

are a couple of thousand acres, of wild canals growing down in the Weed Patch country, in some places fairly covering the ground. A half section of the best stand has been rented by parties who propose making a test to see what can be done with the plant. If successful, a promising industry may be built up here.

Claus Spreckels and wife have lost their suit against their son, Rudolph Spreckels, to recover \$500,000 worth of the stock of the Paahau Plantation company. The stock was presented by Claus Spreckels to his son, and in seeking to recover the stock he alleged it was community property, and that the gift was void because made without the consent of the wife. The court thought otherwise.

William Blackman, the oldest resident of Sonoma county, Cal., died on Saturday night, of pneumonia, aged 100 years, 3 months and 14 days. All of his six children are over 60 years of age. He used tobacco and occasionally took a drink of liquor before he was 50 years of age, but concluding that he wanted to live as long and in as good health as possible he ceased both and has not touched either for more than fifty years. He has been feeble for two or three years, but mentally he retained his vigor to the last.

Jared H. Jenks, 64 years old, fell 40 feet from a scaffolding about his home in San Francisco Saturday afternoon, and was instantly killed. Jenks was eccentric. Years ago he started to build a home. It is not yet completed, though he and his family have lived in the half finished house for many years. The staging has never been torn down. He was repairing the roof and the supports to the plank upon which he stood collapsed. He fell through the scaffolding, carrying away much of it with his falling body. He was dead before assistance reached him. He leaves a wife and two children.

California is indebted to China for some important benefits, and probably will be for others ere long. Four boxes of ladybirds on ice were received Saturday by the state board of horticulture. They were sent by Professor Albert Koehle, who collected them in China, where he is employed in the interest of the Hawaiian government. To the same source California owes the introduction of the vedalia cardinalis, novius koehlei, rhizobius ventralis and other beneficial insects, which have killed the scale. This last contribution contains the finest collection of ladybirds in color and size ever seen in America.

Mrs. Lambert, of San Francisco, gave her 5-year-old girl a teaspoonful of carbolic acid in mistake for cough medicine early Saturday morning. Mrs. Lambert states that she was awakened shortly after 1 o'clock by her little girl, who said she wanted some cough medicine. In the dark she mistook a bottle of carbolic acid for the medicine. She poured out a teaspoonful and gave it to the child. Immediately after the little girl exclaimed that the medicine was bitter and asked her mother to give her a glass of milk. Mrs. Lambert then realized her terrible mistake, and rushing from the house summoned a neighbor. The woman is in a frenzy of grief.

## OBITUARY NOTES.

### HOGAN BECKSTROM.

Elder Hogan Beckstrom departed from this life at Spanish Fork, after a very short illness, on the 27th day of November, 1895.

He was born in Tarstad, Sweden, May 8, 1821; embraced the Gospel in 1855, and emigrated to Utah in 1863. After his arrival he settled in Morgan county, where he resided until 1870. Since that time he has lived continuously in Spanish Fork, where he has been well and highly respected by all who knew him as a conscientious advocate of the truth, an exemplary citizen and an irrefragable member of the Church. He survived his wife but four months and one day.

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### WILLIAM C. WILHELMSSEN.

St. Charles, Idaho, Dec. 8, 1895.—Our quiet little town was thrown into grief at the death of our esteemed young friend, William C. Wilhelmsen Jr., at 10 p. m. Thursday, December 5th. He was the eldest son of William C. Wilhelmsen and Orissa A. Allred Wilhelmsen, aged 19 years, 8 months and 23 days.

Funeral services were held in the St. Charles meeting house at 12 m. yesterday. Consoling remarks were made by Bishop J. A. Hunt Sr., L. Lakor, E. M. Pugmire, M. Booth and Bishop E. C. Keech. After the close of the meeting the funeral procession went to the graveyard headed by members of the brass band of which deceased was a member, the band boys being draped in mourning. The pall bearers were Elijah Tiemelling, Hyrum Barker, Ernest Allred, Alvin Allred, Alva Merkley and William Brewer, the last four named were consoling to the deceased.—[Com.]

