

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 23.

Mrs. Hannabette Snively Pratt, widow of the late Apostle Parley P. Pratt, whose illness was announced in Saturday's "News," passed quietly away on Monday evening, aged 85 years and four months.

Al Thorne, the old-time actor, died at Delamar on Monday last of hemorrhage. He was aged sixty, and will be remembered as having played a great many parts in Salt Lake City in early days. He had been in Pioche and Delamar for the past twenty years.

Salina, Utah, Feb. 23.—On Monday night fire broke out on the roof of Alma S. Gates's house. No one was home at the time. Some one ran to the opera house shouting "Fire," and nearly caused a panic in the audience. The fire was caused by burning soot falling upon the roof. The blaze was extinguished before much damage was done. The loss will likely amount to about \$50.

Rexburg, Ida., Journal: A merry party of friends met at the residence of T. J. Winter, Bishop of the Second ward, last Friday night to enjoy themselves in sociability. The first part of the evening was spent in music, singing, reciting and general merrymaking. A sumptuous repast, the chief dish being lamb, was prepared by Mrs. Winter, every one present doing justice to that part of the program. The supper seemed to put new life into those lamb eaters, for each one readily responded to calls made on them to contribute to the success of the evening. At midnight the merry crowd wended their way homeward, the expression being unanimous that the gathering was one of the most enjoyable of the season. Have lamb again Bishop.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Catherine Cummings, wife of B. F. Cummings Sr., of the Twelfth ward, contracted a cold and was seized with severe illness which developed into bronchial pneumonia. She suffered greatly and when, last evening, death came to her release, the grief of her family was modified by thankfulness that at last her pain was ended.

Deceased was the daughter of Benjamin K. and Mehitable (Sawyer) Hall, and was born in "Letter B." township, Oxford county, Maine, July 9, 1835, and was consequently in the 63rd year of her age. She came to Utah with her parents in 1850, the family settling near Ogden. In 1852 she became the wife of B. F. Cummings Sr., who at an advanced age survives her. She was the mother of six children, four of whom are living, namely: B. F. Cummings Jr., of the "Deseret News," Prof. Horace Cummings of the Utah University, Imogene, wife of C. E. Angell of this city, and George, her youngest child, who is unmarried and living at home.

Deceased was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from childhood, and died in full faith of the Gospel and with a confident expectation of a resurrection with the righteous. She possessed the confidence, esteem and affection of a very large circle of relatives and friends.

Notice of the funeral will be given later.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 24.

The funeral services over the remains of Sister Jane Rebecca Batt was held in the First ward meeting house Tuesday (Feb. 22) at 2 o'clock. Bishop Joseph Warburton conducted the services. Appropriate and sweet singing was rendered by the ward

choir. Elder Henry Reiser offered the opening prayer. Consoling remarks were made by the following brethren, some of whom have known the family since 1863: Elders Henry Kilpatrick, Thos. Symons, Hugh Watson, H. F. F. Thorup, John Siddoway, John T. Thorup and Bishop Warburton.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder John Squires.

All the speakers testified to her good character and her great faith in the Gospel. Many, considering the short time of the announcement of the funeral, gathered to pay their last respect to the deceased.

Parowan, Utah, Feb. 24.—The funeral services of the mother of State Auditor Richards took place at 1 p.m. today at the meeting house, with a large attendance.

Sister Harriet Evans Richards died at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening from a complication of heart disease and dropsy. She was born in Dowlais, Glamorganshire, South Wales, December 8, 1820; married Moragn Richards August 3, 1844; joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in her native land and went on a mission with her husband to Wales; came to Utah and settled in Parowan in 1854, remaining here ever since. She was a devoted mother to seven children and a faithful Latter-day Saint.

Morgan Richards Jr. arrived here at midnight after a hard journey on account of bad roads.

Chief Justice Zane delivered an opinion today in the case of the Belleville Pump and Skein Works against the Sorensen & Neilsen Furniture company et al, appellants, affirming the judgment of the lower court.

This case was an appeal from a judgment rendered by Judge Cherry in favor of the plaintiff, the Belleville Pump and Skein Works.

