

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

mother, 93, representing five generations; also Sister E. Barnum, the oldest living school teacher in Cache county, 83 years, and representing five living generations. Those between 75 and 85 are too numerous to name.

There has not been much snow and that there is going away very fast. Everything denotes that spring is nigh. During the cold snap the roads were in an excellent condition, and the way men hauled wood from the mountains was amazing; and hundreds upon hundreds of loads of grain have been hauled from southern Cache to the Southern Pacific railroad at Corinne. In southern Cache are Wellsville, Hyrum, Paradise, Avon, College, Millville and Providence, with between six and seven thousand people without railroad communication, and we have petitioned the Oregon Short Line railroad to extend the loop around the south end of the valley, as it was first intended. The expense would be trifling and our people will make any legitimate offer to induce the company to build around the valley. All this grain and other farm products sold here would have gone over the railroad had it been here. Our people are determined to do their own hauling or give the first railroad coming our way our best support. Then are we not equally as well off and as much up to date as our bonded and debt-ridden friends? Our city's treasury has a nice surplus and our schools can be run the full term.

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## STAR VALLEY STAKE CONFERENCE

Afton, Feb. 15.—The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion was held in Afton, February 12 and 13, 1898, George Osmond presiding.

Elder George Osmond felt to rejoice in again meeting with the Saints, and hoped we would all be benefitted by meeting together; gave some illustrations showing plainly that we all need reminding of our duties.

All the wards in the Stake were reported favorably by their respective Bishops.

Elder Ole A. Jensen spoke a short time, encouraging all to live up to the requirements of the Gospel.

Patriarch C. D. Cazier advised the brethren to honor the Priesthood which God had placed upon them.

Elder W. W. Burton deemed it a great privilege to be in conference and partake of the good Spirit; said it was necessary to our well being that we enjoyed the Holy Spirit at all times, for that would lead us in the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life in the kingdom of God.

Elder Ansen V. Call gave an excellent report of the Star Valley Stake, the presidency having visited every branch during the past three months; gave an encouraging report of the tithing record and of the people generally. Several others spoke of the goodness of God, and felt to acknowledge his hand in all the blessings we enjoy. Elder Fjelsted of the seven presidents of Seventies, felt pleased to note the great improvements in the Stake since his last visit, exhorted the Saints to keep the Sabbath day holy; said we should be a virtuous and righteous people, keeping the commandments of God; asked God to bless the youth of Zion with wisdom, that they may find favor in His sight.

Elder Seymour B. Young of Salt Lake City addressed the congregation on the sacredness of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper; spoke of the progress of the Saints in this Stake through the blessings of the Lord; spoke in high terms of the Sunday school; said the Saints must obey the Word of Wisdom; gave some good instructions to the Elders going on missions, and blessed all in the name of the Lord.

W. H. KENNINGTON, Clerk.

Mrs. J. A. Stanley of Pocatello, Ida., swallowed a dose of carbolic acid by mistake Thursday which came nearly proving fatal. She was formerly a Miss Flint of Ogden, Utah.

At Butte, Mont., Wednesday, B. C. W. Evans, who was charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes was acquitted, there being an insufficiency of evidence to convict.

The Oregon Short Line has concluded to carry the Idaho state exhibit to Omaha, free, and it is believed the connecting roads will do the same, thus making possible that state's representation at the big exposition.

Deputy Sheriff Calverly of Evanston, Wyo., shot and killed Albert Peters, alias Jack Frost, Thursday, while the latter was attempting to effect a jail delivery. Peters was a bad man and was implicated in the Snyder and Painter hold-ups last month.

The Pacific Export Lumber company has chartered the big British steamship Ailsa Craig to carry lumber from Portland to Vladivostok, Siberia. She left Cardiff January 15th for Shanghai and has been chartered for April loading at 50 shillings a thousand feet.

A young man, by name William McLaughlin, who has been working on the ranch of Andrew Walker, about five miles from Antioch, Cal., was killed Sunday night by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. He had been hunting with the foreman of the ranch, Charles Matthews.

The members of Warren Post, G. A. R., Sacramento, Cal., have requested Governor Budd to loan them fifty rifles, canteens and haversacks. The veterans express their desire to become accustomed to the military tactics now in vogue so that in case of war with Spain they will be ready to go to the front.

