

would see to it that the sheep men were dealt with fairly.

There the matter rested, and Utah owners of sheep were content that the unreasonably heavy burden which they had feared, would not be imposed upon them. They were hardly prepared, however, for the kindly treatment disclosed in the tax notices now being received. These show that the assessment is not only not increased, but actually is less than was anticipated. Hence the sheep owners are expressing their gratification, and their appreciation of the Wyoming officials' action.

In connection with the same industry, the sheep men also are encouraged over the outlook, so far as the season is concerned, notwithstanding other and serious drawbacks. Before the recent storm the flocks were beginning to suffer, as the feed around the watering place was mostly all eaten off. The storm made practicable the removal of flocks to better feeding grounds, and today's storm is expected to have further favorable effects. The prospectant present are stated to be good for abundant feed, and while the winter may be long and severe it is anticipated that there will be no unusual loss such as occurs from cold and storm when fodder is scarce.

L. A. Bailey, the NEWS Nephi correspondent came up from the "Little Chicago" of Southern Utah Thursday. He says that there is still much speculation as to the exact manner in which young Price came to his death.

Justice of the Peace Foote and his jury consisting of Adelbert Cazier, J. A. Hyde and F. W. Cnappell, have paid two visits to the scene of the tragedy with the expectation and hope that they would be able to secure evidence that would assist them in arriving at a verdict. Up to date they have been unable to agree on one beyond the fact that they believe that Price was murdered. And thus the case stood last night when they took an adjournment for eleven days during which they will continue their search for evidence.

Mr. Bailey says that there are not a few people in Nephi who incline to the view that death was accidental. But notwithstanding this the jury continues to believe in the murder theory.

The funeral of the deceased was very largely attended and great sympathy was expressed for the grief-stricken relatives and friends. A striking feature of the exercises was the fact that eleven young ladies dressed in white and eleven young men clad in black—all relatives of the deceased, acted as pall bearers. The speakers were Elders James Lattimer, Wm. Knight, J. W. Paxman and Bishop Parker. The latter read resolutions of respect and sympathy. The Nephi Tabernacle choir furnished the music.

The parents and other relatives of young Price are anxious that Nels Jacobson who was mentioned as knowing something of the killing, be fully and completely exonerated. They are satisfied that he is entirely innocent and that a great wrong has been done him by the use of his name as indicated.

From three to four hundred people assembled in the Fifteenth ward hall Thursday at the reunion of Indian Territory missionaries and Saints and their friends. Among those present

were Elders Francis M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale and Heber J. Grant, of the Council of Apostles, Elders Seymour B. Young and Edward Stevenson, of the First Council of Seventy, a large number of those who had performed missions in the Indian Territory, and other leading Elders. The program was informal, and consisted of songs, speeches, music, etc., and picnic. Among the speakers were Elders George Teasdale, who was on a mission to the Indian Territory in 1883, Henry Eyring, on a mission there from 1855 to 1860, and Andrew Kimball, president of the mission. There were also songs by Elder Teasdale, Elder George Goddard, a quartette of the returned missionaries, and the choir. When the roll of missionaries was called (covering 91 names) it was responded to either by the missionary or the nearest relative present, and in this way most for those who have done missionary work among the Indians and white residents in that Territory were represented. Of those who responded were a granddaughter of Oliver Cowdery and a son of Parley P. Pratt, the first two missionaries to the Indians. During the evening an elegant luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, cakes, corn-bread, grapes, peaches, pears, lemonade, etc., was served. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with oak branches, corn, and other features suggestive of life in the Indian Territory mission, with curiosities from that part of the country, photographs of the Elders, the meeting houses at Maaord, Maesy and St. John, and other places of note in the mission, and with flowers. Elder Joseph H. Felt was master of ceremonies. The time was passed pleasantly until about 10:30, when the assemblage dispersed.

A representative of the NEWS called at the residence of Mr. P. H. Young Tuesday and had a short chat with Brother Edson Barney, the oldest male member of the Church now living. The newspaper man was greeted by a bright-looking old gentleman, tall and strongly built, with striking features which indicated good character and a rugged manhood.

Edson Barney was born in Ellensburg, Jefferson county, New York, June 30, 1806. He was baptized into the Church by Simon D. Carter in Loraine county, Ohio, May 8, 1831, and he has been a good and faithful member ever since. He has been connected with the early history of the Church and personally passed through many of the trials attendant upon the introduction of Mormonism. He was a captain in Zion's camp in 1834, returned to Kirtland in 1835, where he was ordained into the First quorum of Seventies by Joseph Smith (afterwards being made president of the Second quorum); filed a mission to Pennsylvania and New York in the years 1835-6; was appointed captain in the Nauvoo Legion by General Joseph Smith in 1837; and filed a mission in Ohio in 1844. He has helped build the Kirtland, Nauvoo and St. George Temples. His arrival in Utah was in 1851, after having crossed the Plains in the old-fashioned way, in which Pullman sleepers cut no figure. Brother Barney went to the White Mountain during the John-on-army incident, and has been generally

active in the work which made Utah habitable to civilization. He has lived in St. George for the past thirty years, with the exception of six months last past, during which time he has been located at Provo.

Mrs. Lillis Ballou Barney, wife of Edson Barney, is also still alive, being 90 years old.

Brother Barney came up to enjoy Conference and see the big town where once he saw a desert.

### RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder G. C. Rigby, of Newton, Cache county, and Elder Isaac Langton, of this city, arrived here Saturday, after having spent a period of two years laboring in the British mission.

They left this city on September 23, 1893, and upon arriving at their destination, Elder Rigby was assigned to the Newcastle conference, where he labored until the 15th of April last, when he was called to preside over the Manchester conference.

Elder Langton's time has been spent in the Manchester conference, and reports everything in connection therewith in good condition. Both Elders feel that they have been highly blessed in their labors and report a greater number of baptisms in England during 1895 than there has been for several years past. They have enjoyed good health, and although they have had great satisfaction in their labors, are glad to return to their mountain homes.

Elders S. T. Laigh and Charles E. Jones, of Cedar City, and Elder J. H. Nielson, of Buff, San Juan county, arrived in this city last Saturday from the Southern States missionary field.

Elders Laigh and Jones left this city on July 14, 1893, and have labored in the North Carolina conference. They report everything connected with the conference to be in good condition. The people treat the Elders with great respect and their labors are being wrought with a degree of success.

Elder Nielson left his home on May 18, 1893, and has spent his time laboring in the Iowa conference. His report is similar to that of the other Elders, much good being done in that section of country. They were all released on October 1st, and have enjoyed splendid health during their absence.

Friday afternoon's Rio Grande Western train from the east brought in Elders Wm. D. Bowling and John H. Vincent, of this city, called home from the Indian Territory mission on account of sickness. The Elders have been in the mission field over thirteen months, and six weeks ago were stricken with fever. As stated yesterday, Elder Vincent had a more severe attack than Elder Bowling, but both are quite ill. They were taken charge of by their families on arrival today. The two days' journey from St. John was borne fairly well by them. Their condition now is not such as to excite alarm, and their steady progress toward recovery may be looked for. While ill at St. John they received every kindness at the hands of the hospitable people there.

James E. Conally, who suddenly disappeared from his home in San Francisco in February, last, is still being sought for by his family.