

In a letter to President Joseph F. Smith, under date of August 24, written from St. Louis, Elder B. H. Roberts, who is now on a missionary trip, says:

"During the past week we had printed 20,000 handbills, a copy of which we enclose you. Under the supervision of the Elders who accompany me and two other Elders who are laboring here—Brothers Packrell from Kane county and Christianson of Mantli—15,000 of said bills have been presented at the doors of the people in the residence portion of this city. We also had paluted a streamer 12 feet long, stretched upon our hall, giving notice of our meetings. In addition to this we have secured notice of our meetings in all the papers published in this city; a very favorable and even flattering announcement of our presence in the city was published in the St. Louis Republic of the 17th inst. Again, on August 21, the Republic contained a very favorable announcement. They published the Articles of Faith, and as this paper has a circulation of 70,000 a day, we regard this publication as a very fortunate occurrence, especially as it was made the leading article of their local page. Everything that could be done in the way of making our presence known and announcing in advance our meetings was done, and most fervently we asked our Father in heaven to bless the efforts we had put forth. We feel today that He heard our prayers and blessed our labors; for last night, on the occasion of our opening meeting, the hall was well filled with a fine congregation, who listened with marked attention to the singing and the speaking. This morning the two great dailies of this city,—the Republic and Globe-Democrat—gave very favorable reports of our meetings, and still further announced the course of lectures to be delivered here.

"It makes one feel well to see Mormonism have something like a representation in the press without slurs or sneers, and makes one long for the time to come when the truth shall indeed be triumphant on the earth. We sometimes feel an unworthiness before the Lord in these labors, and also how inadequate we are to accomplish His great purposes through the proclamation of His Gospel; but surely He will be merciful to our weakness and at the last, through the abundance of His grace, make us sufficient for all things that He has required at our hands. One thing I am sure of, that unless He does assist, men are not sufficient of themselves for these things. Our faith and hope, however, both prompt us to believe that He will continue to bless our efforts; and if He will do so, the honor and the glory shall be given to Him both now and forever.

"We speak again tonight, and shall continue to do so until the 22nd of September unless we have an opportunity to rent out our hall a night occasionally.

"Brother Midgley arrived at St. Louis safely on Friday morning. He is a very valuable addition to our party, as his skill as an accompanist renders our singing an assured success.

"You will see by our letter that we are feeling extremely well over our labors here; and if the Lord will be good to us we will put forth every

energy to declare His mighty truths to the 600,000 inhabitants of this city. We hope we are remembered in the prayers of the brethren. All the Elders comprising our party are in the enjoyment of good health, and each is bent on doing his best to make the work here a go."

The Tabernacle choir excursion arrived at Denver at 7:30 this morning making the run in just twenty-one hours and a half, the quickest passenger time on record. Passenger Agent Burley of the Union Pacific accompanied the singers the entire journey.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

DENVER, Sept. 1.—The Mormon Tabernacle choir (410 voices) and K. of P. band arrived here at 8 o'clock this morning in good spirits to take part in the National Elks' festival, the first session of which was held this afternoon in the Arlington Park pavilion, built for the occasion, which has a seating capacity for ten thousand. The attendance is not as large as hoped for, but there was a good audience present at the opening exercises.

The salutary address was delivered by Josiah Hughes, president. Welcome was extended by Governor McIntire and Mayor McMurray. An address was also delivered by Henry M. Edwards, master of ceremonies. The feature which excited most the general interest was the singing of the great Tabernacle choir.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Sister Ellen C. Clawson occurred at the family residence, on South Temple street Wednesday. There was a large number of friends present to pay their last respects to one who was in life a loving wife and mother and a woman to whom her acquaintances looked for precepts in righteous duty. Her devotion to her family and to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in sacred memory while life lasts in those whose fortune it was to come to contact with her. Bishop Orson F. Whitney conducted the ceremonies and paid a heartfelt tribute to the life work of the noble dead.

Apostle Heber J. Grant offered the opening prayer.

Elder John Nicholson spoke of the indefatigable work of the deceased for the betterment and final exaltation of mankind and earnestly commended an emulation of her splendid example.

The Eighteenth ward choir furnished beautiful music, and they were assisted by a youthful choir from the ranks of the Primary associations, of which Sister Clawson was president and in which she took so much interest. The pall bearers were Stanley Clawson, Leo Clawson, Walter Clawson, Sidney Clawson, Rudger Clawson and William Clawson.

Numerous and beautiful floral offerings attested the regard of friends for the deceased and the work she had performed during the sixty-three years of her life, and the sincere sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved family in the hour of their sore affliction.

Peach Festival at Grand Junction, Colo., September 2, 3 and 4, the greatest carnival event occurring in Western Colorado, promises this year to eclipse all previous celebrations.

Mr. Charles O. Gates of New York has issued a circular to the members of the Gates family, several of whom reside in Utah, asking for genealogical information. In the circular he says:

"Give me all the information you can about yourself, your own family, and as much of your ancestry as possible. If you respond promptly and do all you can, you will help very greatly in the work of getting together a history of your family, one of the oldest families of the country.

"If you know at the present time any persons of the name of Gates, in your vicinity or elsewhere, kindly send me their names and addresses so that I can communicate with them.

"The names of your parents, and places where they lived, dates of birth and death, would be of value."

Send information to Charles P. Gates, 81 Fulton street, New York.

Ezra P. Lowell, born July 27, 1832, left his home in Worcester, Massachusetts, October 9, 1865, for California. He was last heard of by his Massachusetts relatives in 1866, when he wrote a letter to them from Salt Lake City. He has a son now living in Massachusetts. Chaplain D. R. Lowell, of Fort Douglas, is engaged in compiling a genealogical record of the Lowell family, and desires to learn the present whereabouts of Ezra P. Lowell or any of his relatives in the West. Anyone in possession of such information will confer a favor by sending word to Chaplain D. R. Lowell, Fort Douglas, Utah.

California papers, please copy.

Wednesday morning, about two o'clock, Mr. James Meldrum, who lives some four miles north of the city, was awakened by his sheds and haystack being on fire. He sent a man to run for the fire department and, with his neighbors commenced to fight the fire. They succeeded in getting the fire under control before the firemen arrived, but not before about \$500 worth of property had been destroyed. Mr. Meldrum was quite badly burned on his hands and arms.

PROVO, August 27.—Ernest Green of Lehi and Frank Lyons were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Wilkins and Marshal Sharp this morning between Provo and Springville on a charge of stealing a band of horses from Sheep Creek, Spanish Fork Canyon, owned by a man named Sackett. Green is an old offender and an ex-convict. Lyons claims that he was just traveling along with Green and did not know the horses were stolen. He says his home is in California. He has a brother-in-law and sister living at Murray, Salt Lake county.

SCRIP, Aug. 26, 1896.—Since last I reported we have had six new cases, making fourteen cases in all in town today. Two of these were quite serious but are very much better now. We had stormy weather for ten or twelve days which seemed to aggravate the sickness very much. Yesterday and today the weather has been bright and clear with corresponding improvement among the sick. No deaths.

THOS. YATES.

Southern Pacific train 19 struck a man whose name is unknown, instantly killing him. The accident occurred one mile south of Colma, Cal., Friday evening.