

Death of Bishop McRae.

Bishop McRae, of the Eleventh Ward of this city, died peacefully and quietly on Saturday, June 20th, surrounded by his family and friends, after a long and severe illness. The deceased was a staunch and upright man and was a veteran in the cause of truth.

The funeral services will be held in the Eleventh Ward meeting house on Thursday, June 25th, an extended account of the life and labors of the deceased, will appear in our columns hereafter.

Floods in Tyrol.

VIENNA, June 18.—The artificial lake, 1000 feet long, 350 feet wide and 80 feet deep, formed by the Martinell glacier behind Zufallfarn mountain, in the Tyrol, burst its confines today and flooded the valley.

The huge volume of escaping water caused a shock like an earthquake to the surrounding country, and the noise was deafening. As the inhabitants anticipated the accident and had made preparations it is hoped no fatalities were caused, but reports from many villages, which have been inundated, are anxiously awaited. Much property has been destroyed. The bursting of the lake was due to the softening of the glacier which is 1200 feet in thickness.

Obsequies.

The funeral services over the remains of Father Richard Brower, who died at the residence of his son-in-law Elder Lorenzo Pettit on June 8th, 1891, were held in the Fifteenth Ward Chapel, June 11th. Consoling remarks were made by Bishop R. F. Burton, Elders Benjamin R. Hulse, W. W. Riter, Joseph H. Felt and President Joseph E. Taylor. Deceased was born January 7th, 1800, at Long Island, Queens County, New York. He was baptized in 1839, and came to Salt Lake City in 1871, and resided here until his death. He was attended in his last illness by his daughter Emma, who has cared for him for several years. The deceased has another daughter in Long Island. His wife died fifteen years ago in this city. He was a faithful Latterday Saint and his house and means were always ready for the benefit of the cause of truth. He passed away respected by a large circle of friends.

Information Wanted.

Of the whereabouts of Mrs. M. P. G. Jinks, relict of Horace Howard Jinks, who died in the year 1848 or 1849. Mrs. Jinks was the daughter of Miss Grizwell (or Griswell) late of England and Charles Haven of New York; was also connected by marriage with Dr. Furness of Philadelphia, whose wife, Mrs. Alice Furness, was the sister of said H. H. Jinks, formerly of New England. They were living in St. Louis at the time Mrs. Jinks left, her cousin, Augusta Ausborne, also Mr. Geo. Washington Jinks, brother of said H. H. Jinks of New England. Mrs. Jinks also had a lady relative of New Jersey with whom she stopped while on her way to Philadelphia in the spring of 1851 and was accompanied by her three children, viz, Ellen Aug-

usta, Charles Haven and Horace Howard.

Any one having information concerning the lady above referred to will please communicate with Mary Walker, care of DESERET NEWS, Salt Lake City, at the earliest convenience. New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, St. Louis papers and *Christian Advocate*, please copy.

An Explanation.

Editor Deseret News:

In the report of the proceedings of the School Board meeting held Thursday evening last a portion of the report of the joint committee on buildings and sites in regard to advertising, was omitted from the newspapers, and thereby the public is left in doubt as to all the recommendations of the committee adopted by the board.

In regard to the remarks said to be made by me about school registers, the impression is conveyed that the teachers were required to keep registers and that their pay be withheld until the registers were filed with the superintendent. To me it would seem folly to call attention to this when schools had virtually closed for the year. The facts were that section 58 of the new school law required certain things to be done by the teachers in order to make the statistical reports complete, and required the last month's pay withheld until this was done. I simply called attention to it and read the section and asked that the clerk of the board be instructed to withhold the warrant until the reports contemplated by law had been filed with the superintendent, and that if necessary the superintendent notify the teachers.

The superintendent reported that he had already attended to the matter.

As the newspapers are the only source of information on public matters that the people have, it should therefore be as plain as possible.

Yours truly,

JOHN N. PIKE.

Irrigation Convention.

The following communications speak for themselves:

To His Excellency, Arthur L. Thomas, Governor of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Sir:—In accordance with your request and in compliance with the resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of your city, I have appointed the following persons as delegates to the convention at Salt Lake City, September 15, 16 and 17, 1891, and held for the purpose of considering matters as to the reclamation of arid public lands of the West and to petition Congress to cede to each State and Territory the arid lands within its borders, for the purpose of reclamation, for the support of public schools and for such other purposes as the legislatures of each State and Territory may respectively determine. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH K. TOOLE,
Governor of Montana.

Then follows a list of the names. These are as follow: Martin Maginnis, Samuel Ward, E. D. Weed, W. A. Clark, Stephen De Wolf, Lee Mantle, Thomas Marshall, Frank Woody, T. L. Greenough, W. M. Thornton, Frank D. Brown, H. M. Whitehill, T. W. Poindexter, B. F. White, Thomas Dearyman, Henry Elling, Thomas Joyes, Will Kennedy, J. N. Bogart, Caleb Rich, J. A. Savage, C. R. Mid-

dleton, H. J. Haskell, William H. Todd, T. E. Collins, Ernest Critcher, C. M. Webster, William Sutherland, J. H. Moe and O. F. Goddard.

L. Bradford Prince, governor of New Mexico, writes:

"I have received your courteous invitation to appoint thirty delegates to represent this territory at a convention at Salt Lake on September 15th, and will have much pleasure in making the appointments in due time."

Governor Markham of California has written similarly and says the Golden Gate will be ably represented.

Catharine Campbell Steele.

Editor Deseret News:

Yesterday, 17th inst., the remains of Sister Catharine Campbell Steele, wife of Brother John Steele, were brought here for burial from her home at Toquerville, where she died on the 18th inst. The funeral service was conducted by Bishop Charles Adams, of Parowan. Remarks, kind and complimentary to the deceased, and consoling to the husband and children, who were present, were made by a number of speakers.

Sister Catharine Campbell Steele was born November 18th, 1816, in County Tyrone, Ireland. Her forefathers were Scotch Covenanters who fled and settled in Ireland during the persecution. She became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the year '41 or '42, in Glasgow, Scotland. She emigrated with her husband to Nauvoo, arriving there shortly after the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum, the Prophet and the Patriarch of the Church. She was one of the two or three women that accompanied the "Mormon" Battalion, her husband being a member of that noted company; with her husband she arrived in Salt Lake valley July 29th, 1847 (five days after the Pioneers). They camped on the Temple block, where she gave birth to a daughter, August 9th, 1847, which was the first female child born in Utah. This child, now Mrs. Elizabeth Steele Stapely, now resides at Toquerville, Washington county, Utah, and is the mother of a large family. Brother and Sister Steele were pioneers to Parowan, arriving here with President Geo. A. Smith, January 13th, 1851.

It was Sister Steele's desire that after her death her body should be laid in the Parowan cemetery, by the side of a married daughter and young son, who died here some years ago. All who had the pleasure of an acquaintance with Sister Steele speak of her as a kind, self-possessed, brave and noble woman. The blessings promised in the Gospel will be her eternal reward.

Respectfully,

WM. C. MCGREGOR.

PAROWAN, June 18, 1891.

MONTREAL, June 23.—Radford Bros. & Co., gentlemen's furnishing, have assigned, with liabilities estimated at \$200,000.

July 4 of this year will be celebrated in London by the royal family, but not in honor of American Independence. The Emperor and Empress of Germany will be entertained at a state banquet in St. George's hall on that day by the Queen of England.