

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 9.

The last kind offices of man to man were, in the case of Caleb Robinson Barratt, Salt Lake City's ex-postmaster, very feelingly and simply expressed this afternoon when the mortal remains of the ex-official were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

The report of the health board for the month of January shows 56 deaths, as compared with 72 for the same month last year. The death rate per 1,000 of population is 9.60. Of the number 30 were males and 26 females; 16 were under 5 years of age; 18 were 65 and over, and 22 were between the ages of 5 and 65. Two of the deaths were due to typhoid fever, two to scarlet fever, and three others were caused by preventable diseases. Other causes were as follows: Constitutional diseases, 14; nervous, 3; circulatory, 5; respiratory, 11; digestive, 6; genito-urinary, 6; accidental, 1; old age, 3. Another classification shows six deaths from consumption and five from pneumonia. Nineteen of the deaths were natives of Utah; ten came from other parts of the United States, and the balance were of foreign birth. Ten died in the hospitals and infirmaries. During the month 24 cases of scarlet fever were reported, three of whooping cough, and two of typhoid fever. Fifty-six marriage licenses were issued and 100 births were reported. Eight hundred and seventy-five yards of condemned food and dead animals were burned at the crematory.

The Supreme Court handed down an opinion this afternoon in the case of Minnie Lochwitz against James H. Larsen and J. S. Bonney, affirming the judgment of the lower court.

Proceedings in this case, were in the nature of a contest between the parties involved, all claimants by right of occupancy, and were brought to determine who was entitled to a deed to a town lot in Eureka city, Juab county.

The record shows that in Jan., 1891, the probate judge of Juab county made application of the United States land office, to enter the townsite of Eureka. Payment was made for the land on the entry on December 31, 1896. At the time of the application for entry Michael Powers was in possession of the land and by conveyances it vested in plaintiffs. The defendants claimed to have occupied the land since Sept., 1895. The court below held that parties claiming a right under a townsite entry must show that they or their predecessors were occupants when the application for entry was accepted.

The Supreme Court holds that the lower court ruled correctly; that the interest of the occupants attached simultaneously with the making of the entry and no one who was not a settler and occupant at the time of the entry can derive any benefit directly by reason of the entry. The court further holds that the time of entry of the townsite of Eureka city was on the 23rd of January, 1891, and that unless one was a rightful occupant on that day by himself or his predecessors, he is not a beneficiary within the meaning of the act of Congress. The court therefore affirms the judgment of the lower court.

Justice Bartch delivered the opinion; Chief Justice Zane and Justice Miner concur.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 10.

[Millennial Star, Jan. 27.]

Release.—Manasseh Smith has been honorably released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference to return home February 10,

1898. Elder Smith has been released on account of deaths that have occurred in his family, as mentioned in a recent issue of the Star.

Information is wanted of the whereabouts of Sarah Ann Haslam, who was a little girl when she came here from the Barrow-on-Furness branch of the Liverpool conference about the year 1880. When last heard from she was living with her Uncle Haslam in Salt Lake City.

Also of Thomas and Elizabeth Higgins, who came from the same place about the year 1878.

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A very enjoyable social was held in the Second ward meeting house yesterday in honor of the aged residents of the ward and widows. The guests numbered 135, and through the energetic efforts of the committee in charge of the affair, aided by the good people of the ward, the day was most pleasantly spent by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers, bunting and pictures, among the latter being an oil painting by Samuel Jepperson of the old Provo Fort, as it appeared nearly fifty years ago when the pioneers first settled on Provo river, west of the present site of the city. Jepperson's band furnished music, and a nice program of recitations and music was rendered during the day. A fine dinner was partaken of and numerous speeches were made, all expressive of gratitude to the Father who has blessed the land and the people, and of love and kindness to one another.

Among the visitors were Bishop Preston and Elder George Goddard of Salt Lake; Elders Partridge and Smoot of the Stake presidency; Sister Mary John and counselors of the Stake presidency of Relief Societies; Bishop Wride and counselors; Elders James E. Daniels and John E. Booth and L. E. Eggertsen.

