

and San Joaquin Valley road. The directors will elect W. B. Storey to the position of chief engineer. In about ten days Mr. Storey, with an assistant, will make a reconnaissance south from Bakersfield over the Tehachapi. His trip will extend to a point about twenty miles south of Tejon Pass. On his return he will be prepared to send several surveying parties in the field. It is understood that when surveys are completed to a certain point on the Mojave desert the actual work of building a road from Bakersfield will be commenced. Work is being pushed on extensions of the San Joaquin Valley road at each end of the line.

The steamer Fastnet has arrived at Vancouver from Skaguay with half a million in dust and with news that a million more was on the wharf when the Fastnet left. There will be but one more boat out from Dawson, the Columbia, which will bring down a large amount of treasure. The principal owners of the gold in the Fastnet are H. M. Kersey, general manager of the Yukon Steamship company, \$85,000 in nuggets for exhibition purposes; J. R. Rhodes of Portland, \$60,000 in dust; W. Caldwell of Portland, \$80,000 in dust; Edouard Lacson, \$100,000 in dust; Antoin Leontoad, \$100,000 in dust; J. Sinclair of Vancouver, \$25,000 in dust; and there was some \$50,000 divided among passengers. M. Tenant, agent of the French government, having gone over the ground, will report favorably on the Klondike to his government. He has seen transportation companies regarding the carriage of 3,000 Frenchmen to the Klondike next season. General Manager Kersey of the Yukon Steamship company states that in January 10,000 people will leave the Yukon country for home bringing several millions in wealth.

Thirty men working the night shift in No. 4 tunnel of the Morning mine at Wallace, Ida., had an almost miraculous escape from death early Friday morning, when 350 pounds of dynamite in a magazine exploded. The first report was that eight dead and wounded had been recovered and that the smoke was too thick to permit the rescuers to get further back, where it was feared the imprisoned men were all dead, either from the direct results of the explosion or from the gases generated by it. Later it was learned that not a man had been killed or seriously injured, the only casualty being the killing of a horse used to haul out the ore. Most of the men walked out, although some of them were so stunned by the explosion or overcome by smoke and gas that they had to be helped. A number of them were stunned by the concussion, and one, Capt. Woods, fell onto his candle, burning his face severely before he recovered consciousness sufficiently to get from over the flame. It is not known what caused the explosion, no one being near the magazine at the time. That no one was injured was purely a piece of luck.

Charles E. Watson, a mining man of Carson City, who has arrived at San Francisco on the bark Northern Light from Kotzebue Sound, tells of how seven gold seekers lost their lives. He says: "On the night of August 17th Fred Howard, Irving Howard, Joseph Graham, Samuel Wilmeth of Providence, R. I., and J. G. Sturke of Grub Gulch, Madera county, Cal., who went north on the bark Mermaid, were drowned while trying to get across Hotham Inlet with their provisions. A storm arose and capsized their small boat. When morning came the other prospectors missed the Rhode Island party, as they were called, and the searching party that was sent out found the boat floating, keel up, but no trace of the men. The provisions

and other effects belonging to the hapless party were cast upon the beach by the waves. George W. Muller of Iowa was drowned on August 13th while ascending the Kubuck river. Muller and his partner had moored their boat under a sand bank that caved in on them, capsizing the craft. I was near by and rescued Muller's partner just in the nick of time. Two men named Clark and Crawford were drowned in the Kubuck rapids. I could not ascertain their baptismal names or where they hailed from. Watson says he is satisfied there is very little gold in the Kotzenbue country.

OBITUARY NOTES.

FLORENCE EMILY HIGBEE.

The funeral of Sister Florence Emily Higbee took place from the Thirteenth ward meeting house at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon last. Sister Higbee was well known to all the Elders who visited London, England, in recent years as being an indefatigable worker in the cause of the Gospel. Last March she, in conjunction with her parents, undertook to cross the Atlantic and settle down in Utah, where they were welcomed by many old friends who had preceded them. A month ago Sister Higbee contracted the deadly typhoid fever. She bore her illness with Christian fortitude. Despite the best medical care, she passed peacefully away on Friday, September 23, at the age of twenty-five years and ten months. The speakers, who spoke in glowing terms regarding her many virtues, included Apostle Brigham Young, Elders W. Stoneman, John Owen, Albert Morris and H. A. Tuckett.

