

GOOD WOMAN LAID TO REST.

Some History in the Life of Mrs.
Mary Ann Merrill
Pratt.

ONE OF THE OLD PIONEERS.

She Leaves a Veteran Brother Who Also
Made a Name for Himself in
The Community.

With the passing of Mrs. Mary Ann Merrill Pratt last week another pioneer was gathered to her long rest. The deceased was truly a pioneer, having come with her husband, the late Apostle Orson Pratt, from Nauvoo, Ill., from whence the Saints were exiled in the winter of 1846, to the Missouri river, where she remained while her husband accompanied that noble band of pathfinders of 1847 to the Salt Lake Valley.



MARY ANN MERRILL PRATT.

It was the intention of Mrs. Pratt to join her husband upon his return from the long trip across the plains to Utah and with him return to the valleys of the mountains. This was not to be, however, for some time, Apostle Pratt returned to Winter Quarters but it was for the purpose of making arrangements to go to Europe as president of the mission, he having been called for that work by President Brigham Young. Apostle Pratt accordingly left his wife with others of his family on the Potawatomi grounds, Iowa, until his return from Europe. Mrs. Pratt then immigrated with her husband to the valley of the Great Salt Lake, arriving here in September, 1851.

She was the mother of five children, viz: Milando Pratt, Mrs. Vianora P. Eldridge, wife of Joseph U. Eldridge, Mrs. Oradine P. Kimball (deceased), wife of Samuel Kimball, Lathalia P. Kimball, wife of Joseph Kimball, and John M. Pratt, all of this city; and by whom she has had 33 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary Ann M. Pratt was born June 2, 1819, at Southold, L. I., N. Y., and died Dec. 12, 1903, aged 84 years, 6 months and 8 days.

The story of the life of Mrs. Pratt is best told perhaps in the following synopsis which was written by her son-in-law and sent to Gen. Lewis Merrill of Philadelphia, Pa., June 8, 1885, and which was read at the funeral on Monday.

My father, Valentine Merrill, and his brother Marvin were potters. Marvin invented the first sugar loaf molds for making loaf sugar, made of clay, for which they got the patent right, and manufactured many thousands of dollars worth, which they shipped to the New York market by a sailing vessel. Their business they carried on at Norwich, village, which was pleasantly located and had a commanding view of the water as it ebbed and flowed. Their vessel came in at high water mark, up a narrow creek, they unloaded the clay for making their ware at the right side of the vessel, and reloaded the ware from a warehouse at the left.

My father was in the war of 1812. He was a staunch Whig and was al-

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"I became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February, 1842, at Norwich, Conn. I emigrated to Nauvoo, Ill., in August, 1843, where I married Prof. Orson Pratt, who was one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church. The latter part of February, 1846, I was exiled from Nauvoo. I had to leave my home with the rest of the people, to seek a home among the savages in the far distant west; and as my forefathers and mothers fled from persecution, so did I, that here in my mountain home I might breathe the air of freedom, thought and action and enjoy that patriotic feeling that courses through my veins, inherited by my ancestors—the 'Merrill blood'—who after sufferings away from the land of their birth, then dwell with the unjust. But our enemies have followed our footsteps and are trying to bring us into bondage, depriving us of our political and religious rights by in-



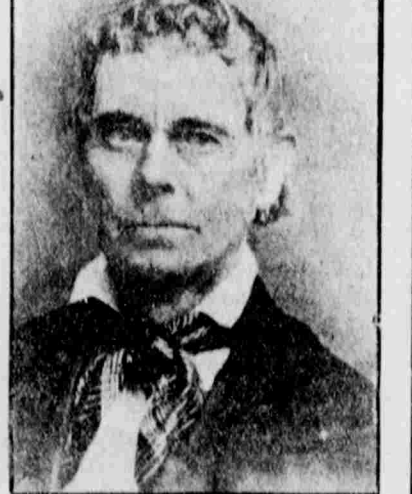
HARRY B. MERRILL.
From a Photograph Taken When He
Was 80 Years of Age.

ducing Congress to enact and pass ex post facto laws contrary to the constitutional laws of our country."

Out of a family of nine, six brothers and three sisters, only one brother survives in the person of Capt. Henry B. Merrill of Green Point, L. I., N. Y., accompanying picture is reproduced from a cut in the Brooklyn Daily Times, which paper in a recent issue under the date line of Greenpoint, L. I., has the following to say:

It is doubtful if there is one on the eastern end of Long Island who has led a more eventful and varied life than Capt. Henry B. Merrill, of this place.

