

and across the great unknown West, a distance not generally expected to terminate short of the Pacific Ocean.

Father Bundy was of the class above referred to. He had been in the country less than three years. Three weeks before the time appointed to start west, he had neither a dollar, a wagon, a horse or an ox. The small home was bartered for a small piece of cloth. Unexpectedly an opportunity was offered to earn a "yoke of steers" over the Mississippi in Iowa. The opportunity was eagerly embraced, and with the writer, who was then a boy, two weeks' service on the steer contract was performed, and permission gained to return across the river to the Illinois side with the steers to haul the family over, before the expiration of the time given us by our anti-Mormon neighbors to "leave the country" or take the consequences, which by various intimations and precedents was understood to be, to be burnt out. We had but little to start with, and there was but another week allowed. The first or May, 1848, was near, and that was the limit of our sufferance among our Christian neighbors in our farming district five miles northeast of the city of Nauvoo.

The steers were on hand but where was the wagon? Like the ram in Abraham's flock the wagon was forthcoming. Not, however, one of our Illinois made ironbound, thorough-braced, carriage-painted, with steel thimble skids, safety brake, spring seat and all modern improvements, but one that some ingenious countryman in the state of Maine had improvised together without any iron for want of money to buy with, in which to move "ou West" some time previous; but which now having performed its journey was owned by the aforementioned Richard Slater, but was not considered safe and sufficient to start into an unknown but expected rocky country. It was still good for an emergency but not for a great journey. But necessity takes no exceptions. Three dollars was asked—but a few sundries "in trade" was accepted for the clumsy-looking and apparently worn-out "wooden" running gears, almost entirely innocent of iron or steel and whose fellows rolled noiselessly over the roads of sand and rocks in bump-thud contrast with the modern vehicles running upon our "boulevards" and railroads of the present day.

Well—the boards of the shanty, split hickory bows and bedsheets soon completed the box and wagon cover. With a few sacks of corn meal, a little bacon, the family clothing and a few tools, the wagon was loaded, the steers hitched on and the start made—and from thence—the story is long but must now be cut short—that wagon rolled in with its occupants and load, to what is now our far-famed Salt Lake City, in September, 1848.

P. B. P.

Nick Harris, the government secret service agent at San Francisco, has a couple of \$20 pieces which were ingeniously filled with lead after being drilled out. He thinks that others are in circulation. They are the first \$20 pieces of the kind that he has seen. They have no ring, and their dead sound makes them suspicious coins, but attempts

have been made to pass them singly. A money changer who got one said when his attention was called to it that the \$20 piece was all right so far as its value went. He explained its sound by saying it was cracked. A crack in a gold piece destroys its ring. Though men who handle cash can be thus deceived by the bad double eagles, the lack of enough gold in them can be detected by weighing the coin. A good \$20 piece weighs 513.42 grains and these weigh seventy-eight grains less.

DEATH OF SAMUEL G. READ.

Samuel G. Read, an old and well-known Salt Lake resident at his residence No. 249 south Fifth West street at 9:20 December 8 from la grippe, after an illness of little more than a week.

The deceased was the father of Superintendent Read of the City Railroad company and was born in London in 1807. He entered the British army when a young man and was engaged principally in the East India service. He made an excellent soldier and was promoted to a lieutenancy—a member of the Bengal marines.

In 1858 he left England for the United States. He lived in Iowa for three years and came to Salt Lake City in 1859 and resided here constantly from that time until his demise. For a considerable time past he was manager of the London News depot at the Rio Grande Western station. He leaves a wife and five sons and three daughters to mourn his death.

DEATH OF H. B. JOHNSON.

HOLDEN, Millard Co.,

Dec. 3, 1893.

I have been requested by members of the Johnson family of this place to have you, if you will kindly do so, insert in your highly esteemed paper, a short sketch of the useful and busy life of Hussler Bevan Johnson, who departed this life November 5, 1893, at this place.

Sister Johnson was born December 11, 1819, at Horse Hay, Shropshire, England; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1843; married Richard Johnson August 25, 1844; in the same year embarked with her husband to America, reaching as far as St. Louis, Mo., in 1849 moved to Kansasville, Iowa; in 1851 started westward for the Rocky Mountains, reaching and locating in Battle Creek or Pleasant Grove the same year; in 1853 with her husband was called to Fillmore, where they remained three years, from whence they removed to Holden, where she has resided ever since.

