

Franken kept a vigilant eye on Smith with the result that night before last he was caught in the act of pilfering. He confessed everything to Mr. Franken and begged forgiveness.

Mr. Franken took pity on the young man on account of his youth and family, and on his promise to leave town and reform, it was decided not to prosecute him.

Smith left hastily for the East last night, where to it could not be learned.

To All Relief Society Presidents:

The time is near for another re-election of directors, and we feel that the importance of these legal blessings that have fallen to our lot should be appreciated by us. Therefore we desire on the part of the officers a united enactment of the articles of association and by-laws, which are easy to understand, comprehensive and positively necessary for each and every society to be reorganized by, at the coming elections.

A correct understanding, and clear explanation from the directors, will dispel any fears or misconceptions on the part of the members, that the religious and spiritual workings of the Relief Society are in any wise interfered with.

Once more we ask you to hold your meetings for the election of officers of the Relief Societies to carry out the requirements of the articles of the association and by-laws.

Your Sisters and co-laborers in Relief Society work.

ZINA D. YOUNG,
JANE S. RICHARDS,
BATHSHEBA SMITH,
SARAH M. KIMBALL.

The News had a call Thursday from Elder Orlando Barrus of Grantsville, who had just arrived in the city on his return from laboring as a missionary on the Samoan islands. Elder Barrus left his home at the call of duty August 10, 1893, and for the first two years of his absence preached the Gospel to the people residing on the island of Tutuila. After this he was called to take the presidency of the mission, taking up his abode at Fagali on the island of Upolu, where he remained until released, Elder E. J. Wood of this city succeeding him as president.

Brother Barrus speaks encouragingly of the mission, which he says is in a prosperous condition. The people there are slow to embrace the Gospel, but when they do ally themselves with the Church, they are firm converts and exercise exceeding faith. The prospects for future work are good, and the Elders get along nicely as the people are very hospitable. Elder Barrus has had good health while away and enjoyed his labors very much.

The present president of the mission, Elder Wood, arrived at Samoa on Christmas day, accompanied by Elders Stringham and Worencroft, the former of this city, the latter of Payson.

Monthly report for December, 1896. —D. P. McCallum, section director, Idaho Falls, Idaho: Summary. The mean temperature for the State was 31.0 degrees, 7.1 degrees warmer than December of last year; the highest monthly mean temperature was 41.4 degrees, at Lewiston, and the lowest, 20.0, at Lake. The highest tempera-

ture reached during the month was 63 degrees, at Minidoka on the 18th, and the lowest, 10 below zero, at Roseberry on the 21st making an absolute range of 73 degrees for the month; the greatest local monthly range of temperature was at Minidoka, 66 degrees, and the least at American Falls, 31 degrees.

The average precipitation was 1.75 inches, a deficiency of .22 inch from December, 1895; the greatest amount was at Fort Sherman, 4.94 inches, and the least at Martin, 0.20 inch; the greatest in any 24 hour period was 1.18 inches, at Murray on the 7th. Average number days with .01 inch or more of precipitation, 8; clear days, 8, partly cloudy 8, and cloudy, 15.

Prevailing wind direction, southwest; average hourly velocity (at Idaho Falls), 6.2 miles; maximum velocity (at Idaho Falls), 32 miles per hour from the south on the 18th.

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 20.—Lying at the Union depot, with his throat cut from ear to ear, a man was found by Officer Eggleston about 8:30 last night. He was immediately taken to the city jail, City Physician Coulter was summoned. It was only with the greatest difficulty that the physician could stitch the gash, as the man fought hard to prevent him, and begged for a revolver to dispatch himself. The man bears a strong resemblance to Schlatter, the healer, and the report was circulated that he was either the faith healer or his double. This canard was exploded this morning, as his baggage at the depot bears the name of F. A. Abbott. To the doctor he gave his name as George E. Cross of Texas, but it is certain that it is not Schlatter. He wore a tight suit and light melton overcoat. His hair was done up with hairpins. He has evidently been a guest at the Valley House, Salt Lake, for sometime, as reference is made to this place in his note book. He is supposed to be totally deaf. This morning he was taken to the county hospital, where he now lies in a precarious condition. His wound is a dangerous one, he having severed the wind pipe and slightly lacerated the jugular vein.

The interstate commerce commission recently made a recommendation to Congress urging that a law be passed prohibiting the sale of scalpers' tickets. It was contemplated to forbid the sale of railroad tickets by all persons except duly authorized agents of the railroad corporations. Many of these scalpers' tickets are sold at reduced rates and it sometimes occurs that people who purchase them are either put off the train or compelled to pay their fare. When application is made for redress at the offices of the companies, it is refused on the ground that the ticket was not transferable. To avoid this the recommendation was made that the sale of these tickets be stopped.

Two petitions have been sent from this city urging Congress to take no action in the matter. The petitions were signed by members of the Utah Legislature now in session, and by other prominent citizens of Salt Lake.

The position taken against the passage of the law is that it would be in the interest of the railways and against the people generally. The petitions

have been circulated among leading citizens for signatures and it is understood were sent to Washington last evening.

ASAY, Garfield Co.,
Utah, Jan. 18, 1897.

As I am sure an occasional sketch from this place will be interesting to many of your readers in this section, I take the liberty to give you some of the latest. The several names by which this district is known are quite misleading to many; and an effort is being made to select one name for all which are now used, these being Hatohtown, Asay P. O., Hilldale district and Mammoth ward.

Our ward conference convened yesterday at 2 p. m., there being with us from Pangulitch the Stake presidency, Elders J. C. Crosby, Mahonri M. Steele Sr. and David Cameron. The following business was transacted: The vacancy in the office of second counselor to the Bishop was filled by William R. Riggs, the vacancy being caused by the removal of David Hatch to St. George; voting to sustain the officers of the Church, general and local, unanimous vote; R. Lynn Sr., Abram S. Workman and Samuel J. Barnhurst were ordained High Priests. A good feeling prevailed throughout the day.

We have had about a foot fall of snow since the 11th, being the first to "peak off" this winter.

JAS. B. BURROW.

Elder George Goddard made a call on the News, he having returned from his recent trip through Cache Valley. On January 8th, Elders Karl G. Maeser and George Goddard left this city for a visit in Cache Stake in the interest of Church religion classes and Sunday schools. On the 9th a religion class teachers' conference was held in the B. Y. college building, Logan, at which there was a large attendance, and great interest was manifested.

The succeeding two weeks was occupied in filling appointments made for the brethren by the presidency of Cache Stake, and nearly all the wards were visited. There were twenty-nine meetings held in twenty wards of the Stake, religion class exercises and other instruction being presented. All the sessions were decidedly interesting. On the 16th instant, the two visitors were called from Mendon to Logan, and in the evening were surprised by a banquet in the B. Y. college. It was tendered to Elder Karl G. Maeser, the occasion being the sixty-ninth anniversary of his birth. Many were the congratulations and good wishes showered upon this indefatigable worker among the young people. After visiting every ward in Logan, concluding their labors there on January 23, they returned to this city, highly gratified with the hearty welcome accorded them, and confident of the good results of their visit.

The following has been handed in for publication, and place is cheerfully given to it:

Wednesday, January 20th, was the 81st anniversary of the birth of Frederick Kesler, who has presided as Bishop of the Sixteenth ward for 41 years, having been set apart in general conference in the year 1856. In the evening the ecclesiastical board