According to the complaint, the plaintiff, an Illinois firm, sold the Sorensen-Neilsen Furniture Co. a certain bill of goods upon a credit of four months. After the goods had been delivered the Illinois house, desirous of rescinding the sale, brought an action to recover the goods, alleging that the furniture company had made false representations with respect to its assets, liabilities and financial standing. At the trial Judge Cherry found the issues for the plaintiff.

Whitney, Idaho, Feb 20, 1898.

This place is situated half way between Franklin and Preston and is a lovely situation. The ward is three by two miles square, and every one lives on his farm of a hundred and sixty acres, more or less. There are 200 souls and 40 families on this fertile spot, and from outward appearances all are well to do. They are presided over by Bishop Benson, son of the late Apostle Ezra T. Benson.

On a crisp but cold Sunday morning I took the early train at 7 a. m. and arrived at Whitney in an hour. After a mile's walk I found the school house and at 10 a. m., the children were brought from miles around, all clad in their best and presenting as nice a Sunday school as it has been my good fortune to attend. I also attended the fast meeting and lectured to the young people in the evening. The services were well attended and a good spirit and feeling are found to exist among this thrifty people.

The services are held in the school house but, as in all Mormon communities, this is too small and the people have hauled enough free sandstone rock and other materials to build a handsome \$3,000 church. Counselor

Brigham Scott gave me the dimensions but I have mislaid them, so I must wait till the building is finished, when I trust I shall give the readers of the "News" a full description. It must be remembered that it has not been so many years since this ward was organized, but it will become, through the richness of its soil, one of the most wealthy parts of the state.

Since my former visit Mr. George has built a new store and residence in the center of this prosperous village and is doing a good business. All the organizations are well attended and a good big hearted people live in the Whitney ward. SALOP.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 25.

The Supreme Court has handed down an opinion in the case of Horace A. Heath et al, appellant, vs Salt Lake City, affirming the decision of the lower court.

Heath sued to recover \$5,720, with interest, for salaries alleged to be due him and seven other ex-police officers. It was alleged that all were unlawfully removed. The decision of the Supreme Court holds the men were not wrongfully dismissed and hence finds they are not entitled to any salary.

Allan Hilton, who for a generation past has been a familiar figure and well known citizen of Salt Lake, died at his residence, 136 G street, in the Twentieth ward, at 9:30 a. m. today. Six weeks ago the deceased met with a severe accident while suffering from an attack of epilepsy, falling to the floor and fracturing three of his ribs. After the accident his health appeared to fail more rapidly though he was not always confined to his room.

Allan Hilton was born March 28, 1829, at Lee, Lancashire, England. He joined the Church in 1851, and came to Utah two years later. For fifteen years he was employed as a teamster by President Brigham Young and for many years was an employe of the Tithing office. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his death. He was well and widely known throughout this city and State, and many friends will learn of his death with sorrow. He was a man of sterling and honest traits of character.

As announced in these columns at the time, Prof. B. Cluff of Provo, Utah, left for Hawaii at the special instance of Senator Frank J. Cannon, about a month ago, to investigate the question of the annexation of the islands to the United States. Mr. Cluff had previously spent considerable time as a missionary among the natives and understands their language and customs thoroughly. Just what the result of his inquiries are so far as made is not known. A Honolulu dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle of Wednesday, refers to Prof Cluff's presence and labors among the natives. It contains some manifest errors, but will nevertheless be read with interest. It is as follows:

"The natives are considerably excited over the appearance here of a man by the name of Cluff or Clough, a Mormon Elder, who is making a canvass among them to ascertain just how they feel toward annexation. He began his work last week at a Mormon colony at Lale, a small place on the windward side of this island, by calling a mass meeting of natives, which was attended by several hundred living in that vicinity. The meeting was held in the Mormon church, so the story goes, and was addressed by Mr. Cluff. He said he was seeking to ascertain the true wishes of the native Hawaiians in regard to annexation, with a view to helping them to get what they wanted, and he asked the question: "Do you want annexation to the United States?"