Sister Johnson was widely known as a devoted friend to the weary traveler and was never known to turn away from her door any one who needed rest and nourishment. In her labors as a wife and mother she was exceptionally devotional. She was never heard to complain, although, like other good mothers, she had her trials to meet. Hers was a grateful heart, and it can be said of her that she lived a Godly life. The speakers over here remains felt confident she would be numbered with the righteous and called forth on the morn of the first resurrection and receive that eternal

reward promised to all those who comply with the unchangeable laws of God.

Yours truly,

BENJ. BENNETT.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

STRATFORD.—December 8, 1893, Eliza Stratford, mother of Bishop Stratford, of Ogden; born October 5, 1809, at Maldon, Essex, England.

TAME.—At South Cottonwood, December 8, 1893, Alfred Tame, late of the Eighteenth ward, Salt Lake City; born July 8, 1833, in Birmingham, England.

CARRICK.—At Scofield, Emery county, Utah, of inflammation of the bowels, Jacob, infant of Jacob and Sarah Carrick, aged 9 months and 14 days.

BENEE.—Died in Salt Lake City, December 8, 1893, of old age, Phoebe A. old Binee, widow of the late George Richard Binee, in the seventeenth year of her age.

EGLI.—At the family residence, 717 east, First South street, after two weeks' illness of nervous prostration, Mary, the eldest daughter of Emil and Mary Egli; aged seventeen years, four months and fourteen days.

WOOLSEY.—In the Sixth ward, Salt Lake City, Dec. 8, 1893, of consumption, Wm. A. Woolsey. The deceased was born January 1, 1833, in Randolph county, Illinois. He went to California in 1849 and returned to Utah in 1872, where he followed mining as an occupation.

HARDY.—In St. George, Utah, November 22, 1893, Warren Hardy. He was born in Bradford (now Groveland), Essex county, Mass., September 3, 1840, and came to Utah with his parents. He leaves a large family and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He was a true Latter-day Saint and loved by all who knew him.

Utah papers, please copy.

GRANGE.—At his residence, in Huntington, Emery county, Utah, December 1, 1893, of Bright's disease and dropsy, Samuel Grange, aged 67 years, 9 months and 20 days. He leaves a wife, twelve children and fifteen grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Deceased was baptized May 16, 1849, by J. V. Long in England, and emigrated to Utah in 1854. He died, as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint, and his zealous labors will be greatly missed in the ward.—[Com.]

BOOTH.—At her residence, First ward, Salt Lake City, December 3rd, 1893, of ulcerated stomach, Maria Anderson Booth. She was born August 24th, 1826, at Alloa, Scotland; was baptized at Edinburgh in 1848; emigrated in 1856; lived and died a Latter-day Saint.

Funeral services in First ward assembly hall on Friday, December 8th, at 11 a.m. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

BURTON.—At Vernon, Tooele county, Utah, November 27th, 1893, of old age, Sarah, daughter of James and Amelia Bailey and wife of John Burton. Born at Clayall, near Gosport, Hampshire, England, October 7th, 1817.

Deceased was baptized at Greenway, Parish of Dymock, Gloucestershire, England, in September, 1840, by Thomas Clift, and lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint.—*Millennial Star* and English papers please copy.

PRATT.—At American Fork, Utah county, Dec. 8, 1893, George M. Pratt, only son of Parley P. and Susannah Pulley Pratt, of membranous croup; aged 6 years.

Funeral services were conducted by Bishop George Halliday, December 9, 1893. Comforting and appropriate remarks were made by Bishop Halliday, Elder Neiber J. Robinson and others. All the speakers bore testimony to the excellent character of little George, who had only recently been baptized, and of the hope he had of a glorious resurrection.

MUSSER.—Of cerebral apoplexy, at her residence, 114 Canyon road, Salt Lake City, at 9 o'clock Sunday evening, December 10, 1893, Belinda Pratt Musser, wife of A. Milton Musser and daughter of the late Apostle Parley P. and Belinda Marden Pratt. Her illness was of short duration, she having been stricken down at 6 p.m. the evening previous to her death.

Mrs. Musser was born May 8, 1848, in the Old Fort Pioneer square, Sixth ward, some ten months after the Pioneers reached this memorable place. Her funeral will be held in the Eighteenth Ward chapel at 11 a.m. Wednesday, 13th. All friends are invited.