

excellent condition and promise good crops; strawberries are ripening in the northern and western sections, with some in the market. The ranges are excellent and stock continues to improve. All streams are falling.

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At this meeting a committee of three consisting of Elders James S. Brown, E. M. Cannon and T. L. Woodbury, was appointed by the president to write a letter of encouragement to the 1,000 members of the Church now in that mission, to be read at their next October conference, and this labor has been completed.

Although released from active work in the mission, the interest of the Elders in the welfare of that people is unabated, and the mission being ripe for and in great need of Gospel literature, their labors no doubt will be a great help to the Elders now laboring on the islands.

The association expects to soon commence upon the translations of some appropriate Church works and will endeavor to raise the necessary funds to have printed some explanations of parts of the Gospel written by some of the Elders before they left the islands. Each of the Elders have obligated themselves to pay a regular sum per year to aid in the accomplishment of the purposes stated.

NEPHI, June 14.—On Sunday morning at 7 a.m. Mother Hannah Pexton, aged 67 years, was found dead in a ditch running north of Nephi to water the north field. Her son James D. Pexton on Wednesday last found that his mother was not feeling well and took her to his home. His house is near the side of the ditch. His mother seemed to be feeling much better on Saturday. Sunday morning about 6 a.m. he discovered that his mother had left her room and he and his wife began a search for her. About this time Brother Samuel Winn's boy passing by the ditch saw the old lady in the water.

Brother W. Bookholt came and took her out and carried her to her son's place who was still searching. This was about 7 a.m. The theory is that she got up very early in the morning and in crossing a bridge became dizzy and lost her balance and fell in the stream striking her head against some hard substance.

She leaves four sons to mourn her untimely death. Services were held in the Nephi Tabernacle Monday afternoon. The deceased was a most estimable lady. She lived a devoted Latter-day Saint.

The lists of old folks coming to this city on June 21st indicate that over 1,000 will accept the committee's invitation to come and enjoy the entertainment prepared for them. Over 500 of these people will have to be provided with homes during their stay. We earnestly request that all persons who can care for one, two, or more send in their names to C. R. Savage, 12 and 14 East Temple street, this city. Please state your preference as to the sex preferred—either one lady or one gentleman, man and wife, or otherwise. They will come here on Monday, June 21. Their tickets will be good until Friday, June 25. None are invited under 70 years of age.

This is a good chance to show your appreciation of the effort to gladden the hearts of our sires and grandfathers—the founders of the State. The committees in each ward who are looking after this matter are unable to visit every house, yet we know there are many who would gladly welcome the veterans to their homes and try to make them comfortable. Our invitations are to all of the required age, and knows no lines of race, faith or color; if you have a preference please name it when you send your address.

OLD FOLKS COMMITTEE.

Mercur was the scene of a most shocking fatality Sunday afternoon and Tommy Fanaels, a nine-year-old boy, the victim of one of the most distressing occurrences in the history of the camp.

The lad was terribly torn and lacerated by an explosion of giant powder, after which he fell down a sixty-foot shaft only to receive additional injuries of a most serious character. Three hours after being taken from the shaft he breathed his last.

The careless handling of giant powder was responsible for the boy's death. Tommy had secured possession of a stick of the powerful explosive, some fuse and caps, and with a younger brother and another boy, repaired to the mouth of an old shaft, and, oblivious to all danger, arranged and ignited the pile. The two younger boys ran away, but Tommy stood by the burning fuse until it reached the powder, and caught the full force of the explosion. Both of his hands were blown off, one of his legs broken and a great hole driven in his chest, besides other injuries.

He died in the hospital three hours later. His parents recently went to Mercur from Scofield, Utah.

A young man named Eggett lost his life Sunday afternoon at about 1 o'clock while bathing in an irrigation reservoir at the mouth of Mill Creek canyon above Bountiful. A number of boys decided to take advantage of the cool water of the little lake and ventured in, though only one was able to swim. This boy, Charles Anderson, let himself down in different places to find where it was unsafe for the other boys to go. He warned them to keep from the middle. Jesse was taller than Anderson, and doubtless thought that by going in carefully there would be no danger. As he advanced, his companions saw him suddenly disappear, presumably over an incline going to the bottom of the reservoir.

He appeared on the surface once and the boys realized that he was drowning, but it seems that there were no means of rescue at hand. They restrained young Anderson from swimming out, fearing as they felt that his strength would not be great enough to drag the larger boy in, and the fatality might be a double one.

Help was sent for but could not be obtained in time, and it was not till about five o'clock that the body was recovered.

The young man was eighteen years old, and by his intelligence had won many friends. The members of his family receive the condolence of all who knew him.

For some time past negotiations

have been pending for the organization of all returned Elders who ever have been sent to the Society Island mission, into an association for the purpose of aiding the Elders who are now laboring in that mission in their efforts to disseminate the principles of the Gospel among the people who inhabit the Society and neighboring groups of islands, and to elevate their moral, intellectual and spiritual standard to a higher level.

A temporary organization was effected, and pursuant to a call, quite a number of the returned Elders assembled at the residence of Elder James S. Brown on April 18th, when they were organized, and the work of aiding the traveling missionaries in their efforts to implant in the minds of those people the seeds of eternal truth, commenced in earnest with the hearty co-operation of all concerned. Frank Cutler was elected president, Thomas L. Woodbury secretary and treasurer, and a committee of three, consisting of Elders Cutler, Woodbury and E. M. Cannon was selected to draft by-laws setting forth the duties of officers and members and the principal aims of the association.

At a meeting held June 1st, by-laws were adopted by unanimous vote and the organization was named The Society Island Mission Association. Among the objects of the association set forth are the following: First, the translating, writing and printing in the Tahitian language of tracts and books explaining the principles of the Gospel. Second, the raising of means to assist in the printing of the same and defraying the expenses of the association. Third, to assist the mission in whatever way possible.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 15, 1897.

One year ago last March I planted in Bear Lake three millions white fish fry near St. Charles. The eggs came from Lake Erie and were hatched out at Montpelier, Idaho. I have just received by express six baby white fish weighing from eight ounces to one pound each, fat and juicy withal. This shows a phenomenal growth and that the conditions for their multiplication and development in the Bear Lake waters are certainly very good and abundant and no doubt all that could be expected. The near future will show the great importance of this magnificent plant when this par excellence fish is found on the tables of the people generally. I trust at a normal cost. No doubt the plant of two million white fish fry in Utah lake two years ago March last, will show up in good shape as soon as the fishermen find their haunts, which are always in deep water. With the white fish there came about one dozen Mooneyed Mullet, which averaged about one pound each dressed. This is also a very good fish and in prime condition being very fat, and almost as free of bones as the white fish and black bass. Samples of the white fish and mooneyes can be seen at the Seal Fish and Oyster market, corner of Richards and First South streets.

It is very gratifying to me to witness the fruitages of my earnest and anxious labors coming so prominently to the front and it is also pleasing to know that my labors in this direction