

SPOTTED FEVER STRIKES TERROR

Placed on Contagious Disease List and Public Funerals Cancelled.

ALFRED BENNION A VICTIM.

Dreadful Malady and Its Symptoms—Several Cases in the City and Its Surroundings.

City Physician Stewart and Secy. Beatty of the state board of health today notified the relatives of Carl F. Fagergren, whose death was announced in the Desert News of last night, from spinal meningitis, that under no circumstances should the body receive a public burial.

Arrangements had been made for funeral services to be held from the Second ward meetinghouse tomorrow at 12 o'clock, but these have been abandoned, and the burial is to be private from the family residence, owing to the fact that it has been officially determined that the deceased is a victim of spotted fever. The health authorities state that this particular kind of spinal trouble is highly contagious, and must be handled under the strictest quarantine regulations. Just now there is a considerable number of cases in the city and surrounding country. The doctors declare that 75 per cent of the persons attacked will die. A leading undertaker, in discussing the subject today, declared that the death rate will approximate nearly if not quite 100 per cent. He says he is sure that not one person in 1,000 will recover where they have a thorough knowledge of the disease. As already stated in the Desert News, the technical name of the disease is cerebro-spinal meningitis, and the symptoms are severe pains in the head and neck, vomiting, stupor, delirium, high fever and eruptions of the skin.

ALFRED BENNION DEAD.

One of the latest victims of the disease is Alfred Bennion, of Taylorsville, whose funeral was set for 2 o'clock from the Taylorsville ward meetinghouse tomorrow. However, it is not yet certain that there will be a public burial in his case either. Dr. Beatty said this afternoon that his attention had been called to the demise of Mr. Bennion and the alleged cause thereof, and that he would immediately communicate with the local health authorities, with a view to verifying the statement that death was due to spotted fever. In case that conclusion was arrived at officially, he said that under no condition could the services be a public one, as it would be a menace to the community.

Mr. Bennion died at 4:40 o'clock this morning. He had been ill since Tuesday last, and he is said to have contracted the disease from a young sheep herder named Arthur Ball, whom he had taken home to Taylorsville to be vaccinated. Young Ball's case was fatal and he was buried yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bennion was unconscious for many hours preceding his death, and in fact had been in a comatose state for most of the time since he was stricken, except for a short period on Wednesday afternoon.

LITTLE HOPE FROM FIRST.

Doctors Ferribee and Calderwood, who were called to the case, said there was but slight hope for his recovery, after a consultation, but Wednesday afternoon he seemed to rally, and regained consciousness. On Thursday afternoon, however, his condition became worse, and continued to be critical until the death of Mr. Bennion this morning.

Alfred Bennion was born at Taylorsville, forty-six years ago. He is the second son of John and Mary Bennion, who were Utah pioneers, and has continued to live in Taylorsville for most of his life. Some years ago he filled a position with the southwestern states, and was a member of the council of Seventies, and acted as ward clerk.

UNIVERSITY FAMILY.

He was married 24 years ago to Eliza Slade, who survives him. Their children are five boys, the youngest of whom is 9 years of age, and the oldest nearly 22 years. They are Fred, who is a Junior at the University of Utah and captain of the football team, Earl who is a medical student at the university, and a well known athlete, Desha, aged 17, who is a preparatory student, and Edward and Irving, aged 14 and 9 respectively, who are in the University training school.

AT THE HOSPITALS.

There are several cases of the dread disease in the local hospitals, and in each instance the patients are reported to be in a very serious condition. One institution was having a man who with the disease who was high into death, but the attendants of the hospital declared that they had no such case.

BURIED THIS AFTERNOON.

The officials of the health department gave orders during this afternoon that Fagergren's funeral must occur before 6 o'clock this evening. A brief service was to be held at the house in place of the public service scheduled for tomorrow, and interment will be conducted according to the desires and instructions of the authorities.

The funeral of Alfred Bennion was also cancelled this afternoon, so far as public service is concerned. The obsequies will be private and held without delay.

MONEY IS SAFE.

Cheering News Received by Depositor in San Francisco Bank.

Walter Earhart of this city, a depositor in the Crocker-Woolworth National bank of San Francisco, received the following communication this morning from the temporary office of the bank, 2129 Laguna street: "In answer to your favor of April 28, we will say that it may be a couple of weeks before we get into regular running order, and just as soon as the Associated Banks open up, we will then be ready to pay you in full if you want. We saved all our books and papers, and are now doing business in a private residence, at the above address. (Signed) Jas. J. Fagan, vice president." This would indicate that the San Francisco banks are getting ready to resume.

Z. C. M. I. OUTING.

Employees of Big Institution, With Relatives and Friends, Enjoyed Annual.

