Moana	June 15
Alameda	July 13
Mariposa	August 10
Moana	September 7
Alameda	October 5
Mariposa	November 2

These steamers touch at Honolulu and Apia, Samoa, and in addition to the above the steamer Australia sails from San Francisco on the following dates: January 25th, February 17th, March 12th, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, June 29th, July 27th, August 24th, September 21st, October 19th and November 16th.

Brigham Bugler: Early Tuesday morning a terrific explosion occurred in the home of Bishop Barnard White at Three Mile Creek. The Bishop and his little son were in the room, the latter standing over the large range warming his hands. Suddenly there was an explosion and the stove was blown into a thousand pieces. A girl was struck on the leg by a flying piece; the Bishop was knocked down by a choice scrap of iron striking him on the head; pieces went clean through the ceiling; but, strange to say, the lad who stood over the stove came out untouched. He rushed into the yard crying that his father was killed. Water came pouring down from a tank and extinguished the flames. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt. As there had been a fire in the stove at least an hour, it could not be that the explosion was caused by a frozen hot water jacket. People standing outside the building think they heard three distinct explosions following each other in rapid succession. Sticks of giant powder that came in the coal must have been the cause.

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 17.—Professor J. M. Romney, who has been finishing his studies at Stanford university was brought here this afternoon and adjudged insane. He was committed to Agnews. He has been at Stanford since September and overstudy is supposed to have caused the mental trouble. He is suicidal and violent at

times. His home is at Salt Lake Utah, and he was preparing to take charge of a chair in a college there. He is 39 years of age and an able man. His wife, who has been living at Palo Alto, is much grieved at the misfortune. Both are said to be highly esteemed at Salt Lake.

The information conveyed in the above dispatch is a sad blow to Mr. Romney's relatives and friends, many of whom reside in this city, where he was born and reared. He is a son of the late Joseph G. Romney, and nephew of George Romney, Bishop of the Twentieth ward of this city. He was always ambitious and from his boyhood determined to get a first-class education. At Cornell university he was regarded as a most careful and painstaking student and the same distinction followed him through a special course at Columbia law college. In this city he was connected for a time with the Western Weekly, of which George Q. Coray, librarian of the Utah University, was the founder. Later Mr. Romney accepted a position with Z. C. M. I. but kept up his educational work and finally went to Stanford university with a view to preparing himself for a professorship in the University of Utah. His mental misfortune, it is claimed, is clearly the result of overwork and a strong desire for educational proficiency. Altogether it is a very sad case. Mr. Romney married a Salt Lake girl, a daughter of Fred May, four or five years ago. Mrs. Romney was with her husband when his terrible affliction came and is stricken with sorrow at the misfortune that has befallen them.

The first annual meeting of the State Historical society was held in the Theosophical hall last evening, when the following officers, chosen at the time of organization, were re-elected. Franklin D. Richards, president; Isabel Cameron Brown, vice president; Joseph R. Letcher, recording secretary; L. S. Hills, treasurer; Antoinette B. Kinney, librarian; Joseph Geoghegan, Electa Bullock, C. C. Goodwin, members of the executive committee for the one year term; L. W. Shurtliff, R. C. Lund, Henry W. Lawrence, for the two year term and G. W. Thatcher, Joseph T. Kingsbury and John T. Caine for the three year term.

A regular program was carried out, the first number of which was the rendition of a solo, *Rest Unto the Weary*, by Miss Nellie Halliday. Then came the secretary's report recounting the organization of the society and the work performed to date. President Richards then delivered an address, the chief event of the evening. The organization of the society was, he said, an onward and upward step in the path of Utah's progress. The relics of the struggles of Pioneer days contributed to the society by the Jubilee commission would form a nucleus about which other articles of historical value could be gathered. The agricultural development of the State, the irrigation system, the growth of manufactures, the mineral products, the evolution of architecture, the change in the means of locomotion, would all, he said, be subjects for investigation, which could not fail to add luster to the pages of Utah's history. The opening and colonization of the valleys, the history of education and the department of religion would engage attention; Utah's literature and the fine arts would be considered, the field of invention and the social customs, manners and morals of Utah would also be studied. The political department of Utah's history he declared to be of vast importance; an all means of available information on the subject would be consulted. He said that this work could not be accomplished without expense, and he suggested the obtaining of an appropriate