

and every single trader had to pay a trading tax of \$20 and a personal tax of \$5. The natives are assessed so much copra, which brings in to the island government, which is under the protectorate of Germany, about \$360,000 pounds of copra annually. This is as good as gold.

"When the Jaluit company got the German government to assume the protectorate of the islands, the company agreed to pay the salaries of the German officials in the company was allowed to collect the revenue from all the sources, and the government would send a war vessel to visit the islands twice a year. This was granted, so that the difference between the salary of the officials and the revenue of the islands, which is a big thing, goes into the coffers of the company as profit. The officials are an imperial high commissioner, a secretary, a doctor and a pilot, who is a regular Pooh Bah, being chief of police, harbor master and clerk of the imperial court. He has two native police officers under him.

"For years there has been a growing distaste for foreign or any other kind of missionaries among the Germans. It is quite possible the Protestants may be sent away and the native school stations abolished. Several years ago Father Bontou, a French Catholic priest and missionary, leased a piece of land in Jaluit with the privilege of buying it. He is now at Butaritari, but I understand that an offer has been made to him to establish a mission school at Jaluit for the benefit of the children of the whites and half-castes. This he would willingly do if the Protestant missionaries were sent away. The people of Jaluit would be very glad to have a free school.

"The Protestant missionaries have done a good deal for the natives of both the Marshall and Gilbert groups in the way of education. If they have received any return in the way of trading they deserve it. The natives are wild with delight every time the missionary steamer Morning Star makes the rounds of these islands. The steamer picks up whole families at different places and takes them to one or another of the island school stations.

"No better example of how little is thought of missionaries at Jaluit can be got than the case of a German minister who arrived there direct from Hamburg a year ago. He brought a sealed letter of introduction from a stockholder in the company residing in Germany. When opened the minister read: 'This man is a missionary. Drive him away from the islands.' And he was driven away.

"Major Schmidt, the new commissioner, is haughty and anything but popular. He went direct from an African mission to Jaluit and took with him a negro and a Chinese boy. In walking along the street he insists upon people taking off their hats to him before allowing himself to be addressed."

Advices received at Jaluit from Butaritari, Gilbert Islands, on December 20th, stated that a British commissioner was expected to arrive on the 1st of January and business was at a standstill.

A railroad will soon be built between Korta and Moensteras by the way of Maaleraas.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES.

Monthly report of the Health department of the City of Salt Lake, March, 1893. Population (estimated) 70,000. Annual death rate per 1000, 8.60.

Deaths from all causes.....	56
Zymotic Diseases.....	9
Constitutional Diseases.....	9
Local Diseases.....	33
Developmental Diseases.....	8
Deaths by Violence.....	—
Unknown causes.....	—
Zymotic Diseases.....	—
Alcoholism.....	1
Group (Membranous).....	—
Diphtheria.....	2
Fever (Scarlet).....	3
Fever (Typhoid).....	—
La Grippe.....	—
Whooping Cough.....	—
Constitutional Diseases.....	—
Cancer.....	2
Cancer of Pancreas.....	1
Tuberculosis Pulmonalis.....	4
Rheumatism.....	2
Local Diseases.....	—
Apoplexy.....	1
Asthma.....	—
Bronchitis.....	3
Bronchitis (Capillary).....	1
Bright's Disease.....	4
Convulsions.....	2
Erysipelas.....	1
Enteritis (Gastro).....	1
Epilepsy.....	1
Gastritis (Acute).....	1
Heart Disease of.....	5
Hernia (Strangulated).....	1
Intussusception (Intestinal).....	1
Indigestion.....	—
Liver, Disease of.....	—
Lung Disease.....	1
Meningitis.....	1
Paralysis.....	—
Peri Typhilitis.....	—
Pneumonia.....	5
Pneumonia (Broncho).....	3
Quincy.....	1
Spinal Disease.....	1
Tonsillitis.....	—
Tumor.....	1
Developmental Diseases.....	—
Anemia.....	2
Dentition.....	1
Exhaustion.....	—
Exposure.....	—
Neurasthenia.....	1
Old Age.....	4
Death by Violence.....	—
Suicide.....	—
Unknown Causes.....	—
Unknown.....	—

DEATHS CLASSIFIED BY NATIVITY.

NATIVITY.	Total.	
	Male.	Female.
Utah.....	9	12
Other parts of the United States.....	10	4
England.....	4	6
Germany.....	1	1
Ireland.....	3	1
Prussia.....	1	1
Sweden.....	1	3
Unknown.....	2	—
Total.....	31	25

The total number of births, 96; males, 40; females, 56; white, 95; colored, 1. Marriage licenses issued (taken from county records), 45.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder Joseph H. Denio, of St. Charles, Idaho, called at the NEWS office last evening, having just returned from a mission to the Pennsylvania conference of the Northwestern States mission, for which part of the world he left home on March 29, 1891.

The first nine months of his ministry were spent principally in Long Island. He made many friends in that section and left it with regret to labor in West Virginia, where he remained until his release to return home. During the last six months Elder Denio acted as president of the Pennsylvania conference, having succeeded Elder H. F. Thomas, of Span-

ish Fork, to that position. Elder Denio reports that the condition of the conference is better today than for some years. The people as a rule are very kind and the missionaries are doing good work among them.

Elder J. Meason of Lake Shore, Utah county, who left his home on April 17, 1891, for a mission to England, returned from that field of labor March 20, 1893, and was in the city today. He has labored with success in the Norwich and Nottingham conference.

PRESIDENT WOODRUFF'S COUSIN DEAD

A letter written to President Woodruff by a near relative, Hattie Woodruff from Unionville, Conn., April 5th conveyed the sad intelligence that the aunt of the writer, Mrs. "Linn" (Melinda) Woodruff, wife of Chandler Hatch, and own cousin of the President had died on the 29th of March. Deceased was sixty-seven years of age and had been ill only a week, the disease in the beginning being la grippe but turning afterwards to pneumonia, which soon brought her succumb from suffering. Shortly before her sickness she had expressed the desire that "Cousin Wilford," our honored President, could visit her this summer, and a visit from his son Asahel which she had recently enjoyed caused her to anticipate with pleasure the hope of seeing him again this summer. The interment took place on the 31st of March. The deceased was an estimable woman in every sense; her parents were baptized by President Woodruff in 1837 when he was on his way to his Fox Island mission.

LINCOLN AND VOLTAIRE.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll is one of the most eloquent of men gauged by certain standards. His language is flowing, rhythmical, incisive and ornate. That it at times lacks in symmetry and proportion, that his tropes are quite frequently devoid of literary legitimacy, count for nothing with the crowd that listens to him, for there is no time, even when there is the ability, to analyze a glowing sentence; the listener is all at once treated to another and another, and the general effect is, that the listeners are captivated.

The colonel's latest public effort of the kind spoken of was his recent eulogy of Abraham Lincoln. A writer in the Chicago Record speaking of this occasion, says evidently Ingersoll has a genuine admiration for many of the fine qualities which were found in Mr. Lincoln, but has done justice to his subject? Mr. Lincoln was not a member of any church, but he was an intensely religious man. "In early life he formed an intimate acquaintance with the Christian Bible and that book went with him to the White House and was upon the table in the room where he did the public business. He was a man of faith and prayer. He was indeed a Samson, but the springs of his strength lay in his religious nature. All this Col. Ingersoll ignores. It is as if an artist had painted Mr. Lincoln with his long body and limbs without any head, and it will not be forgotten that Col. Ingersoll is the man who preaches