

stocks is increasing rapidly, consequent on the very largely increased demand. All of the desired irrigated farms in some of the counties have tenants, and inquiries are being made every day for such places to rent.

The San Jose, Cal., police arrested on Tuesday, four boys, who ran away from San Francisco. They range from 12 to 14 years, and had started out in cowboy style. They are now waiting in the city prison for their parents to send for them. The youngsters do not have much to say, so far being not only cast down by their arrest, but fearful of the meetings which must come with their parents. They give their names as Charles McKellope, James Tosney, James Duffy and Bernard Cabara. According to what can be gathered from the boys and from the knowledge the police have, James Tosney stole \$100 from his father. This money he divided with his three chums and each bought a pistol, a purse, cartridges by the hundred and between them a rifle. The boys rigged themselves out in sweaters, filled their pockets with cartridges, buckled their pistols to their belts and the order to march was given. They intended to hunt for Indians.

A dispatch from Victoria, B. C., says that cattlemen of the interior are running short of feed, and herds are being turned out every day to starve. Already over fifty per cent of the cattle have perished. This winter has been one of the longest and most severe in the experience of the country. Though the stock of feed last fall was ample for ordinary circumstances, it was too short to last. The Canadian Pacific railway is using its best for the ranchmen, and has made an emergency rate on all kinds of feed going into the interior. Both feed and straw are being shipped into the farming districts around Victoria, local farmers having sold most of their crop early in the fall, not anticipating such a long winter. The fact that a much larger acreage of grain was sown this year on lands heretofore grass lands also made a shortage of hay. The price of all kinds of feed is rapidly going up, owing to blockades on the railways. Many carloads which were ordered from the East are delayed, and this has been the ruin of more than one rancher, as his cattle in the meantime had to be turned out to perish. The thermometer at Clinton, the center of the cattle-raising district of British Columbia, stood at 17 degrees below zero last week, and it was snowing and blowing a gale. Reports from Chilcooten say that there is no hope of saving more than 25 per cent of the cattle on the range.

Lilly and Flora Ross, two children who were taken from their Christian Science parents by the Boys and Girls' Aid society, because of ill-treatment, were disposed of by the county court recently. The elder child was awarded to the care of a family, where she is promised good care, and the parents will be allowed to see her occasionally. The younger child was returned home, but, if another complaint is entered against the parents, the court will exercise its jurisdiction and remove her. The parents are Frank Miller and Minnie Miller. Miller is the step-

father of the children. It seems that he believed his stepdaughters possessed of the devil, and he threatened to strap one of them to the floor and choke the evil one out of her. The family and all their neighbors were in court while testimony was being given about the strange actions of the fanatical parents, who refused to let their children go to school, did not give them sufficient food to eat, and, it is alleged, beat one girl until she was in a frightful state. The Millers, who appeared on their own behalf, denied most all of the assertions. "Why did not you wish your children to go to school?" was one of the questions put to Miller by Judge Northrup. "I kept them out of school," he said, "because it was God's will and because the Bible says the wisdom of man is foolishness to God." Miller said that whatever was done was at the Lord's special instance and request. Both man and wife appeared fairly intelligent, but the wife bore all the evidences of the most confirmed religious fanatic. Evidence was introduced showing that the parents had nearly starved the two girls on rice and milk. A younger baby, Mrs. Miller said, was of a pure spirit because it was God's, while the two girls belonged to Satan. Miller said that he would feed his children meat—"devil's meat," they call it—if allowed to take the girls back.

OBITUARY NOTES.

SARAH ANN GOLDSBROUGH PITCHFORTH.

NEPHI CITY, Utah, March 19, 1897.—Sarah Ann Goldsbrough Pitchforth died at Nephi, February 24, 1897, of asthma. She was the wife of the late Samuel Pitchforth. She was born June 13, 1829, at Swinton, Yorkshire, England, and was the daughter of John and Esther Duce Goldsbrough. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ September 5th, 1849, at Rotherham, Yorkshire, emigrated to Utah with her brother Henry Goldsbrough who is still living, October 1st, 1851, and was ten weeks lacking one day crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel. She was married to the late Samuel Pitchforth in Salt Lake City, December 20, 1851; moved to Nephi in October, 1852, where she resided until her death. She passed patiently through all the hardships and vicissitudes attendant upon the early settlement of that place, and enjoyed the comforts of its ultimate prosperity. She was the mother of twelve children—five sons and seven daughters. She leaves one son and five daughters who survive her, and twenty-two grandchildren, who mourn her loss.

