

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

BURR FERRY, Aug. 9th, 1897.

D. John Davis wishes information as regards his brother Thomas Davis, who emigrated to Utah with a company of Saints about the year 1854 or 1855, from Merthyr, South Wales. Any information of him will be thankfully received by either D. John Davis, Burr Ferry, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, or J. A. Edwards, Leesville, Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

Denver News: Together with letters received and with such historical references as he has had the time to consult, Curator Ferrill of the State Historical and Natural Historical society has compiled the following data concerning the firstborn and the first wedding in Colorado, and in the counties and towns. So far as now known the firstborn white girl and boy within the confines of what is now Colorado were Mormons, the children of the Mormon battalion that spent the winter of 1846-47 at Pueblo.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Aug. 16. — The body of a woman was found in the Port Neuf at the foot of River street this evening says a Tribune special. She had evidently been in the water several days, and was identified as the wife of George Williams.

She had evidently committed suicide. Mr. Williams was, for many years a car inspector here, but for the past three years has lived at Logan, Utah. He was here yesterday looking for his wife who, he said, had left home last Thursday, he supposed in a fit of mental aberration. She was seen here Friday morning but had then disappeared.

Mr. James Hodgins, who lives on Ninth East and Ninth South streets, called at the News office Thursday and requested the publication of an inquiry as to the whereabouts of his son William Hodgins, who left home about four years ago. At the time of his leaving, the family resided at East Mill Creek. Since that time his stepmother, with whom he was living, has died, and the father is now anxiously searching for his lost boy. Willie Hodgins is now seventeen or eighteen years of age; he is of a sandy complexion, has blue eyes, and his father thinks it probable that he is small for his age.

A little tot about eighteen months of age had a narrow escape from being crushed to death by a street car near the intersection of B and Fourth streets. The little one had wandered from its mother's care and had taken up a position on the street car track when the car dashed in sight. The brakeman saw the child standing transfixed a short distance below. He saw the danger and applied the brakes but could not stop the car. Will Howard also beheld the baby's peril and leaping over the fence from the yard where he was standing dashed to the rescue and snatched the child from what seemed certain death. It was a close call and a noble act.

News has been received from Frisco, Utah, concerning the accidental death of William Hopkins, who was

killed yesterday by a fall in the Horn Silver well shaft. It appears that Hopkins, who was taking the regular pumpman's place, for a few days, went to the bottom of the well, 250 feet, to start the pump, and that while climbing up, he was overcome by the escaping steam from the pump, and fell, breaking his neck and receiving frightful injuries.

Hopkins was 32 years of age, an engineer by occupation, and had been employed by the Horn Silver company for several years. He leaves a wife and three small children. The widow will receive \$1,500 insurance from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, of which he was a member. The remains will be interred at Evanston.

BEAVER, Aug. 9, 1897.

I noticed in the News of July 30th an article giving an account of the first edition of the DESERET NEWS of June 15, 1850, and stated that more type and a larger press arrived in 1852. It was in 1851 that the enlarged NEWS was issued and not in 1852. I well remember running off the first edition. But Dr. Willard Richards would take the first impression, and I run off the balance of the 5,000, which we struck off weekly.

I can say that I struck off the first copy of the Nauvoo Neighbor, in 1843. If this is of any use to you, you are welcome to it.

I also noticed a mistake in regard to the instrument I played in the Nauvoo brass band; it stated that I played the cornet. I played the French horn, and my brother Charles a trombone.

GEO. HALES.

Order Standard: Sunday morning at 10:30, the hour when the first bell for morning services is due to ring forth from the First M. E. Church, some accident befel the bell rope, and Walter Snow, son of Rev. E. H. Snow, the Methodist minister at Five Points, went up to the bell room in the tower, and proceeded to ring the bell. While he was standing on the ladder one of the rungs broke and the boy was precipitated to the floor, some sixteen feet below, where he struck heavily. He was brought down and taken immediately to his home, where his injuries were examined. There were no bones broken, and only a few bruises apparent, but after the examination he appeared to be in considerable pain. Later in the afternoon he was taken with an attack of vomiting and it was feared he was seriously injured internally, but yesterday he was resting easily and will probably pull through all right.

Word has been received in this city from Blingham, of the total destruction by fire shortly after midnight, of the Last Chance mill, valued at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The origin of the fire was not stated, although it is supposed that it is told in the same old story—the careless use of matches.

The Last Chance mill was reconstructed and put in operation only last fall, since which time it has been doing splendid work in the matter of

handling the company's ores. Its destruction at this time is a severe blow to the camp, as arrangements were in hand for the strengthening of its capacity and the putting on of an increased force of men. The loss, however, is partly covered by insurance, the companies represented locally by W. E. Smedley & Co., having policies to the extent of \$8,500, the payment of which will help the Last Chance company materially.

We are of the opinion that many, who witnessed the parade of county floats in our recent Jubilee failed to realize the enormous size of the mammoth cheese from the Hooper Dairy of Davis county. The projected manufacturers' float from that county failed to materialize; which fact made it necessary to exhibit this immense cheese on the float which represented the dry farming industry, where it was partly hidden from view by wheat, oats, barley, etc.

Some idea of its size may be formed when you are told that the Davis county cheese weighed 800 pounds; was 42 inches in diameter; was 32 times as large as an ordinary twin cheese and that 100 little American cheeses could have been made from the material used in its construction. A special press had to be made for it and four railroad jack screws were used in pressing it. It required 1,000 gallons of milk to make this cheese and, like all the other Davis county exhibits, it was the real article and a credit to the Hooper Dairy. COM.

BOUNTIFUL, Utah, Aug., 14., 1897.

HENEFER, August 11, 1897.

Today, August 11th, has been very appropriately observed by the Primary association of this place. The little ones met at 10 o'clock in the morning, and in company with Sister Hattie Richins, their president, and a large number of grown people, repaired to the beautiful shady grove about one mile from town. A very nice program had been arranged, consisting of readings, songs, recitations, etc., which were well rendered, showing that great care had been taken by the president and her assistants in training the children.

After the exercises the children were treated to a few dances, a floor having been arranged for the purpose. Then came the call for ice cream, and the table was soon surrounded by a lot of lovely, earnest little faces, and each child enjoyed a nice dish of ice cream and cake. They were then given their liberty to play about the grove or a short time.

I must not forget to mention the baseball match, which formed part of the day's pleasure. It was played by the Black Diamonds against the Shovel Handles, as they title themselves—the amateur club. The B. D's came off victorious and won a nice baseball.

It was now 4 o'clock, and all having enjoyed themselves immensely, returned home feeling how good it is to encourage the Primary association.

Too much cannot be said in praise of President Richins and her counselors, sisters Annie Dearden and Mary Alice Wilson, for their untiring efforts to make the association a success.

The day's exercises wind up with a grand ball this evening, which I be-