

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 25.

The weather of the week ending Monday, May 23, 1898, was unusually cold and stormy, with frequent showers, and in parts of the southern section, snow fell on the 20th. Frost occurred in many places on the 20th and 21st; reports as to resulting damage to crops are conflicting, but in general it may be stated that the western section suffered most.

The droughty conditions prevailing for the past few weeks have been almost if not entirely removed by prevailing showers. Excellent grain crops are almost assured, and all other crops, except a small proportion which have been more or less injured by late frosts, are fresh and vigorous.

Lieutenant B. S. Wells, U. S. A., will be unable to join his regiment, the Second Infantry, at Tampa, for some time to come, having received instructions to remain here until further orders. Lieutenant Wells, together with Lieutenant Dashiell, has been doing most excellent work here in connection with the enlistment of the Utah Volunteers. His services with the National Guard have also been of a high and valuable character.

Under the President's last call for volunteers, Utah, according to Lieutenant Wells, will be entitled to three troops of cavalry or three companies of infantry, there being 81 men in each. In the artillery branch of the service 121 men comprise a company, but Utah is not likely to be asked to furnish volunteers for the battery in this case.

Relating his experience in the Robber's Roost raid to the Nephli Republic, George C. Whitmore says that this particular gang had been doing great mischief to him by stealing his horses and cattle, and that he was determined to put a quietus on the marauding influences of these light fingered genetry. With this purpose in view the gentleman had started out alone and was well on his way up Box canyon on the trail of the robbers when the sheriff and his posse came up in the rear. At the head of Thompson's they came up with the outlaws who were camped at the head of that canyon. It was here that the outlaws were told to throw up their hands, but instead of complying with the mandate they commenced firing at Mr. Whitmore and the rest of the posse. Eight shots were fired by the robbers, one shot whizzing by Mr. Whitmore, who was more exposed than any of the rest, imbedding itself in the rocks beyond. This was a close call for the gentleman, but an all wise providence seemed to watch over those who were in the posse, while almost every shot from their guns found its billet. Altogether the experience was a very exciting one for Mr. Whitmore and one which he will remember for some time to come. Thirty head of horses were captured by the posse, which had been stolen, and Mr. Whitmore secured nearly all the property which had been stolen from him and his men. We are of the opinion, concludes the Republic, that the good work should go on until the last of the rascals are driven from that country.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAY 26.

William R. Hampshire, broker, St. Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster, Yorkshire, England, desires to learn tidings of his brother, Charles Hampshire, who emigrated to Utah in the early days and was some years ago residing in Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete county. Will not some of the latter's former neighbors

inform his brother of his present whereabouts, or if he is still living.

A cablegram was received in this city at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, by Wm. C. Spence, from George Russ, announcing the arrival at Queenstown, Ireland, Wednesday afternoon of the Red Star steamship Beigenland, which sailed from Philadelphia May 14, with a party of Utah people on board. The cablegram announces that all of the party were well. The journey to Liverpool, England, will be accomplished this evening. Following is the personnel of the Utah Party: Thomas Ash, Christian Steffenson, Hyrum D. Goodyear, Orson Spencer Squires, Salt Lake City; Geo. Russ, Lonsdale Allen, Coalville; Edward Thomas, Kamas; Joseph M. Nelson, Mantua; Louis O. Doris, F. J. Holst, Ephraim; Thomas P. Jensen, Elsinore; Jacob Olson, Vernal.

Washakie, May 24, 1898.

In my communication from Malad I omitted to mention the Indian settlement west of Plymouth and south of West Portage. This is certainly a new feature, at least to me; as in the thirty-three years past I have only seen the poor Indians in tents in some out of the way place, or roaming through the land leading a kind of vagabond life. But here is a town laid out with school houses and church, homes, farms and every convenience found in settlements no older than Washakie. Many neat homes are found here. Grains of all kinds and lucern is abundant. The farms, lots and corals are fenced, every kind of modern farm machinery is in use, and from a wandering, useless being, the noble Red Man has become an independent farmer, and some of them are getting rich. I saw one man and his family drive a good team (and a good wagon too) to the store at West Portage and take for sale a large box of eggs. Only two white families, I am told, reside here. The Bishop, Moroni Ward, and the school teacher.

