

price than has been received this past five years.

Pedestrians in the neighborhood of Berry and Sixth streets, San Francisco, were horrified on Tuesday morning to see a lineman drop headlong from his position on the tip of a telegraph pole and crash to the ground, dead. The unfortunate man was Ferdinand M. Lynch, one of the oldest and most expert employees of the Pacific Telephone company. He seized a telephone wire with his right hand. It was "dead;" there was not the indication of a current in it. In a moment Lynch grasped a "dead" fire alarm wire in his left hand. In the fraction of a second 2,000 volts of electricity passed through his body and he tumbled through the air to the street below. The fire alarm wire had been unused for months. The workman had no cause to think it charged with electricity. He did not know, however, that a half block away, by some accident, it had crossed a "live" incandescent electric wire which supplies the neighborhood and is charged with 2,000 volts. As he grasped the wire his fellow-workman saw him stagger from the pole. The frightful shock resulted in concussion of the brain. The fall had broken his nose, bruised his body and face and ruptured some of his internal organs. Each hand showed the effect of his grasp upon the wire. The left was burned to the bone, but only on the edges. The palm showed no trace of electricity. The right hand showed hardly a trace of the burning. In grasping both wires Lynch had completed the circuit through his own body. By grasping either wire no harm would have been done. By grasping both the full current shot through him.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau. Meteorological report of the Utah weather service, April, 1895.

Temperature—The mean temperature for the Territory (twenty-five stations) was 49.2 degrees; highest monthly mean, 57.6 degrees, at St. George; lowest monthly mean, 40.9 degrees, at Loa. The highest temperature, 94 degrees was recorded at St. George on the 20th, and the lowest, 5 degrees at Loa on the 5th; range of temperature for the Territory, 89 degrees; greatest local monthly range of temperature for the Territory, 78 degrees, at Fillmore; least local monthly range, 56 degrees, at Salt Lake City and Vernal; the warmest days were the 7th, 13th, 20th, 24th and 25th, and the coldest days, 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 16th.

Precipitation—The average precipitation for the Territory was .58 of an inch; greatest monthly amount recorded was 5.20 inches at Levan, and the least amount recorded was a trace at Cisco, Giles and Emery. The principal part of the precipitation fell during the last two days of the month. The depth of snowfall reported during the month was as follows: Castle Gate, 3 inches; Thistle, 1 inch; Salt Lake City, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and Loa, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Weather—The average number of cloudless days was 18; partly cloudy, 8; cloudy, 4, and days on which .01 of an inch or more of precipitation fell, 2. There was 75 per cent of sunshine

at Salt Lake City, and 80 per cent (estimated) at Grover.

Wind—The prevailing direction was southwest. The total movement at Salt Lake City was 5,638 miles, and the highest velocity 38 miles per hour from the west on the 4th.

Miscellaneous Phenomena—Thunderstorms—Loa, 28th; Grouse Creek, 27th; Snowville, 29th; Giles, 10th; Levan, 29th; Salt Lake City, 28th.

Hail—Koocharem, 14th, 28th and 29th; St. George, 28th.

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RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder Nella Sandberg, of St. George, returned May 22 from Sweden, where he has been laboring as a missionary for the past two years. Elder Sandberg left his home on March 23, 1893, and labored in the Skon conference, in Christianstad branch, and during the last seven months he presided over the branch. During his absence he has enjoyed his labors, his health having been good.

A pleasant call was given the News Wednesday by Elder O. J. Christensen, of Ephraim, Sanpete county, who in company with fifteen other returning missionaries, arrived in this city Wednesday. Elder Christensen's mission covered a period of little over two years, and during the last half of his labors he presided over the Copenhagen conference. He reports that both he and the other Elders enjoyed their work fully and that their homeward journey was a very pleasant one.

