

lating to contagious diseases is as applicable to cattle as to human beings, and if so the state board of health has \$50,000 to eradicate the disease.

Advices have been received at Gallup, New Mexico, that the body of Frank Reitz was found on a ranch near Rincon, and there was every evidence that he had been murdered. Reitz had been a resident of Gallup for several years, and was in the butcher business. He was highly respected.

Assistant General Manager P. P. Shelby of the Great Northern sent his resignation to President Hill on Monday at Seattle, Wash., to take effect May 30th. So far as known there has been no friction and Mr. Shelby leaves of his own accord. Mr. Shelby was formerly Union Pacific agent in Salt Lake City.

It is claimed that there is a snake measuring about three inches in length in the eye of a horse belonging to Alex McAllister of Yakima City, Wash. The snake can be plainly seen wriggling around in the ball of the eye and the horse is gradually becoming blind. Mayor Lake and George Gervais vouch for the truth of this statement, says the Yakima Herald.

One feature of the new athletic exercises of the Fort Whipple, Arizona, troops is what may be called a potato race. Potatoes are laid equal distances apart for half a mile; a man starts at either end with a sack; each man runs toward the other as fast as he can, picking up every potato as he comes to it. The man who gets the most potatoes is the winner of the contest.

There is trouble in Tacoma, Wash., over a change in office. A new chairman of the board of public works was appointed, but the superseded official refused to retire. The new man was put in possession by the aid of the police, but the ousted official refuses to reveal the combination of the safe, and the new one is not authorized to break it open. Public business is interfered with.

Pocatello, Idaho, Advance: On Monday, Tommy, the 10-year-old son of J. C. Cunningham, had a terrible fall that resulted in a compound fracture of the right leg. The little boy was playing in the stable with a younger brother and climbed up to the rafters, when he slipped and fell, striking the manger below, breaking the leg between the knee and ankle. The bones protruded through the flesh. It will be many months before the little fellow will be able to walk.

N. A. E. Hildard, a prominent lawyer and society leader of Spokane, Wash., committed suicide Friday in a sensational manner. Climbing over the railing of the Post-street bridge directly over the big falls, and in plain view of a large number of pedestrians, he fired a bullet through his brain and dropped into the Spokane river forty-six feet below. His body was swept over the falls and has not yet been recovered. Despondency over a love affair is stated to be the cause of his action.

Since April 1st it has rained continuously, at Eureka, Nev., with the exception of eight days. During April the rainfall at Eureka was over eleven inches as against an average of four and a half inches for the preceding ten years. In the valleys rain has been

even heavier, and reports from all sections are omens of crop failures. Fruit is dropping from the trees, rust is appearing on early sown grain, seed is rotting in the ground, grain is being drowned out, and farm work of all kinds is at a standstill.

"Grandpa, the little bird has committed suicide." J. B. Stetson, to whom the words were addressed by the little child, in San Francisco on Friday, glanced up, and in front of the window of his sleeping apartment saw a dead sparrow, suspended by the neck, hanging half way down the upper sash of the window. In the arched space above the window frame some birds had built their nests, using as sparrows do, hair from the tails and manes of horses. By some means a hair had become fastened around the neck of the sparrow. Probably in trying to free itself the bird flew from the nest, but its flight was as short as it was fatal. The hair adhered to the nest, while the loop kept fast its clasp on the little songster's throat. The result was the hanging of the sparrow as effectually as if all the proceedings had been conducted by a sheriff with all the formalities of the law.

OBITUARY NOTES.

ROBERT WILSON.

Robert Wilson, son of William and Catherine Wilson, was born April 29th, 1819, at Lightwood Green, Flintshire, Wales. He was a descendant of a very old family. His father died when he was very young, leaving the mother with a family of eleven children, he being the tenth. He received the Gospel in his native land, was baptized September 18, 1840, by Henry Royle, being one of three who were the first to receive the truth in the Shropshire conference. Emigrated to America the following year, working his way across the ocean; arriving at Kirtland he performed a mission of about one year in the state of Ohio and vicinity; was married on the 23rd of June, 1843, to Mary Ann Point, by Thomas Dutcher, his traveling companion; settled in Montrose and was at Nauvoo during the bombardment of that city.

