

"The people are said to have stood up in a body and shouted 'No!'"

"If, then," the investigator is reported to have said, "the United States fails to annex the islands, will you support the present government?" and again the populace is supposed to have answered in the negative.

"I know certainly," continued Mr. Cluff, according to the story, that your queen can never be restored. If you do not want annexation to the United States or will not support the present government, what, then, do you want?"

"To a man, the story goes, the natives shouted: 'Give us annexation to England.'"

Where Cluff came from or by what authority he is pursuing his investigations, no one seems to know. He is said to have powerful friends at Washington in whose interests and for whose information he is working. So far as is known he has not done any work here."

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 26.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid; Inducements are being offered by residents of Blüte Valley, a settlement about 50 miles east of Richfield, for parties to come to that section and locate permanently. The offers held out are of land, and are of such a nature that any families contemplating a change of residence would do well to investigate. The tracts of land offered are not of the remnants of poor soil left after the first settlers made their choice, but are portions of the first locations made, and are consequently of the best.

Elder Barnard J. Stewart of Draper, Salt Lake county, was a caller at the "News" office this afternoon, having returned on the 24th inst. from a mission to Great Britain. Elder Stewart left home on May 2, 1896. He labored in the London conference during his entire mission, most of the time in the city of London. The conference, he says, is in a more prosperous condition than for years past. The Elders are in good health and are doing good work. Elder Stewart enjoyed his labors very much, but is nevertheless glad to be home once again.

About two weeks ago Mr. Frank Wilcox and his wife Annie, whose home is in Eureka, came to this city bringing with them their daughter Bertha, who was ailing. Mrs. Wilcox is sister to Mrs. Sarah A. J. Cannon, whose guests the visitors became. Despite all that was done for her, the child grew worse, and yesterday her bright spirit took its flight to the God that gave it. The cause of death was spinal meningitis. Bertha was a pure, sweet child and was devotedly beloved by her parents and relatives. The blow occasioned by her death is made the more severe by the fact that just about a year ago, her sister, aged fourteen years, passed away. The "News" joins in the sincere hope that the Comforter rest down upon the bereaved parents and kindred and impart of them a consolation which mere words cannot do.

Washington's birthday furnished the opportunity for a few friends to assemble at H. W. Naisbitt's residence, Twentieth ward, and give him kindly greeting. The visit was all the more appreciated as the times seem to have almost obliterated the social methods of the years ago.

Mrs. Priscilla Jennings, Mrs. P. Brooks, Mrs. C. R. Savage, Mrs. Neslin Spencer, Mrs. Hannah Brooks, Mrs. John Paul, Misses Alice and Katie Naisbitt, Miss J. Rice, Miss M. Jacques and Miss Ella Naisbitt from Ogden were among the ladies. Mr. William Edgington, Mr. T. V. Williams, Mr. C. R. Savage, Mr. G. F. Brooks, Mr. John Paul, Mr. Phillip and Leslie Brooks

and Mr. James Jacques were the gentlemen present; after a pleasant supper, books, music, singing, (no cards) and reminiscent conversation were the constituents of an appreciated time, a ray of sunlight on the present, and a remembrance of unnumbered good times in the past.

The Twelfth ward chapel was filled yesterday afternoon with the friends and relatives of Sister Catherine Cummings, on the occasion of her obsequies. The interior of the building was beautifully draped in white. The casket containing the remains was borne from the residence of the deceased to the chapel by six pall bearers, three of whom were her sons, and there was a profusion of beautiful floral emblems.

The singing was by a male quartette consisting of J. T. Dunbar, John James, Thomas Butler and Heber Sharp, and was very fine. The first speaker was Elder Louis Hook, who was followed by Elder Joshua Midgley. They were old friends and neighbors of Sister Cummings, and testified to her worth and faithfulness as a Latter-day Saint. Bishop H. B. Clawson followed in a warm eulogy and strong testimony of the bright character of the deceased, and was followed by Elder J. G. Kimball, who delivered a comforting and edifying discourse. Elder Joseph E. Taylor was the closing speaker, and his remarks were very much appreciated for the comfort and instruction they conveyed.

A long line of carriages followed the remains to the cemetery, and Elder James M. Wardrop dedicated the grave.

