

ing by proclamation, or otherwise, this county for settlement, and so do away with any apprehension the people may have in regard to the Southern Ute Indians coming into this country.

Father John Allen, well known to many of your readers, received a letter last mail from Arizona stating that his eldest son, John, Jr., had become demented, having lost his reason, and had to be confined. Peter Allen, another of the sons, set out immediately to go and bring his brother John home and perhaps to the asylum at Provo. Father Allen has the sympathy of the entire community.

We had one death during the winter, that of a fine young lad, thirteen years of age, son of Samuel and Josephine Wood, caused by a slight bruise on the inside of his right knee a little below the joint which he received by a fall he had of New Year's day while playing a game of ball. He lingered some twenty days in great pain. Death seemed to claim him for his victim from the onset. He was visited by a number of surgeons and physicians. Some called it the knee-cap fever; it was a very singular case.

We have formed a placer mining district embracing our entire farming land and city lots, being told by mining men. This was our only recourse in order to secure our claims from being staked out and jumped by the gold seekers. This obliges us to do a good deal of assessment work to protect our orchards, gardens and lucern fields. The law may be good, but I don't see where the justice comes in, for the claims the people have have already cost them, if labor be counted in, at least one hundred dollars per acre.

I am pleased with the NEWS. I have been a subscriber and constant reader from its first issue in the Rocky Mountains, the first paper ever published west of the Missouri river. It has been a wise counselor and a faithful friend in politics, religion, in all moral and social questions; in science and literature and in news of the day and spirit of the times it has been to me a true and faithful guide, and has helped me to pass safely through many a stormy battle of life. It has been our constant monitor throughout our entire history since we landed in this once barren desert, through our battles with the sagebrush, the cricket war, short seasons, frost-bitten crops, corn-stalk molasses, squash pies—oh, the crust of those pies; as I remember some of them I think the crust as chewing gum would be more lasting and beat the article that some of our girls are now so fond of.

Then, again, the NEWS was in and to the front in the so-called Buchanan war, when we all marched off south, leaving our homes ready to be turned into a second Moscow, as also in the long and hotly contested battle we had with the seven-years grasshoppers. And so has the NEWS been a constant beacon of light since we moved out from our dried mud houses in 1849 to the present year when our settlements reach from Canada in the north to Old Mexico in the south, almost a continuous line of towns, cities and villages extending, as it were, some 2000 miles, filled with a God-fearing people. So also has the

NEWS ever been faithful in urging us forward in our duty in relation to temple-building till we have three completed and dedicated to the service of the Lord, and now just about ready to enter upon the service of dedicating the fourth—the greatest and grandest of all the Temples—at Salt Lake, the joy of all Saints and the admiration of all the world. May the usefulness of the NEWS never be less but continue on as heretofore to be a safe and sure guide to the Latter-day Saints. I hope those "Talks by an Ex-Editor" will continue. To me they are worth more than the subscription price.

F. A. HAMMOND.

OGDEN ITEMS.

Manager Traffley of the Ogden baseball club went to Salt Lake this morning in the interest of the proposed Utah baseball league. Before returning he will also visit Provo and Park City and make an effort to interest the clubs of those two cities in the organization. From present indications Ogden will have a remarkably strong team. An organization has already been perfected. Some new material has been infused into the nine and the successes of last season will undoubtedly be greatly outshown. The following players will carry Ogden's pennant during the season of 1898: Traffley, Taylor, English, Barnes, Greenwell, Franklin, Maguire, Ferguson, Beal, Harkness and Thompson. The boys practiced for several hours yesterday and wore off some of the rough edges. It is proposed to open the season with a game on April 10th.

Last night's session of the council was an eventful one and means a great deal in the development of the city. The issue of \$100,000 improvement bonds was authorized, but not until President Restall had entered a vigorous protest in the shape of a resolution providing that the proposition be submitted to the taxpayers. It is almost needless to say the council voted him out. In fact his amendment was not even considered on the ground that it was out of order. Under the provisions of the new ordinance passed Ogden will have a sewer and plumbing inspector. Further time was granted the committee, which occupied two days and part of one night investigating the public charges of incompetency made against Chief Binsford.

The recent snow slide in Weber canyon near Devil's gate did more damage than at first estimated. By reason of the slide, communication by team has been cut off between Weber, Morgan and Summit counties. For a distance of between 300 and 400 rods has been covered up to a depth of from twenty-five to fifty feet with snow, trees and great boulders. Thus far nothing has been done by Morgan county to clear away the obstruction, and the only mode the people now have of getting in and out of the two counties by the Weber river route is on the railroad.

At a general meeting of the Latter-day Saints held in the tabernacle Sunday afternoon, a resolution was adopted appointing L. W. Shurtliff, C. F. Middleton, N. C. Flygare, Moroni F. Brown, Robert McQuarrie, Barnard

White, Edwin Stratford and T. J. Stevens and James Taylor as a committee to visit the railroad companies and secure from them, if possible, a special rate for the people of Weber county who propose to visit Salt Lake City and attend the Temple dedicatory services.

The board of directors of the Reform school held a monthly meeting yesterday afternoon. There were present Kimball, Wooley, Rogers, Adams and Secretary Rolapp. After a thorough investigation, Contractor Hill was allowed \$987.05, balance due on contract and extra work. Wm. Heslin, of Salt Lake, and Jerome Smith, of Tooele, were discharged from the institution. Mr. Rogers reported that he had secured \$10,000 boiler accident insurance.

Several cases of glanders among the horses of Ogden and Weber county have been reported and the health officers evidently have some work before them to keep the disease down. It is dangerous alike to horse and human and may be contracted in various ways. Under the former administration all diseased animals were promptly condemned, killed and cremated.

The special conveying the Javanese exhibit and colony to the World's Fair reached Ogden today and went east over the Union Pacific. It has been enlarged to thirty cars and a double header. Several newspaper men went to Ogden to view the train and its load, a description of which appeared in the NEWS yesterday.

The fire department made a run last night in response to an alarm from a box which called it to the corner of Wall and Twenty-first where fire was discovered in a residence. Neighbors with a bucket brigade extinguished the flames before any damage was done and the aid of the department was not needed.

The United States marshal yesterday sold at public auction about \$400 worth of dry goods, boots and shoes, attached some time ago at the suit of S. M. Moyer & Co., of Portland, as the property of J. Chisling of the same place. The merchandise was sent to Ogden consigned to M. Kohn.

Percy Moffett has been granted a decree of divorce from Leta Moffett by Judge Miner on a cross complaint, in which he alleged that his wife refused to live with him, but was instead "keeping house" for another man. Moffett was given the custody of the only child.

Thirty mechanics were put to work on the Utah Loan & Trust building and the damaged structure resembled a great hive of industry. The making of the necessary repairs will occupy between thirty and sixty days.

AN INTERESTING SERVICE.

SANDY, March 28.—The ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of the new ward house to be erected by the Saints in the Sandy ward, took place yesterday morning. There were present, the Stake presidency along with Elder Brigham Young, also prominent men from neighboring towns.

The services were opened at 9:30