

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

It affords the NEWS extreme pleasure to announce that the condition of Elder Heber J. Grant, who one week ago was in a most critical state, continues to steadily improve. His complete recovery seems now to be only a question of a comparatively short time.

L. C. Christensen, a young man from Brigham City died in Salt Lake on June 4th at 10 o'clock as a result of an attack of appendicitis for which he was operated upon at one of the hospitals yesterday. He was born at Brigham City, August 29, 1880. His remains will be taken home for burial.

42 ISLINGTON, LIVERPOOL, May 20, '97.—Mrs. Mary Tomlinson, of 19 Bevington street, Liverpool, desires to hear from her sister-in-law, Alice Tomlinson Armstrong, about whom she has not heard of for eight years. She seems anxious about her relative.

R. S. WELLS.

Elders O. P. Nelson and J. L. Workman, missionaries in Texas, writes as follows from Austin:

The work in Texas is progressing. New counties are being canvassed, new friends are being found on all sides, and many are being added to the fold. Everything looks bright for the Elders.

Our old friend O. R. Savage is exhibiting some nice specimens of the noblest kidney potato, grown in his lot in the Twentieth ward from seeds furnished him by John Tracy of American Fork. The samples although of but two months' growth measured sideways four inches and lengthwise six inches, and were simply beauties of the "Murphy" tribe. Another month's growth would give them the size of the best potatoes on the market.

A postal card was received by the Mayor yesterday addressed to William Newton, Salt Lake City, bearing date of May 3, 1897, and reads as follows:

Dear Uncle, your mother is not expected to live. Come as quickly as possible, if you wish to see her alive.

Ever your niece,

BELLE NEWTON.

The post mark is so blurred that it is impossible to tell where the card came from. It is addressed to Newton in care of the Mayor.

Elder Charles B. Harper of Pleasant Grove was among the company of Elders who returned Friday. Elder Harper left his home on the 11th of May, 1896, and for the most part of the time he labored in the London conference. He enjoyed his labors very much and speaks well of the people residing in the district of his labors. Accompanying Elder Harper were Elders Samuel Banford and Bernard Dunkers of Ogden; Elder A. L. Ledwith of Newton, and Elder George Hild of Smithfield.

Elder Harper reports splendid treatment on the part of the Union Pacific officials towards the Elders.

WALTERBORO, S. C., May 25, 1897.—I heard the other day that there were Fishburnes in your country and would

deem it a great favor if you would give my address to them and ask them to communicate with me, as I am anxious to complete a family history, and am of the opinion that they are descendants of one of three Fishburne brothers who settled in this country before the Revolution, one brother of whom settled in South Carolina, another in Virginia, and the other we know not where. By complying with the above request your kindness will be very much appreciated.

FRANCIS B. FISHBURNE.

42 ISLINGTON, LIVERPOOL, May 18, 1897.—A Mrs. Ellen Conroy of Oldham would like to hear from her son, Joseph Conroy, who left Oldham in 1883 or 1884 when a baby, with a Mr. and Mrs. Robble, who afterwards lived in Ogden, Utah. Have understood that the boy was adopted by Elder Moroni Brown, who presided at one time over the Manchester conference. The lady has been away from Oldham for twelve years. While she was absent a missionary from Utah was seeking for her. As she has just heard of it, she is exceedingly anxious to know of her son. Communicate with Elder Mark Austin, 38 Roscoe street, Mumps, Oldham.

JAMES BLAKE.

REXBURG, Idaho, June 3, 1897.

As your paper is more widely circulated in our State than any local papers, will you kindly publish notice of our Stake conference.

The Bannock Stake conference will be held at Wilford on Sunday and Monday, June 13 and 14, at the usual hours.

The Primary association will meet at the same place on Saturday, June 12, at 11 and 2 o'clock, and the Relief Society at the same place on Saturday, June 12, at 10 and 2 o'clock.

A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all.

THOS. E. RICKS,

WM. F. RIGBY,

THOS. E. BASSETT,

Stake Presidency.

Mrs. Loretta Elmira Decker Sorenson, a granddaughter of President Brigham Young, died at her home No. 6 McDonald's court between Sixth and Seventh South and Third and Fourth West streets about 6 o'clock June 4th. Mrs. Sorenson's death was quiet sudden, she having been sick but a few hours prior to her demise, which is said to have occurred from heart failure. Her husband was out at Mercur at the time, and her children, five in number, were grief-stricken and heart-broken over their mother's sudden calling away. Mrs. Sorenson was aged 35 years, 5 months and 11 days, and a woman of every lovable disposition. The funeral will take place tomorrow, Sunday, June 6th, at 12 m., in the Fourteenth ward assembly hall. Friends are invited to attend.

At the present time the prices of wheat and flour in this city are higher than they have been for years. The advance is due in part to the unusual demand both east and west, and partly to the favorable rates made on wheat

by the railroads. During last fall and winter immense quantities of wheat were shipped from Utah to California, and this spring a good deal is being sent to Denver. This drain on the local supply has raised the price until it is now in the neighborhood of 80 cents in this city, and about 72 cents in Logan.

Utah wheat is being shipped to Denver, where it is ground and then shipped as flour to Texas. Our Utah millers complain that this is hardly a fair deal to them. They think they ought to be allowed to ship flour to Texas.

The tendency of prices will be to advance until after harvest, and men in a position to prognosticate, express the opinion that after harvest prices will remain higher than for some years.

The organ benefit entertainment of the L. D. S. Sunday school proved a successful and agreeable event, quite beyond all anticipations of the ladies who promoted it. The receipts were \$96 and expenses \$20. The organ was received about May 1st, to be paid for in four months. Its cost was \$80. Thanks to the work of the benefit committee. The liability was wiped out in the first thirty days. The Sunday school is also out of debt, and has a fund in its treasury.

The program given Friday evening consisted of twenty-three numbers, occupying about an hour. It was applauded throughout and contained features of special merit.

A large number of couples joined in the dance, and good music made the hour slip by. The lap lanch was nice and abundant, and though mentioned last was one of the best features of the evening.

The L. D. S. Sunday school has an enrollment of 100 members, and is the most flourishing of Bingham.—Bingham Bulletin.

William Allen, a laboring man of Murray and an employe of the Germania smelter, aged about 34 years, committed suicide about 2 o'clock June 3rd in his room at 46 east Second South street, by taking a large dose of strychnine.

The man, it appears, was driven to despondency through his infatuations for a certain girl who had apparently no use for him, and to end his misery sought the route indicated above. His parents live in Tennessee, from which part of the country William came about seven years ago. He has a brother living at Woods Cross, David by name, who was seen by a News reporter today and in an unconcerned manner told the following story:

"Will has been living at Murray for quite a while. He was a little light headed and I am told by the boys with whom he associated that he was dead crazy after a certain girl who didn't want anything to do with him. So, infatuated was he with her that he took his own life to end what undoubtedly was to him a miserable existence. Our folks live in Tennessee. I have been in Utah eleven years and Will about seven years."

The class-day exercises were held at the University last Tuesday. They were under the full charge of the graduates. Seats were left for them in