Capt. Merrill was born at South Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 16, 1824, and commenced his seafaring career at the early age of 13 years, on the sloop Lady Washington, which sailed from Sag Harbor, but laid up at East Marion. After three years in the coasting service, then being 16 years of age, he shipped on a whaling voyage as a common seaman, but from which he afterward worked his way up to second



VALENTINE MERRILL.
Killed by a Railroad Car in Connecticut.

mate. During his voyages he passed around the world three times, landed on the coast of Russia, on the eastern coast of Russia, stopped six different times at the Sandwich Islands, crossed the equator 16 different times, rounded Cape Horn four times, saw seven hurricanes at sea and helped to kill 150 whales. Capt. Merrill was also a Forty-niner, going to the California gold fields as second mate in the good ship Huron from Sag Harbor, which made his fourth trip around Cape Horn. Capt. Merrill had an interest in the cargo, which consisted of pine lumber and brick. Mill-worked boards, which had cost \$15 a thousand, were sold for \$25 a thousand. The bricks which had cost them \$5 a thousand at home, were sold for \$15 a thousand.

The latter part of Capt. Merrill's sea-

farling life was passed as master of two different yachts—the Sea Witch and the Viking. Capt. Merrill has a good memory and states that when he first went to New York there was not a house within half a mile south of Bellevue hospital. Not one of Capt. Merrill's companions, who went with him to the gold fields is now alive, he alone remains to tell the wonderful stories of the experience of the Forty-niners.

Capt. Merrill is now 80 years of age, but he looks so hale and hearty that he would not think him over 65. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of this place, which he joined in the fall of 1848.

The captain lives in a beautiful little house on First street, which was built in 1844, and which was, in reality, the first house on that street. Although a seaman all his life Capt. Merrill has never used either cigars or tobacco.

The funeral services over the remains of Mary Ann Merrill Pratt were held on Monday at the residence of her son, Milando Pratt, 865 South State street, this city, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m.

The exercises were conducted by the Bishop of the Eighth ward. In addition to these the following were present:

President Angus M. Cannon, Elders John W. Taylor, Golden Kimball, Joseph Kimball, A. M. Musser, William White and others, including Bishop E. F. Sheets, who were intimately acquainted with the deceased. The first five foregoing named made consoling and appropriate remarks eulogistic of the beautiful character of this noble woman.

Elder William White made the opening prayer and Elder J. D. H. McAllister the closing. The sweetest music was beautifully rendered by the following voices: Mr. Fred C. Graham, Miss Emily Grimsdell and Miss Nettie Raleigh, and piano accompaniment by Prof. Frank Merrill. The following songs being sung: "O My Father, etc.," Mr. Graham, soloist; "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," Miss Grimsdell; "I Need Thee Every Hour" and "Nearer My God To Thee."

At the conclusion of the funeral services her son, Milando Pratt, received the following telegram from five of her grandchildren:

"New York, Dec. 14, 1903. Our deepest sympathy and love. Wish we could be there. George (H. Gillett) Viola, Miley, Leone, Ruth, and I."

Many old friends who knew Mrs. Pratt reaching a period ranging over 50 years, attended the services and accompanied the remains to the city of the dead, where they now rest beside the remains of her husband, the late Apostle Orson Pratt.

Elder Lorin Pratt offered the dedicatory prayer at the grave, which was finally profusely decorated with emblematic flowers contributed by relatives and friends.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Yesterday Miss Ethel Lee Dean and Mr. Guy M. Miller were married, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride, in the presence of the relatives and intimate friends. Dr. W. M. Paden officiated, and a wedding supper was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Miller left for an eastern trip.

On Thursday night the ladies of the Maccabees gave an enjoyable dancing party, the affair being in charge of Mesdames C. Kennedy, John Dubei, J. C. Hanchett, W. C. Rowe and J. M. Harvey.

Miss Gertrude L. Lander and Mr. O. Dusenbury were married yesterday, the ceremony being performed by Bishop O. F. Winter in the presence of the near relatives and friends, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Louder. The newly married couple left later for a bridal trip, after which they will make Salt Lake their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hoyt of Park City are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keyes.

The Messes Kirkpatrick leave today for their home in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Wither will entertain as dinner on Christmas.

A NATURAL RESULT.
It is very reasonable to suppose if the foundation of a structure was removed that the building itself is bound to come down. This same principle can be applied to disease. Take medicine into the system that will remove the cause of sickness, and illness will leave of itself. Dyspepsia, indigestion, sick-headache and biliousness have their foundation in stomach disorders. Remove this weakness and the other symptoms are no more. There is one cure for this that all druggists sell for 25c per box, it is Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They get right at the beginning of these diseases and make the cure by taking away the cause. For sale by Z. C. M. I. Drug Department.

LIGHT SERVICE UNSATISFACTORY.

Investigating Committee Opines
That Citizens Have Just Cause
For Complaint.

MANAGER CAMPBELL EXPLAINS

Says the Company Has Expended the
Sum Of \$520,000 During the
Current Year.

