

in session, and which, in the opinion of the court, had original jurisdiction in the cases.

Hon. Silas Alexander, the newly appointed territorial secretary of New Mexico, has taken the oath of office. He has much to occupy his time as the legislature meets December 26th. Mr. Alexander is a native of Pennsylvania. He has been in the Rocky Mountains some fifteen years, first locating in San Juan, Col., and thence removing to Hillsboro, about twelve years ago.

Peter Logue has been killed in a mine at Aspen, Colorado. As the men were going down the ladder in the electric winze, a miner named John Murnin slipped and knocked Peter Logue off the ladder. Logue fell from between the third and fourth levels to the sixth level and rolled down the winze, to the seventh level, a distance of 375 feet. He was crushed all out of shape.

News has just been received at Albuquerque, New Mexico, that Elias D. Sergeant, a well-known citizen of Kingman, a small town west of this city, in Arizona, cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor, severing the jugular vein. Although prospering, he was of a melancholy disposition and on several occasions threatened to take his life. He was undoubtedly temporarily insane when he killed himself. He leaves a wife.

Adjutant General Kennedy and Major Manford Smith have taken a flying trip over to the Indian reservation, says the Aspen (Colorado) *Times*, for the purpose of flouting out whether the redskins are on their reservation or killing game in Garfield county. They departed Sunday morning. The adjutant general has no hair on his head to lose, while the major's pompadour locks would be sadly missed, and it is to be hoped he will take no chances.

Another big strike was made in the Surprise mine at Cook's Peak, New Mexico, last week. It is said to be the biggest strike yet made in the district. A cave was broken into which is 600 feet long with ore the entire length of it. The ore runs 60 per cent lead and 8 ounces in silver per ton. Cook's Peak is one of the best camps in New Mexico, and the production of the mines there is increasing rapidly. The strikes which have been made there this year indicate that the mountains are full of caves of rich mineral.

A colony of twelve families, all English farmers, arrived at Albuquerque, New Mexico, last week direct from London, England, accompanied by A. F. Spaw, president and founder of the American Colonization company. They have purchased lands in the famous Rio Puerco valley near that city, and will enter largely into the fruit-raising business. Mr. Spaw expects a dozen more families from England by the next steamer. Those already there are a better class of emigrants than was expected and all have considerable money.

K. Koblenburg, a homesteader near Eddy, New Mexico, realizes a net return of \$500 annually from his apiary. When the sage was plowed up last spring, he bought 100 swarms of bees. They have not been allowed to swarm.

They have made fifty pounds of honey for each colony, but half of it only has been taken from them. The honey has sold readily at twenty cents a pound for comb, and twenty-five for extract, bringing \$500. There is only one piece of alfalfa near there, but when all those places are in alfalfa, the bees will do better.

AFTER RARE BOOKS.

It has been thought, or, rather, more correctly speaking, only fondly hoped, by the learned men throughout Christendom, that among the rubbishy chronicles of the Kairouin there would some day be found the missing classics, the lost books of Euclid and Livy among others, says the *Fortnightly Review*. Indeed, in some of the more ancient books of travel on Morocco it is expressly stated that many of the manuscripts that were saved from the burning of the Alexandrian library were taken to Seville, Granada, and Fez. In weighing these statements I think it should be remembered that the Kairouin was founded at the very least 100 years after the fire that was so disastrous to learning, and that these manuscripts would have had a lot of knocking about before they found a home on the shelves in the subterranean cellars of the Kairouin. I think it possible on leaving Seville and Granada the Moors may have brought with them to Morocco many of the precious volumes which are known to have been in these libraries, but which have now disappeared.

For the last fifty years it has been the effort of every European minister accredited to Morocco to obtain some information regarding these treasures, but the sultan has always sturdily asserted that there were no books at all in the Kairouin, or that they had crumbled into dust from age long centuries ago. My inquiries, though hardly in a measure commensurate with the labor and amount of time expended, were certainly more successful. There can be no two opinions as to the presence of a very large number of ancient manuscripts in the Kairouin library, and these volumes—a creditable thing for the lazy and indolent Moors—are certainly the object of very great care. The trustees of the Kairouin have a regular staff of custodians chosen from the university professors and teachers, who are charged with the safekeeping of the books, and the cellars are annually inspected, and the books repaired when the necessity arises. I should say that, bar accidents of fire, in the future, when the library is thrown open, the manuscripts will be found in a very fair state of preservation.

