

alert to let the people know what is foremost in their minds, we took advantage of this opportunity, and after they had all satisfied themselves with temporal food we thought it essential to give them some spiritual food. So we called them together, and after the opening services we caused the woods to ring with the Gospel trumpet for about an hour; after which we were successful in disposing of some books and tracts.

The day was pleasantly spent, and the Mormon Picnic was a grand success.

On the following Sunday, Aug. 8th, we had the pleasure of uniting in the bonds of wedlock a young couple whom we baptized recently, and we also availed ourselves of the opportunity of preaching the Gospel to a large congregation who had assembled to see a marriage ceremony performed by the Mormon Elders.

We are enjoying our labors and feel that we have been and are being exceedingly blessed of the Lord. Your valuable paper is regularly received and its contents eagerly devoured.

NELSON COTTAM.
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BAPTISMS IN TENNESSEE.

Sweet Gum, Tennessee,
Aug. 8, 1897.

We have had a great spiritual feast in our midst. Elders James Larson and Nephi M. Savage, also our worthy president, Elder Nels P. Nelson, held a series of meetings here beginning July 28th and continuing until Sunday night, Aug. 1st. The Elders were filled with the Holy Ghost, and spoke with power.

On Sunday, after preaching, three honest souls applied for baptism. And like those of old went down into the water and were buried with the Lord in baptism by one having authority.

The day was spent by the Elders and Saints in fasting and prayer that others also might be brought in, and our prayers were answered, for as the sun was setting behind the western horizon, two messengers came in haste and announced another applicant for baptism. The ordinance was then attended to.

Since our meeting Satan has begun to rage and the people imagine vain things. The young Campbellite I have written about has again turned loose and is going to lecture on Mormonism next Sunday or at least that is his appointed time. But in the face of opposition we are trying to live humble, prayerful and devoted lives. We get our strongest opposition from those who claim to be men of God. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

W. J. ROGERS.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Santa Cruz, Cal., city council Thursday evening denied the petition of saloon-men for a reduction from \$260 to \$200 per annum. By paying the present license they are allowed to keep open after midnight.

At Pocatello, Idaho, Sunday night, Al Lish, accused of stealing a horse from Paul Cutler, of Marsh Valley, was lodged in jail. It is said another boy, Wm. Lewis, participated in the crime, and officers are now looking for him.

Davis's saloon and gambling house at Rawlins, Wyoming, was robbed on Sunday evening, by a man who entered, ordered the men present to hold up their hands, made the dealer hand

over the cash, and then escaped on horseback.

Clinton Hewlett, eldest son of Samuel Hewlett of Stockton, Cal., committed suicide at Sonora Thursday night by taking morphine. He had been out of work for some time and trouble with his wife following unhinged his mind. It is thought. He was about 25 years of age.

H. C. Voeckell, a Los Angeles druggist, discovered a burglar in his store early Friday morning, and after an exciting chase captured the fellow single-handed, the druggist not even having a pillbox to draw on the intruder. The burglar gave his name as F. W. Crown.

James Cunningham was found near the railroad crossing at Oakland, Cal., Friday morning with one leg cut off and the other badly crushed. He was taken to the receiving hospital. His condition was such that he could give no account of the accident. He will probably die.

While Lee Cunningham, an employee of the Ukiah bottling works, was engaged in charging the soda fountain with carbonic acid gas, on Thursday, the tank exploded with terrific force. Cunningham was blown through the floor, and a bystander named Wells was slightly injured. Cunningham barely escaped with his life.

Frank Brooks, aged 25, son of Volney Brooks of Fairview, six miles east of Hollister, Cal., was instantly killed by lightning Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. He came to the door of his home, accompanied by his father, and both men were struck down. The father regained consciousness soon after and found his son dead.

During the heavy thunder and lightning storm of Friday evening a heavy bolt of lightning entered the kitchen of the state prison at Folsom, Cal., and destroyed a fifty gallon boiler, besides doing other damage. The prisoners were all locked in their cells when the bolt struck, and were aroused by the crash that was made. No one was hurt.