He drove an ox team across the Plains for John S. Fullmer in the year 1847 or 48, having left his wife behind, she being unwilling to come with him though she came to the valley the following year. In 1849 he went to California, being quite successful in mining. In the year 1852 he returned via the Pacific ocean, crossing the isthmus of Panama on horse back and sailing to New York. Then he went to Ohio to visit relatives and purchased an outfit at Chicago with which to cross the Plains, and brought sixteen of his relatives to Utah. In the spring of 1853 his wife and friends went on to California. He afterward married three wives and lived at Salt Lake City a short time, moving from there to Kayaville in Davis county; went out to meet one of the handcart companies; was also out in Echo canyon to meet Johnson and his army under Horton D. Haight, now president of the Cassia State of Zion. During that campaign he, with two or three others went with salt to General Johnson, sent by President Young, as the soldiers were dying for the need of it to use on their meat, etc.; but the general would not accept of it, yet it was unloaded near by so that the soldiers went out and got it; they also had a message from President Young to General Johnson, stating that he had his mule fine and fat for him to ride back on in the spring.

In the year 1861 he was sent on a mission to help colonize the Dixie country, but was taken sick with the chills and fever and had to return leaving one of his wives and her children there. He then went to Ogden valley in Weber county. Removing from there in the year 1872, he settled at Harrisville in the same county and was one of the High Council in the Weber Stake, also acting as a home missionary in the Stake. In the spring of 1882 he moved to Oakley, in Cassia county, Idaho, and at the organization of the Seventy-eighth quorum of Seventy he was set apart as the senior president of that quorum. At the organization of the Cassia Stake he was ordained Patriarch of that Stake, which position he held until his death which occurred on the 18th of September, 1895, being exactly 55 years from the day he was baptized. He started on a mission to England on the 17th of February, 1886; performed a successful mission of twenty months, returning home in October, 1888.

He was the husband of four wives, the father of thirty-nine children, twenty-four sons and fifteen daughters, and leaves two wives, twenty-six children, sixty-eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He died, as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint being in the 76th year of his life.

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R. L. WILSON.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

REED.—Eunice, infant daughter of William and Charlotte Reed, of brain trouble.

NIELD.—At Meadow, Millard county, on Thursday, May 9, 1896, Jane Standing Nield, wife of Joseph Merrick Nield; born at Rochdale, England, May 31, 1827.

HUBER.—In the Fifteenth ward, this city, Friday, May 8, 1896, at 7:45 p.m., Joseph William, son of Emil and Elizabeth Huber; aged 7 months, 3 weeks and 4 days.

PUZEY.—In this city, May 7, 1896, Henry Puzey, in the 69th year of his age. He was born at Alton, Hampshire, England, August 7, 1828; received the Gospel in his native land and emigrated to Utah in 1866. He lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint.

BLAKE-COCKERILL.—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Katie Seamons, Rockport, Utah, May 8, 1896, Mrs. Sarah Blake-Cockerill, of Wanship, Utah. She was born in North Moulton, Devonshire, England, in August, 1818.

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CURTIS.—At Luna, Socorro county, New Mexico, of typhoid pneumonia, Ray E., beloved son of Charles G. and Virginia Kilian Curtis; born at Salem, Utah, April 9, 1875. In his kindness to his mother and sisters he was a worthy example to all young men. He was to have been married soon. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the whole community.—[COM.]

WILSON.—At Mesa City, Arizona, April 2, 1896, of paralysis, Sister Ann Etiza Wilson. Deceased was born and raised in the Church of Christ, lived an exemplary Latter-day Saint, and died in the hope of a glorious resurrection. She was born in Canada August 8, 1842. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

GEORGE.—At Murray, Salt Lake county, May 2, 1896, John George; born in Cardiff, South Wales, April 19, 1818; baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about 1846; emigrated from England and crossed the Plains in the year 1852, with the sugar machinery company. He has lived in Utah continuously until the time of his death. He died in full faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Latter-day Saints.—[COM.]