

prairie fires are sweeping them. The intermountain country is ablaze in several places, one of the heaviest of fires devastating the country between Slate and East rivers and the Pittsburg breakers, and the town of Gothic is again threatened. A big blaze has been started on Bellevue mountain, on the Maroon Trail of East Rock creek. From the West Elk mountains come reports of the narrow escape of a party of Crystal prospectors, who had to move camp three times in one night. Great clouds of dense black and white smoke hang over the valleys by day, and at night the heavens are mirroring red, ominous looking glares.

Rear Admiral Miller, who will retire from the navy on Oct. 15, says he will stop at his old home in Ohio on his way east, but will probably reside part of the time in San Francisco. He warns people against going to Honolulu in the expectation of making their fortunes. He says: "The simple fact that the form of government is going to change has not opened up additional resources or extended any which have been in existence. There are no new positions for people who go in, and there are not likely to be any." The admiral, however, thinks there is a great future in store for the islands. He will turn his flagship, the Philadelphia, over to Commodore Kautz, who will succeed him on the Pacific station. After being overhauled at the Mare Island navy yard the cruiser will probably be sent either to Honolulu or Samoa.

Malad, Ida., Enterprise: Last Saturday word came to Malad that a boy over at Samaria was hurt in some blacksmith shop. We have learned since the boy is a son of Thomas Thorpe, and the accident occurred as follows: Mr. Thorpe's son came to the blacksmith shop with a plowshare that needed sharpening and pointing. And while there he insisted on helping the smithy, who demurred. However, the young fellow was allowed to strike the smoothing hammer, and while striking a piece broke off, striking the young fellow in the neck, cutting his windpipe as well as a blood vessel. When the accident occurred it happened that Dr. Hadley was at Samaria, staunching the flow of blood and mended the windpipe. If the doctor had not have been there the boy would have surely died. As it is the boy is very low, but it is expected he will pull through all right. He will carry a small piece of steel in his neck the balance of his days, as a result of the accident.

General Merriam has chosen the following forces to constitute the next, and presumably the final expedition to the Philippines: Third battalion, Twenty-third infantry and Oregon recruits, 15 officers, 643 men; Batteries A and D, California heavy artillery, 8 officers, 297 men; Wyoming light artillery, 2 officers, 106 men; Nevada cavalry, 2 officers, 94 men; First Washington infantry, 43 officers, 1,158 men; Twentieth Kansas infantry, 43 officers, 1,121 men; First Tennessee infantry, 35 officers, 1,096 men; Fifty-first Iowa infantry, 43 officers, 1,064 men. Totals, 191 officers, 5,579 men. In most of the regiments and detachments a great falling off from their original strength is to be observed, which is accounted for by absentees on leave, on sick furlough, on detached service, in the general hospital, and by discharges, desertions and deaths. The battalion of the Twenty-third United States infantry and the recruits for the Second Oregon regiment have been designated for embarkation on the Senator, which will sail by the end of the week and may carry 200 more men, probably one of the batteries of the California heavy artillery.

#### OBITUARY NOTES.

##### ELLEN GLOVER LAWS.

On August 23, 1898, Ellen Glover Laws died at Johnson, Kane county, Utah, after four weeks illness from giving birth to a stillborn babe. She was born January 20, 1861, at Pemberton, Lancashire, England; embraced the Gospel in her youth, and by her own exertions obtained the means to emigrate to Utah in 1881, and opened up the way for her parents to follow, who for many years kept their house and their hearts open to the Elders of the Wigwam branch of the Church.

She was a faithful Latter-day Saint, and leaves a husband and children, with many friends and relatives, to mourn her loss. J. L. B.

##### JOSEPH T. ELLIS.

Spring City, Sanpete Co., Utah,  
Sept. 26, 1898.

Joseph T. Ellis died at his home today at 12:10 o'clock. He resided in Salt Lake City, and moved to Ephraim, this county, in the general exodus of the Saints south in 1858, and was one of the pioneers of this city in 1859, and has been a resident of this place up to his death. He has occupied the position of senior president of the Eightieth quorum of Seventy. For four years he labored in the Manti Temple as carpenter, under Architect W. Folsom, and afterwards filled a mission to England. A year ago, while picking apples on a stepladder, he overreached and fell, sustaining injuries to his back from which he never recovered, and for several months he has been confined to his bed, having been a great sufferer until his death. The 20th of October, 1898, would have been his seventieth birthday. He leaves a wife, five sons and six daughters.

