

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The heirs of Hans Conrad, who was born at Dielsdorf, Germany, March 26, 1842, and who emigrated to America, are asked by the circuit court of Dielsdorf to report before November 24, 1897, for an estate of 84,000 francs, otherwise the amount will be distributed to other heirs.

Elder B. H. Roberts delivered a highly interesting lecture in the Assembly hall, Wednesday, his subject being, The Value of the Book of Mormon as a Witness for God; objections answered and considered. The hall was packed. The next lecture will be by President George Q. Cannon on the Relationship of Mormonism to the Christian world.

Information is asked by H. Peterson of Hollister, California of Ransom Beecher. He left Nauvoo in 1846 and came to Utah with the early settlers. He had two sons whose names were William and Addison. His wife's name was Silvia. Information concerning them given through the columns of the NEWS will be greatly appreciated by relatives who have not heard of or from them for many years.

Senator Johnson, of Carbon County, is in Salt Lake attending Conference and transacting business. On returning home after the adjournment of the Legislature, a great deal of snow fell in his section of country, one storm depositing a mantle twelve inches deep. In five days it had all disappeared and farmers commenced putting in their crops, a task which many of them are now engaged in. The material prospects of Senator Johnson's district for the present year, he says, is very good.

The attorney general is in receipt of a communication from James A. Melville, county attorney of Millard county, in which the question is asked can justices of the peace and constables have a right to act as such before receiving their commissions, and would their acts be legal?

The attorney general replying, says: "Permit me to say that the matter of commissions would not affect their legal status as officers under the law they would be authorized to discharge the duties of their office, even though they have no commissions."

COLONIA JUAREZ,

Chihuahua, Mexico,

March 23, 1897.

Mahala Jane Thomas, late of Pine Valley, Washington county, Utah, wishes to know whether she is considered a pioneer. She arrived in the valley in September, 1847, with Capt. Hunter's one hundred and in David Thomas's ten. She is now 69 years of age and has lived continually in the valley. She passed through all the hardships from her first advent in Utah to the present time. She has come to Mexico to finish up her allotted time. She would like to know what accommodation will be provided for the Pioneers while attending the Jubilee, also transportation—any and all information that is necessary for her to know.

B. L. CROFF.

John W. Winward, an elderly gen-

tleman of South Jordan, was watering his horses at the spill on State and Fourth South streets on Tuesday. While standing on the tongue of the wagon fixing the check rein, one of his horses, a fractious animal, alighted at a passing street car, and giving a bound forward threw Mr. Winward to the ground, cutting a deep gash on the right side of his head. The horses started off down State street at a rapid pace, when Fireman J. T. Berry, ran after them and catching them by the bridle, very cleverly brought them to a standstill.

Mr. Winward had to be assisted to his feet, but recovering himself required assistance, and after having his head bandaged up, drove off as though nothing had happened.

At a meeting of the Utah Cambrian association held at the Fifteenth ward assembly rooms, Monday afternoon, it was decided to abandon the idea of holding an Elsteddfod in this city this year. Provo, however, will give one and is to receive the aid and support of the State association.

The meeting was thinly attended, but Secretary Evans was in receipt of a number of encouraging letters from members residing in outside places, which were read at the meeting. What the association will do in the future is not known, but a member in conversation with a NEWS reporter last night says that it was more than likely that in the spring of 1898, an Elsteddfod would be held in Salt Lake. This question will probably be determined at the next meeting of the executive committee.

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Released and Appointments.—Roger Horrocks, who has been laboring as a traveling Elder in Liverpool conference, has been honorably released to return home March 25, 1897.

John W. Walker has been honorably released from presiding over the Norwich conference, to return home March 25, 1897.

Albert Colliard, who has been laboring as a traveling Elder in the Cheltenham conference, has been honorably released to return home March 25, 1897.

James C. Brown, who has been laboring as a traveling Elder in the Manchester conference, has been honorably released to return home March 25, 1897.

G. W. McQuue, who has been laboring as a traveling Elder in the Norwich conference, has been appointed to preside over that conference.

Dr. James E. Talmage has resigned as president of the University of Utah, his resignation having been tendered and accepted at a meeting of the executive committee of the board of regents on Saturday.

The resignation was not wholly a surprise, as it has been known for some little time past that all was not working as harmoniously as might be desired in the State's leading educational institution. Dr. Talmage will, of course, retain the presidency until the end of the present academic year, when he will be succeeded by Dr.

Joseph T. Kingsbury. The change of presidents will not take Dr. Talmage out of the University altogether, as he will continue to hold the Deseret professorship of geology, a position which he has held ever since the endowment of that chair by the Salt Lake literary and Scientific association.

OGDEN, Utah, April 5, 1897.—Wm. Edson was today sentenced to ten years in the State prison by Judge Rolapp for the attempted murder of Lily Ott. This is the maximum penalty for the crime.

W. L. Maginnis, defendant's counsel, moved for a new trial on the usual grounds, adding that the information did not charge the prosecuting witness' proper name, but the motion was denied.

Judge Rolapp, in passing sentence, said he not only believed the defendant guilty of the attempted murder but also of perjury in assaulting the character of the prosecuting witness. The verdict had vindicated her, although a cloud would hang over her for life. His mother and sister had asked for mercy, but although he sympathized with them, he could not exercise it. In the future, if his conduct warranted it, and those he had most deeply wronged joined in the petition, clemency might be extended.

When sentence was passed, a pale sickly smile overspread Edson's countenance, which plainly indicated the conflict of emotions within him. His mother, sisters and relatives wept bitterly, friends comforting them in their distress.

A message from the home of Elder James T. Snarr, an old and highly esteemed resident of Utah, was received on the afternoon of Friday, April 2, and brought tidings of Brother Snarr's death. He was nearly eighty years of age, and has been confined to his home, by illness, for a long time. He was an early settler in Utah, and has resided in the Sixth ward for many years.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Elder James T. Snarr were held in the Sixth ward assembly rooms Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There was a very large attendance. The services were conducted by Bishop Jas. C. Watson. After the opening exercises of singing and prayer by Elder S. M. T. Seddon of the Fifth ward, the assemblage was addressed by Elders A. G. Glanque, Joseph S. Wells, Wm. Thorne, Bishop of the Seventh ward, Jesse West Harrison Sperry, Bishop of the Fourth ward, Richard Brimley, Elias Morris, Bishop of the Fifteenth ward, James C. Watson and P. F. Goss. Closing prayer was offered by Elder James Anderson. The speakers referred to the faithfulness and energy of the deceased through a long life, and administered words of comfort, consolation and instruction to the family. The burial took place in the city cemetery.

Word has been received in this city of the death at Westerly, Rhode Island, of the Rev. John Evans, M. A., one of the best known Welsh Americans in this country. The cause of death is not given, but is supposed to have been sudden.

John Evans was born in Llandyry.