

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 24.

Nearly two weeks ago the "News" published a New York Sun special from Cavite via Hongkong, giving a detailed account of the fight between the Americans and Spaniards, wherein the former were surprised by the enemy during a terrific midnight storm. The dispatch was full of interest and was widely published throughout the United States, as were also some other special dispatches from Cavite. It will be remembered how the American troops valiantly repulsed the foe and how the Utah batteries especially covered themselves with glory. No Utah man was killed, but it was stated that two of the volunteers from this State were wounded—Lieutenant Gibbs, company A, and Private Winkler, company B. While nothing was said of the nature of Captain Gibbs' wounds, a New York Herald and a London Times dispatch described Winkler's wound as being in the left arm. All this seemed perfectly straight. But now comes an official report from General Merritt from Manila, giving a complete list of the dead and wounded, and not a Utah man is mentioned. There appears to be but one explanation of this, and that is: If Lieutenant Gibbs and Private Winkler were hurt at all their injuries were so slight as to cause General Merritt to omit them entirely from his official report.

Should this conclusion prove to be the correct one, there will be no regrets on the part of Utah people, as they have no desire to see any of the volunteers wounded or maimed simply to have their names added to the pension rolls. Considering the prominent part that the Utah batteries played in the Manila battle, it is really marvelous that none of the men were hurt, or if hurt, so slightly as not to be included in the government report. The news is very good news.

Provo, Aug. 24.—A telephone message from County Commissioner Bullock, of Pleasant Grove, announces the sad fact that County Commissioner William H. Winn of Lehi died yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock. As reported in the "News" yesterday, an operation was performed on Mr. Winn last Monday for appendicitis. It was found then that inflammation of the bowels had commenced and the doctors realized that Mr. Winn was in a very dangerous condition, but considered that he had about an even chance for recovery.

Mr. Winn was a young man, about 37 years of age, and a highly respected and useful citizen, whose death causes sincere sorrow among all classes of people who were acquainted with him. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his death.

In a write-up of the beet crop, which is said to be now looking better than ever before, the Lehi Banner says a very conservative estimate of the total crop is 40,000 tons which will mean a run of over four months, and if the season continues favorable as heretofore this will be the best run the factory ever made. All agents say this is the best crop of beets ever grown. In 1896 there were many good patches but the crop was not as uniform and did not look as well as this year as many patches were spotted and uneven. But few fields this year show bad spots and field after field were as even and pretty and seemed almost a

perfect stand. No district in the world is making a better showing than is being made here this year.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 25.

Thompson Springs, Utah, Aug. 25.—About 4:30 yesterday afternoon a bloody duel was fought at Bargard's ranch on the Bluff mountains, about thirty miles north of Thompson Springs, which resulted in the death of E. F. Graves, a prominent stock man of this county.

From all accounts it seems the men have had bad feelings for some time in regard to a mortgage Graves held on some property belonging to Del Weant. Yesterday afternoon Graves came to Weant's cabin in the mountains and remained for a couple of hours, during which time Graves and the men with him had dinner with Weant and a party of hunters who were with him. After dinner Graves went out and mounted his horse, but when about to ride away some conversation came up between him and Weant in regard to the mortgage. Only a few words were spoken when Graves dismounted and the two men engaged in a fist fight but were separated by friends of both parties.

Immediately after being separated Weant picked up a branding iron which was lying close at hand and held it by his side. Instantly Graves' hand sought the weastermer's always ready weapon, the six shooter. Weant immediately returned to his cabin, secured his Winchester rifle and started to go out again, but for a time was prevented from going out by Mr. Betts, one of the hunters, and for a few moments it seemed as if the trouble was over, but Graves came on up to the cabin door with six-shooter in hand and called to Weant to come out.

