

spare. When the town was first settled there was scarcely water enough for eleven families; now there is sufficient to satisfy nearly 1,200 people and irrigate 1,000 acres of farming land.

Mr. M. H. Mathews, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, a special government agent, was in the county last week investigating the amount of timber that is being taken by the sawmill men from land on which they have no grant. E. P. Bean and W. L. Parks came under the range of his vigilance and were forced to pay the government the value of the timber they had used.

When the Vermillion people placed a tight dam in the river last week a quantity of fish were left imprisoned in the drizzling stream and pools below, where the river runs through the land belonging to Annie C. Larson. Fish Commissioner B. Carter, City Marshal Peter Hanson, and a dozen other leading citizens went down and had a great time bagging the fish. Mrs. Larson claims that their action was a flagrant violation of the criminal law, but the justices of the peace have refused to entertain her complaint. She has employed an attorney to institute an action for trespass and damage, and a kettle full of fun is in store for those who love the laughable side of legal proceedings.

COLORADO SHEEP NOW.

The following dispatch from Grand Junction, Colorado, shows that a new phase of a complicated question has arisen in the sheep war near the border of that state and this Territory:

It is reported here that about forty cattlemen and cowboys are rendezvousing on Pinon Mesa, west of this city, to take care of the 10,000 head of sheep that were driven on to this range last Saturday. They will begin active work at once and are all thoroughly wrought up over this invasion, and what they call a breach of faith on the part of the owners of the sheep who massed their herds in this city Friday last, giving it out that they would ship to Tennessee Pass, and suddenly rushed them from the cattle yards across the two bridges that span the Grand and Gunnison rivers and on to this range that has been held for twelve years by cattle-growers exclusively. Word was received here last night that the cattlemen occupying the Dolores river in Utah are organizing to keep this bunch of sheep out of that territory, and that it is their intention to shove them right back on to this county, where they have been for some years and where their owners live. The Utah men express a determination to keep these flocks out of that territory and the Colorado men say they cannot remain here.

MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mexican mission conference convened in the Juarez school house on the 26th of May, 1894, at 10 a. m. Elders Geo. Teasdale and Henry Eyring, of the mission presidency, high counselors and most of the Bishops were present.

The speakers were as follows: Elders Geo. Teasdale, Henry Eyring, Bishops

W. D. Johnson Jr., Geo. W. Sevey, Winslow Farr, J. N. Smith Jr. and Elders Miles P. Romney, Helaman Pratt, A. B. Call, Philip Hurst, Henry Lunt and Wm. R. R. Stowell.

The subjects dwelt upon were home industries, raising our bread, paying our debts, proper training of our children, paying of tithing and the necessity of enjoying the spirit of the Lord in all our labors. The spirit of the Lord was poured out abundantly upon the speakers and hearers, who all feel the necessity of living nearer to the Lord, and becoming as far as possible self-sustaining.

The Y. M. M. I. A., the Y. L. M. I. A., the Primary and the Relief society meetings were held as usual, all of which were attended by Elder Teasdale, who always takes a lively interest in these associations as well as in our Sunday schools. He also highly complimented Bro. J. J. Wolser and the members of the choir on their beautiful singing and general improvement during the last three months.

Elder Brigham Young, of the Council of the Apostles, and Counselor A. F. Macdonald were away on a visit to some of the distant valleys in the Sierra Madre mountains, and several other brethren from here were with them.

There have been several cases of severe sickness, most of which have recovered. Father Edison Whipple and Bro. Prouse have recently died.

MILES P. ROMNEY,
Clerk of Mission.

The first discovery of natural oil springs in Wyoming dates back at least twenty-five years, observes the Cheyenne Sun. In 1863 oil was collected from a spring near Poison Spider creek and sold along the Mormon trail for axle grease, and a few years later it was collected from springs near Hilliard in southern Uinta county and sold as a lubricant to the newly opened Wyoming coal mines. But it has only been during the past decade that the oil fields have attracted any considerable attention, and during the past five years that any borings have been made for oil. It is only during the past five years that they have deservedly excited the interest of eastern capital and that wells have been drilled in various places.

The Natrona (Wyo.) Tribune says: Shearing time in this section has about come to a close. At the various shearing pens in this county there have been sheared this spring nearly 300,000 sheep, and there has been shipped from this point over 2,500,000 pounds of wool. About 750,000 pounds of this wool has been sold outright by the producers at prices ranging from 6½ cents to 7½ cents per pound, net.

OBITUARY NOTES.

CHRISTIAN PETER SORENSON.

Died May 21, 1894, at Selpio, Millard county, Utah, Christian Peter Sorenson, after a short illness of five days.

Brother Sorenson was born in Denmark on May 4, 1837; baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, June 4, 1861; emigrated to Utah in 1862; ordained a Seventy, February 23, 1884. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Church, and as a ward Teacher and Sabbath school teacher he was always diligent and faithful, literally

dying in the harness. He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn his loss.

WILLIAM CRITCHLOW.

Died at Ogden, at 4:30 p.m., June 7, 1894, Patriarch William Critchlow, of bronchitis.

He was born July 8, 1809, in Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, and was aged 84 years and 11 months. He joined the Church in the year 1839, shared in the exodus from Nauvoo in 1846, and arrived in Salt Lake valley in 1851. He has continuously resided in Ogden since that time.

SAMUEL F. LEE.

A correspondent of the News sends the following from Tooele, under date of the 6th inst:

"Samuel F. Lee, one of the best and most favorably known men of this county, departed this life at his home in this city after a lingering and painful illness of three years, on the 31st day of May, 1894. The immediate cause of his demise was a complication of ailments arising out of heart disease and dropsy. His sufferings at times were intense, but through his protracted affliction he exhibited a patience, a hope that was entirely characteristic of the man. His life was a busy and useful one, and his friends were many and his enemies—if he had any—very few. The most of his days were spent in Tooele where he was known for his progressive spirit and peaceful citizenship. He was a native of Missouri, and was born in Clay county of that state July 25th, 1834, and was the fifth child of Alfred and Elizabeth Lee. He came to Utah with his parents in 1849. From that time until 1851 he resided in Salt Lake City, when he removed to Tooele and began laying the foundation of his future home. In 1853 he led to the marriage altar, Miss Ann White, who was his help meet and counselor until the end of his life. During the early Indian troubles he proved himself a valuable man to the settlers in the adjudication of difficulties with the red man. He cultivated their friendship, enlisted their sympathies and secured their confidence, which he always retained. As an Indian agent he did a splendid work and made an effort in that direction that will be long remembered. He possessed considerable inventive genius and was a first class mechanic. He assisted in laying out and organizing the city of Tooele, and with the exception of a few years was a constant resident of that place up to the time of his death. In 1860 he removed to the southern part of the Territory with his family, where he filled a faithful five years' mission, struggling through poverty and privation such as was the lot of the early settlers of that region. His mission over he returned to Tooele and spent the remainder of his days. In 1883 he was elected to the office of alderman of Tooele City and a year later was chosen county selectman. In 1891 he was made mayor of Tooele and filled that office as well as all other positions of honor and trust with benefit to the community and credit to himself. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his death. He was the father of eleven children in all but three of them preceded him to the spirit world. He also had twenty-nine grandchildren, twenty-one of whom are living. He was a good citizen, a kind husband and indulgent parent, and his demise has caused sincere sorrow.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

FRITTS—Died in this city, Susan C. beloved wife of Joseph A. Fritts, a native of New Jersey; aged 59 years, 1 month and 22 days.