

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

ward came in triumphantly waving a ten dollar check bearing the signature of H. A. Grube.

(Yes; there are only four wards in the town where Grube—beg pardon, I mean Brother Grube, lives.)

"And there are rumors," Sister Brown was saying. "There are rumors of something else. Grube's house is being repaired and—"

"And Bishop's wives should beware of gossip," said Bishop Green, as he came in and broke up the little party.

NEPHI ANDERSON.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Salt Lake Stake Relief Society was held in the Fourteenth ward assembly hall, Dec. 18, 1897.

President M. I. Horne presiding, with her counselors, A. T. Hyde and C. C. Cannon. Present on the stand were Elder Brigham Young of the Council of Apostles, Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, Sisters Zina D. Young, B. W. Smith, J. Richards, M. W. Wilcox, E. Stevenson, J. Horne and L. D. Alder.

Meeting opened by singing, Our God, we raise to Thee. Prayer was offered by C. C. Cannon and the meeting sang, O, awake! my slumbering minstrel. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

President Horne and her counselors each spoke on the important work of the society, and the best way of making the organization more interesting; urged the reading of Church works, and testimony meetings, looking after the poor, and a watchcare over the youth of Zion.

B. W. Smith spoke on Temple work and Temple building.

Elder Brigham Young gave an interesting account of his travels in the southern part of the State; said the society was an important factor in the Church. The duties of mothers in the home, and the responsibility that rested on the sisters in purifying society of its many evils and saving the youth of Israel, were discussed at some length.

Elder Angus M. Cannon said he had enjoyed the good spirit that attended the sisters' meeting, and endorsed the remarks of Elder Young; blessed the sisters in their good endeavors.

President Horne thanked the brethren for meeting with them, and felt grateful for their wise counsel.

Meeting closed by singing, Do what is right. Benediction by Elder A. M. Cannon.

The afternoon session opened by singing, All hail the glorious day. Prayer was offered by M. W. Wilcox. Singing, O, say, what is truth?

Reports were given of city wards. A large gathering had convened, and the meeting was addressed by Sister Zina D. Young, of the general Relief Society, who said she felt a joy in meeting with the sisters; she had traveled some six hundred miles lately; advised the sisters to be humble, to put away all pride and selfishness, that the power of God might rest upon them.

Sister J. S. Richards of Ogden was pleased to meet with the sisters; spoke on gathering wheat and visiting and comforting the sick and poor, and teaching our children to reverence the memory of great men and women; gave many pleasant reminiscences of her life.

President Horne said she hoped the presidents of the ward societies would remember and make the poor happy during the holidays. She counseled the sisters about storing wheat, and made other important remarks.

Conference adjourned for three months; singing, When shall we all meet again? Benediction by Dr. E. S. Barney.

MARGARET Y. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

Ferdinand Uhl, the murderous madman who killed Patrick Murphy of Temescal, Cal., and then tried to exterminate other imaginary enemies, has been committed to the asylum for the insane at Ukiah.

Ex-Assemblyman Eben Owen of Sacramento, Cal., and a well-to-do farmer, shot and instantly killed Matt Hennessey, one of his hired men, Friday evening. Hennessey was in a tree and Owen took him for a chicken thief.

Henry A. Fyler's relatives residing at Chicago have just heard of that gentleman's death, which occurred in Denver, Colo., on the 4th inst. The last they heard of him was when he was in the merchandising business at Salt Lake.

Report has it that W. J. Frazier and C. D. Bast have been frozen to death in the Pomeroy basin about 20 miles north of Kemmerer, Wyo. These men were members of a hunting party and have not been seen for several days. A relief party has gone in search of them.

Thomas Noyes, the son of a Montana millionaire, has disappeared in San Francisco, and all sorts of rumors are afloat as to the cause of it. He has been flying high for some time past and there are those who believe he has got out of the way to avoid his creditors.

Bernard Sues was arrested in San Bernardino, Friday on a telegram from Phoenix, A. T., charging Sues with murdering F. F. Lynch of that place on December 13th. Sues is an uphoisterer and has conducted an establishment in San Bernardino for several months.

