

indicated that the body had been buried several months. The rain had washed the soil from the lid of the coffin. There was a suspicion that it was the corpse of August Modenbach, which was stolen from the graveyard three months ago. Modenbach was killed by the cars while crossing the railroad near Fresno one dark night. The physicians, who held an autopsy at the time of death, examined the corpse found, and pronounced it that of Modenbach. The coffin was also identified as that in which Modenbach was buried. It is believed that those who had robbed the grave became alarmed and buried the corpse in the place where it was found today.

**Lehi Banner:** The directors of the People's Co-op met on Tuesday in the bank building to hear the report of the superintendent for the past year. The report shows the institution to be in a prosperous and excellent condition financially. It shows that the amount of business done this past year has been far greater than that done in '94. The directors declared a dividend of two per cent for the last quarter. W. E. Racker will leave in a few days for the East for the purpose of purchasing spring goods for the institution.

**Bountiful Clipper:** On Tuesday last Bob Fortune and George Eldredge, charged with burglary, were brought before Justice Streeter for a preliminary hearing. The accused were charged with entering the smoke house of George O. Chase and stealing some sixty pounds of dried bee; it is also alleged that they stole twenty of Mrs. Nellie Smith's chickens and turkeys. Quite a number of fowls have been missed from Bountiful which probably got into the same hands. After hearing a number of witnesses the defendants were consigned to the county jail where they will wait for a hearing in the district court. Officers Shannon and Pratt, officers from the Salt Lake police force, were the principal witnesses and County Attorney Wilcox prosecuted the case.

**"Chub" Nelson,** a boy of 16 living at Rockdale, Wyoming, is reported to have had a lively fight with a mountain lion a few days ago, in which nothing but the nerve of the boy saved his life. While hunting in Cooper mountain Nelson ran on to a mountain lion and at once took a shot at him. The lion at once jumped into the air, wounded, and started to escape. The boy fired a second shot, hitting the lion in the shoulder. This shot changed the course of the beast, which turned and came toward the hunter with angry bounds. Nelson turned to run, but realizing that there was no chance for escape by flight, turned and fired several shots at the rapid approaching animal. The last one took effect in a vital spot and the lion fell dead almost at the boy's feet. The lion was one of the largest ever killed in the region. There were five bullet holes in the body, every shot fired by Nelson having hit the mark.

**Manti Messenger:** Anders Nielsen, an old man aged 76 years, who lives in the extreme west part of town, while splitting wood on Tuesday had the misfortune of cutting off his left thumb. The Sanpete Valley people have everything in readiness for the broad-gauging of their road from the Mor-

risson mines to Nephi. They are only waiting now for spring weather to commence operations, then the dirt will fly in dead earnest. The interest in local mining matters is still at fever heat. It is reported that Bruce Brown had an assay made this week which ran \$80 in gold, the rock being taken from the original prospect in the east mountains. Some fine rock was brought in from Dedge's canyon, in the west mountains, which carries free gold in considerable quantities. Our prospectors are quite jubilant over these finds, and who can say but we of Sanpete have not discovered a second Mercur.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Burnett, of Alameda, Cal., are congratulating themselves on their narrow escape from death by poison. The attempt to put them out of the way was made by their sixteen-year-old granddaughter because she had been corrected for some minor offense. A few weeks ago Evan Burnett Jr., their son, went to Portland, Or., on a visit and sent his sixteen-year-old daughter, Agnes, to stay with her grandparents during his absence. The girl was frequently corrected by her grandparents for minor faults, and took these corrections in bad part. A few days ago she was reproved several times by her grandparents and showed more anger and sullenness than usual. Her moroseness continued all the afternoon, but at dinner time she apparently regained her spirits and served tea for her grandparents. They noticed, however, that she did not take any tea herself. Later in the evening she again served tea to the family, herself and a neighbor. About midnight Mr. and Mrs. Burnett were awakened by violent pains. A doctor was called in and quickly saw that they had been poisoned. He made an examination of the cups and found in those used by Mr. and Mrs. Burnett traces of rat poison. Agnes was immediately accused of having attempted to poison her relatives, and soon after the doctor had gone she admitted her guilt to her grandparents and begged their forgiveness.

## THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, Jan. 23.]

Releases and appointment. — The following named brethren have been honorably released to return home January 31, 1896:

Ira Bennion, traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference;

Nathan Reeves, traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference;

George F. Wright and George B. Houtz, traveling Elders in the Leeds conference;

A. P. Kesler and James C. Woods, traveling Elders in the London conference;

Edgar M. Lindsay, traveling Elder in the Irish conference;

John W. MacDuff, traveling Elder in the Manchester conference;

Joe S. Mousley, traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference; and

John W. Ord from presiding over the Nottingham conference.

Elder H. A. Tuckett has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the London conference, and has been appointed to preside over the Nottingham conference.

## OBITUARY NOTES.

JOSEPH DAWSON.

**HENEFER, January 31, 1896.** — Joseph Dawson was born April 6th, 1810, in Rhubon, North Wales; was baptized in 1850 and left his native land over thirty years ago for the Gospel's sake; he has resided here ever since. He was ordained a High Priest March 4th, 1877. He died on the evening of January 29th.

His funeral services were held at 11 a. m. today, Bishop John Paskett presiding. Timely and consoling words of comfort were uttered by a number of the brethren, and nearly all the people of the ward were in attendance, the meeting house being well filled. He died as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint.

J. L.

ELIZABETH E. HARRIS.

**HENEFER, Feb. 7, 1896.** — Yesterday, at 2 p. m., our ward meeting house was again filled with people, having been notified that another funeral would be held, this being the third one since December last. This time it is our organist, she having played for our ward meetings for a number of years.

Sister Elizabeth Ellen Harris, daughter of Thomas F. and Elizabeth Dearden, was born August 6, 1872, and died Tuesday morning, February 4, 1896, leaving a grief-stricken husband and a baby girl two weeks old.

J. L.

CHRISTOPHER DAVIS.

Christopher Davis died at his home, 2720 Forest street, Fort Gratiot, Michigan, at 11:50 o'clock p. m. January 29, 1896. During the latter part of November he was taken ill. He soon rallied but did not resume his work. Three weeks ago he was stricken with paralysis, which terminated in his death. He was born in England 83 years ago, and moved to Canada in 1870, settling here in 1883. He was in the Grand Trunk service for over twenty years. He married his surviving widow fifty-five years ago. A family of nine children blessed this union; four have gone before. Those living are T. W. Davis, of Alberta, N. W. T.; T. S. Davis and Mrs. G. R. M. Smith, Fort Gratiot; C. W. Davis and Mrs. J. Batty, of Detroit.

J. W. GIDDINS.

SARAH THOMPSON PHELPS.

Died at Mesa City, Ariz., January 31, 1896, Sarah Thompson Phelps, relict of Patriarch Morris Phelps, born March 20, 1820, in Pomfret, Chautauque, N. Y. She received the Gospel in 1832; was at Kirtland to witness the construction of the Temple and its dedication and to often bear testimony of the Gospel therein. With the poor and persecuted she fled to Missouri in 1838, there to endure the terrible persecutions and poverty of the ensuing winter and the expulsion the following spring of 1838. She was among the first at Nauvoo; was married to Bro. Phelps at Macedonia in 1841 and witnessed all the persecutions resulting in the Prophet's martyrdom and in our expulsion from Nauvoo. She arrived in Utah, settling at Alpine in 1851; moved to Montpelier, Idaho, in 1864; and when her husband died in 1876, with her son Hyrum she came to Arizona in 1879. She was president of the first organized Relief Society in Maricopa Stake and has been truly a mother and matron in Zion. She has gone crowned with the love and blessing of the poor and all who knew her. She left two children, twenty-eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren to bear her name through all ages to come.

Elders Hawks, Openshaw and Patriarch B. F. Johnson gave words of consolation and of hope to the mourners at her funeral, hoping that the close of the earthly probation might be like