

in the streets of Auburn, Cal., in May, 1849, passed away at the age of 73. Mr. Reed was one of the pioneers who made the state. After his first venture in mining in 1849, and the early fifties, he located at Knight's Landing, Yolo county, and gave his attention to wheat growing. For years he was known as the wheat king of California. He lost fortunes as easy as he made them, and he quit the wheat business after losing a cool million in the great wheat deal of 1885-6.

On the first ballot Wednesday at Bakersville, Cal., the jury found Ysabel Molina guilty of murder, and on the second ballot fixed the penalty at death for killing Emiliano Ramos in Bakersville early on the morning of December 2nd last. The two had come in the day before from a ranch and spent the night in drinking. Toward morning they quarreled in a saloon and the bartender parted them. Molina went outside, dared his companion out, and when the latter went out Molina shot him dead. The defendant has served two or three terms in San Quentin for murderous assaults.

The steamer Humboldt has been chartered for the Alaskan trade by John A. McGee Jr. at a stipulated rental of \$28,000 a month for five months. This is the highest rate ever paid for a vessel on the Pacific coast. The Humboldt is practically a new boat and during her short term of service between San Francisco and coast ports has become a favorite with the general public. Her original cost was \$140,000. During the term of the charter Mr. Kallish will receive from the charterers sums aggregating what it cost to put her afloat.

John Croder died Monday from a hunting accident. He was shooting rabbits at San Pedro, Cal., Sunday with a friend, Dick Burfield. While returning the latter dropped his shotgun in an endeavor to save himself from a fall and the gun was discharged, the load entering Croder's leg above the knee. Burfield tried to stanch the stream of blood and finally secured a cart and conveyed the wounded man to George Larkin's residence, 511 B Castro street. Physicians were summoned, but owing to the great loss of blood were unable to save him.

It has been determined that James A. Joyce was not struck down by an unknown assailant at Oakland, Cal., Sunday night, but that his skull was fractured by falling on the stone pavement. Charles Gard, after being held by the police for several hours pending an investigation, was released Monday morning. Joyce is still in a precarious condition and it will be a week before anything definite as to the outcome of his injuries can be told. He was unconscious Monday morning and positively declared that Gard did not strike him and it was upon that statement that the police gave up their prisoner.

A special to the Denver Republican from Pocatello, Ida., says the past two days have been the coldest in that section for many years. The thermometer Wednesday night registered 19 below. At Bancroft it was 11 below and at Market Lake 34 below. It has been intensely cold for several weeks and the snow all over southeastern Idaho is from six to fifteen inches deep. All stockmen have been compelled to feed for several weeks past and are becoming alarmed at the threatening shortage of hay. The sheepmen have had to drive their flocks from the great burns of central Idaho and begin to feed.

John W. Little, a clerk in the office of T. H. Goodman, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, San Francisco, made an ineffectual attempt to kill himself Monday, if the story he himself tells is to be credited.

Little was found between 5 and 6 Monday on the door steps of Marie Thompson's residence at 542 Turk street by Ellis Jones, a medical student. Jones was attracted by Little's peculiar actions, and, going to him, found him mumbling a confused jumble of words, the purport of which was that he was dying of poison for unrequited love of some unknown woman, whose portrait he gazed at for a time, and then tore in fragments.

Ex-Mayor John C. Nichols, one of the oldest pioneers in Los Angeles, Cal., died Saturday night at the home of his son, City Auditor C. E. Nichols, on West Twenty-first street. Mr. Nichols played a part in the early history of Los Angeles, and was one of the most prominent residents of the city during and after the Mexican war. For several days the old pioneer has been fast failing, owing to congestion of the lungs. The affliction was due to a severe cold, the first symptoms of which appeared a week ago. Nichols was 86 years of age and leaves a number of children, who were present at the death of their father.

The Sun-Leader of Cheyenne, Wyo., says: John Elwin, a ranchman and small stock-owner of the Sweetwater country, reports the poisoning a few nights since by what is locally known as the "bored block" system, of five big gray wolves and eleven coyotes. The system of range wolf-poisoning by the bored block method consists of boring shallow holes in wooden blocks with an inch auger, the filling of these holes with strychnine-impregnated tallow, the dragging of the carcass of a freshly killed calf, antelope or deer along range wolf trails and the distributing of the poisoned blocks on the blood-scented trail thus made. The wolves follow this trail and, finding the blocks, lick therefrom the poisoned tallow, and promptly pass over the range to the happy hunting grounds located in the unreturnable beyond. A dead gray wolf is now worth to the hunter, with local and state bounties and the value of the pelt itself, about \$12.

