

John B. Thatcher, Bedford, H. Hyde, Auburn, Charles J. N. Porter, Fairview and William Parsons, Cottonwood, reported their respective wards in good condition. Elder Thomas Burton reported the Afton ward; said the local organizations were in good running order and the Saints seemed desirous to labor for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Elder Wm. W. Burton said we are a favored people and we should appreciate the blessings by which we are surrounded; showed how necessary it is for all to be obedient and work for the advancement of God's kingdom. Elder A. V. Call gave a discourse on the Word of Wisdom, tithing and other duties, advising the Saints not to complain but to be humble and obedient and the Lord would bless them. Elder George Q. Amund spoke a little on the form and manner of burying our dead, a short time on the late "declaration;" said we would be all right if we kept God's commandments, for His kingdom was set up never more to be taken away nor given to another people.

Our commodious meeting house was filled to overflowing notwithstanding the very unpleasant weather, and we had a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The health of the people here is good; and although some are discouraged by the late spring, we are inclined to think that when the summer comes, if it ever does, they will still be satisfied with Star valley.

W. H. KENNINGTON,
Stake Clerk.

PROVO VALLEY.

CHARLESTON. Wasatch Co., June 1st, 1896.—Provo river is higher than it has been for twenty years. Much of the farming land is under water along the valley and the result will be serious to farmers in this county. The wagon bridge spanning the river between here and Midway is threatened. A notice has been put up warning travelers not to attempt to cross over it. Other bridges are in danger of being washed away. The road in many places between here and Provo city is under water and it is with difficulty that teams make the journey up or down the canyon. Those who are in a position to know report more snow at the head of the river than has been for a great many years.

The Charleston Creamery company are erecting a large factory below town, the old place becoming too cramped for their increasing business. This is a great source of revenue to the people in Provo valley. The butter turned out at this institution is choice and meets a ready market. The good people of Midway are preparing to establish a cheese factory at that burg. Crops and grass bid fair for a good yield.

Refreshing rains have visited the valley and everything appears fresh and fine.

A corps of surveyors are locating a line through Provo canyon on which the D. & R. G. W. will build a road to Park City. A large force of men are building a ditch in the canyon to convey water for the Provo river power plant and altogether the canyon makes quite a lively appearance. Road Supervisor Oliver Haws of Provo is repairing the wagon road and when

done the thoroughfare will be in fine shape. D.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Payson Header: O. R. Hulsh returned yesterday morning from a trip to Moab. He was expected home the night before, the delay being caused by the wreck of an engine and five cars just the other side of Green River, which resulted in the death of three persons and severe injuries to others.

Manti Messenger: Mayor Alder, City Engineer E. W. Fox and A. E. Merriam, councilman, made a trip up Manti canyon the first days of this week for the purpose of locating reservoir sites to increase the water supply for this city and its surrounding fields. We have had our equal and usual supply of water for irrigation purposes for some years past, but the fact is dawning on the minds of the people that our improvements have been going on at an unequal ratio with the capacity of the creek. Just as we go to press we learn of a serious accident which befell Dave Rollo, who resides a short distance from the town of Sterling. We are unable to learn full particulars, but so far as we can learn them it is a wonder he was not crushed to death. A heavy farm wagon, loaded with a ton of coal, passed over his chest. Dr. Olsten was called out to attend the man, who informs us that his injuries are very serious. Marcus Trollen is dead. Every man, woman and child in Manti knew old man Marcus, as he was called, and all felt the deepest pity for him. He lived alone these many years and was a confirmed invalid. Friends paid regular visits to his humble cottage and administered as much as possible to his peace and comfort. On Wednesday a friend called in to see the old gentleman, and found him sitting in a chair by the table, his head resting in his hand—dead. His ailment prevented his lying down, and he passed all his nights sitting in a chair. And so death stole quietly over him and took him away.

NEWS NOTES.

The annual encampment of the Southern California Grand Army of the Republic association at Ventura in July promises to be of unusual interest. The secretary of the navy has signified a willingness to send a battleship to that port during the encampment.

Rafael Jalva, a Mexican, was shot and fatally wounded by Allen Kingsbury at Compton, Cal., on Sunday. Last Thursday Jalva exhibited a revolver to some friends and said he was going to kill Kingsbury. The latter heard of the threat and prepared for the encounter. Sunday afternoon he drove a friend to the train and was returning home, when, a short distance from the depot, he came across Jalva and another Mexican walking along the road. Jalva looked up as the buggy approached and recognized Kingsbury. He reached toward his pocket, it is said, and attempted to draw his revolver. But the weapon stuck there and Jalva reached for it with the other hand. Kingsbury then

drew his own revolver and fired one shot at the Mexican. The bullet entered Jalva's left side near the abdomen. Jalva threw up his hands and sank to the ground and Kingsbury was arrested.

San Francisco Chronicle June 1: Mormon Elder Henry S. Tanner delivered an address to a large audience at Pythian Castle yesterday, his subject being "Education and Infidelity." He said: "Some people think it sacrilegious to apply ordinary tests to determine the attributes of Deity, while others hold that by microscopic or chemical analysis we can determine all that can be known of God. Both views are extreme. One may apply the rigid test of reason, for no fear need come from the scrutinizing application of analytical methods, or any other means of investigation. The simplest thinker and most profound philosopher alike acknowledge that there is something beyond the material body. Education and infidelity are not in league with each other, as some claim. The more we learn of God and His works the greater will be our reverence and love. As we can determine the character and ways of the controller of a large estate by the design, symmetry and order of the surroundings, so we can determine God's ways by His creations and the unanimity of all His doings."

D. Sanguinetti surrendered himself to the authorities at Stockton, Cal., Sunday morning and is now in custody for the killing of a robber at his wayside place near the Corral Hollow mines. He had a desperate fight for his life, as is proved by the deep cuts on his head and the bruises on his body. Mr. Sanguinetti tells a straight story. The first report was that the dead man was Dunham, the murderer, but the officers who reached the scene found that the man was a hunter named William Anderson, who has been in that part of the country for ten or twelve years and made his living by hunting and fishing. The killing was done at about 10 o'clock at night. Mr. Sanguinetti was alone in the house and was asleep when a man rapped on the door of his little place and said he had come over from the railroad camp for a bottle of whiskey. The landlord arose, and walking in his stocking feet to the door, opened it. He had taken the precaution to take his pistol with him, but as he opened the door the robber thrust a pistol in his face and demanded his money. He had a mask on and held his left hand over his face. Mr. Sanguinetti is a large man, a little beyond middle age, and he caught the fellow around the neck and reached for the pistol with his right hand, dropping his own weapon. The battle which ensued was a hard one. The men grappled and Mr. Sanguinetti took away the robber's pistol and threw it from him out into a depression about eight feet from the house. Then he threw the robber out and thought he had done with the man, but he came back at once with his pistol and said with an oath that he would kill the landlord. Mr. Sanguinetti had been badly used up in the first affray, and he did not feel able to fight again. He found his own pistol on the floor, and as the fellow came back Sanguinetti shot him, probably through the heart, for he fell forward on his face and was dead.