While the attendants at the Mendocino, Cal., insane hospital were taking the patients to dinner Friday, one of inmates, a young man committed from Oakland, named Craig, jumped from a second-story window to the ground below. He was severely bruised about the body and may have severe internal injuries which are not apparent at present.

F. Martindale of Pine Grove, Nev., ran away with the wife of a gambler of Carson, named Bagwell. The irate husband overtook the couple between Yerington and Wabuska, Nev., and shot Martindale in the arm. Martindale escaped to the brush and Bagwell took his wife in a buggy and went to Carson. Martindale arrived in Yerington Thursday night with his arm in a sling.

Ella Iverson, the three-year-old daughter of M. Iverson of Point Arena, Cal., was accidentally shot and probably fatally injured by her brother, Charles Iverson, Friday afternoon. The boy was taking a rifle down from overhead when the weapon exploded. The bullet entered the right hip and passed entirely through the body of the little girl.

Peter Battilana, the eight-year-old son of John Battilana, an employee of the Stockton, Cal., woolen mill, was crushed to death under the wheels of a wheat wagon Friday morning. He was trying to climb between two wagons and fell. The wheels of the wagon passed over his head and back,

last crushing his skull and scattering his brains in the street.

Rich placer rock has been unearthed twenty-five miles from Cambria, Cal., in what is known as the Salmon creek country, in the northwest part of San Luis Obispo county. A tramp going through that section became lost, and while tearing away some underbrush uncovered a placer rock. Washing it out, he got a small vial of dust and nuggets. He reported the find, producing considerable excitement, and parties are now on the way to the discovery.

Tales of a great find of gold have found their way from a mining property in Mariposa county, Cal. A ledge of gold bearing ore five feet wide and of a length that cannot be estimated, was struck Thursday night in the mine fifteen miles northeast of Mariposa. The men interested estimate now that their holding is worth a great deal more than \$1,000,000. A hundred tons of the rich ore is in sight and the ledge gives evidence to the engineer on the ground of improvement as it is opened.

Mrs. Emma Allsop invoked the aid of the Eureka, Cal., Society for the Protection of Children find to her missing daughter, Emma, aged 16 years, who left home two weeks ago and has not been heard from since. The mother describes her daughter as unmanageable, with an uncontrollable desire to stay away from home. How pleasant this home is may be understood from the fact that the parents and several children live in a tent. The tent stands on a vacant spot, at the base of a rock, from which part has been quarried, afforded shelter for the frail and primitive dwelling. The father of the family is a carpenter, but has been out of work for some time.

Martin Cafferty, who a short time ago was sentenced to six months in the county jail at San Francisco for brutally beating his nine-year-old son, was arrested again on Wednesday night on a bench warrant. Shortly after being convicted of the offense Cafferty took an appeal to the supreme court, which was decided against him. He was allowed his freedom on \$2,000 bonds, and for some reason no attempt was made to compel him to serve his sentence. Thursday the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was informed that Cafferty several days ago again ill-treated his child. Officer McMurray apprised Judge Campbell of the fact, and it was decided to force the parent to serve out his sentence. A bench warrant for his arrest was accordingly issued, and Thursday night Cafferty was taken into custody.

A sad accident among the Indians is reported from the Indian rancheria six miles southeast of Ukiah, Cal. The cabin occupied by one Masa Muse was discovered to be on fire. The villagers assisted in carrying the contents out of the burning shack. Masa Muse's father, old and helpless, was not missed until the flames made considerable headway. When his absence was noted, Modoc, a young buck, volunteered to attempt the rescue of the old man and entered the cabin for that purpose. He had no sooner reached the threshold of the door than the whole affair collapsed, burying him in the ruins. Several rushed to his rescue, and Modoc was dragged out only after he had been severely burned about the head and body, and the probabilities are that he will not recover. The old man whom Modoc attempted to save, after the collapse of the shack, was dragged out still alive, but his death is hourly expected.