NEWS OF THE WEST.

Death Resulting from Being Horribly Burned.

THREE YEAR OLD BOY DROWNED.

Mormons at St. John, Kansas—Incendiary Fire at Tempe, Arizona.

Miss Portia Knight, a beautiful amateur actress of Oakland, Cal., has been given the position of leading lady to Frederick Warde's company.

Thomas E. Mitchell, of San Leandro, Cal., has received judgment against the California Sidewalk company for $150 for the loss of an eye by the explosion of a torpedo.

Tobacco culture is being developed in thirteen counties in California. The State board of trade argues a belief that it will soon become one of the leading industries of the state.

Rev. E. Russell King, pastor of the Congregational church at Highlands, Cal., must leave the position because of his association recently with another man's wife. He will take up the practice of law in Los Angeles.

Rev. Joseph McKee of Los Angeles, Cal., was struck and fatally injured by an electric car on Friday. He was 55 years of age and wholly deaf. The motorman should be blamed, but the old gentleman apply the brake until too late.

The Salt Lakers registering at the Occidental on Friday were: L. L. Hilliard at the Grand hotel; Mrs. J. Tullis, E. J. Carter, W. H. Thomas, W. S. McCornick and C. J. Stevenson at the Palace; and G. W. Snow and wife at the Russ house.

Nicholas Clement of San Francisco by a will filed in Yolo on the 20th of February, for bequeathing to have his business of his county, has to be granted to be interpreted for him. The testator would have been in favor of the devise jointly but for one party, who being not for manslaughter till a compromise was reached.

At Tempe, Arizona, on Thursday the Arlington hotel and several other buildings were destroyed by fire. The supposition is that the fire was started by an incendiary, as a few minutes before the flames were discovered a man was seen to enter from the hotel with a valise and a revolver and. It is supposed he hitched to a place and fired the hotel.

The body of the little three year old son of Thomas Hill and wife of Cook's station, about twenty miles east of Reno, Nev., was found under a bridge which crosses a ditch running through the farm Thursday. The child had been missing since Wednesday morning, but was supposed to have gone off with a neighbor in a wagon, when this was discovered not to be the case, a search was instituted with the result stated.

The St. John, Kansas, News has in its last issue almost a column description of the performance of Pinafore, given on Friday, April 10, by the Mormons in St. John, by which the town was raised to pay all the indebtedness on the new stake for the meeting house. Those from Salt Lake who took part were Samuel Kirkham, Alvin A. Beesley and W. S. Hawkins; other characters were Nimrod W. Scimeff of St. John, Mo., Lola Cotton of Hutchinson, Nine Lee Jones and Miss Mabel Smith of St. John. The News speaks very highly of the performance, referring particularly to Elder Kirkham as one of the best tenor singers in the state.

John Woodman died on Deer Creek, Wash., Wednesday. Death resulted from injuries received five days previous. He had gone out in the mountains three miles from any settler and taken a claim, where he spent the winter in a miserable hut. Last Friday morning he built a fire in his cranky stove and held down inside it for a long. He wakened to find the cedar bark roof on fire and the room filled with smoke. He ran out with his blankets and returned to save some other articles, when the burning roof fell in on him, scorching him severely. Before he could extricate himself he was badly burned. His clothes were entirely burned off. In this awful condition he made his way to the house of John Berry, three miles away. His sufferings were intense, and he called upon Christ several times to kill him out and his agony.

Golden Wedding of Pioneers.

PLEASANT GROVE,
April 11, 1896.

To the Editor:

Having been the recipient of an invitation to attend a gathering of the Walker family I here with inclosed you a minute of facts then obtained. April 10, 1846, Brother Hanson Walker and Elizabeth Fouts were united in the holy bonds of wedlock in the Temple at Nauvoo, Ill., by Elder Orson Hyde. Yesterday being the fiftieth anniversary, as many of the family as could be obtained were convened to a family reunion. Besides around a well furnished table it was pleasurable to behold our venerable grandmother, Margaret Fouts, in her ninety-sixth year, associated with her three daughters and one son and quite an array of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all premised over by the aged veteran and Pioneer, Hyrum Walker, Sen. Number of children living, 8; Father Walker, 29; number of grandchildren, 80; number of great-grandchildren, 11; number of Walkers present on this occasion, 51.

The evening was spent in speeches, songs, recitations, [illegible]. Brother Walker told some of [illegible] life in operating tent [illegible] (as he was one of a Pioneer) [illegible] of his [illegible] and happy circumstances and prayed that they might all be faithful in the Kingdom of God. Sister Kimball bore testimony to the good spirit that was noticed from while in the discharge of duty; all thanked in their children for the good feeling existing in the family, and would have rejoiced to have many more friends present but room would not permit. A fifteen minutes intermission then the beautiful [illegible] was presented and the meeting adjourned with the firm belief that all had had an excellent time at the golden wedding of Hanson and Elizabeth Fouts Walker.

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