### WILLIAM MEMMOTT.

Died November 30, 1895, at Scipio, Millard county, Utah, of old age, William Memmott, aged 82 years. Brother Memmott was born at Aston, near Sheffield, England, July 30, 1813; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1847; very shortly after was ordained a Priest and appointed as assistant to Elder Henry Roper, president of the Woodhouse branch in the Sheffield conference; afterwards was appointed president of the Deepcar branch, being ordained an Elder, and then presiding over the Rotherham branch almost continuously until he emigrated to Utah in 1861. Locating in Payson he resided there until about New Years of 1863, when he removed to Scipio—then Round valley.

For many years Brother Memmott was prominent as a laborer in that ward; as a ward teacher, the first Sabbath school superintendent, and ward clerk, he was eminently prompt and zealous. At the organization of the Scipio Co-op. store he was elected superintendent and in that position gave general satisfaction. For over thirty years he was postmaster and in the old mail coach times to Pioche was known as being unexcelled in promptness and honesty in his mail matters.

He died in full faith in the Gospel, being ordained a High Priest after serving as president of the Elders quorum for many years.—[Com.]

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### LAURITZ LARSEN.

Lauritz Larsen, who died on November 2nd, at his home in Spring City, Sanpete county, and whose obsequies have already received brief mention, was born January 25th, 1834, at Gries, Velle county, Denmark; was baptized November 23, 1850, at Copenhagen, by C. Christiansen, and confirmed on the following day by J. E. Forsgren. On the 25th of December, 1851, he was ordained a Priest and

commenced his missionary labors in the Fredericia conference under the direction of his brother, C. J., at that time president of said conference; was ordained an Elder August 23, 1852, at the Fredericia conference, and appointed to labor in Renghjobing and vicinity. In the spring or summer of 1853 he was called to preside over Vensysel conference, a position he filled with honor until 1857, when he was released to emigrate to Utah, where he arrived in October of that year. During the winter of 1857 he lived in South Weber, where his parents resided. On February 6, 1858, he was ordained a member of the Forty-first quorum of Seventies, in Salt Lake City. Early in the same year he moved to Ogden with the intention of making it his home; but he and his brother, C. J., had only just commenced to break up land when the word came from President Brigham Young for the people to move south, and during the summer he moved to Fort Ephraim, Sanpete county, where he remained until 1859 or 1860, when he moved to Spring City, where he located permanently. On May 21, 1867, he left home on a mission to his native country, where he was appointed to preside over the Aarhus conference, which position he filled for one year, when he was appointed by President Jesse N. Smith as traveling Elder in the Scandinavian mission during the remainder of his term. He was released on the 14th of July, 1870 and returned to his mountain home with a company of about 300 Saints, arriving in Salt Lake City August 10th. He acted as counselor in the Bishopric of Spring City for thirteen years. He was as popular and useful in secular as in ecclesiastical positions; having been elected justice of the peace four times, and served two terms as mayor of Spring City. His last call in the service of the people was when he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Two wives and two daughters preceded him to the other side, and a wife, five children and a host of friends remain to mourn his loss. It can truly be said of him that he lived and died a faithful, consistent Latter-day Saint. May he rest in peace until the morning of the first resurrection.—COMMUNICATED.

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## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

MILNER.—In this city, Saturday, Dec. 14, 1895, at 1:30, Francis Milner, aged 70 years, 4 months and 14 days.

ANDERSON.—In the Sixth ward of this city December 15, 1895, the infant son of William N. and Martha H. Anderson.

OLIVE.—In this city, Dec. 13, at 5:45 p. m.; Robert Campbell, son of William C. and Isabella Campbell Olive; aged 7 years, 1 month and 10 days.

HADLER.—At Barming Heath, Maidstone, Kent, England, September 1, 1895, of inflammation of the brain, Charlotte Mary Hadler, born March 22, 1875.—Millennial Star.

FISHER.—At Bountiful, Davis county, Sunday, Dec. 15, 1895, Mrs. Janet Fisher, aged 19 years, 4 months and 2 days.

Deceased was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Penman.

PYPER.—At Midway, Wasatch Co., Utah, of bronchitis, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Pyper, aged 65 years, 8 months and 24 days.

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KIME.—At Beacontrope, Lincolnshire, England, October 13, 1895, of paralysis, George William Kime. He was born May 27, 1880, and baptized May 27, 1888. He was a kind brother, a dutiful son, and died in full faith of the Gospel.—Millennial Star.