

## FLOATING FRAGMENTS.

Ephraim group prevalent in Cannonville, Iron County.

The city was started by the volcano, this morning, of Mr. William Swan.

Meeting of the High Council, at the Council House to-night at 7 o'clock.

Bishop Liljenquist of Hyrum, was in town today. He reports all well in his part of the country. He is hunting a sawyer for the Hyrum mill. Don't all speak at once.

Sisters E. B. Wells and E. S. Taylor will leave for Tooele tomorrow morning, for the purpose of attending the Ladies' Conference at that place. They will return on Monday.

The Pilot says a tramp was caught in an attempt to steal some articles from the saloon of J. E. Trotter, agent. As he refused to stop when he was fired at, but not hit he was not caught.

Edward Averill, aged 18, the only son of O. J. Averill, clerk of the United States Third District Court (Utah), who was accidentally shot by a companion while hunting at Salt Lake, last Saturday, died on Wednesday.

The director of the mint has decided that as soon as coin is melted it comes to be coin and becomes bullion. So if any one has a hundred dollar with a cent's worth of silver clipped off it is only worth silver eighty-four or eighty-five cents.

Near Winslow, in the Sunset Mountains, says the Albuquerque Journal, a cave has been discovered which is one of the greatest wonders of Arizona Territory. It is of unknown proportion, having never been explored, and the phenomenon connected with it that causes the wonder of beholders is the fact that a strong current of air rushes into the cave of sufficient force to blow out a candle. The roaring of the winds into the cavern may be heard 200 yards away from the opening.

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Better.—We were pleased to learn today that the condition of Bishop Marie was slightly improved to what it was yesterday.

Truly.—Last night, near the desert bank corner, a soldier from the Fort, who had been imbibing freely of fiery fluids, created some strikingly performing skirmishing exploits. He entered a first Ward street car, and behaved insolently to the other inmates. The driver remonstrated, and intimated that he was not in a sleeping car. The soldier grew more violent. He was, notwithstanding his struggles, ejected and was conveyed, by Officer W. Calder, to the City Hall, there awaiting marching orders from the Fort.

Missionary News.—From private sources we learn that Elder John C. Cannon, who has been laboring in the London Conference, has received an appointment, from President Carrington, to labor in the Swiss and German Mission.

We understand, too, that Elder John P. Whitney, who has also been in the traveling ministry in the London Conference, would shortly proceed to Liverpool, to announce his editorial labors on the *Mormon Star*, to relieve Elder C. W. Sawyer, who expected to be released to return home with the first company of the season's emigration.

A Venerable Lady.—On the 2nd inst. there was rejoicing among the faithful family at Hebron, Iron County, in which the people of the settlement generally joined. The occasion was the 33rd anniversary of the birthday of Mother Mary Phipps, one of the oldest members of the Church, who passed through all the early difficulties and persecutions of the Saints. At the social gathering in honor of the event, the venerable lady made a speech, in which she gave some interesting details of her experience, and bore a strong testimony to the truth of the gospel, as revealed through the instrumentality of the Prop of Joseph Smith.

Mother Phipps is quite active, considering her advanced age. She has a mother of 11 children, eight of whom came to Utah, three sons and five daughters; from these have sprung 128 great grandchildren, 110 now living; also eight great grandchildren, seven now living. This family numbers 227, of whom 194 are still living, and 33 have passed behind the veil.