Sister Pitchforth was a true Saint of these latter-days, full of faith and integrity, a faithful wife and loving mother, respected and beloved by all who knew her. Although she suffered much she was never heard to complain. All that loving hands and affectionate hearts could do for her in her illness was done. Her death was sudden, but death was sweet unto her, for she passed away as calm as a summer morning, feeling resigned to the will of our Father in heaven.

Before she died she bore a powerful testimony to the truth of the Gospel of Christ which she had obeyed; and she died firm in the faith of a glorious resurrection with the just who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Her funeral obsequies were largely attended by relatives and friends. President Angus M. Cannon, of Salt Lake Stake, Elder George

Teasdale, of the Council of Apostles, President William Paxman, of Juab Stake, and Bishop Thomas H. G. Parks were the speakers, all of whom bore testimony to the native worth of the departed, and showed the advantages of a well spent life and integrity to the principles of the everlasting Gospel. A large concourse of people followed her remains to their resting place.—COM. Millennial Star, please copy.

BISHOP WILLIAM E. JONES.

PARAGOOHNAH, Iron County, Utah, March 14th, 1897.—On the 24th day of February, 1897, Bishop William E. Jones of this ward died, having been confined to his bed for twelve days. He passed peacefully away, surrounded by numerous relatives and friends. William Edward Jones was the son of Jenkyn Jones and Ann Davis Jones, and was born at Pont Stickell, Raynor parish, Breconshire, South Wales, February 18th, 1824. When eleven years of age he began an apprenticeship at the Dowlais iron works, to learn the molder's trade, under the special direction of a Mr. David Thomas. When seventeen years of age he became acquainted with Miss Mary Jones, who was five years his senior; their acquaintance ripened into love, and on the 26th day of July, 1841, they were united in the holy bond of marriage. Sister Jones is yet living, though quite feeble. In this year he commenced working at his trade as an iron molder, with a Rev. David John, who was running a small iron foundry in Georgetown, Glamorganshire, South Wales. He remained in the employ of this gentleman for nine years. Received the Gospel and was baptized May 29, 1848, by Elder William Evan Richards, and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Elder William S. Phillips June 1st, 1848. In 1849 he was ordained a Teacher, and soon after was ordained a Priest, and appointed to preside over the Fynon Tyddall branch. On the 10th day of April, 1850, he was ordained an Elder by John S. Davis, and early in 1851 was appointed to preside over the Georgetown branch, which position he held until 1854, when he emigrated to America. On Jan. 27th, 1854, Brother Jones and his wife and one child bade adieu to their many friends and acquaintances in the branch over which he had so faithfully presided. Taking the Taff Vale railway he was rapidly whirled along the road to Liverpool, England; sailed from Liverpool in the ship Golconda, February 4th, 1854, arriving at New Orleans March 18th, 1854. Kansas City was reached in due time, when a toilsome journey across the plains in Captain Job Smith's company was begun, Brother Jones driving a team for the late John S. Davis; arrived in Salt Lake City Sept. 30, 1854. In obedience to counsel, came to Parowan, Iron county, Utah, this same year; moved to Paragoonah ward in the spring of 1860 and established a permanent home.

Brother Jones was counselor to Bishops Silas S. Smith and E. W. McIntyre respectively until 1882, when he was ordained and set apart as Bishop of the Paragoonah ward, which position he held honorably and satisfactorily until his death.

Brother Jones was a kind father, a loving husband and a faithful Latter-day Saint, firm in his religious convictions and willing to endure anything for the Gospel's sake. He was very kind to the poor, the widow and the fatherless, and would provide for them, if within his power to do so. Most of the time during his sickness he appeared to be unconscious of his sufferings. At no time was there any complaint or murmuring from his lips. He died in full faith and hope of a glorious resurrection with the just.