George Green and Tommy Ryan are both ready for their battle before the National club at Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco, Friday evening. Jim McDonald has been selected as referee of the contest and the advance sale of seats has been so heavy that a crowded house is assured. Demand for seats before the sale opened exceeded that of any contest this year.

E. Edwin, a passenger arriving at San Diego, on the steamer Carlos Pacheco, from Ensenada, Cal., Tuesday, brought the news that a report was received by the authorities in Ensenada Saturday morning, announcing the murder of Marvin Gaskill, son of L. H. Gaskill of Campo, that county, by Indians on the desert near Algodones a few days ago.

The Idaho commission of the Omaha exposition was in session at Boise Thursday evening. The rates offered by the railroad company on exhibits are not what was expected. The commission feel that the exhibits should be transported free, and it is intimated that if the concession is not made, the project of getting up an exhibit will be abandoned.

On Friday General H. B. Compson, late brigadier general of the Oregon National Guard, sent the following message to the Oregon delegation in Congress: "In the event of war with

I request you to tender my services to the President. I agree to furnish two regiments of infantry, one regiment of cavalry and a battery of artillery, to be called the 'Oregon brigade.'"

The Retail Grocer of San Francisco says that the retail cigar dealers of San Francisco are organizing to fight the sale of cigars by manufacturers

and jobbers to "cut rate" drug stores, which, in order to attract trade, are selling cigars at lower rates than the regular dealers can afford to sell them. The regular cigar dealers threaten to boycott those brands of cigars that are sold by the drug stores.

A dispatch from Tacoma, Wash., says that floods and avalanches have partly destroyed the town of Monte Cristo, situated in the heart of the Cascade mountains. The railroad connecting the place with Everett has been washed out and the lack of railroad connections has caused the concentrator and the part of the Monte Cristo mines which John D. Rockefeller owns to shut down.

The steamer Pioneer, with the bark Colorado, returned to Port Townsend, Wash., at midnight Thursday from Skaguay. The Pioneer officers report both Tailla and Skaguay as lively but law-abiding. Both the Chilkoot and White passes are reported in good condition. On the way down the Pioneer passed twenty-four different vessels en route to Alaska, all crowded with passengers and freight.

A young man about 25 years old, whose identity has not been definitely determined, committed suicide Thursday at Seattle, Washington, by shooting himself through the head twice. On him was found a small piece of paper informing the coroner that his name was R. D. Ferguson of "K. C." The letters K. C. are taken to mean Kansas City. In the man's pocket was also found a key-ring tag bearing the inscription "R. D. Fry, Denton, Tex."

R. W. Bradley & Co. of Cheyenne, Wyo., have received an order to commence shipments of onyx from the onyx field near Badger, on the Cheyenne & Northern railroad, to Peoria, Ill. They will receive from \$2 to \$4 a cubic foot for the material on board cars at Badger station, this being equivalent to from \$25 to \$50 a ton. The onyx is found in Fish canyon, about thirteen miles from the railroad. Shipments will be commenced Monday next.

The steamer Cleveland arrived at Seattle, Wash., at midnight Friday from Alaska with thirty-one passengers. She brings the news that the steamer Scotia ran aground near Juneau about a week ago. The Scotia was floated at high tide. She suffered no injury. The Cleveland brought to Victoria the body of W. H. Grant, who was among those who have met death on the trail. The steamers Humboldt and Excelsior arrived Friday night from San Francisco en route to Alaska with over 400 passengers.

The second detachment of troops from the Fourteenth infantry, under command of Col. T. M. Anderson, left Portland, Ore., Friday afternoon for Seattle, where they will take a steamer for southeastern Alaska. The command consists of companies B and H, with the following officers: Col. T. M. Anderson, Capt. L. A. Matile, Capt. R. S. Yeatman, Lieut. H. C. McCann, Lieut. H. C. Cabell, Lieut. W. G. Leonard, Lieut. R. H. Allen, Dr. J. S. Kulp and three hospital assistants, making a total of 110 enlisted men and eight officers.

That Senator Shoup of Idaho is doing all in his power to bring the Fort Hall treaty to a termination, is evident from the following letter sent by him to Judge Blair under date of the 18th inst: My Dear Judge—I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 13th, relating to the treaty with the Fort Hall Indians, and in reply beg to say that I am giving the treaty my