

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Sergeant Wire of the police department has been bereft of another child, a little daughter, aged four years, having died Thursday morning of diphtheria. A nine-year-old son is now down with the dread disease.

Plato Mountjoy, inspector for the department of justice, who has spent several weeks in this city inspecting the records of the United States and commissioner's courts, and the United States marshal and attorney, left for Cheyenne on Saturday. He reports he found everything here in good shape, especially the records of the circuit court, which are all type-written.

As Frank Knox, president of the National Bank of the Republic, was walking along east First South street last week, a large Newfoundland dog came running out of Commercial street and ran against Mr. Knox, throwing him to the ground and knocking his left knee cap out of joint. Mr. Knox laid on the sidewalk for some time in terrible agony. Dr. Mc-Achran was summoned and attended to the injured limb. At last accounts Mr. Knox was in much pain, but doing as well as could be expected.

KANARRA, Iron County, Utah,  
February 18, 1897.

I came into the valley the first year. I think our family came in in A. O. Smoot's company. Shadrach Roundy was one of the Pioneers. His family came to right after. I am L. W. Roundy's oldest son. I was born in Nauvoo in 1844 and was between three and four years old when we came to Utah. I did not know whether they would call me a Pioneer, being so young at the time. If not I don't wish to intrude.  
MYRON S. ROUNDY.

Andrew D. Park of Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, called at the NEWS office Feb. 27 and reported himself as one of the Pioneers of 1847. His father, William Park, with his wife and nine children, came in with President John Taylor's company, in October, 1847. Andrew D. was aged two years and six months at the time. Two brothers and two sisters now live at Mill Creek, two sisters at Nephi, Juab county, a brother in Fairview, Sanpete county, and one brother in Granger, Salt Lake county; another brother in Granger was born here in 1848.

Word comes from Brigham City that a huge geyser has burst forth in the big arm of the Great Salt Lake a short distance southwest of Promontory station on the Central Pacific railway. The first appearance of the phenomena was in the form of a small cloud which hovered over the water about a mile and a quarter from the shore. This increased in dimensions and shot up so high in the air that it is visible for a considerable distance, and the water in the immediate neighborhood boils and seethes, the spray being thrown high up into the air. There have been a number of earthquake shocks in that vicinity during the last few months, and it is supposed by some that fire and lava confined in the subterranean depths

have found an outlet and are spending their forces. A number of people claim to have witnessed this phenomenon.

The Salt Lake quarterly conference will convene in the Assembly Hall, Salt Lake City, on Saturday, 18th inst., at 10 a. m. and in the Tabernacle on Sunday, the 14th, at 10 a. m. Meetings will also be held at two o'clock each day. The presiding authorities and Saints of the Stake will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The Bishops of the city wards are expected to hold their sacrament meetings in their respective wards on Sunday evening.

ANGUS M. CANNON,  
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,  
CHARLES W. PENROSE,  
Presidency of the Stake.  
SALT LAKE CITY, March 1st, 1897.  
[Millennial Star, Feb. 11, 1897.]

Releases and appointments—Elder Walter B. Lamoreaux has been honorably released from presiding over the Liverpool conference to return home. Elder J. W. Grace has been appointed to preside over the Liverpool conference.

Elder Wm. T. Griffiths has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Welsh conference to return home on account of the illness of his wife. He has been here nearly two years.

Elder Wm. A. N. Chellis has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference and appointed to labor in the Birmingham conference.

ST. JOSEPH, Navajo County, Arizona, Feb. 20, 1897.—Our village has been visited by the measles for the first time in our history of over twenty years, and as the greater number of our ward were born here, and all of these were stricken with the disease, the older ones were very sick. In the case of Wickliff B. Bushman the illness terminated fatally. As he was recovering he caught cold, and on the 11th inst. died, aged 23 years and 1 day. He was an exemplary young man, patient and quiet, and was always an obedient son. The funeral was held at the ward house on the 18th; Presidents L. H. Hatch and J. H. Richards and others spoke in high terms of the integrity of the deceased.

We have had an excellent winter, more snow and rain this month than any February for twenty years; consequently our prospects for farming and stock raising are better than they have been.

This country is building up and a spirit of contentment is the rule.

The DESERET NEWS and Juvenile Instructor are welcome visitors to nearly all the families of the ward, and are much appreciated.

JOHN BUSHMAN.

Observer J. H. Smith of the local weather bureau has issued his monthly meteorological summary for February. The mean atmospheric pressure was 30.14; highest, 30.81, on the 26th, and lowest, 29.73, on the 20th. Mean temperature, 31; highest, 47, on the

28th, and lowest, 12, on the 18th; greatest daily range of temperature, 23, on the 28th; least daily range of temperature, 5, on the 3rd. The highest mean temperature for the month in 28 years was 40 in 1879 and 1886; lowest for the month in 28 years was 26 in 1894. Mean temperature for the month for 28 years, 32.

Prevailing direction of wind for the month, southeast; total movement of wind, 3,742 miles. Total precipitation, 3.81 inches. Number of days with .01 inch or more of precipitation, 17. The precipitation is higher for the month than for twenty-three years, the next highest being 0.38 in 1877. Average precipitation for the month for twenty-three years, 1.37 inches. Number of clear days, 4; partly cloudy days, 2; cloudy days, 22.

County Superintendent of Schools Oscar Van Cott sent in the following communication to the board of county commissioners, which was read at their meeting held yesterday afternoon:

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 23, 1897.  
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Salt Lake County:

Gentlemen—In accordance with the provisions of section 93, article 11, of the school law, I have the honor to submit an estimate of the amount of school funds for the ensuing year. There will be needed \$56,000, but we receive from the State school fund about \$21,000, leaving \$35,000 to be raised through a county levy. I ask, therefore, that when you make the annual levy of other county taxes, you levy such rate as will, as nearly as possible, raise the above amount for the schools of Salt Lake county. It will no doubt require the levying of the maximum rate for school purposes. When the time comes for you to take action in this important matter, I shall be pleased to confer with you should further information be wanted.

Yours respectfully,  
OSCAR VAN COTT,  
Superintendent.

The inquest over the body of Fred Beutler resulted in three persons being held for murder. They were Harriet Beutler, wife of the murdered man, Alvin Mitchell, her son-in-law and John Rice. After the evidence was all in it took the jury but about fifteen minutes to return the verdict. The three persons held were then taken to the county jail to await a preliminary examination before Judge Wenger on Thursday next.

The jury returned the following verdict.

An inquisition holden at No. 156 west South Temple street in the City of Salt Lake on the 27th day of February, 1897, before Frank R. Margette, coroner of said county upon the body of Fred Beutler, then and their lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed. The said jurors on their oaths do say, from the evidence presented, that the said Fred Beutler came to his death by strangulation on Thursday evening, Feb. 25, 1897, and that one John Rice, one Harriet Beutler and one Alvin Mitchell were supposed and we believe to be implicated in said death.

Signed, JOSEPH BULL JR.,  
JOHN H. BACK,  
JOHN A. DE VALLEY.

The three suspects were then handcuffed, placed in the patrol wagon and taken to the county jail.

The following data for March, covering a period of twenty-two years, have been compiled from the weather