This started the flame anew and Weant snatched the Winchester from Mr. Betts and rushed out. Seeing Weant coming out with a Winchester Graves put his pistol in his pocket and ran to his horse and unstrapped his Winchester, turned around and was just in the act of raising his gun when Weant took deliberate aim and fired. Graves threw up his hands and fell dead. Weant then mounted his horse and accompanied by Mr. Betts came to Thompsons and gave himself up to the sheriff. The other men in the party brought the body here. The coroner was called from Moab and an inquest is being held today. Both parties are prominent men in the county and the affair is deeply regretted.

Two men, James Rouse, roundhouse foreman, and Peter Meaden, car repairer, were killed at the Gartney turntable, thirty-seven miles west of Terrace, yesterday. Before the fatality a Southern Pacific engine ran off the turntable and plunged down the embankment, partly burying itself in the sand. The fireman and engineer narrowly escaped by jumping. A wrecking train came out from Terrace, and while attempting to raise the wreck, the cable broke and struck Rouse and Meaden, with terrific force, crushing their skulls. Both men died in a very short time. The bodies were both taken to Ogden. The men were Masons, and the funerals will be conducted under the auspices of that organization.

At the ward conference held at Draper, Salt Lake county, on Sunday, August 21, 1898, Elder Willard B. Ennis was unanimously sustained as Bishop, with Elders William Crane and Peter C. Rasmussen as his counselors.

Elder William C. Allen, formerly Bishop, having given notice on August 17th that he would resign his position on the above date, was the cause for the change in the Bishopric.

Elders Absalom W. Smith and William C. Allen were ordained Patriarchs, and Elder James H. Rawlins was unanimously sustained as superintendent of the Sunday school.

President Joseph F. Smith and Elders Angus M. Cannon and Charles W. Penrose, of the Presidency of the Stake, officiated in ordaining the Bishopric and the Patriarchs, and the setting apart of the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Instructions, appropriate to the occasion, were delivered by President Joseph F. Smith and the Presidency of the Stake, viz: Elders Cannon and Penrose.

Gunnison, Utah, August 24, 1898.

The most terrible casualty that ever happened here, occurred last Saturday, August 20th, to one of our most respected and beloved young man, P. Jensen, son of Martinus Jensen. He was well known on the Cannon farm and at Mountain Dell, and on Frank Armstrong's farm, Salt Lake county. A short time ago he and two other young men started to herd sheep for James Metcalf of your city. Last Saturday he left camp to follow his flock. On Sunday morning one of the other young men found that Jensen had not been to camp since Saturday, and started to hunt for him, but, not finding him, came in here Sunday night. Monday a party, including his father and brother Chris and others, went to find him, and found his body on Tuesday on a high ridge, having been struck by lightning. It seems to have struck his head, set fire to his clothes, knocked his pocket knife out of his pocket, and tore his shoes from his feet. His watch had stopped at 1 o'clock. His body was burned considerably. The party arrived here with his body last night. It was heartrending to hear the cries of brothers and sisters and see the terrible grief of the stricken parents, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their day of sorrow and grief. I hardly think such a sensation and shock of sorrow ever came to the people of Gunnison before.

According to my observations, it would be well for people in the canyons to never be on a ridge or peak in a storm. I notice that on the ridges, in places, every tree nearly is struck by lightning, while you hardly ever find a tree in lower places struck by it. It would be well, therefore, to always move to lower ground if a storm finds you on a ridge or peak.

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There was lately graduated from Grafton hall, an Episcopalian girls' school in Fon du Lac, Wis., Miss Lois Minnie Cornelius, an Onelda Indian, who is a direct descendant of a long line of chiefs, her grandfather having been the celebrated Skenandore. She is a good Latin and Greek scholar and has compiled a grammar of the Onelda language.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 26.

The killing of a Utah soldier and the wounding of another at Cavite by the Filipinos, as announced in the dispatches today and immediately bulletined by the "News," created much interest and no little excitement. Both men were members of battery B under command of Captain F. A. Grant. The man who was killed was George H. Hudson. He enlisted at Mercur on May 5th. His home was originally at Baker City, Oregon, where his father, Dr. Hudson, now resides. Young Hudson was twenty-eight years of age and unmarried. Prior to the