

At the house of Bishop J. P. Harrison a few relatives met to enjoy themselves on the occasion of his 50th birthday. After a bounteous dinner the afternoon was spent in social conversation, recitations, games, and vocal music, but when the shades of evening came, a number of brethren and sisters, beaded with musical instruments, marched into the house with their picnics in old fashioned style and presented the Bishop and his worthy wife Elvira with a nice chair each, in which they were soon seated. Then came congratulations and good wishes for future success and happiness, in response to which the Bishop, though overcome in his feelings, made some very appropriate remarks and thanked the people. Some of the brethren and sisters made short speeches, and a pleasant evening was spent in recitations, vocal and instrumental music, and a good supper. A feature of the evening was the reading of a poem composed by Sister Ann Deschamps, on the life and labors of the Bishop. At midnight all dispersed feeling better for coming together. E.

MURRAY, Jan. 28, 1896.—A gruesome discovery was made here today. The county road which diverges from the State road at Murray and leads south-easterly toward Union, Big Cottonwood and other towns in the southeast part of the county, passes along the upper side of the Freeze farm a mile or so from where the State road is left. This place was the scene of an unusual event today. On a hill on the Freeze farm a man came across a skeleton, and soon discovered another. These were easily identified by the long hair and other indications as the remains of two women who had been buried here in early times. That they were given a respectable burial is shown from the bits of the coffin that are still left. The place of their discovery is not a great distance from the cemetery, and it may have been an earlier burial spot which was subsequently neglected. Up to the present no one has been found here who recalls the burial, but it is quite probable that some of the old settlers will remember the event, and the remains be placed where friends and relatives, if they there are left here, will know that they are laid to rest in the cemetery where they are not likely again to be disturbed by the hand of man.

SANTA CLARA,  
January 10, 1896.

According to a program previously prepared, the good people of this place assembled at the meeting house on Inauguration Day at 10 o'clock a.m. Patriotic speeches were made by Messrs. John Hafen Jr., Theo. Graf and Edward Frei. Their remarks were highly appreciated by the audience, the first two relating to the advantages of a state government over a territorial government; the latter alluded to the civil and political rights existing between families and governments. Music was rendered by the brass and string bands, which brought peace and joy to every heart. The people in general received Statehood with outstretched arms, and feel grateful to God for the great change He brought about.

In the afternoon a game of ball was indulged in, the married men

against the single, the latter nine winning the game. The day was closed by a grand ball in the evening. To the people of Santa Clara this day will long be remembered.

The health of the people has been very good and we are not wanting for the necessary comforts of life.

We have had no storms this winter, and the present outlook for water next summer is very gloomy, but there is still time for storms.

Yours respectfully,  
THEODORE GRAF.

The First Presidency has procured from the president of the Swiss and German mission, through President Lund, a list of nearly 500 names of faithful Saints of that division of the Church abroad who have died in the lands of their nativity. The purpose of obtaining this information was that temple work might be done for those worthy people by their friends and relatives who have gathered to this country.

In order that those who are willing to take an active part in attaining the object herein set forth may have the requisite information the names of the deceased, under the head of the branches of the Church to which they belonged, will be published in consecutive issues of the Beobachter, beginning with that of Friday, January 24.

It is likely that ordinance work has already been done in the temples for some of those who are listed. Where such is the case those who have performed it will confer a favor by giving particulars, that the necessary checking may be done upon the original lists. This information is necessary, in order to avoid repetition of work. After it is furnished, lists can be obtained by those who desire to take part in performing the needed labor for the benefit of the faithful dead, in any of the temples.

All communications on the subject should be directed to John Nicholson, Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City.

A representative of the NEWS had a brief but interesting interview with General Freight Agent Eccles of the Union Pacific, who is just home from a week's business trip to San Francisco and other Pacific coast cities.

"Utah," said Mr. Eccles, "is being talked about, it seems to me, as no other state in the Union. I heard it spoken of on every hand. It was a source of great surprise and pleasure to me to note how well informed people appeared to be on the situation here. At the Palace hotel I met dozens of men who seemed to know all about us. Old mining men—men who are not easily interested and men who do not get excited over every reported mineral find said they were watching the development of Mercur with a careful eye and not a few say they will soon be here to look over the field. Business men, too, manifest just as much interest, and next summer is sure to witness the influx of a large number of California people.

Speaking of business in the Golden Gate state Mr. Eccles said it was in almost a comatose condition. Merchants, traders and others are very much disheartened. Concerning the funding bill Mr. Eccles said, "it is doing California a great deal of harm—that is the agitation over it. The stand taken by

Mayor Sutro and a few others is virtually building a wall around that state and shutting out enterprises that will have to go elsewhere. However, Utah should not complain as it will get capital that would otherwise go to California. The hope was frequently expressed that Utah's Legislature might enact wise and conservative laws. That done prosperity for the new State will be assured.

San Francisco Examiner of Saturday, January 25th: "For several weeks past an investigation has been in progress by numerous people in this county endeavoring to obtain a clue to Leslie Madison Day, formerly of Ogden, Utah. Mr. Day came to California about three years ago with the expectation of speedily preparing a home for his mother and sisters. He was a practical civil engineer, and had also been admitted to the bar.

"For a year or more Mr. Day was known to numerous acquaintances in both Oakland and San Francisco. He mysteriously disappeared from view. Months have now passed, and the young man's whereabouts have not been made known. In response to letters from his anxious relatives, the mortuary records of this county have been unavailingly searched to ascertain if he had died here.

"County Clerk Jordan took an active interest in trying to trace the young man. Such information as he obtained was communicated to Mr. Day's mother. In reply, Mr. Jordan has received a letter from Mr. Day's sister, in which she says:

"As soon as we can we will begin a search of the death records, as I presume such are kept by some officials, but we do not feel able to bear that yet.

"Leslie was a graduate in law and also in civil engineering, and almost the last thing he said, as he said good-bye to us from the train, was to be brave and patient, for he would soon have a home for mother and little sister and me, and the separation would not be long.

"It is all very mysterious and dreadful, and nearly breaks all our hearts. We heard from him regularly for one year, when his letters suddenly ceased, ours were returned, and we never heard from him again, except once indirectly, when a friend saw him at the Palace hotel, where he was staying for a few days. The gentleman who saw him did not know we did not hear from him, nor did he expect to see us in Ogden, so he could not tell us more than that."

The Theater was an animated scene Wednesday on the occasion of a free entertainment kindly furnished by the Lyceum Stock company for the old folks, widows, orphans and deaf mutes. Before one o'clock scores of old and infirm people, some wearing badges, could be observed wending their way to the Theater to witness the drama *Forgiven*, and to otherwise indulge in a good time. The Rapid Transit furnished a special car, which transported thirty-five of the inmates of the county infirmary to their destination. The deaf mutes were also there, sixty-five strong, together with the newsboys. Altogether 1,500 tickets for the entertainment were distributed.

At 1:40 O. R. Savage and George Goldard stepped before the curtain, when the former indulged in one of his characteristic speeches that put