

of death is not known though the deceased had been ill for a considerable time.

Andrew O'Keefe was fatally injured by a runaway Wednesday morning at the Hot Springs. Soon after the train from the north had passed a man asked Mr. Truesdale, the proprietor, for a bath, saying that his shoulder pained him and he thought it would do him good after bathing. He waited till a team that was coming to town was hitched up. The wagon had a surrey top and box loaded on the wagon. Soon after leaving the hotel the horses took fright and got beyond the control of the driver, who jumped. O'Keefe remained in the wagon until it collided with a tree, when he jumped and walked towards the hotel. He had gone about fifty feet when he began to stagger. Dr. Donaldson, who saw him, called to him to sit down, which he did, crying out "My God, I am killed!" and immediately became unconscious, expiring in about fifteen minutes. Upon examination it was found that one of the stide rods of the buggy had penetrated the left breast just above the heart, to the depth of about three inches, causing his death. Justice Cook came down from Willard City to hold an inquest. The deceased has a brother at Spokane and relatives at San Jose, California, who have been notified.

PAROWAN, Iron County, Utah,  
July 17, 1896.

An election for school trustees for Parowan school district was held here on the 13th inst. A few days previous the chairman of the Republican and Democratic parties of this place called a mass meeting of citizens with the view of getting up a fusion ticket. The Republicans withdrew from the meeting to another place to consider the matter, and after deliberating they sent a committee to inform the Democrats that they referred not to fuse. The election showed a complete triumph for the Democratic ticket by a majority of 60. The names of the successful candidates are: For the three years term, Thomas D. Adams (a young man just returned from a three years' mission to the Tonga Islands); for the two years' term, Mrs. Julia McGregor Lyman; for the one year term, Orson D. Ortun. Choosing a lay on the ticket no doubt helped out the Democrats—the Republicans had no lay on theirs.

It has rained here every day for the last week, helping everything except lucero hay which the farmers are in the midst of cutting. Grain crops will be light; fruit all gone—cold weather and late frosts the cause.

#### SCRAP.

NEPHI, July 23.—William Lee, employed by Nephi people to search for the missing man, Fred Farmer, who went a wh with William R. May last April to the Colorado river exploring for gold, left the river on July 4th, arriving here on the 21st.

Mr. Lee went to May and Farmer's old camp and from there went to the camp of "Mat" Wicks and "Al" Hartman, seven miles above. These parties say that Farmer camped with them on February 17th and left their camp to return to May next morning. He was then well and in the best of spirits.

Wicks and Hartman say that Farmer told them that he and May both

started to their camp, but coming to a very steep mountain, May refused to go further. Farmer went to the top of the mountain and called back to May, telling him that he could see the camp, but May made no reply. Farmer went on.

Lee followed the tracks of Farmer from the camp of Wicks and Hartman for over two miles. Farmer did not go over the steep mountain on his return, but went around the mountain. He could follow his track no further. The general verdict of the people in that region is that Farmer is dead.

Farmer leaves an aged mother, a wife and four small children without means. Since Lee's return, Farmer's mother and his wife have lost all hope of ever seeing him again.

Dr. J. M. Benedict, one of the best known physicians in the State, passed from this sphere of action shortly before one o'clock Friday afternoon; from Bright's disease after a lingering illness of several weeks' duration. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his departure.

The deceased began his professional career in this city in 1870, when in company with his wife he arrived from the East. His practice was a very extensive one and his skill as a physician and surgeon ranked him as one of the leading practitioners in the West. Through his efforts mainly, the Salt Lake Medical society was organized here, in which organization he was a very active member.

To life, he was a genial open-hearted man, and many have received medical attention at his hands, when their circumstances, financially, would not permit of their paying for such services.

Dr. Benedict was born at South Canaan, Litchfield county, Connecticut on April 29, 1844, and came from an old and influential family. In the spring of 1848, he moved to Long Island, New York, with his parents, and for five years was a student of Union Hall academy, at Jamaica, Long Island. From there he went to the classical department of the New York university, where he graduated third in the class of 1865, with the degrees of A.B. and Ph.D.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, funeral services over the remains of Dr. Joseph M. Benedict were held at the family residence on the corner of Third South and Fourth East streets. The services were conducted by Bishop Woolley, and were attended by a number of physicians. Elder Chas. W. Penrose delivered the funeral address and Dr. Seymour B. Young dedicated the grave in the city cemetery with prayer. Doctors F. S. Richards, A. S. Bower, F. S. Bascom and S. Ewing of this city and Doctors Pike and Ormsby of Logan acted as pallbearers.

#### RETURNED ELDERS.

On Saturday the NEWS received a call from Elder B. H. Beckstead of South Jordan, who on the 19th inst. returned home from a mission to Canada. Elder Beckstead left home for his field of labor on Sept. 23, 1893, and during all the time of his absence he traveled throughout the province of Ontario, tracing and in other ways disseminating Gospel principles. He

reports the mission in a good condition and states that in his labors he has succeeded in allaying much prejudice as to the Mormons and Mormonism. The prospects for a good work there in the future are highly encouraging, and there is still one missionary in that field—Elder Gardner of West Jordan. Elder Beckstead was released on June 5, after which he visited relatives in Morrisburg, Ont., followed by his return home in good health and strength.

Elder Mathonibah Thomas of Farmington, Davis county, Utah, was a caller at the NEWS office Monday, having just returned from his missionary labors in Virginia. He left home April 14, 1894, and spent the whole of his absent time in the state of Virginia, the first fifteen months in general missionary work and the remaining eleven months in presiding over that conference, he being succeeded in that capacity by Elder J. De Grey Dixon of Provo.

There are in the Virginia conference at present nearly 300 Saints, with seven Sunday schools established and three branches of the Church. One branch has its own meeting house recently erected by the Saints, with the assistance of the traveling Elders. The wealth of the Church members is good and the Elders are enjoying their labors immensely, making many warm and lasting friends, some of whom hold high official positions in the state. Conspicuous among these may be mentioned Dr. C. A. Bryce of Richmond, the editor and publisher of the Southern Clinic, the leading medical magazine of the South and Southwest.

The missionaries have succeeded in allaying much prejudice formerly existing against the Mormons, and have been so successful in their labors, that the Reorganized church denomination which also has missionaries in the same field, shows extreme hostility, which is shown out in the form of trades of abuse. Their bitterness, however, but strengthens the cause of truth and weakens that which they are striving to fortify.

The Saints of Virginia held a very interesting and largely attended conference at Mount View church, Rappahannock county, on July 11 and 12, at which time some little opposition was attempted, but the efforts of those so inclined did not avail them much. Elder Thomas visited Columbus, Ohio, and Kansas City, Mo., on his return trip. At the latter place he met a number of Elders of the Northern States mission, with whom he visited the historic spot of Independence. The Northern States mission is in a prosperous condition and success there is very similar to that which crowns the labors of the Elders in the South.

Mrs. Maria Scott, widow of the late Captain Jesse B. Scott, was discovered Sunday morning dead in bed in San Francisco. The odor of escaping gas attracted the attention of the landlady, who summoned a druggist. On entering the apartment they found it filled with gas and the gas cock partly turned on, indicating that death was accidental. Dr. E. L. Hill was hastily called, but he found life extinct. Mrs. Scott was 65 years old and had been a pensioner of the government since the death of her husband, who served in the army during the Civil war.