Employees of Z. C. M. I., their wives, sisters, other fellows' sisters and sweethearts, migrated to Saltair last night and tried out the newly-waxed dancing floor with great elation. The train to the resort left the city at 8 p. m. with 19 coaches packed to the steps. In all, before the evening got late, there were

Sweet's Old Fashioned Stick Candy

Is packed in 10c and 25c packages. Forty dainty little sticks for a dime or one hundred dainty little sticks for a quarter. If you want to please the little folks, take home a package with you tonight.

Sweet Candy Co., Makers.

1,200 people transported and they enjoyed themselves to the limit. While the event was scheduled as a moonlight excursion fair luna descretely retired behind a cloud bank. However, there was plenty of electric light on tap and to all intents and purposes it might have been mid-season as far as gaiety and appearances went. The peanut and popcorn vendors were in evidence with their seasonable cry of "give a pack" and the only thing lacking to make the illusion complete was the tardy bathers hurrying to arrive in time to indulge in the mazy meander.

SCANDINAVIAN REUNION

To be Held in Liberty Stake Hall—Music, Refreshments, Native Costumes.

There will be a reunion of all Scandinavian Saints residing in Liberty stake on Wednesday evening, May 16, at 8 o'clock, in the Second ward meetinghouse. An interesting program, consisting of instrumental and vocal music, short speeches, etc., has been prepared for the occasion. President Anthon H. Lund will be present and address the meeting. Refreshments will be served by the ladies' committee of the stake, aided by this occasion by a number of young ladies in costumes representing peasants from the three Scandinavian countries. It is hoped that all Scandinavians residing in Liberty stake will avail themselves of this opportunity to spend an evening of rare enjoyment.

SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS.

Frank Evans, James Moore and Frank Garrard Go to Prison.

Frank Evans, James Moore and Frank Garrard were each sentenced to five years in the state prison by Judge Armstrong yesterday afternoon, for the crime of robbery. Evans was convicted by a jury on Thursday and the other two men were to have been tried separately for the same offense but they changed their minds and decided to plead guilty. The three men, with Stephen Old, robbed W. S. Henderson of a gold stick-pin valued at \$5 and a watch valued at \$20 last December. Olds will be tried on another charge.

HEALTH REPORT.

Forty-two births were reported during the week, 20 males and 22 females. Twenty-seven deaths were reported, 20 males and seven females; seven shipped here for burial. There were reported nine cases of contagious and infectious diseases, consisting of eight cases of smallpox, and one case of scarlet fever. Four cases of smallpox remain in the isolation hospital, and 13 cases of smallpox, one case of scarlet fever and one case of diphtheria remain in quarantine.

WARD ENTERTAINMENTS

Twenty-fourth Ward—Last evening the old Irving schoolhouse was packed to the doors with members of the Twenty-fourth ward and visitors from the Ninth ward. Twenty-second ward, the occasion being a "get-acquainted" jollification of the members of the new Twenty-fourth ward. An excellent program of music, songs and recitations was rendered. Speeches were made by Bishop Wood and Stake President Nephi L. Morris. Ice cream and cake were served and the evening was concluded with a dance. All were enthused with the prospects of the new ward and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. This afternoon at the same place a children's dance is being given under the auspices of the Sunday school.

Next Friday evening a dance will be given in the old Irving schoolhouse by the Mutual Improvement Association of the Twenty-fourth ward. Good music will be in attendance, and a large crowd and a genuine good time are anticipated. Refreshments will be served in an adjoining room.

Your Blood

Needs purifying and your whole system renovating in the spring, as pimples, boils, eruptions, loss of appetite and that tired feeling annually prove. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the most effective medicine ever devised for the complete purification of the blood and the complete renovation of the whole system. It will make you feel better, look better, eat and sleep better and give you the best possible preparation for the hot days of summer, as over 40,000 people have testified in the last two years. Today buy and begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Usual form, liquid, or in new form, tablets, 100 Doses One Dollar.

RAILROADS AND SUMMER RESORTS

All Are Preparing For the Inevitable Rush That Comes Decoration Day.

OUT AT SALT AIR AND LAGOON.

Better Roadbed to the Former With New Attractions and Catchy Features at the Latter.

The managements of the Salt Lake & Los Angeles railway and the Salt Lake & Ogden are now straining every effort to have things in shipshape order in time to handle the big crowds incident to Decoration Day and the opening of the resort season generally.

Manager Langford of the railroad and Saltair beach states that the roadbed is now second to none in Utah. During the past month it has been thoroughly overhauled and new ties substituted wherever any showed signs of decay. A big force is now at work painting the equipment and the new engine recently ordered is expected to arrive here next week from the east.

"There will be absolutely no falling down this season on the time card. We will have our own motive power and will not be compelled to lease any from other lines," said Mr. Langford this morning. "Under these conditions there will be no repetition of the unfortunate occurrences on Auerbach day last year."

