

Written for this Paper.

AN OUTPOST OF ZION.

Yost, Box Elder Co., Utah,
February 8, 1894.

Perhaps a few lines would be of interest to the many readers of the NEWS about this far away burg. I will commence like the bashful lover, by saying "it is going to storm." I hope that you will be merciful in your answer and not tell me to go home until the storm is over. We are having good weather up here; not much snow, but plenty of wind and cold.

This place is at the south end of Raft river valley. We are surrounded by the Clear creek mountains on the east and the junction mountain on the west. We belong to Cassia Stake of Zion; and though not organized into a ward, we hope that that event is not far distant. There is room for a few more families to make a living in this settlement. A few good places are still to be made here. There is a controversy about the water; when that is settled there will be water to spare. This place and surrounding country has just been surveyed, so that those who settle here can locate themselves on the proper lines. There is plenty of building timber here for domestic use. We have a good saw mill just started, and that is one of the best helps to a settlement. There are two roller mills that we can go to from here—Conant's mill, at Cassia, and Tuttle's mill, at Oakley—a good road to each of them. Grain is raised to good advantage and we have a few good young orchards set out and doing well. Fruit was gathered from some of the trees last year. Shrubbery and garden products are raised with a good degree of success. A good garden is of great comfort to the housewife.

We have a good Sunday school, not very numerous as regards numbers, but though few, yet full of determination to go ahead which is so characteristic of the Latter-day Saints. It has been an uphill struggle to bring our school to what it is at present. We are mostly all young people here, who have come out from the crowded cities, to make a home. Some have been successful, while others are still plodding along, hoping to enjoy a few more comforts in a few years. The Relief society is doing a good work of charity. They hold their meetings every two weeks. The Primary association is doing good among our children and great credit must be given President Margaret B. Yates for the able manner in which she conducts the meetings.

I cannot help but go back a few years to the time when we did not have a house to meet in. It was a day of thanksgiving to us when we could meet once more in a house of prayer, built by our own hands, to be able once more to eat of the bread and drink of the water, in remembrance of the death and suffering of our Savior. The Spirit flowed from heart to heart, and glad were the songs that were sung. It was a day of rejoicing to one and all. Since that day we have struggled onward to build up our small branch, and roll on the Kingdom of God. Our Sunday school was organized on the 3rd of August, 1890. Within the last three years we have doubled in numbers so that now we have a

total of 86 souls enrolled upon our record.

There are a few families here who are not of us, and to these we have been preaching the Gospel, with good results. I can assure you it was a happy day when the writer took three of them into the waters of baptism and baptized them for the remission of sins. There have also been a few rebaptisms. A spirit of reformation is taking hold of the people here. They want to do and be better. My prayer is that God will help us to gather in the honest souls of this place.

We have just started a Young Men's association. With Elder W. Blackburn as president we hope to be able to draw the young folks to these meetings. They are needed in every settlement. We must study if we wish to keep upon the good ship Zion. A Latter-day Saint cannot stand still. If not onward, why then backward. It was a rare thing to see a person of this place a few years ago studying the plan of salvation. But that day is gone by, I hope never to return. It behoves us as Latter-day Saints to read good books and take from them words of wisdom. Every Elder in Israel should be able to give a reason for the hope that is within him.

THE NEWS is a welcome messenger of good tidings, and in its quiet way is sowing the seeds of righteousness. Many read the discourses that would not come and hear them preached.

There is a heavy fall of snow while I am writing these few lines.

I remain yours, Y. W. B.

THE FIRST UTAH BOY.

The following was received just one day too late to be incorporated in our editorial on the above subject. It corroborates the statements therein contained, however, and is gladly given as additional testimony:

FREMONT, Wayne County, Utah,
February 12, 1894.

In the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS of the 9th inst., under the heading of "Information Wanted," a correspondent asks, "Who was the first male child born in Utah after the arrival of the Pioneers in 1847, or who was the first woman to give birth to a son?" and I answer him.

Lorenzo Dow Young, born September 20, 1847, son of Lorenzo Dow and Harriet Page Wheeler Young, was the first male child born in Salt Lake valley of white parents; he only lived about six months. I cannot now give you the date of his death, but his and my father is living at 979 south Ninth East street, Salt Lake City, where the date of his little Pioneer son's death may be had, and where Brother Andrew Jensen or your representative may see a copy of a poem by Sister Eliza R. Snow in an old book, and in the handwriting of the Pioneer mother referred to, wherein the poet, at the time, gives her the credit of being the mother of the first male child, and foretells that her name and his will be held in honorable remembrance as such.

Yours truly,
FRANKLIN W. YOUNG.

Durango, Colo., is rejoicing over the possession of a paid fire department.

OBITUARY NOTES.

MARY CRIDDLE.

Died, at the house of her son-in-law, John Gull, Meadow, Millard county, Utah, February 10, 1894. Mrs. Mary Criddle, aged 80 years, 7 months, and 17 days. She was born July 23, 1813, at Bradford, Somersetshire, England. Her maiden name was Bull; she was married to Henry Criddle June 22nd, 1837, and embraced the Gospel in 1856, being baptized by Elder Wm. Jeffries. After their marriage Henry Criddle and his wife went to reside in Taunton, England, and for five years the Latter-day Saint services were held in their house at that place, while their home was always open to the Elders. She left England with her husband and four children in the ship Cornelius Grinnell, in 1866. Two children had preceded her to Utah, the others she left in England. She crossed the Plains in Captain Rawlins's train. Her husband died four miles west of Pacific Springs, and she, with her children, arrived in Salt Lake City October 1st, 1866.

She was the mother of nine children, seven of whom survive her. She leaves seventy-five grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren to mourn her loss. Six of her grandsons bore her body to its last resting place. She was for many years a teacher in the Relief society, and died, as she had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint.

Her funeral on February 14 was numerously attended—twenty-three vehicles followed to the cemetery. The principal speakers were President Hinkley, Patriarch J. D. Smith and Bishop Bennett; their remarks were consoling and instructive.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

BENSON.—In Salt Lake City, Feb. 17th, 1894. Sarah Anne, beloved wife of W. E. Benson, a native of Iowa, aged 32 years.

PRATT.—In Salt Lake City, February 19, 1894, at 7:35 a.m., Belinda Marden a wife of the late Apostle Parley P. Pratt; aged 74 years, 1 month and 25 days.

HUGHES.—In Oakland, California, February 7, 1894, Irlis Fane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes; aged 8 years, 11 months and 16 days; was a native of Salt Lake City, Utah.

GUNN.—In Salt Lake City, February 16, 1894, of dropsy, Harriet Gunn, widow of the late John Gunn. The deceased was born December 31, 1819.
Idaho papers, please copy.

BETTS.—At Nephi, Utah, February 9, 1894, of old age, Joseph Betts; born November 27, 1801, at Foleshill, Warwickshire, England, baptized September 18, 1847, emigrated to Utah in October, 1870. He was the father of 15 children, 58 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the High Priest; quorum, has always been an ardent worker for the cause of Christ, and was much beloved and respected for his integrity.
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POULTER.—At Deseret, February 8, 1894. Mary Ann Poulter, wife of George Poulter. Deceased died from the effects of blood poison caused by the scratch of a bone just above the ankle about two months ago; believing it would soon heal, it was neglected until it was too late. She suffered very much for about nine weeks, but expired in peace. She was a faithful Latter-day Saint, and died in full faith of the Gospel in her sixty-seventh year. She emigrated from Redmarley, Worcestershire, England, with her husband in the fall of 1876.
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