It seems to need a gathering now and then to realize how far the ramifications of family connections and friendship extend. Particularly is this seen when an impromptu or surprise is tendered, where change and circumstances move families or individuals from the usual sphere of observation.

Mr. John Paul was years ago well known in the meat market of this city in the firm name of Jennings & Paul. The death of the former and the moving of the latter to Teton, destroyed what was in its time the best and most attractive shop of its class that this city had.

Mr. Paul was sixty-two years of age when his friends determined on this surprise, and forty-four years in this valley, have brought children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who in an unostentatious way make up our now cosmopolitan population.

this case the families of Jennings, Paul, Naisbitt, Bourne, Brooks, Calders, Lewis, Stevenson, Spencers, and others more or less remote were all represented, and these offshoots similar to those of most old time emigrants now tell a story "stranger than fiction;" the varied accomplishments found in such a group had bent in song, music, recitation, anecdotes, experiences and words of congratulation; while Brother William Foster sung some of his old songs accompanied on the guitar, memories of the famous "Polysophic Saints," in its primitive days awoke the stirring thoughts of their ardent youth, and of associations many of which have been broken by the hand of death; these gatherings give renewed vitality to things forgotten in the stress of later times, and yet suggest that but a few more will move from this probation the actors, friends and kindred of those trying yet "happy days of yore!"

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 28.

On the 26th inst. Elder Charles Measom reached this city on his return from a mission to England, where he has been laboring since May, 1896.

Elder John W. Crawford, of Logan, was a caller at the "News" office this (Monday) morning. Elder Crawford returned on Saturday last from a mission to Great Britain. He left home January 9th, 1896, and took up his labors in the Sheffield conference, over which he subsequently presided. In the conference friends are being made and prejudice allayed. Elder Crawford enjoyed good health and is pleased to be home again.

Mt. Pleasant, Utah, Feb. 28.—What came near being a conflagration occurred here yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock when it was discovered that the upper portion of the handsome two story brick residence of L. J. Jordan, of this place, was on fire. An exceptionally quick response to the alarm given, by the fire boys with engine, who after some work, succeeded in extinguishing the fire. The entire roof burned and the contents were damaged by water; loss, about \$200; fully incurred; origin unknown; probably defective flue.

City Treasurer Morris completed his report this afternoon of the earnings of the license department for the current month. The showing is most satisfactory, and gives and increased collection over the same month in last year of more than \$4,000, and of \$8,071.85 for January and February of this year as compared with the receipts for the same two months of last year. In January, 1897, the receipts were \$8,942.70; in February they were \$5,431.80. In January of this year the receipts were \$12,830.65; in February they amounted to \$9,575.70, showing a net increase of \$8,071.85.

Some of our fruit growers seem to think there will be quite a loss, especially in the peach crop, this season owing to unfavorable weather. Just such foreboding reports go forth as regularly as spring comes round, and almost as regularly we get a fairly good peach yield. Yet cold, damp fogs hung over our city during several cold nights. These fogs are more destructive than clear weather with the mercury 20 below zero. Most of the peaches in the west end of town are said to be killed except where the fog was kept off by the canyon winds.—Brigham Bugler.

Brigham Bugler: E. H. Jones, merchant of Kelton, was in Brigham this week. He informed a reporter that even up to this late day in the wintering season, there have been practically no losses of sheep in that vicinity. He is in a position to know, as most of the pelts from sheep on the range are either sold or shipped from Kelton station. A good many mutton pelts have passed through there, but very few "murrins" which are the pelts of sheep that die unaided by the butcher's knife. This successful season among the vast flocks that are wintering in that vicinity will no doubt put our sheep men on a healthy financial footing this year, especially so when the wool and mutton markets are so strong.

San Francisco Chronicle: Al T. Badlam, son of the late Alexander Badlam and proprietor of the firm known as Badlam Brothers, manufacturers of gas machines, died at the family residence, 1024 Pine street, yesterday. He had been in ill-health for some time following two attacks of pneumonia. This is the second bereavement of the family within a few weeks, Alexander Badlam, the father, having died but a short time ago.

Al T. Badlam was born in Sacramento thirty-five years ago. He leaves a widowed mother, a brother, Edgar B. Badlam of the Risdon Iron Works, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Bradford.

The funeral will take place tomorrow under the auspices of Stanford Par-