Amazon Hernandez, a Mexican woodchopper, at San Jose, Cal., was in the habit of carrying giant powder cartridges in his pocket, as he frequently used them for blasting tree stumps. Wednesday he tripped and fell, a knife in his pocket struck a cap and nine explosions followed in quick succession. Hernandez was terribly mangled and will die.

Work on the Japanese war vessel, Chitos, in course of construction at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, is being pushed forward and she will be launched early in January. She will go at once to Japan where she will receive her armament. The Japanese government use the English Armstrong guns on all their ships. Hence she will not be equipped in that port.

E. J. Willis of San Francisco, a member of the party that sailed on the schooner La Ninfa for Copper river in October last, writes from Kodiak that on Dec. 4 there were about 150 prospectors, with their outfits scattered along a trail between Eyak Lake, over a level stretch of country known as the Grass Flats, and the little Indian village of Alganak, anxious to push on into the interior as soon as the ice on the river is strong enough to permit travel.

Travel from Australia to the Klondike will be very heavy next year and the Oceanic steamship company is preparing for it. All the available space on the Mariposa, due at San Francisco in February, and the Moana, due there in March, has been engaged. In the case of the Moana the bulk of the passengers will come from New Zealand and the purpose is to erect berths in some of the space reserved for freight. No passengers from Honolulu will be carried on this steamer, and tourists will have to depend on the regular boat.

A special to the San Francisco Ex-

aminer from Spokane, Wash., says: Several persons who have come here from Colfax declare that notwithstanding all denials a lynching occurred there Sunday night or Monday morning. It is asserted that Chadwick Marshall and John McDonald, the alleged murderers of Orville Hayden, a prominent citizen of Farmington, were taken from the county jail by a mob and hanged to trees near the town. According to this story a press censorship prevails and consequently the facts have not been permitted to make their way to general notice.

Vessels for the Australian trade are almost unobtainable at San Francisco. There are now three cargoes awaiting shipment from that port to Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and a ship to take them over cannot be procured. There is at the present time 500,000 feet of sugar pine lumber on Fremont street which are destined for Adelaide, for which J. J. Moore & Co. would gladly secure a vessel. They almost had one bargain closed when the managing owner backed out. He preferred to wait for the spring trade to the Klondike, rather than to run the chances of not having his vessel there when the season opens.

Hon. Horace C. Plunkett, member of Parliament from Ireland, was to have reached Cheyenne, Wyo., Monday, as the guest of ex-Senator and Mrs. J. M. Carey. Mr. Plunkett is one of the owners of the Wheatland colony enterprise in that county, and during his stay in Wyoming will speak to the farmers of Wheatland on the subject of co-operation in dairying and other industries incident to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Plunkett is a noted writer and speaks upon agricultural and other economic subjects, and is the author of a comprehensive pamphlet upon woman's suffrage in Wyoming.

C. H. King of Casper, Wyo., has purchased the Bar C ranch, about fifty miles north of Casper, on Powder river. The ranch will be stocked with cattle. The Bar C ranch is noted in Wyoming as one of the ranches owned by extravagant Englishmen in the flash days of the cattle business in the West. The Bar C was known as Frewen's castle, and was fitted up with fine dwellings, a number of barns, sheds, etc., represented an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars, all of which was lost by the subsequent depression in the stock business. Moreton Frewen, the noted financial writer, was the owner of the ranch.

In a fit of drunken jealousy Charles Bailey, an iron molder employed at the Sutton iron works, San Francisco, put a bullet into the neck of a young woman named Mary F. Symora in the room occupied by her in the Colton house, 22 Third street Wednesday. The cause of the shooting is known only to Bailey and the woman. She is too badly wounded to speak, and Bailey does not state why he shot her, although he surrendered himself to Policeman Murphy and acknowledged to him and to the friends of the woman that he had tried to kill her. Mary Symora, the woman who was shot, comes from Salinas, where her parents still reside. She is about 21 years of age and rather pretty. The physicians at the receiving hospital say she will recover.

Surveyor General Joseph Perrault of Boise, Ida., is in revolt against the civil service law and the interior department. He has been at war with the civil service regulations ever since he went into office. When he went in he chopped off the heads of nearly all the