These Indians have improved their horses from a small Indian pony to a good farm horse and in many ways are ahead of their white brothers.

On my return trip I saw several Indians at work repairing their fences and doing other kinds of farm work. They had a kindly "How do" as I passed by and seemed very happy in their new and prosperous mode of life.

In passing through this town I felt that to somebody was due a large amount of faith, perseverance and much hard labor in bringing this remnant of the children of the forest to such a state of independence and civilization, and when God shall reward men and women for their works on earth. He will remember with rich reward those who have taken this labor of raising their fellow beings from a life of degradation to one of honor and usefulness.

SALOP.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAY 27.

Ogden Evening Press: Joseph Egbert died Tuesday evening about 5 o'clock, at his home on Riverside avenue. Mr. Egbert reached his 80th year on the 10th of last month, and old age was the cause of his death. The deceased was one of the early pioneers of Salt Lake valley, having come to Salt Lake City with Wilford Woodruff two days ahead of President Brigham Young. He was one of the earliest settlers in Kaysville, and lived there up to last fall, when he removed with his wife to Ogden. Various members of his family, living in Utah and Idaho, have been notified. The remains

will be taken to Kaysville for burial, but the date of the funeral has not yet been fixed.

Elder Franklin D. Richards, Church Historian, has received the following letter dated St. George, May 21, and courteously furnishes the same for publication in the "News:"

Elder F. D. Richards:

Dear Brother—I notice an article in the "Semi-weekly Deseret News" in speaking of the death of Elder George G. Bywater, where the writer says that Brother Bywater worked with a man named Offenbach, who was the first watch maker that came to Utah. It is evident the writer is ignorant of the facts. I came to Utah in 1848 in Brother Kimball's company, and am a watch maker by trade. The late James M. Barlow came to Utah in 1850 and carried on a watch shop in the old mint, for years. C. M. C. McVicar came in the fall of 1850, and had his watch shop in part of Brother Jesse Turpin's house, half a block east of the Old Fort. Offenbach (should be Urbenback) did not come to Utah until about 1856, or still later. He came with John L. Smith from Switzerland. It is a matter of but small moment who was the first watchmaker that came to Utah, but I like the truth to be told.

CHARLES SMITH, Watchmaker.

Skaguay, Alaska, May 21, via Seattle, Wash., May 26.—E. A. Ireland, United States marshal of Utah under President Cleveland, died at Lake Bennett last Wednesday, of dropsy of the heart. His remains will be shipped to Salt Lake on the next steamer.

The news of the death of Mr. Ireland reached his wife in this city last night and was a great shock to her and family and friends. Only a week ago the wife received a letter from him, in which he stated that he was ill from rheumatism, but was improving rapidly. He had not been really well for more than a year past, but it was not thought that his trouble was of a very serious character.

The deceased was a native of Maine, where he was born fifty-five years ago. He served in the Union army during the civil war, and then went to New York, where he was employed as a customs house clerk under Chester A. Arthur, who, when he became President, appointed him United States marshal for Utah, succeeding Colonel Shaughnessy April 12, 1882. He served in this capacity a little more than four years, when he was relieved of his official duties by the late Frank H. Dyer, who was appointed by Grover Cleveland. On retiring from official life Mr. Ireland engaged in the live stock business and in February last went to Alaska on a gold hunting expedition.

The lifeless body of William J. Herridge of the Twenty-third ward of this city was brought to Salt Lake today and taken to the undertaking parlors of Joseph William Taylor, where it awaits burial. Herridge was in his twenty-first year and met his death through an accident at Golconda, Nevada, on Wednesday morning last while working in the Star mines' concentrator belonging to the Glasgow & Western Exploration company, of which Otto Stahlman of this city is general manager.

Young Herridge had been employed at the mill about six months and at the time he met his death was attempting to guide a belt on to a cylinder from which it had run. The stick broke, causing him to fall forward and be drawn into the machinery where his skull was crushed and where he received internal injuries. He died ten hours later. His father, James Herridge, was also an employe at the concentrator and, sorrow-stricken and discouraged, he brought the body home,