Upon another point my informants all agreed. They said that in the library there are quite a number of books written in strange, unknown tongues. Generally, my genial Tholba friends asserted, they were written in Greek, but on my showing them a book in German they were unanimously of opinion that this was the language in which the volumes were written. So I am forced to the conclusion that any writing which is not Arabic is Greek to the Fukes and Tholba of Fez.

THE LIGHT that failed—the comet.

DEATHS.

BOWEN.—At Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, Utah, November 29th, David M. Bowen, of asthma, of twelve years standing.

JORGESON.—At Emery, November 22nd, 1892, of typhoid fever, Othilda, the 13-year old daughter of Lars O. and Eliza O. Jorgeson.

WALKER.—In Peoa, Summit county, Utah, at 3 a. m., Nov. 24, 1892, after an illness of over six weeks, Edmund, son of Bishop Stephen and Lydia Walker, aged 17 years.

MELLOR.—At Fayette, Sanpete county, November 17th, 1892, John Mellor. Deceased was born February 10th, 1811, in the city of Leicester, Leicestershire, England.

ARNOLD.—At the residence of her son-in-law, Hyrum Giff, in West Jordan, Salt Lake county, Utah, of general debility, Clarissa Arnold, born at Richland, Oswego county, N. Y., July 6th, 1815.

JONES.—Died, December 3rd, at 2:40 a. m., at Valley House Ostage of this city, Barbara Jones, daughter of John and Barbara Morris; born May 23, 1831, at Abergele, North Wales; aged 59 years and 6 months.

ALDER.—In Franklin, Idaho, Sept. 25, 1892, George Alder. Deceased was born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England, January 19, 1818. He leaves a wife and one daughter besides a large circle of relatives and friends.

HARRIS.—At Emanetts, Hanover county, Va., September 12, 1892, Harold Talmage, son of John W. and Indiana T. Harris after an illness of thirty-three days of typhoid fever. The deceased was born October 4th, 1839. The Saints, relatives and friends in the locality sympathize with the bereaved parents.

PETERSON.—Sister Harriet E. Peterson, aged 32, wife of Louis Peterson, of Bluff Dale, Salt Lake county, Utah, and daughter of William A. and Emeline Bills, died at 8:30 p. m., on Nov. 27th, 1892, at her residence, after fifteen months' ailment, caused by confinement, leaving a husband and seven children to mourn her departure.

PAXMAN.—In Nephi, Juab county, Utah, at 9 a. m., November 25th, 1892, Joseph Hyrum Paxman, aged 23 years. He was the son of President William and Ann Paxman. The father is absent from home on a missionary tour in behalf of the Sunday schools in Idaho. Joseph has been ailing for more than two years, and for a year past he has been laboring in the Manti Temple. He lived and died a very exemplary Latter-day Saint.

PACKER.—At Monterey, Mexico, July 15, 1892, James Packer. He was born Oct. 10, 1833, in Belmont county, Ohio, and gathered with the Saints in Illinois in 1839; was baptized soon after he was 8 years old; removed from Nauvoo in 1846 with his parents to Garden Grove, Iowa, and to Salt Lake City in 1850; was ordained a Seventy at Provo in an early day; was one of the first settlers in Franklin in 1860; went rail-roading in Weber canyon in 1863 on the Union Pacific, worked afterwards on the Utah Central, Utah Western, Utah & Northern, Canadian Pacific, Wyoming Central and died railroading in Mexico. Deceased leaves a wife, five sons and one daughter. He was one of the council of the Eighteenth quorum of Seventies, being ordained to this position in September, 1883, by S. B. Young.—[Com.]

JORGESON.—At Emery, November 12, 1892, of typhoid fever, Lars O. Jorgeson, leaving a wife and five small children to mourn his departure.

Elmer Jorgeson was born on the island of Fyen, Denmark, July 18th, 1833; baptized into the Church February 11, 1851, and emigrated to Utah in 1872. Brother Jorgeson was ordained an Elder at Richfield, Sevier county, by S. O. Peterson in the year 1873. He was married June 27, 1878, at the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, to Eliza O. Christensen, of Spring City, Sanpete county. They made their home in Mayfield, Sanpete county, from which place he performed a two years' mission to the north-western states. In the spring of 1889 Brother Jorgeson and family moved to Emery, Emery county, at which place he was ordained a High Priest and set apart as first Counselor to Bishop W. G. Petty, which position he held until death released him. Brother Jorgeson was always ready and willing to perform any benevolent act, and always reliable and punctual to duty. He was beloved by all who knew him and the citizens of Emery extend their sympathy to his bereaved wife and children.

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