History of the Mormon Battalion. The very instructive and much needed history of the Mormon Battalion, first issued from the *Juvenile Instructor* Office, mentioned in last week's News, contains a very interesting sketch from the pen of Assistant John Taylor, of the conditions, politically and otherwise, of the Battalion previous to, and at the time of the martyrdom of our beloved Patriarch, Joseph and Hyrum Smith, with the particulars of the massacre, as well as his and his wife's martyrdom. It also has many extracts from an historical course by Colonel (now General) Daniel H. Kane, on the Saints' escape from Nauvoo and the enlistment of the Battalion. Then follows a consistent and appropriate fragment in poetry by our talented friend Sister Eliza R. Snow Smith, who is well connected with the Battalion and its sufferings of the Battalion, including the different detachments and accompanying families, the last discovery of gold, and many exciting incidents of travel on the long trip, besides being interesting with Battalion songs, etc. Another Tyler has only been able to publish a limited number, and is forwarding orders with each copy. The Battalion history will be sold at the office of the *Juvenile Instructor* and by Brother Tyler's authorized agents, at the following rates: Cloth binding, \$2.50; roan binding, \$3.00; paper, \$1.25.

## ANOTHER SUICIDE.

A MEMBER OF A RESPECTABLE FAMILY KILLS HIMSELF BY TAKING STRYCHNINE.

A sensation was caused in the community this morning by a rumor that William Swan, employed as janitor of the U. C. R. R. office, on East Temple Street, had suicided by taking poison. The appalling report proved to be correct.

Shortly before eight o'clock the deceased called at the home of Mr. N. V. Jones, in the 15th Ward, and only stopped a few moments. As he was leaving he remarked to Mrs. Jones, his sister, "If I never see you any more, good bye," or something to that effect.

He next called at the residence of Mr. Elias Morris where his wife—Mr. Morris' daughter—and three children were stopping. He handed his wife a phial containing a small quantity of strychnine, informing her that he had taken the other phial it previously contained with suicidal intent.

He immediately left and proceeded next to the house of Mr. Thomas E. Hull, Mrs. Hull being his sister, where he was immediately seized with the fearful spasms that showed the deadly drug had begun its work. Mr. Swan expired inside of forty minutes after reaching Mr. Hull's house.

Dr. J. M. Benedict was telephoned for and at once responded to the call, but did not arrive till shortly after the deceased had breathed his last. The doctor subsequently stated that the amount of strychnine which Mr. Swan swallowed was probably twenty grains, for which large quantity there was no antidote known to the faculty. One sixty-fourth of a grain is the extent of the drug administered for medicinal purposes.

There can be no doubt that the cause that led to the dreadful deed was an unfortunate, and apparently uncontrollable tendency to indulge in strong drink. Aside from this, the deceased, Mr. Swan, was a promising young man and might have made his mark in the world. Intemperance had led to a separation between himself and family, and he had become despondent in spirit.

Deceased was a member of a most respectable family, being a son of George Swan, Esq., for whom and all the connections of the deceased there is the widest sympathy. The sad blow that has fallen upon them.

An inquest was held by Coroner Taylor and a jury, at which a verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

Deceased was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and was twenty-seven years of age. He came to Utah nearly twenty years ago.

Financial Statement of Salt Lake County.—We herewith present a digest of the financial report of Salt Lake County, for the respective two years ending May 31st, 1880 and 1881. Our readers are already acquainted with the misunderstanding between the House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly and the County Clerk. The exhibit furnished by the latter was pronounced unsatisfactory, because of its elaborate character, rendering it unintelligible, except by the bestowment of a large amount of clerical labor. He was requested by the House, through the committee, in whose hands the subject had been placed to furnish a revised statement, which he refused to do, and the Legislature were placed under the necessity of employing a clerk to make the required revision. Yesterday, Mr. Penrose, chairman of the committee on public accounts, presented the revised exhibit. He stated that the County Clerk had claimed he had complied with the law, but the House would hold that he had done so; he would have furnished such a report as is now presented. Where details were not wanted the clerk had made them and where required, he had failed to furnish them. The law did not require each payment for the several disbursements to be given in these were included; but the amount paid each county officer was required and not given, and the per diem of the members of the County Court appeared in total.

Digest of the Financial Report of Salt Lake County for the year ending May 31, 1880.

Item	1880	1881
Care of paupers and insane	\$11,400.00	\$12,500.00
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