OBITUARY NOTES

JOSEPH WILLIAM KEMP.

St. George, Utah, January 17th, 1898. —Funeral services were held today in the St. George tabernacle over the remains of Joseph William Kemp, who was born Aug. 14th, 1872, and died on the 16th of January, 1898. Bishop Andrus presided, and Elder James G. Bleak was the first speaker. He said we cling to those who are afflicted and are loath to part with those we love; and to be able to give any comfort to those who are bereaved of their loved ones, the speaker must have the Spirit of God to give him words, or he cannot impart consolation. We know that it is ordained of man once to die; and we know that in this case all that a loving widowed mother and brothers and friends could do has been done. Brother Kemp was a conscientious young man always, and was solicitous for the welfare of others in preference to his own. Even in his severe sickness he was desirous to avoid being any trouble to others. And he, the speaker, believed that when Brother Kemp shall stand before the Judge of all the earth, he will hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." He was a good young man, and when we say this we say a great deal. The speaker advised all to so live that when they shall be called hence they, too, may be well prepared to meet the Judge of all the earth.

Bishop's counselor Edward H. Snow said he had known this young man all his life, and he has been pure in heart his whole life and was one of those humble men that could be relied on.

Bishop's Counselor Thomas N. Cottam bore testimony to the words that had been spoken, as he himself had lived on the same city block with deceased all his life. He has been industrious and has suffered much in life, and has gone to his rest, having earned for himself the blessings of eternal life.

The St. George choir rendered very appropriate music, and a large cortege followed the remains to the cemetery. WILLIAM ATKIN.

JOSEPH MERRICK NIELD.

The subject of this sketch, Joseph Merrick Nield, was the son of Elder Luke Nield, whose faithful labors in the Manchester conference in the early '40's will be remembered by many aged Saints today. He was born on July 4th, 1822, at Crompton, near Oldham, Lancashire, England, and was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by his father, on the 18th day of November, 1844.

In 1853 he was married to Miss Jane Standing, an exemplary member of the Rochdale branch. In 1875 with his faithful wife and only son, he emigrated to Zion, and located at Meadow, Millard county, Utah, where they were subsequently joined by their three daughters.

In October, 1883, accompanied by the greater portion of his family, he visited St. George and accomplished a good work. Previous to this with his wife and son he labored in the Endowment house, Salt Lake City, where they were blessed abundantly. He was ever ready to magnify his calling as an Elder of the Church to the utmost of his ability. The sad and sudden death of their only son, Luke Charles Nield, in December, 1888, completely prostrated the aged parents, who never fully recovered from the blow.

When his beloved wife was unexpectedly and without warning snatched away in May, 1896, the mental faculties yielded to the heavy burden of sorrow, and Elder Nield became a mental and physical wreck. After months of weary suffering, during which time he could not recognize the dear ones who patiently and untiringly ministered to his wants, the spirit was freed and the weary was at rest. His decease occurred Dec. 26, 1897.

The funeral services were held in Meadow meeting house on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, and were conducted by Bishop H. B. Bennett. Elders James Fisher, E. A. Beckstrand and Charles Smith spoke of the beautiful labors of the deceased, and offered consoling remarks to the bereaved ones. May he rest in peace awaiting the morning of the first resurrection. PHENIX.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

FLOYEL—In the Twenty-second ward, this city, January 24, 1897, Wm. D. M. Floyel, late of Holstein, Germany, in the 83rd year of his age.

HARWOOD—In this city, January 29, 1898, of cancer of the liver, Jonas Harwood; born September 15, 1829; in North Brookfield, Worcester county, Massachusetts.

BRINGHURST—At Springville, Utah county, at 3 a. m. Tuesday, January 25, of paralysis, Ann D. wife of the late William Bringhurst; she would have been 78 years of age on the 12th of February next.

NOALL—Mabel Noall, daughter of Wm. T. and Sarah Noall, died January 31st at the family residence in the Twenty-second ward, of acute Bright's disease, after an illness of over a month. Little Mabel was born on the 22nd day of October, 1888, and was an exceptionally bright and promising girl. The sad news of her untimely death will indeed be a heavy blow to her father who is now on a mission in England. Brother and Sister Noall have a host of friends who deeply sympathize with them in their severe loss.