

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Mrs. J. Wood, of Westfield Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England, would like to learn the whereabouts of her brother, George Burt, who emigrated to Utah from Kiveton Park, near Sheffield, some fifteen years ago. He was last heard from fifteen years ago, he then being in Salt Lake City.

NEPHI, April 19.—David Webb, an old respected citizen, was found dead in bed this (Monday) morning. He told his son Harry the night before that he was going to die and asked his father if he should stay with him, and he said no. It is thought he died without a struggle. He was aged about 74 years. He leaves quite a large number of sons and daughters.

On Wednesday, April 14, the dead body of a man named E. R. Roberts was found lying in the rear of the West Side saloon at 50 N. Third West street, opposite the Union Pacific or Oregon Short Line depot. He appeared to have been dead for some time and later it was ascertained almost beyond a doubt that he had committed suicide by means of the carbolic acid route.

Elder James C. Knudson, of Provo, has returned from a mission to Samoa for which island he left home January 31, 1894. He reports having enjoyed good health in his labors and also having met with good success especially during the latter part of his mission. He arrived in Salt Lake on Saturday and will remain here for a few days before proceeding homeward.

Arville Richards, a three-year-old child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richards of West Jordan, was drowned on Saturday afternoon by falling into a mill race, in close proximity to the family residence. This is the second child Mr. and Mrs. Richards have lost from drowning in the same stream. They have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends and neighbors in their bereavement.

FAIRVIEW, Sanpete Co., Utah,

April 10, 1897.

I crossed the plains in 1847 in Jedediah Grant's fifty and Willard Snow's one hundred; arrived on October 11th with my wife and three children, of which only one survives, a daughter, Mary F. Vance Alfred. She is also a resident of this place and knows what it is to go hungry and suffer the hardships of pioneer life.

ISAAC Y. VANCE.

On Saturday evening, Carl, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson, died at the residence of his parents, 451 W. 7th South street, of diphtheria. The remains of the child were unceremoniously laid in the grave yesterday afternoon, while three others in the same family are stricken with the dread disease, one of whom is said to be in a very precarious condition. The sympathy of the community goes out to the afflicted family in their hour of bereavement and extreme sorrow.

Elder Myron H. Holgate of this city called at the NEWS office last Monday on his return from a mission to the Northwestern states. He left

home March 5, 1895, and labored one year in Nebraska, and the remaining time in Iowa. Good success crowned his efforts in spreading the Gospel, particularly in the latter state, where quite a number of people are investigating. Elder Holgate had good health and returns home feeling well in having performed an honorable mission.

Chief of Police Paul has received the following communication, which is handed the NEWS for publication:

HELENA, Mont., University.

Dear Sir—Will you kindly advertise in the paper that there is one Frank Thomas Mindler looking for one A. W. Mindler. He is my father and I have not seen him for a few years. If so you will be doing a great favor for an unhappy boy.

Yours truly,

FRANK THOMAS MINDLER

P. S.—Tell me if you get answer to advertisement.

The watermasters in Davis county have prepared for a rush from the mountain streams. Last year there was considerable damage from freshets, but this season precautions have been taken to clean the ditches, make canals and prepare to repair any breaks that may occur. Altogether the county is in good condition to cope with rushing streams from the mountains close by.

In different parts of the county much damage was done to fruit by the cold and storms of last fall. The apricot and peach crop suffered severely, while gooseberries and other small fruits were touched also.

To all of the Overland Express riders, Stage Drivers, Teamsters and Employers:

Gentlemen—As this is the year of Utah's Jubilee it seems as though we who still live should meet once more. I would ask you to come to Salt Lake on the next 24th of July and let us join with the rest and rejoice that we still live. It is understood that there will be an "express" during the festive week from Denver, Cheyenne, or some point in Utah. It will be in order for some of the "old boys" to take a ride to show people just how it was done in days gone by. Write to H. J. Faust, No. 129 First street, Salt Lake City, giving name and address. Will you come?

Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Nebraska and California papers please copy.

H. J. FAUST.

Bishop O. F. Whitney called at the NEWS office and made a statement that should set at rest all further discussion regarding the identity of the first white male child born in Utah.

A foot note on page 367, Vol. 1 of Whitney's History of Utah says: "Lorenzo Dow Young Jr. born September 20th, 1847,—the first white male child born in Utah."

In discussing the matter the author said he inquired into it very carefully while writing his history and that the accuracy of the claim was clearly established at the time, the most con-

clusive proof being the journal of Pioneer events kept by Lorenzo Dow Young himself, the personal statement of the mother who is still living and a resident of this city and a poem written on the birth of the child by Mrs. Eliza R. Snow.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, April 13, 1897.—The weather of the week ending Monday, April 12th, was generally more favorable for farm work than that of the preceding week, the temperature being much higher, precipitation less and amount of sunshine greater. Heavy frosts and freezing temperatures occurred over a large part of the state during the fore part of the week, followed by gradually rising temperature, the period closing with mild and seasonable weather prevailing.

In all sections the soil is, for the most part, too wet for working, but in a few favored localities plowing has begun and is being pushed rapidly; little or no seeding has been done. In parts of the northern and western sections fruit buds are swelling; there is no apparent danger from late frosts.

D. P. McALLUM,
Section Director,

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Releases and Appointments—Willard C. Burgen, president of the Obeltenham conference, has been honorably released to return home April 8, 1897.

Fred W. Nicholls, president of the London conference, has been honorably released to return home April 8, 1897.

James Smith has been honorably released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Obeltenham conference, to return home April 8, 1897.

George Comer has been honorably released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Obeltenham conference, to return home April 8, 1897.

J. T. Rackham has been honorably released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Norwich conference, to return home April 8, 1897.

Elder George Shorten has been appointed to preside over the London conference.

Elder Ragnel Barber has been appointed to preside over the Obeltenham conference.

OGDEN, Utah, April 19.—News reached this city about one o'clock today of a disastrous snowslide which occurred at the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company's property, and resulted in the death of Fred J. Wolhaupter and W. J. Turner of Ogden and Ed. Maule of Plain City. The slide occurred about 9 o'clock this morning. David Russell of Ogden and John Dalton of Plain City were in the tunnel when the avalanche occurred, and some time afterwards were dug out uninjured. Where the others were at the time of the occurrence is not known, although it is believed that Wolhaupter, the superintendent, was in the blacksmith shop, and the other two were employed around the mouth of the tunnel. The body of Wolhaupter was recovered an hour or two after the occurrence, but the others are still buried. The slide carried everything before it. The blacksmith shop was completely demolished, and everything in the course of the avalanche has disap-