

the acre the first year of planting, and a quarter of an acre will be sufficient to demonstrate whether hops can be profitably cultivated in this valley or not. Professor McDowell has planted them right out in the open, where the wind can do its worst, in order to test the matter thoroughly.

F. S. Mordaunt, the immigration agent of the Denver & Rio Grande, was in the city yesterday, says the *Denver Republican*, returning from the San Luis valley, where he has been arranging for the colonization of a large number of settlers. On May 29th there will be an excursion run from Chicago to give half a hundred prospective colonists a chance to see the fertile land in San Luis and around Grand Junction. It is expected that this summer and next spring there will be many hundred families brought from the Eastern States to Colorado.

### OBITUARY NOTES.

MARY ANN GENTRY.

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Mary Ann Gentry died in this city, Sunday, May 13th, at 5 p.m., aged 63 years, 5 months and 9 days, of cancer of the stomach.

The deceased was born in Sheepshed, Leicestershire county, England, December 2, 1830. When quite young she married Langley Allgood, by whom she had six children, only one of whom now survives. In 1871 she was left a widow, and on December 24, 1873, came to America with her son and settled in Coalville, where she has resided ever since. Twenty years ago she married Samuel Gentry, in this city. She embraced the Mormon faith in March, 1846, and was a strong Latter-day Saint at the time of her death. She leaves a brother, William Clark, in England, and one son, William Allgood, who is at present in Idaho.

Deceased was a woman who was loved by all who knew her, and a large circle of friends will mourn her death, and deeply sympathize with Mr. Gentry in his bereavement.

ROBERT SMYTH.

Died on the 23rd of May, Col. Robert Smyth at the age of 73 years and 5 months. Deceased was born in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, on the 18th day of December, 1820; was the son of Alexander and Jane Smyth; joined the British army in 1839; served 15 years; and retired from the army on the 2nd of February, 1854; arrived in Salt Lake City in 1855; was ordained an Elder in Dublin in 1852; ordained a High Priest in 1891, and served as Teacher in the Nineteenth and Twenty-second wards for 39 years.

PRUDENCE H. BARNES.

LEORN, Idaho, May 25, 1894.—Prudence Hillman Barnes, of this place, died May 23, 1894, in the presence of her husband and some of her children. She was born December 25, 1830, at Bradley, Wilts, England; embraced the Gospel at Trowbridge, Wilts, 1850; and was married in 1852 to James T. Barnes. They went to Blairstown, Monmouthshire, because of persecution for being Latter-day Saints, and living in various places in Wales, they kept open house for traveling Elders, supplying them with shelter, food and clothing. They emigrated to Salt Lake City May, 1881, in Brother Mathews's company, and besides keeping her family, with the aid of her son Robert, she saved money sufficient to send for her husband. They moved from South Cottonwood March 17, 1893, and took up a home here in Idaho.

While in Idaho Falls, where she had gone to do some trading, she had a spell

of giddiness and pain in her head, and fell in the street. This was May 2; she was taken to her daughter's, Eliza A. Jones, in Idaho Falls, where she had the best attention, but she passed away quietly, having been unconscious for twelve hours. She bade her husband and children goodbye, and died at 8 a.m. May 23, aged 63 years and 6 months. She was buried at Shelton, May 24, by Bishop John S. Howard; speakers Jesse Cleverly, John S. Howard and William Clegg; and her remains were followed by a long train of friends to the cemetery.

JAMES T. BARNES.

*Millennial Star*, please copy.

JAMES MYLER.

LEWISVILLE, Fremont county, Idaho, May 24, 1894.—Elder James Myler, a much respected citizen, an old veteran in the Church, and a member of the famous Mormon Battalion, died in the Lewisville ward on Monday, May 21st, 1894. He died in full faith and in the hope of a glorious resurrection.

