

their respective offices. Apostle Abraham H. Cannon and the presidency of the Stake officiated. They also addressed the meeting.

Wants No More Whiskey.

We clip the annexed paragraph from the *Louisville Courier Journal* of October 23rd:

"'Dunc' Timberlake, who has been at the Keely Sanitarium in Illinois under treatment for the whisky habit, returned home yesterday entirely cured, he says. He was under the bi-chloride of gold treatment for one month, and says it is the greatest discovery of modern times. When he went to the Sanitarium he was broken down from drinking too much liquor, but now he has a strong, ruddy complexion, and declares he has no more appetite for drink than when he was a child."

Death of Mrs. Van Orsdale.

The death occurred yesterday at Fort Logan, near Denver, Col., of Mrs. Van Orsdale, wife of Captain J. T. Van Orsdale, U. S. A. The deceased lady, who was about twenty years of age, was well known in this city, the home of her girlhood, as Miss Edith Shurtliff. She was married but a year ago and only a few months since was on a visit to her friends in Salt Lake, being then in the best of health and the highest of spirits. Mrs. Van Orsdale had a wide circle of acquaintances, by whom she was greatly beloved, and to whom the intelligence of her death comes as a great shock. The body will be shipped to this city for interment, over the Union Pacific railroad, and is expected to arrive here at 3 p.m. tomorrow. The date of the funeral will be announced later.

Returned Elders.

Elder M. F. Eakle, of the First ward of this city, has just returned home from a mission to the Sandwich Islands, for which part of the world he left home September 15, 1888. Nearly all of his time was spent on the sugar plantation. He reports the mission in a prosperous condition.

Elder William H. Allen, of Goshen, Utah County, called at our office today, having returned yesterday morning from a mission to the Sandwich Islands. He departed for his field of labor November 14, 1888. On his arrival on the islands he was appointed to the Oahu district, where he labored for the first twelve months. He was then transferred to the Hawaii district, where he spent one year. The remaining six months were spent in Mani. Elder Allen returns in the best of spirits.

Brother William G. Bickley, of Beaver, has returned from a mission to Great Britain. Brother Bickley left for his field of labor in October, 1889. He labored in the Northampton district of the Birmingham conference. The last nine months he spent in Manchester. He returns after a faithful mission, having enjoyed the best of health and spirits during his absence from home. He goes on to his home in Beaver this afternoon.

Brother Adelbert Beesley, of this city, has just returned from a mission

to the Samoan Islands, having been absent from home a little over three years. Brother Beesley makes a very favorable report from the field of labor where he has been engaged. He left the brethren on the islands in the best of health and enjoying their missionary work very much. The mission has now somewhat over two hundred converts, and the work is progressing in a manner highly gratifying to those engaged in the work.

Remembering the Old Folks.

The residents of Cedar ward, on Friday, the 23rd inst., endeavored to make happy all the residents of the ward over fifty years of age; and they were successful in their efforts. At one o'clock p.m. all the old folks over seventy and the widows of all ages were treated to a buggy ride. At 3:30 an excellent dinner was partaken of in the Social Hall, by the old people, widows, choir, and a number of invited guests. From 7 p.m. until midnight singing, recitations, speeches and dancing went on, to the delight of all present. During the evening suitable presents were made to those over three score and ten, fifteen in number, four of whom had passed their eightieth year. Presents were also given to those over sixty-nine years of age. Refreshments were passed around, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. The whole affair was a complete success, and nothing occurred to mar the general enjoyment. The arrangements of the committee contributed much to the pleasure of the company. The choir, under the leadership of Prof. Joseph Cosslett, rendered admirable service.

This is the second time the old folks have been given a day of the kind. Last year, on the same date, they had an enjoyable time, and it was then resolved to hold the gathering annually thereafter. The committee were Brothers George Ashdown, John Middleton, Henry W. Lunt, Wm. Dover, sisters Elizabeth Ashdown, Mary A. Lunt, Jane Lambeth, Mary A. Dover, Winnie Roach, Ann Root and Sarah Chatterley.

We are having fine weather, and matters are generally prosperous in this thriving little town.

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Death of P. O. Thomassen.

Elder P. O. Thomassen, editor of *Bikuben*, died at 10 o'clock on the night of Oct. 28th, 1891, at his residence in the Eighteenth Ward, from paralysis. Deceased was born in Drammen, Norway, August 29th, 1836. He was baptized by Elder Kanute Petersen at the age of fourteen years. When nineteen years of age he was called to Copenhagen, Denmark, where he labored in the Church office there for seven years, translating the *Milennal Star* from the English to the Scandinavian language. He immigrated to Utah in 1863, worked in the Globe bakery three years. In response to a call he went on a mission to Denmark in 1870 and labored there for two years and a half. He was employed in the office of the Utah Central and Union Pacific railroads for nearly nineteen years. He took editorial charge of *Bikuben* in July, 1891.

Elder Thomassen was an intelligent and capable man, possessed of fair literary ability. He was upright in his dealings and faithful to his religious convictions. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

The funeral services over the remains of Elder P. O. Thomassen were conducted at the Latter-day Saints' Chapel of the Eighteenth ward, yesterday afternoon, Bishop Whitney presiding. The building was filled on the occasion, with the relatives and friends of the deceased. The opening prayer was offered by Counselor Robert Patrick. The speakers were, in the order in which they addressed the congregation: Elders Neve, Samuelson, Larsen, Ure and Jensen. Some closing remarks were also made by Counselor Patrick and Bishop Whitney. Benediction was pronounced by Counselor William B. Barton. The musical exercises were beautifully rendered by the Scandinavian choir.

First German Saints.

Editor Deseret News:

For several years I have endeavored to learn something of the first company of Latter-day Saints who emigrated from Germany to Great Salt Lake Valley, but have been unsuccessful until two weeks ago when I gleaned the following from Bishop Daniel F. Lau, of Soda Springs, Idaho:

The first German Saints who emigrated to America was a small company consisting of seventeen souls who embarked from Hamburg in August, 1853, and crossed the German ocean to Hull, in England. From there they went by rail to Liverpool, where they embarked on the ship "Page," a sailing vessel, and set sail for New Orleans in the latter part of August or beginning of September, 1853, together with nearly three hundred Irish emigrants, all non-Mormons. After a voyage lasting eight weeks, the "Page" arrived at New Orleans, from where the "Mormon" emigrants proceeded to St. Louis, Mo., where they remained the winter of 1853-54, and all finally left the Church, except three, namely, Daniel F. Lau, (who is now the Bishop of Soda Springs, Idaho,) Fred Fichzer and Elizabeth Arens. These three came to Utah in 1854, crossing the plains in Thomas Williams' freight company. The seventeen souls who sailed from Liverpool consisted of a Brother Bender, the leader of the company, and wife and child; Daniel F. Lau, an unmarried man; a Brother Long, wife and child; Brother Neuman and family; Fred Fichzer and wife, and Elizabeth Arens, an unmarried lady.

I would kindly ask any and all your German-speaking people and others who are interested in Church history, to give us additional information concerning this small company of emigrants which appears to be the first fruits of the preaching of the fullness of the Gospel in Germany. We would like to get the full names of all the Saints, their ages, and what part they came from. Also the exact dates of sailing from Hamburg and Liverpool and arrival in Hull, New Orleans and St. Louis.

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