

two little ones. I had two other brothers and two sisters living near the same place. I don't know why I haven't heard from them and don't know whether they, too, are killed. It seems so strange that they don't write. I have written to them but have got no reply and it troubles me greatly. If I had the means I would go back and visit them. As it is I must stay here and find out the best way I can. James was about 53 years of age and I saw him and the rest of the folks last six years ago, when I came to Salt Lake to live."

Mr. Grieve says that there was, according to the *Bellville Advocate*, published in St. Clair county, Ill., but one house left standing in the vicinity of Birkner station, where his brother resided. All others were completely wrecked and carried away. The same paper, in describing the funeral of the Grieves, says that it was one of the saddest ever witnessed in that section; that the mourners followed three hearses, the first one conveying the bodies of the two children and the second and third the mortal remains of wife and husband respectively.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Friday afternoon Elder Henry Kirkman of the Tenth ward of this city, who came home on Wednesday, called on the *NEWS*. On the first of September, 1894, he left on a mission to the Indian territory, and for thirteen months traveled and preached in the Chickasaw nation. He was then transferred to the Kansas conference of that mission and later became its president, remaining in that position until released to return home. Elder Kirkman reports the mission as being in a favorable condition. He was kindly treated by the people both in Chickasaw nation and in Kansas. The headquarters of the latter conference is in St. John, where the missionaries have many warm friends. For the past few weeks Elder Kirkman's health has not been first class, but he was not deterred from performing his missionary labors. He says the outlook for crops in southern Kansas this season is not very good, the drought having destroyed much of the corn, and chicken bugs doing great damage.

Elder H. Sundstrom, of Sandy, Salt Lake county, has returned from Scandinavia, whither he went on a mission in March, 1894. For twenty-eight months he labored with very good success in the Stockholm conference, where new mission fields are being opened and excellent work done. Elder Sundstrom enjoyed his labors very much and returns in good health and spirits.

Elder S. W. Ross whose home is in Lehi, called at this office Friday afternoon, on his return from a mission to Great Britain, for which part of the world he left this city April 21, 1894. The first year of his absence was spent in the Liverpool conference to which he had been assigned, after which he was called to preside over the Irish conference where he spent the remaining portion of his time.

Upon crossing the borders of Ireland Elder Ross found much bitter feeling against the salute, but he reports that it is fast dying out and giving place to a spirit of fairness and investigation.

The Elders have held numbers of meetings on the custom-house steps at Belfast and an increasing interest has been manifest at each succeeding meeting. In that city a branch of the Church has been organized with fifty members and five Elders are at present engaged in preaching the Gospel throughout the conference. Elder Ross returns in good health and has enjoyed his labors immensely.

\$29,000 MISSING.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman, June 16: Secretary of State Garrett returned from Halley Sunday. He states the difficulty over the county funds resulted in the arrest last Saturday of County Treasurer H. H. Clay and his deputy, Frank H. Parsons, who is cashier of the First National bank of Halley. The officials were arrested under a complaint sworn out by District Attorney Rogers charging them with embezzlement. The amount it is claimed the treasury is short is in the neighborhood of \$29,000. The treasurer claims he deposited all the funds he received in the First National bank of Halley, and this is not denied. A short time ago the county commissioners made a demand to count the county money. The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand of about \$44,000. The commissioners found but \$15,000 in the bank. This disclosure created a little excitement. It was stated the bank was guilty of using county money for its own interest, and charges and counter-charges were the order of the hour. The county could not hold the bank, so it was decided to bring criminal proceedings against the responsible officers. This will result in proving whether or not the bank made use of the county funds, as it seems very likely it has. If it be shown that the funds have been put in such use, the bank officials, it is stated, will also be prosecuted.

Attorney General Parsons said yesterday he had received a response from his demand upon Treasurer Clay for the money due the state from Blaine county. It was in the shape of a draft on the McCornick bank in Salt Lake for \$6,750, the amount due. The attorney general wired to Salt Lake to ascertain if the draft was good, refusing to accept it until he had assurance it was all right. He had not received a reply last evening.

The bank officials say, so it is stated, the bank will be in a position shortly to turn over to the county every dollar that has been deposited. They merely ask for time.

NEWS NOTES.

An equal suffrage state convention has been called to meet in Boise, Idaho, July 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

A Selma, Cal., grower doubled his alfalfa crop and killed off the locusts by using 400 pounds of gypsum per acre.

Francisco Waldonado, an old-time miner of California, died recently at his home in San Jose. In 1864 he discovered the Mexican silver mine on the Comstock lode in Nevada, and sold it for \$100,000. He came to California in 1849.

O. W. Mayre, one of San Francisco's most prominent stock brokers, committed suicide in his apartments at the Baldwin hotel Saturday evening, by blowing out his brains. Despondency, superinduced by an incurable affection of the stomach, is attributed as the cause which prompted the self-destruction, for the deceased for weeks past had been worrying himself almost into an attack of nervous prostration over his inability to improve his failing physical condition.

Lawrence Crounse, aged 5 years, was run over by a truck in San Francisco on Saturday afternoon and instantly killed. According to several boys who witnessed the accident, the unfortunate lad was stealing a ride on the truck, when he lost his balance and fell off. The rear wheel passed over his chest, crushing it in a frightful manner. Charles H. Selleck, the driver of the truck surrendered himself to Lieutenant Birdsell and was booked on a charge of manslaughter.

The Cheyenne Sun-Leader says: An application was filed at the state engineer's office Saturday by Thomas Sun and James McFarlane, of Jonestown, Natrona county, for a permit to divert water from the Sweetwater river for mining and milling purposes. These gentlemen propose to lay a pipe line 21½ miles in length, tapping the Sweetwater river. The diameter of the pipe is to be three feet, and the cost is estimated at \$225,000. It is proposed to mine a tract of country embracing 6,784 acres.

Harry Caboe, formerly a Canadian Pacific Railway officer here, lost his life on June 7th at the Granite creek hydraulic mine, B. C. The monitor became unmanageable. Caboe got in front of the stream of water, with 250 feet pressure. The full force of the water caught him in the small of the back, threw him fifty feet in the air as if he were a fly, and when he fell piled rocks and dirt on him. He lived an hour and a half after being dug out. He was badly mangled when taken from the pile of debris.

William Hulén, residing on Pine creek, twelve miles from Chico, Cal., was bitten by a rattlesnake Saturday in a rather peculiar manner. Hulén had just started to Chico, and seeing a rattlesnake stopped to kill it. The snake started to crawl away and Hulén hurried toward it and tripped and fell on the reptile, which bit him on the arm. Hulén, being alone, applied temporary remedies and hurried to this city. He arrived late last evening in an exhausted condition. His arm was terribly swollen. The doctors think it is impossible for him to survive.

At an early hour Sunday morning Francis R. Ewing, a commercial traveler, died in his apartments in Oakland, under circumstances which point to suicide. For many months Ewing had suffered from nervousness due to an affection of the heart, and was known to be despondent and morose. He had been in the habit of taking laudanum in small quantities to relieve pain, and at 12:45 o'clock that morning he arose to take the usual potion. This time, however, he took a quantity of tincture of opium in addition to the laudanum, and soon after fell into a heavy slumber from which he never awakened.