At a meeting of the governing board of the Commercial club, held in this city last night, the report of the committee appointed to investigate the complaint against the Utah Light and Power company, was submitted. The report finds that the power company is not so equipped with machinery and other modern appliances as to be able to meet present requirements, and submits that citizens have just cause for complaint. Accompanying the report was a letter from R. S. Campbell, manager of the company, in which that gentleman sets forth the expenditures made during the year, a part of which is embodied in the committee's report. The report is as follows:

Salt Lake City, Dec. 12, 1903.
To the Governing Board of the Commercial Club, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Gentlemen—Your committee has carefully investigated the complaints preferred against the Utah Light and Power company by the citizens' petition herewith attached. At the request of the committee, the Utah Light and Power company has made a statement by letter, which reads as follows: (Letter herewith attached.)

MR. CAMPBELL'S LETTER.

"I trust that the investigation made by your committee into our business and affairs at the meetings so held or otherwise, proved to your good judgment that the electrical system operated by our company is giving normal service, and that the further statement made to your committee that the sum of \$520,000, expended within the current year for the generation and distribution of electrical energy for the benefit of the service of Salt Lake City would be without question an earnest on its part that the Utah Light and Power company was doing all that was required and necessary to enable it to furnish a safe, reliable, continuous and satisfactory electric service both for lighting and for power."

COMMITTEE'S VERSION.

Our investigations lead us to believe that the citizens have just cause for complaint. We have found that the voltage runs very high during the day, varying from 120 to 130 volts, and at night, when lights are most needed, from 5 o'clock on, the voltage, according to tests we have made with a volt meter in several business houses, goes down as low as 105, while 115 is normal. The voltage has also been considerably above normal at times after business hours are closed. Where lights have to be burned during the day, and late at night, this high voltage is especially with the incandescent lights, overtaxes the carbons to such an extent as to materially lessen the glow, thereby shortening the life of the lamp, and when the voltage is at the minimum, it does not give as much light as it should, and when it goes below the 115 volts, it naturally makes a much poorer light. The high voltage is a great source of expense to merchants and all consumers, through the burning out of coils in flat irons, and because the meters in general use are supposed to measure accurately a normal voltage, but when the voltage is above normal the efficiency is not equal to the amount consumed. A 16-candle power lamp in use under a normal current of 115 volts would not increase the lighting power in proportion to the increased voltage, this high voltage, with every additional excessive volt. The life of the lamp would be cut short in the same proportion. For instance, with a 16-candle power lamp, under a voltage supposed to give a normal glow for 1,000 hours, would be reduced to half with a per cent increased voltage, and two-thirds with a 6 per cent increase. Manager Campbell states that in many in-

stances where complaints have been made of insufficient current to furnish satisfactory lights, it has been because of poor wiring. Your committee, however, finds very little difference in the voltage in the various houses where tests have been made, all of them registering up to 29 volts, and all of these houses were signers of the petition of complaints.

The Utah Light & Power company appears to have been trying to remedy the trouble, and states to us that it has spent some \$520,000 during this year for betterments to their plant, \$170,000 of which we understand has been used for new wiring, transformers and electric machinery in Salt Lake City alone. It is a well known fact that the various sources of supply from which the lighting company gets its energy have been established at a very great expense, such as the Ogden canyon plant, two plants in Cottonwood, and a reserve from the Telluride Power company, both from Logan and Provo, and three steam stations in Salt Lake City. They have also contracted for the Bear River power plant which, it is alleged, will furnish energy to the amount of 2,500 horsepower, and which the company states will meet all requirements. This has been promised for some time, and is now 60 days overdue, and has been promised to be available this week.

Mr. Campbell further states that the company is making plans for an expenditure of \$150,000 per annum for improvements on their system. He also states that the emergency plant near the Jordan river, started Aug. 15 at a cost of \$80,000, contemplated 3,500 horsepower by Sept. 1, only 1,500 of which is now on, and 2,000 60 days' overdue. All this was planned a year ago in contemplation of present needs.

Mr. Campbell states that the company is now in 20 per cent better condition to furnish light than it was at this time last year, and will be 30 per cent better before the first of the year. It is probable, however, that this additional supply is at present entirely used up by increased consumption. It is conceded by the lighting company that the fact that the energy furnished for the power and lighting coming from the same source of supply and through the same transmitters, causes the lighting current to fluctuate, as herein stated. A remedy for this difficulty is promised by the company through the installation of meter generators and transformers that the company is now putting in at a cost of some \$30,000, which is believed will keep the voltage nearer normal.

Mr. Campbell's inference in his letter that his company is now giving normal service is not consistent with the admissions he has made to your committee, that the company has expended a large amount of money in anticipation of the present needs, and expected to have in use as early as Sept. 1, when 4,000 horsepower more than they now have.

We are of the opinion that the main trouble has been the lack of modern electric appliances for regulating the various currents coming from different points, which have to be used through the same transformer to make up the requisite amount of energy to meet the demands.

Our investigations lead us to believe that the Utah Light & Power company is doing all it can to meet and remedy these conditions. Respectfully submitted.

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