Elder George Rurt, of this city, returned Wednesday from a mission to Scotland, where he has been laboring for over two years, having left his home April 29, 1893. His entire time was spent in Scotland, and he reports that mission to be progressing favorably, the ordinance of baptism having been administered to many people during the last six months. The way is opening up some for presenting the Gospel to the people, but there is great indifference manifested by them to regard to religious matters.

OBITUARY NOTES.

WILLIAM H. CARPENTER.

In St. George, Utah, on May 8, 1895, William H. Carpenter died of Bright's disease of the kidneys. He was born in Glenville, Schenectady county, New York state, July 22, 1820. He was a member of the Mormon Battalion, yet did not go to California, but returned with the company of sick. He leaves two wives, six children, twelve grandchildren and many friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He has one wife, thirteen children and three grandchildren on the other side. He died as he lived a faithful Latter-day Saint.—[COMMUNICATED.]

KEZIAH J. REDD.

Died at New Harmony, Washington county, Utah, May 15, 1895, after many weeks of patient suffering of cancer in the stomach, Keziah J. Redd, beloved wife of Lemuel H. Redd, aged 59 years, 2 months and 20 days. Sister Redd died as she lived in full faith of the Gospel; she was first counselor to the president of the Relief Society for many years prior and up to the time of her sickness, and was a very wise and able member in that society. She will be greatly missed in time of sickness as she was ever willing

to lend a helping hand in times of need. Her friends and relatives could but eulogize her every action, and she has gone to continue her good work. Sister Redd leaves a loving husband and ten children, all of whom but two of her sons and one daughter were at her bedside. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her departure.—[COMMUNICATED.]

THOMAS HIGGS.

Thomas Higgs, son of Thomas and Susannah Reynolds Higgs, who died at Mant, Utah, on the 11th day of April, 1895, was born at Welton, Northamptonshire, England, December 17, 1822. When eight years old he emigrated to America with his parents, who settled at Utica, New York. He obtained a common school education, learned the carpenter trade of his father and afterwards spent several years running wood-working machinery. May 24, 1844, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Stowe, of Utica. Several years later deceased moved to Davenport, Iowa, with a view to bettering his worldly condition. While residing at this point he first saw a copy of the *St. Louis Luminary*, edited by John Taylor, and became interested in Mormonism. A Scotch gentleman and a Latter-day Saint by the name of Edward Gillis was largely instrumental in his conversion to the Gospel of Christ. On the 18th day of May, 1856, he was baptized in the Iowa river, near Iowa City, by Elder Edward Bunker, and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Elder William Walker while standing on the banks of that stream. During his stay at the Iowa campground, he assisted in putting together wagons and in making ox yokes for those who were preparing to emigrate to Utah; and, on the 8th day of August, 1856, he himself started for Salt Lake City, where he arrived on the 13th day of September following. While working for President Brigham Young he put together and started going the first steam saw mill ever operated here; also to him belongs the honor of having planned the first board ever surfaced by machinery in this Territory. He participated in the Morrisite war, and was present when Morrisite war capitulated. He stood by the wagon when John Banks sat wounded as Dr. Jeter Clinton approached and asked, "John, is there anything I can do for you?" and bore his testimony that Banks, speaking in tones of extreme disgust, replied, "No; let me die. I have made a fool of myself." For a number of years Brother Higgs was employed in the Salt Lake City fire department and while there rebuilt the old hand engine now in the possession of the veteran firemen of this city. Afterwards he worked in Z. C. M. 1. The last seventeen years of his life were spent in Mant, to which place he was called to aid in the erection of the beautiful temple there located, and it was in that sacred edifice he was working at the time of his demise. Brother Higgs lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint. He was esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves many friends, children and grandchildren down to the third generation, to mourn his loss.—[COMMUNICATED.]

SALT LAKE CITY, May, 22, 1895.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

MILLS.—In this city, May 24, 1895, William Gill Mills, a native of the Isle of Man, aged 78 years.

SLATER.—In the Fifth ward, this city, May 20, 1895, of general debility, Mary Ann B. Slater, wife of Frederick C. Slater, aged 72 years; born in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England.

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