

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

It affords thirteen or fourteen different creeds, and eight nice church buildings which they seem to think are too beautifully adorned for a Mormon to preach in. Prejudice was great when we came here, but as we get acquainted, to some extent it takes flight.

Mr. Whitehead, who claims to be a divine healer, arrived in this city last evening and is giving a series of lectures here.

We hope to be able to do justice to our mission here, and hope that many of the seeds which we are sowing will fall in good ground and bear fruit.

DAVID A. ROBISON.

## FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

SAN DIEGO, California, Nov., 29th, 1896.

Elder H. S. Tanner who has had charge of the California mission during the past twenty-seven months, has been released and returned to his mountain home November 21st, via Portland, Oregon. By his genial disposition and judicious management, he has won the love of the thirty Elders now in the field in such a way that it was with great reluctance they bade him good bye. But we gladly welcome our new president, Elder E. H. Nye of Ogden, and I know that every Elder here will join hands with him to further the work that in the short space of three years time has gained such proportions in the state of California.

Elder Nye was accompanied on his way out by Elder Elias S. Kimball, president of the Southern States mission. Elder Kimball spent a few days in San Francisco sight seeing, then left November 20th, on the steamer Santa Rosa, for this city, arriving here November 23rd, at 9 p. m. The Elders met him at the wharf and led him to headquarters. He met with us in our testimony meeting Wednesday night, and in speaking to us the Spirit of God rested upon him in such abundance that we enjoyed one of the greatest spiritual feasts of our lives.

Thursday, we all partook of the hospitality of Elder Willard Scowcroft and wife by eating at their domicile our Thanksgiving dinner. No one feels more like thanking God for his goodness unto them than does Mormon Elders while out preaching the Gospel of Christ.

Elder Kimball left Friday morning for Los Angeles, where he will remain a few days before departing for Chattanooga. We truly enjoyed his visit with us, and were loth to see him leave. He readily imbues Elders with the idea of preaching the Gospel without purse and scrip.

Besides the regular Elders here in San Diego, J. D. Irvine, J. S. Berry, Charles Brown and myself, we have with us at present, Elder Willard Scowcroft and wife, of the Northern California mission. We have access to some of the best homes in this city and hold our regular meetings in the A. O. U. W. hall on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Endeavoring to take advantage of every opportunity, we held special meetings on the street Friday and Saturday night, having on the latter night one hundred and fifty people present. Five baptisms were performed here at conference time, and next Tuesday we expect to add one more to our number. The way is opening up here for the Lord's work and much good is being accomplished in the Golden State.

G. F. HARDING.

An aged woman, whose name was not ascertained, was knocked down by a runaway team in San Francisco Monday afternoon and seriously injured. Her recovery is doubtful.

Macedonio Carrillo was lodged in the county jail at San Bernardino, Cal., by Sheriff Holcomb after a hard chase. Carrillo stabbed his wife seventeen times near Redlands Junction a few days ago and left her for dead. He then fled for the mountains.

Omaha St. Okman, Dec. 22: J. A. Whittaker & Co. sent in three cars of cattle here from Hutton, Wyo., and C. Boynton brought in five cars of cattle from Juab, Utah. Palmer Bree & W. of Walsenburg, Colo., sent in three cars of cattle and White & Sons Co., had four cars of cattle here from Ogden, Utah.

Roy Warren, the 14-year-old son of W. Warren of Albany, Oregon, went hunting Thursday afternoon. He did not return home at the proper time and a search was instituted. The boy was found dead in a field near the city with a hole in his right breast, caused by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

The agent at Congress Junction, a station on the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix railroad, eighty-five miles north of Phoenix, Arizona, was held up Thursday night by unknown robbers and \$70 Wells-Fargo money stolen at the point of a pistol. The agent, G. C. West, was alone at the time.

St. John, Kansas, News, Dec. 25: A grand free entertainment will be given this evening (Christmas night) by the Sunday school and choir of the Latter-day Saints' Church, to which the public and citizens in general are extended a cordial welcome. The hall has been most elaborately decorated and has a very artistic and tasteful appearance.

Jesse Brown, the twenty-year-old son of the chief engineer on the steamer Captain Weber, blew the top of his head off at Stockton, Cal., on Friday afternoon with a shotgun. The boy had been drinking the night before and during the day was so moody and disagreeable that his aunt, at whose house he was stopping, fled to the neighbors.

The last issue of the Malad, Idaho, Enterprise, comes to hand with turned column rules, the deep mourning being on account of the death of its editor, Caleb F. Davis, who passed from life on Tuesday last, a victim of typhoid fever. Mr. Davis was born Oct. 13, 1869, and was highly esteemed by the people with whom he passed his brief life.

The body of an unknown man was found on Montgomery island in the Sacramento river, about seven miles from Chico, Cal., Monday night. A deputy coroner brought the body to town. The corpse was unrecognizable, but is supposed to be that of a man who fell from the steamer Red Bluff at that point about six weeks ago.

Carl Woods and W. W. Edgerman

were drowned in Hood river, Oregon, Monday. Woods, Edgerman and Charles Bell were working on a flume which crosses the river, and while attempting to cross in a boat it was capsize by the swift current. All hands were thrown into the river, and Woods and Edgerman were drowned. Bell being an expert swimmer escaped. The bodies were not recovered.

Word has been received of a fatal gunning accident near Hollister, Cal., in which Arthur Manning is believed to have been killed and his brother Henry to have had his eye shot out. The boys went from Santa Cruz to San Benito county after ducks, and while riding in a wagon a gun went off. Arthur was aged 12 years and Henry 18. No particulars have been received.

Sydney M. Cuthbertson, who was knocked down by a car at San Jose, Cal., on October 3rd, has sued the company for \$2,000 alleged damages and for \$275 medical fees. He alleges that one leg is shorter than the other, that he has lost his sense of hearing and smell to a large degree, and that his injuries are permanent. Cuthbertson was knocked down and dragged some distance. He was riding a bicycle and a car going in the opposite direction struck him.

The death of M. K. Flood of Los Angeles, Cal., Monday is believed to be a case of suicide. Efforts were made to keep the story quiet. It is said that in the afternoon Flood sent for some relatives who lived near by, and after requesting them to sing some religious songs bade them good-bye, retired to his room in the home of his brother-in-law, J. V. Gordon, where he shot himself in the stomach. It is said the hard times worked on his mind.

The remains of Joseph Gandin, proprietor of a tallow factory, were found at midnight Tuesday in a fearfully mangled condition on the main line of track in front of the stockyards. It is supposed that he was returning from the factory to his home early in the evening, when he was overtaken by the slow freight train which pulled out for Vallejo at 7 p. m. Gandin was a Scotchman, 64 years of age, and was very well known in Oakland, where he has resided for fifteen years. He leaves a large family.

Bento Ortega, a Mexican resident of Riverside, Cal., is lying at the point of death from a half dozen or more knife wounds inflicted upon him Saturday night by a couple on footpads. Ortega, who resides in the outskirts of the city, started for home about 9 p. m., and when a short distance from home was knocked down and stabbed a number of times. The police arrested two men, who gave their names as C. J. Hamilton and Frank Sibley. They had a bloody knife and a silver dollar with blood on it. The dollar was taken from Ortega.

A tragedy is reported from Basin City, the county seat of the new county of Big Horn, Wyoming, in which William Bishop lost his life at