

the steel bars of the cell were saws made from an old knife blade and a shoe shank, a tin cup, charcoal made from a closet seat, and a hammock rope. The officers have not yet ascertained the direction taken by the prisoners, but are sending descriptions of them in every direction.

Welcome Chapman, one of Manti's earliest settlers, finished a useful life on Friday last, at the ripe age of 88 years, says the *Manti Sentinel*. Deceased was a native of New York, and in the early history of the Church was a faithful member. He worked as a stone cutter on the Nauvoo Temple, and when the Saints were driven from that city he remained in the East only long enough to fit himself out before following his brethren into the wilderness. Brother Chapman arrived in Utah in 1850 and the next year came to Manti. He was ordained president of Sanpete Stake in 1853, being the first president of this Stake, which at that time included Emery and Sevier counties. He held the position eight years, when he resigned and moved to Salt Lake City to work on the Temple. He was employed cutting rock on the building nearly thirty years. For the last three years he had been a resident of Fountain Green, and up to a few weeks ago was hale and hearty. The funeral services were held at the residence of his son in Manti last Tuesday.

D. E. Burley, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific in this city, has just got back from the Camp Floyd mining district, Tooele county, whither he has been on business connected with his road. Mr. Burley says there is a marvelous transformation taking place in that section of the country, which but a short time ago was little more than a wilderness, is quickly being converted into a populous locality.

Mr. Burley states that lumber cannot be got in fast enough to the new town of Mercur, which is being built seven miles from Fairfield station, on the Salt Lake and Western branch of the Union Pacific. There were ten cars of lumber on the switch at Fairfield yesterday, and several carloads of coal. A large number of teams was busily engaged hauling the lumber and coal to Mercur, where 250 carpenters are employed rushing up buildings. A whole town is springing into existence at once. During the present month the Union Pacific has sold over a thousand tickets from this city to Fairfield, which is its station for Mercur. The railway company intends to at once construct a new depot building at Fairfield.

An inquest was held at ten o'clock this morning at the undertaking establishment of Skewes & Sons at the instance of Coroner Taylor over the remains of Mattie D. Graham, the abandoned and profligate woman who committed suicide by shooting herself in the head with a revolver in a West Temple street bagnio shortly after one o'clock yesterday (Monday) morning.

The evidence showed that she had a mother and sister living in Monticello and it is claimed that they were both ignorant of the kind of a life the deceased had been leading since she came to this city.

V. Lunzki, an Italian Mercur miner, admitted that he had passed the night

over the saloon in company with the suicide. She had acted strangely for several hours, he said, and laughed and cried alternately for a couple of hours or more. She also frequently sobbed, "My poor child." Then she murmured, "Only sixty-five," and went to her trunk over which she bowed and shot herself. He was under the impression that after the shot was fired the pistol fell into the trunk which was open.

Two days were consumed in taking testimony in the case, after which on Wednesday, the 27th, the coroner's jury found a verdict of suicide, setting free the above-named witness, who had been suspected of making away with some of the money and valuables of the deceased.

A Park City correspondent, under date of the 22d instant, writes:

With the opening up of the Coalville mines, after the recent strike, coal has been rolling into the Park at the rate of about twenty-five cars per day. There is no chance for a coal famine this winter, as all the mines and mills have stored up a large amount of coal.

The mines and mills are still kept busy, and sending out daily the usual amount of ore and bullion. The Park City sampling mill has handled during the week a larger amount of ore than at any time since last June. This fact indicates the stability of the camp.

The Crescent Co. concentrated is still working night and day reducing and shipping the large amount of ore on hand. The mine is now working with a full force of men, and in a short time teams will be bringing down the ore. The tramway is tied up for the winter and will not be opened again until next spring.

Work on the Daly-West mine is still being pushed and most likely, when it has been fully determined as to the class of ore and the most economical treatment of same, a mill will be put up some time during the coming spring, providing that the bottom does not entirely drop out of silver and lead.

Elder Joseph M. Kerr, of Payson, made a call at the News office. He returned Dec. 20 from a mission to Great Britain, on which he left on December 4, 1891. He was one of the passengers on the ill-fated *Abyssinia* which was burned at sea on December 18, 1891, and when Elder Kerr was among those rescued by the German steamer *Spree*. In Great Britain Elder Kerr labored as a missionary in the Leeis conference, where he met with kind treatment and good success. He enjoyed good health during his absence in the "old country." The homeward voyage was made on the *Teutonic*, and was an unusually stormy one. So severe was the weather that the great steamer was delayed more than two days on the voyage, and instead of reaching New York in less than seven days from Liverpool was more than nine days. On one occasion a huge wave broke in the officers' cabin and swept away a portion of the ship's railing. In consequence of the rough weather the passengers had an unusual share of sea sickness.

Among the callers at the News Dec. 21 was Elder Enoch Brown, of Hoytsville, Summit county. Elder Brown left home on a mission October

10, 1891, going to the Southern States. He was assigned to labor in the West Virginia conference and remained there for more than two years. He was generally well treated by the people, for whom he has only good words. The Gospel message is being favorably received in the district where Elder Brown was located, and quite a number of people have given obedience to the truth. The health of Elder Brown has been fair.

CHURCH THEOLOGY CLASS.

About one thousand students had assembled on Sunday last at the appointed time, outlines of the lecture being distributed at the door.

The class was opened with prayer by Elder S. B. Young.

Several incidental questions bearing upon subjects previously discussed were carefully and thoroughly considered. Dr. Talmage, instructor of the class, then proceeded with the review upon the subjects of the last lesson. After some additional remarks upon the repetition of the baptismal ordinance, the lecturer proceeded to the next subdivision: "Baptism for the dead." Since, as conclusively proven, baptism is essential to the salvation of every soul, the Gospel includes a plan by which even those who have never heard the law while upon earth may be made partakers of the same salvation. The vicarious work performed in their behalf is known as that characteristic feature of the faith among the Latter-day Saints the ordinance of "baptism for the dead." That there is no distinction between the essential work required from the living and the dead is very evident from the Scriptures. In justice and in mercy to the millions who have died without receiving the Gospel, the plan of salvation is preached to them in the spirit world. The beginning of this great work was made by Jesus Christ Himself, who also announced to the Jews this part of His mission, while living among them. According to modern revelation, the outward ordinances for the departed must be performed by living representatives on the earth. This doctrine was well known among the former-day Saints, for Paul in writing to the Corinthians used this subject as an argument for the resurrection. History gives the information that baptism for the dead was practiced in the fourth century.

An adjournment was taken for one week after closing prayer by Elder H. P. Fretz.

INFORMATION WANTED.

By John Jas. Smeath, Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islands, N. Z., concerning his brothers-in-law, James and Charles Barker, who left London, England, some twenty years ago for Utah, and now supposed to be in Cache county. Please communicate to the above address as Mr. Smeath is anxious for news.

Wm. J. McDonald, engine driver, from the Graving Docks, Auckland, who emigrated to Utah with his wife some eleven years ago, will hear something to his advantage if he will write to his sister, Mrs. A. Hanson, Kaiti, Gisborne, N. Z. His father has just died, and was very anxious for news from his son before he passed away.