The casket was escorted to the grave by Elders Henry Dinwoodey, E. Winder, F. M. Nicholls, A. J. Sears, Albert Morris and W. Stoneman as pallbearers, together with numerous surrounding friends of the inestimable woman.

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JOHN C. GRAY.

John C. Gray, one of the early settlers of this valley, passed away yesterday morning at 10:15. For the past six weeks he had been confined to his bed with a complication of ailments, which combined with his extreme age, finally resulted in his death. He was born at Salem, Mass., May 24, 1820, and came of sturdy New England stock famous alike for sterling honesty and strict integrity. His conversion to the Mormon faith occurred in 1843, a year which saw many proselyties by reason of the efforts of Erastus Snow. At this time he left his native town and journeyed to Nauvoo, where for several years he followed the fortunes of the Prophet Joseph Smith. After the exodus from Illinois he lived in St. Louis, coming from that place to Salt Lake City, arriving here Oct. 16, 1849. A carpenter by trade he took a prominent part in the early development of the city. For many years he was counselor to Bishop Lytel of the Eleventh ward. Later he served the city in the capacity of city sexton and building inspector.

Utah owes much to men of his stamp. No hardships was too difficult for his iron frame to withstand, nor did he ever swerve a hair's breadth from the path of duty. He died as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint, and he passes from this life only to receive his well-earned reward in the world beyond. May he rest in peace.—[Com.]

HULDA BARNES KIMBALL.

Holden, Millard County, Sept. 20, 1898.—The mortal spirit of "Aunt Hulda"

Barnes Kimball silently stole away at 4 o'clock today.

"Aunt Hulda," as she was called, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., and would have been 92 years old on October 1, 1898. She had six brothers and two sisters. Hulda Barnes joined the Church in Pennsylvania, and went to Kirtland, Ohio, where she lived at the home of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

She came to Nauvoo in 1843, and was there sealed to Heber C. Kimball. She arrived in Salt Lake City in 1853, and for many years was employed as a school teacher there and at Farmington, and other places. For several years she has been very deaf, but her eyesight was so good that she could tear a letter open in the postoffice and read it without glasses. A freshly written letter is now in her room, which she intended to mail today. Her memory was good and she enjoyed a little pleasantry. A short time since Ab Kimball called to shake hands with her, and upon writing down his name she took another grip and said, "Is this you, Albert?" "Well then, you are the boy when at my school and I was going to whip a smaller one, stepped up and said, 'Here, lick me instead of the smaller boy.'" "Aunt Hulda" has resided here for a number of years, and has been cared for by the Harmon family. Of late years she has received spiritualist literature from the East, which disturbed her previous peaceful mind, and she feared the thought of death. She ate a hearty dinner today, and afterwards started to go to the postoffice. Brother Harmon told her she need not go; he himself would go if required. She entered her room after taking a drink of water, and sat near the door on an ordinary small chair. A cup of water was on a stand at her elbow, and she appeared to be enjoying her usual cogitations, and fifteen minutes afterwards she had replied to Ansel as he passed a little girl discovered that she was dead, and then they found "Aunt Hulda" sitting upright in an armless chair. Her cane was in her left hand, and a sprig of a plumb tree in her right hand had ceased to wave the flies away. Her head was bowed as in a dreamful doze. The joy and fear from "Aunt Hulda" had gone like a painless thought, and the remains still sat there until the Bishop and others were called in and prepared a more convenient place of repose.

A. BIRD.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be Their Rest.

GRAY.—On Sunday, Oct 2nd at 10:15 a. m., of old age, John C. Gray, born at Salem, Mass., May 24th, 1820.

CAMPBELL.—In Provo, Utah, September 21st, 1898, of apoplexy, Joseph M. Campbell; born in 1860 in Toronto, Canada.

LEVI.—In this city, Oct. 1, 1898, of miner's consumption, Robert, son of David and Christina G. Levi, of Beaver City, Utah, aged 4 years and 14 days.

VIGLINI.—In this city, Sept. 27, 1898, of appendicitis, T. Frank, son of William E. and Elizabeth E. Simkins Viglini, born October 25, 1876, Salt Lake City.

WHEELER.—In Salt Lake City, October 2, 1898, from old age, Sarah Thorp F. Wheeler, widow of the late Edward Wheeler, formerly of Birmingham, England. The deceased was 75 years of age at the time of her death. Millennial Star, please copy.