The oldest person present was Elder Edson Barney, 93 years of age, who claims to be the oldest living member of the Church in point of membership. There were three persons over 80 years of age, viz: Brother and Sister Wm. Graham and Brother Joseph Sawyer.

The entertainment commenced at 11 o'clock a.m. and continued till towards evening. Carriages conveyed those who desired to take advantage of the accommodation to and from their homes.

A dance was given in the evening for the younger members of the ward.

Provo City, Utah.

February 9, 1898.

The annual meeting of the Provo Fourth ward Relief Society was held in the society's house on Saturday, Feb. 5, 1898, at 10 o'clock a.m., Margaret M. Watson presiding; in the absence of the secretary, Anna B. Selck was chosen secretary pro tem. The minutes of the meeting on January 28th, 1897, were read and accepted, showing 105 officers and members enrolled. The treasurer's report for the year ending February 1, 1898, was then read, showing donations received in cash, provisions and merchandise as follows: Receipts, \$157.25; disbursements, \$124.25; balance on hand, \$33.00. Wheat, 80 bushels.

President Margaret M. Watson expressed pleasure at this report; said she enjoyed her labors among the sick and needy in the ward, and felt to encourage all to attend the meetings during the present year.

It was moved and carried that the old board be re-elected, with the exception of Sarah E. Cluff, resigned. The officers that comprise the board are:

Margaret M. Watson, president; Mary M. Boyden first, and Delia I. Booth second vice presidents; Mary Boshar, secretary, and Anna B. Selck assistant; Mary M. Boyden, treasurer; Jane B. Snyder, Sophia A. Gee and Harriet C. Bean, trustees.

Plans for the new year were adopted and the meeting adjourned subject to call.

ANNA B. SELCK.

Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Frank W. Schilling nee Lillie Ott, formerly of Ogden but recently of Salt Lake, died under most distressing circumstances at 3:20 this morning at 164 east Second South street, where she took up her residence immediately after her marriage. Mrs. Schilling was a bride of less than a month, and her death is a terrible blow to her husband, family and friends, of whom she had a host.

The deceased first became known to the public in October, 1896, when she was made the unfortunate victim of a persistent and objectionable suitor, in the person of one Will Edson, who almost everywhere, in season and out, insisted in forcing his attentions upon her. On the night of October 3, Edson waylaid Miss Ott and W. L. McCabe, a gentleman friend who was accompanying her home. This occurred between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets on Washington avenue. Edson was inflamed with all the pangs of his jealous disposition and taking up a position behind an electric light pole awaited the coming of the pair on whose lives he seemed to have deliberate designs. As the young couple approached he stepped from his hiding place and opened fire. Three shots took effect in Miss Ott's body, two of the bullets never having been removed from her person on account of the difficulty and the extreme danger attendant upon operations of that character. One of the leaden missiles entered the center of the breast and lodged in the region of the right lung. Another pierced the groin and imbedded itself in the pelvic cavity. These two were always a source of trouble to Miss Ott, even after she was able to leave her bed and resume her duties in the household, and it is from the effects produced by them that she is said to have met her death after having contended bravely against such a fate for more than sixteen months. The exact cause of death is given by the doctors as peritonitis, this trouble being the direct result of the wounds she received at the hands of Edson.

On January 16th of the present year Miss Ott married Mr. Frank W. Schilling, formerly of St. Paul, but now an employe of the Oregon Short Line. The match, the family says, was a particularly happy one, approved of by all concerned. For the past four weeks Mr. and Mrs. Schilling resided on Second South street and never for a moment suspected the shadow of death was so close upon them. A day or two ago the young bride's condition became alarming and despite the best efforts of physicians she grew worse. Dr. Fisher and Dr. Ewing did what they could for her but without avail. Dr. Powers of Ogden, who treated her there, was also summoned last night, but arrived too late to be of any service.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 11.

The remains of Mrs. Lurena Fitzgerald Nebeker were laid tenderly away in the city cemetery yesterday afternoon, by relatives and friends with whom the deceased was numerously blessed. The obsequies were held in the Twenty-second ward meeting house, where oral expression and floral tributes bore evidence of the esteem in which the departed was held.

The speakers were Elders A. H.