##### JAMES C. OLSEN.

Salina, Oct. 6, 1898.—The funeral services of James C. Olsen of this place were held here today. The deceased was born at Lolland, Denmark, January 25th, 1841, and died of pneumonia October 5th, 1898. While in his native land he presided over the Fredico conference and was well and favorably known to the early Saints by his devotion to his duties.

He came to Utah in 1863, and resided at Provo for a short time, working at his trade, blacksmithing; moved from there to Scipio, Millard county, thence to Salina in 1875.

In his death the people of Salina lose a workman of no mean ability, from the lightest mechanism in iron to the welding and repairing of their harvest machinery, Brother Olsen met all their demands in his line and stood so high in the estimation of the citizens here as a thorough master of his craft, and as a useful man among them, that the great majority of the people were present at his funeral. The words of H. W. Longfellow tell the story of his life.

Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,  
Onward through life he goes;  
Each evening sees some task begin,  
Each evening sees it close;  
Something attempted, something done  
Has earned a night's repose.  
Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend,

For the lesson thou hast taught!  
Thus at the flaming forge of life  
Our fortunes must be wrought;  
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped  
Each burning deed and thought.

A. J.

##### GEORGE LAKE.

George Lake passed quietly away at his home in Colonia Dublin, Mexico, March 23, 1898. He was born September 15, 1828, in the state of Illinois; passed

through much of the early persecutions of the Saints; saw the Prophet Joseph, and emigrated with his father and mother in 1850. He settled in Ogden in 1857; was in the "Echo Canyon War." At the April conference, 1869, his name was presented to fill a mission to England. On landing at Liverpool he was appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference, where he worked diligently for two and a half years. On return home he removed with his family to Oxford, Idaho, where he subsequently became Bishop, which position he held until 1875, when he removed to Arizona, being captain of one of the first companies that colonized in that territory. Settling at Brigham City he was again called to be a Bishop. Persecution again drove him from his home, this time to take refuge in a foreign land.

George Lake was one of the Mormon Pioneers to Mexico, and was one of the company which was ordered out of the state of Chihuahua by its governor. He settled near Cascas Grandes, and on many occasions acted as mediator between our people and the Mexicans. As a doctor among the natives Brother Lake was very successful. He was the first settler of Colonia Dublin, and acted as civil officer of that place under the municipal government of Cascas Grandes, which position he held at the time of his death.

With Brother George Lake died a useful and God-fearing man, with the full hope of a glorious resurrection.

A. B. CALL.

## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be Their Rest.

EVERY—In Salt Lake City, Oct. 6th, 1898, of general debility, Evan Avery, in the Seventy-ninth year of his age.

LARSEN—In Farmers ward, Salt Lake county, Utah, Oct. 9th, 1898, Edward N., son of H. C. and Julia Olsen Larsen, aged 4 weeks.

WOLFE.—At her home in Provo, on Thursday, October 6, 1898, Caroline M. Wolfe, beloved wife of Walter M. Wolfe and daughter of Niels and Josephine Johnson.

Evans.—In this city, October 5, 1898, at 8:30 a. m., Peter Evans, son of William and Phoebe Evans; born August 29, 1884, aged 14 years, 1 month and 7 days.

THEOBALD.—In this city, Oct. 5th, 1898, of bowel trouble, George Randolph Theobald, late cashier of the sanitarium, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Theobald, born Aug. 14, 1876, in Richfield, Sevier county, Utah.

Dunn.—At Beaver ward, Boxelder county, Utah, September 27, 1898, of paralysis, Mary Ann Cahoon Dunn, wife of Crandell Dunn; born October 4, 1825, in Wayne county, New York; baptized into the Church in the year 1842 in the Mississippi river by Patriarch Hyrum Smith. In the year 1846 she left Nauvoo accompanying her husband on a mission to England, returning in 1851; moved to Kanessville same year; crossed the Plains in 1852. She was a resident of Beaver ward for twenty-eight years; was ever ready to administer to the wants of the sick. On January 1, 1897, she was stricken with paralysis which deprived her of her speech and otherwise incapacitated her. After suffering this affliction for twenty-one months, death came to her relief. She was a most exemplary Latter-day Saint and died in full faith in the everlasting Gospel.

JAMES BOWCUTT.