He was born at or near South Bend, Indiana, February 3rd, 1822; married Miss Julia Brownell October 5th, 1843; heard the Gospel taught by Mormon Elders in 1844, and was baptized into the Church in Nauvoo in 1845. He moved with the Saints to Winter Quarters in 1846, enlisted in the Mormon Battalion some time in July, marched with the battalion from the Missouri river across the western part of the continent to California, shared with them in all the great hardships of that campaign and after being discharged in California returned to Council Bluffs in December, 1848. After remaining with his family two weeks he had to go into Missouri and work for breadstuffs. After working there about six weeks he returned to his family. Late in the spring he plowed some land and planted some corn and one bushel of wheat, that being all the seed grain he could obtain. He remained there until 1849 and emigrated to Utah in Captain W. Miller's company of fifty. He located in Farmington, Davis county, and resided there ten years. Had been ordained a Seventy in the Fifth quorum in Nauvoo, and was ordained one of the Presidents of the Fifty-sixth quorum in Farmington, in 1858. Served in the campaign of the Echo canyon war, and in 1859 he moved to Logan, Cache, Valley, where he established a home and resided five years. He then moved to Clarkston, a new settlement on the west side of the valley; established a new home and resided there eighteen years. He then moved to a new settlement called Escalante, in Potato valley, thinking that it would be a more congenial climate; but after remaining there a few months he returned to Clarkston, established another new home and resided there until 1883, when he moved to the Snake River country and again established himself and family in another new home where he continued to reside until his death.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, 1894, the funeral services were held in the ward meeting house, and were conducted by Bishop R. F. Jardine. The speakers were Elders H. Stokes, A. Kinghorn, W. A. Walker, W. W. Selck Sen., and Bishop R. F. Jardine. Good and appropriate instructions were given and words of comfort and consolation were imparted to the bereaved.

The body was interred in the ward cemetery. A large and sympathetic train of people followed the corpse to the cemetery and witnessed the interment and dedication.

In looking over Elder James Myler's small memorandum book, I find the following plain and forcible testimony written in his calm and solitude, which I deem worth preserving: "I have been nursing all alone about the times and

thought I would write a few lines on my present feelings. I feel sure that I ought to try and improve in my course of conduct before the Lord and my brethren; and it is the greatest desire of my heart, and I know that I have to seek the Lord diligently. I know He will hear me because I have sought His help in the past in scores of instances and I know that He has rewarded me and caused my heart to rejoice within me."

Written on the 8th day of December, 1886.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY STOKES.

ABSALOM A. BYBEE.

HONEYVILLE, Utah, May 22, 1894.—Absalom A. Bybee was born in Barren county, Kentucky, February 10th, 1803; died at Honeyville May 19th, 1894.

Brother Bybee was the son of Lee Bybee and Jerusha Attkerson. He married Nancy, daughter of Richard Walker and Drucilla Jenkins, at Bowling Green, Clay county, Ind., in 1833. He journeyed to Illinois in 1840, and while stopping at the home of one John Bonnett he was persuaded to go and hear the Prophet Joseph preach and while criticizing the Prophet's remarks directed to fiddlers, etc., he was rebuked in a material sense and heard a voice declare that Moses and others of the Prophets had the same difficulties to meet. He was therefore thoroughly convinced of Joseph's divine mission and was baptized by Almon Babbitt in the Mississippi and confirmed by Patriarch John Smith, who promised that he would be the means of bringing many into the fold of Christ. This Brother Bybee doubted because of his illiteracy; but it was fulfilled. Previous to hearing the Prophet he was a non-believer in any religion. He brought his family to Nauvoo in 1841, and while carting logs for the Nauvoo Temple he received a blow from a lever on the cart that caused his spirit to leave the body; but it was commanded by a messenger to return to it that he might take care of his family. He experienced the hatred of mobocratic violence, and left for the West in 1847. He ran a grist mill for Jerome Benson and Brother Cooley at the Bluffs, several winters. He came to Utah in 1852 and resided in Weber county several years, where he ran Lorin Farr's mill on the Ogden river, and while there, during the scarcity of breadstuffs, his great liberality was manifest; he gave his last pound of flour, even the biscuits from his own table to satisfy the pangs of hunger in his fellowman. In 1845 he was ordained a Seventy, and in 1884 a High Priest. He leaves a wife, five sons and three daughters, 41 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. His home has been in Honeyville for 25 years. Brother Bybee was noted for his honesty and his quiet and peaceful life, and he died a firm believer in the divine mission of Joseph Smith the Prophet.

The funeral services were held at Call's Fort school house on the 20th inst., and the remains were laid away in the cemetery of that ward according to the request of the deceased.

B. H. TOLMAN.

### THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

FURSTER.—In Salt Lake City, May 26, 1894, of general debility, Harriet Myer Furster, in the 71th year of her age.

CROXALL.—In this city, May 24, Mrs. Eliza Croxall. Deceased was born February 15, 1823, in Derbyshire, England.

SMITHEN.—In the Sixth ward of this city, May 22, 1894, Alfred James, son of Edward and S. A. Smithen; aged 17 years, 8 months and 23 days.

SNIDER.—May 24th, at Park Valley, Utah, at 5:20 a.m., Silvia A. Mechem, wife of the late John Snider Sr., of general debility; born July 28th, 1820.