Out at Saltair this season there will be new attractions that will be operated by the Ingersoll Amusement company in the form of Ye Olde Mill and The Scenic Railway, two attractions which have become so popular in California and the large resorts of the east. A ride on the roller coaster over a gravity track, which twists three times into the figure eight, at a speed of 30 miles an hour will be a new sensation for the Salt Lake public.

All the privileges for the coming season have been contracted for as follows: Christensen's enlarged orchestra of 12 pieces; restaurant and lunch counter, J. P. Evans; soft drinks, ice cream, merry-go-round, etc., George Derr; Penny Arcade, shooting and bowling alley, Carl Osterliff; bar, the Jacob Moritz and amusements, the Ingersoll Amusement.

A number of new bathing suits will also be placed in commission this season, and the lake is rising rapidly. Yesterday it was 21 inches above low water mark and from this time on it will rise rapidly. The water is already almost up to the northwest corner of the pavilion.

LAGOON IMPROVEMENTS.

Excursion Agent Bean predicts the best season to date for Lagoon this year. Superintendent Pearson is congratulating himself on the fact that he will now be able to make better time to and from the resort, aside from the fact that the arrival here next week of eleven new boats will solve the transportation problem on heavy days.

Those who visit the popular Davis county resort this year will hardly recognize the place. A number of substantial and good improvements are now under way including the erection of a big trestle for "shooting the chutes" into a big reservoir that has been constructed south and east of the baseball grounds. A large, modern restaurant and lunch counter has been completed and will fill a long-felt want. This structure has been erected on Broadway, and the main thoroughfare has been named. Here short orders will be served in fashion, it is promised, unsurpassed in town, and at Salt Lake prices, too. Other improvements include the conversion of the old dance pavilion into a skating rink; the repainting of the grand stand and complete overhauling of the base ball diamond, the installation of a number of seats on the lagoon, and a number of other minor changes. The flower and foliage display also will be away in advance of that of previous years. The orchestra under the direction of William Thurgate will be enlarged to 10 men, and will include several members of the Orpheum orchestra which made such a name for itself last season.

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JUDGE YOUNG'S PROPOSITION

To Exchange Land for Ft. Douglas Land Favorably Reported On.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., May 12.—Senator Smoot today had a conference with Gen. Ainsworth, military secretary at the war department, in relation to the desire of Mr. Le Grand Young to exchange certain lands he now holds, taking in lieu certain lands situated in the Fort Douglas military reserve. The commission which has had the matter under advisement has made a report favorable to the transfer and this report has the approval of the war department.

Senator Smoot's conference was as to the most speedy means to bring about the transfer desired by Mr. Young. The senator has not yet decided whether it is best to introduce a joint resolution or a bill. He has the matter under consideration, and when the rate bill is out of the way he will press the proposition of Mr. Young.

Orpheum Vaudeville Co.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Orpheum Vaudeville Co. will be held Monday, May 14, 1906, at 3:00 p. m., in the Manager's office, at the Orpheum Theater. At this meeting the annual report will be submitted, and Board of Directors for the ensuing year elected. J. H. GARRETT, Secy.

WEATHER REPORT

Record at the local office of the weather bureau for the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m. today:

Temperature at 4 a. m., 54; maximum, 56; minimum, 52; mean, 54; which is 7 degrees above normal. Total precipitation for the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m., trace. Total precipitation since the first of the month, .29 inch, which is .40 inch below the normal. Accumulated excess in precipitation since Jan. 1, 1.71 inch. Relative humidity, 69 per cent.

FORECAST TILL 6 P. M. SUNDAY.

Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity. Showers tonight and probably Sunday; colder tonight.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. 54
7 a. m. 55
8 a. m. 56
9 a. m. 57
10 a. m. 58
11 a. m. 59
12 m. 60
1 p. m. 61
2 p. m. 62
3 p. m. 63
4 p. m. 64
5 p. m. 65
6 p. m. 66

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

Highest 70
Lowest 50

EXTENDED AREA OF "LOW."

Developed Over the Entire Intermountain Region Last Night.

An extended area of low barometric pressure developed over the intermountain region last night, and the result was weeping skies this morning, with promise of more rain tonight and tomorrow. The maximum temperatures obtaining over the country yesterday were as follows:

Albany, Tex.	84	Little Rock	80
Asheville	80	Los Angeles	74
Atlanta	74	Albany City	74
Bismarck	80	Albany City	74
Boston	68	Montgomery	70
Buffalo	66	New Orleans	70
Calgary	68	Norfolk Va.	70
Chicago	68	Northfield, Vt.	70
Charlotte	68	North Platte	70
Chicago	68	Omaha	70