

CURRENT EVENTS.

Returned Elder.

Elder John T. Evans of Hunter Ward who left his home on August 14, 1889, for a mission to Wales, returned last Tuesday, February 24. He reports having enjoyed his mission very much, but had to be released on account of failing health.

Destructive Thunderstorm.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 1.—A destructive wind and thunderstorm, accompanied by lightening, visited this city and vicinity last night. At South Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Westport and Mattapoisett the lightning played havoc, destroying no less than six buildings and causing serious injury to two churches, one valued at \$8000 being demolished.

Notice.

Stake Supt's of Sunday School:—

It is very desirous that the annual statistical report of the Sunday schools should be at once forwarded, so as to enable the secretary to make his report at the coming April Conference. We trust that Stake Superintendents will see that these reports are sent in immediately.

Address Jno. M. Whitaker, Room 513, Constitution Building, Main Street, Salt Lake City.

GEO. Q. CANNON,

GEO. GODDARD,

JNO. MORGAN,

General Superintendency.

Death of William Knox.

Sunday, February 22d, an aged and well known member of the community, Elder William Knox, passed away at his home in the Seventh Ward. He was a native of England and was in his 75th year. The greater part of the time since "The Move" he has been employed on the Temple. In the days when stone was hauled by ox teams for that building, he labored as a wheelwright, repairing the wagons, etc. For many years he was a member of the home missionary corps of this Stake of Zion, and his sympathies were ever with the cause of truth.

Silk Culture.

Editor Deseret News:

All those desirous of raising silk worms this season can obtain eggs from the Department at Washington by sending a note and answering the following questions: Have you raised cocoons and also what number of trees for feed? Send early, and mention my name in your communications.

Address—Hon. J. M. Rusk, Secretary, Agricultural Dept., Washington, D. C.

DANIEL GRAVES,

Supt. of Utah Silk Ass'n.

Provo, Feb. 25, 1891.

Information Wanted.

A gentleman of this city has handed in the following, with a request to publish it. If any person reading this is in possession of the information desired, he will confer a favor by forwarding it to the address given in the communication:

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4, 1891.

Dear Sir.—You knew my mother years ago in San Francisco. Her name was Jeminer. I would like to find out if my grandfather, Joseph Storey, or my uncle, Luke Story, or my aunt, Elizabeth Chenlend, lives there, and let me know.

By so doing you will oblige me very much. Address

MISS A. LAMOREAUX,
915 Vallejo St., San Francisco.

Death of James Archibald.

A correspondent writes from Clarkston regarding the death of one of the oldest citizens of Cache Valley. The News can endorse the good things said of him in the following:

"James Archibald, of Clarkston, left home with his folks on January 29 to visit his old home and relatives in Wellsville and attend conference in Logan on February 1. He reached Thomas Muir's at Peterboro, where he took sick, and died February 11. He was greatly respected in this ward, being superintendent of the Sunday school, one of the presidents of the quorum of Seventies, and a useful man in every respect. He was born at Harthill, Lanarkshire, Scotland, April 12, 1836. He crossed the plains in Edward Stevenson's company in 1859, located in Wellsville in 1860, and came to Clarkston in 1877."

Nature's True Tonic.

One of the advantages of light gymnastics, says *The Ladies Home Journal* is that the sick and convalescent can make what appear to be trifling efforts, and by them, in time, be restored to active health. If too feeble to be practically able to make but little exertion, try what are known as deep-breathing movements. Lie flat upon the back, take as long and as deep breaths as possible, and while the mouth is closed, slowly throw the arms up in front and then at the sides. Rest for ten minutes. Try again the same inhalation and exhalation of air, the latter being pure and fresh. After awhile, attempt the same, sitting up. These exercises can safely be taken by the sick one every day, several times, and the whole muscular system will be improved, just as if some revivifying tonic had been given, a far better one than any charged with alcohol or some like stimulant.

Death of Judge Preshaw.

Judge Samuel M. Preshaw of Ogden, died suddenly and unexpectedly at his residence Tuesday, Feb. 24th, at 4:30 o'clock, from heart failure superinduced by "la-grippe."

Judge Preshaw was a native of Ohio and settled in Ogden in 1877. He was engaged in the undertaking business in this city several years ago, but moved back to Ogden, where he has since lived.

Two years ago he was elected to the office of alderman of Ogden City and during his term of office acted as police magistrate.

He leaves a wife and married daughter, the former now in Galusville, Texas, on a visit, and the latter at Omaha. The sad tidings were telegraphed to both. Besides these relations he has two brothers in Merced, California, whom he intended to join at an early date.

Politics at Brigham.

Wednesday evening our primaries met in the various wards. In each instance the houses were filled. Today, at 2 p.m., the convention met in the court house, and after a four hours' struggle and almost a tie on several votes, the real People's Party municipal ticket was made up of the following names:

Mayor, Joseph M. Jensen.
Recorder, George L. Graehl, Jr.
Treasurer, O. N. Stohl.
Assessor and Collector, Ole Peterson.
Marshal, Heber Bowden.

COUNCILMEN.

1st Ward, Henry L. Steed.
2nd Ward, Andrew Kimball.
3rd Ward, Nels Madson, Jr.
4th Ward, Alvirous E. Snow.
5th (or Mantua) Ward, John P. Eason.
At large, John T. Rich and James Pitt.
Justices of the Peace, Jona Mathias and Altonzo H. Snow.

The election occurs on Monday, at the court house. Every effort has been made to have all classes represented. The ticket is made up principally of young, progressive and conservative men.

BRIGHAM CITY, Feb. 27, 1891.

Pronunciation of English.

An awakening to the popular carelessness in the pronunciation of the native tongue is a recent phase of literary England that may well be appreciated by Americans accustomed to be puzzled over the tricks of speech of English lecturers, says the *Boston Journal*. The loss of the letter "h" from its proper position has long since been noticed. Now, the disappearance of the letter "r" is deplored. According to many good authorities, "In modern English the letter 'r' has become or is becoming, a silent sign, or at best a half vowel, in a large class of words." It is noticed that between "law" and "lore," "laud" and "lord" there is no difference of sound. The great doctors and professors at Oxford are much concerned over the neglect of the letter "r," attributing it not to philology, but to general public laziness in speech. One critic says: I adhere to the opinion that modern talk is dominated by sheer laziness, exhibited in various ways. Other critics claim that they have been supplied by the tradesmen with "tukkeys" instead of with "turkeys" for their holiday dinners, and are finding such repasts "indigestible." Americans, especially those of Cambridge and Boston, who have caught many English ways in the pronunciation of the English language, may be benefitted by these criticism in England, and may be turned back to renewed cultivation of the best forms of language as it is spoken in New England, often called the place of the purest English undefiled. The letter "r" has been the subject of so much national controversy and the right of Boston to almost eliminate it from our speech has been defended with such skill that its place in the local tongue cannot be regarded as a test of purity, but undoubtedly there are many letters carelessly spoken and words mispronounced even here. The old fashioned domestic institution of "reading aloud" is undoubtedly one of the best means of attaining precision of articulation, but the mass of reading matter that is placed before the public has caused