

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

A reunion of the Wilson family will be held during the coming Conference, and a number of features of great importance to those interested are being prepared. Among these is a large genealogical diagram containing something like three hundred names of the family, all arranged in order according to generations. The time is Monday, April 5th, at 4:30 p. m., and the place the Fourteenth ward assembly hall.

[Millennial Star, Feb. 25.]

Appointments.—Elder Herbert L. James, whose arrival in this land was announced a few weeks ago, has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Cheltenham conference.

Elder Benjamin R. Birchall, who has been sojourning in this country for several months, has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Manchester conference.

Elders Josiah Call and Joseph Facer called on the NEWS, Thursday afternoon, prior to taking their departure to the Southern states, for which place they leave this evening over the Rio Grande Western. Elder Call's home is in Rigby, Fremont county, Idaho; Elder Facer is from Willard, Box Elder county. A farewell party was tendered Elder Call on the evening of the 12th inst, by the people of the Rigby ward and a general good time was had, every one wishing him success in his labors.

NEPHI, March 17, 1897.—John Cole, aged 41 years, a horse trainer, and son of Wm. Cole, was riding a young horse yesterday at 11 a. m., when the horse ran into a wire fence, fell and rolled over onto Cole, cutting his face and forehead. He was poked up unconscious, carried home and remained in a comatose condition until noon today, when he breathed his last. He leaves a wife and four small children. His wife has been very feeble for some time past. It is feared that this blow will be too much for her.

LANGLEY.

FAIRVIEW, Utah, March 15, 1897.—According to request in the NEWS I wish to hereby state that I am one of the Mormon Battalion boys. I wintered in Pueblo in the winter of 1846-47 and I arrived in the Great Salt Lake valley a few days after the Pioneers. I assisted in making some of the first adobies for the Old Fort, and I labored on the irrigating ditches and helped to water the land in the summer of 1847. I desire to be with the boys if I possibly can during the Pioneer Jubilee. I served in company D, under Captain Higgins.

JAMES STEWART.

Indian Territory Mission Reunion.—A meeting of the committee of the Indian Territory Mission reunion is hereby called to convene at the rooms of the Mutual Improvement League, No. 41 south, State street, this city, April 6th, 1897, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the best method of conducting our general annual gathering.

All members of the reunion residing in this city and Elders who have lab-

ored in Indian Territory mission, who may be in the city, from any part of the country, are cordially invited to meet with the committee. The meeting is not only for business, but for general and social enjoyment.

WM. T. JACK, Chairman.
WM. D. BOWRING, Secretary.

On a cot in his room at 347 east Second South street the dead body of James Reid, a mining man, was found Friday evening.

Reid was about 50 years of age and had been "baching" for some time at the above place. His was an upstairs room, and he could be seen leaving it whenever he went out. Yesterday, however, Mr. Reid was not noticed coming down stairs, nor was he seen returning in the evening. The lady of the house became worried at this, and surmising that something was wrong called an officer in, who went to the man's room and found his corpse stretched out upon the cot. In his pockets was \$10.50 in cash and several papers, while from the look upon it appeared as though the man had died from natural causes.

The citizens of American Fork were thrown into a tremor of excitement Thursday afternoon, says the American Fork World, by hearing that Robert Walker, one of our worthy citizens, had accidentally shot his son, Rollie, through the face. The accident happened in this way: Mr. Walker took his 22-caliber rifle to the door of his shop to shoot some birds in front of the building. Just as he pulled the trigger to fire out of the door his son passed within range of shot and the bullet passed through his right cheek, knocking out a tooth and on through the middle of the tongue, loosening another tooth on the left side and lodging in the left cheek, making a very ugly hole on the inside. Dr. Noyes was called, and soon the pieces of lead were extracted.

Young Rollie Walker, the unfortunate, is 20 years old and well known here, and has the sympathy of our citizens.

Sarah Jarrold Hyder Free, born July 20th, 1800, died March 18th, 1897, in Salt Lake City. She was baptized in 1849, and was the second person joining the Church in Cambridge, England. She started for Utah March 3rd, 1851, on the ship Olympus, with her three daughters, having buried her husband and three children in England. She crossed the plains with ox teams with Orson Pratt's fifty, arrived in Salt Lake City October 1st, 1851, and has resided here ever since. She has lived the life of a faithful Latter-day Saint. She leaves two daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren and sixty-six great-grandchildren. She has strictly kept the Word of Wisdom since her 85th year.

The remains may be viewed at the residence of her daughter, 138 north, Second West street, from 10 until 11:30 a. m. Sunday, March 21st. The funeral services will be held in the Seventeenth ward meeting house commencing at 12 o'clock, noon, on Sunday.

A correspondent of Viock's Magazine

for March explains how branches of flowery shrubs and fruit trees, such as lilac and cherry and peach, plum and apple can be made to bloom if cut and brought into the house in February or March and placed in a vase of water: Cut good sized branches from the top of the bush, so as to be sure to get the ones that will blossom. Put them in vases or fruit jars with plenty of water in a warm, sunny window; a little charcoal or ammonia in the water will keep it sweet, as well as be a fertilizer for the plant. In two or three days the leaf buds will open, when the buds will show. In an incredibly short time the beautiful flowers will appear. They will not be full sized blossoms and the clusters are not very large, but they are lilacs just the same and their fragrance will fill the room. Any of the varieties do well, but the Persian is perhaps the best sort for the purpose. Unless they have plenty of sun the color of the flowers is very pale, while if they are left away from the window they are very likely to be pure white.

Branches of apple, pear, peach, plum and cherry can be treated in the same way and prove a great addition to the window garden.

OXFORD, Idaho, March 15, 1897.

I wish to state that I am 83 years of age, was one of the Mormon battalion, mustered into service on the 18th of July, 1846, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. I went through all the trying scenes of that body of men, and was discharged at Los Angeles, California, on the 18th day of July, 1847. After my discharge, I came to Salt Lake City in the month of October, 27th day, 1847; remained there for nearly one year, and raised a crop for Brother John Van Cott, and returned in the fall of 1848 to Iowa for my family. I was when Brother Oakes's little boy was killed accidentally, by a log being rolled off a saw pit by an Indian, (in the Old Fort.) There is no doubt there are some who will remember it.

I was among those that were driven out of Nauvoo in the spring of 1846; was there when the Temple caught fire, and was the first person to give the alarm. It was said that it was at night, but it was in the neighborhood of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, I was at the meeting at Little Ash Grove when Elder Orson Hyde of the Twelve showed the bullet he received in a letter.

THOS. C. D. HOWELL.

State Auditor Morgan J. Richards has issued the following notice:

The State auditor, who is ex-officio recorder of marks and brands, desires to call the attention of all persons concerned to the late enactment by the Legislature providing for re-recording marks and brands; that in the near future he will send out a supply of blanks for applications to some official in each precinct in the State, where the people interested can obtain them, and after duly filling out the same, mail to this office, when they will be filed, and if found correct with the records here, will in due time be re-recorded as provided in the new law on the subject, without charge to the applicant. But, in case any change should be desired in the form of the mark or brand, or location of same on the animal, full fees will be charged.

The entire year 1897 is given in which to make applications for such