

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Mary Leaver Page, wife of J. S. Page, after an illness of about three months, passed away quietly at her residence in Payson at 5:45 Wednesday morning, March 4th, 1896.

Sister Ann Richards, the wife of Patriarch Evan Richards, died Friday, aged 47 years. Death was caused by a tumor in the stomach. Sister Richards was a pioneer resident of Utah.

An 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Niels Rasmussen of the Third ward, who died from diphtheria Tuesday evening, was buried Wednesday. There are two other children in the family suffering from the same disease.

Shortly after 4 o'clock Thursday E. D. R. Thompson, who has been contesting the right of Judge LeGrand Young to the judgeship of the Third judicial district, withdrew his contest. He concedes that he will not gain sufficient votes on a recount to overcome Judge Young's majority.

C. N. Smith, of Monroe, Utah, noting in the SEMI-WEEKLY of March 6th, a special from Parowan, the death of Mrs. Almira Barton, doubts that that estimable lady was married to the Prophet Joseph Smith in Macedonia, Ill., in 1832 as published. It was a slip of the type; the date should have been 1842.

Elder A. J. Ridges, of this city called at the NEWS office on Saturday, having returned from a mission to Australia, for which part of the missionary field he left on August 12, 1893. He says he has enjoyed good health during his absence and been exceedingly well treated among the people to whom he has brought the testimony of the Gospel. Australia is a large field, he says, and very much in need of faithful Elders. Prejudices among the people are fading away, and there is a marked desire for the truth. Elder Ridges returned home on February 29, having enjoyed his labor in the far-off country very much.

John H. Chew, the 13-year-old son of John and Mary E. Chew, of Gunnison, met with a lamentable and shocking death at that place on Sunday last.

With two of his brothers he had just finished feeding stock and determined upon having a "little fun." Johnny got into a slip-noose of a rope which was fastened to the traces of the harness of the team with which the hay had been hauled to the stock. The animal took fright, broke into a run, dragging the unfortunate lad after them. They ran over or by a pile of posts, and against one of these the boy's head was forcibly struck and his neck broken, death resulting instantly.

The officers of the Mutual Improvement League are highly gratified at the interest manifested in the growth of the library. The publishers of the different periodicals throughout the city and State are furnishing copies of their publications. The following individuals and firms have also made valuable contributions of books and periodicals: A. H. Cannon, Margette

Bros., H. H. Kinsman, Cannon & Sons Co., Maud May Babcock, Willard Done and others. A number of the small library organizations throughout the city are taking advantage of the excellent opportunity presented by the League of turning over their small collections of books and receiving in return free and full access to the large library. No doubt others will seize this privilege when they come to understand its value. An opportunity is given for citizens to render themselves public benefactors by the donation of books and bound periodicals.

The reading room is open to all, free of charge, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays excepted, at Social Hall, 41 State street.

The members of the missionary class—a class which for some time past has been conducted in the Latter-day Saints' college, with Principal Willard Done at its head, brought upon their instructor a very pleasant surprise Thursday afternoon by presenting him with a beautiful gold-headed umbrella, upon which were engraved these words: "To Willard Done, by the Missionary Class, March 5, 1896."

The presentation speech was made by George E. Maycock, a special student of the class, who in behalf of the forty members thereof, tendered the token as a memento of the high appreciation in which they held the instructions they had there received. It is needless to say that Instructor Done responded in terms which he could best command under such a condition of affairs, and in rendering thanks for the handsome gift, expressed a hope that the members had at least learned something which would help them in their missionary labors.

The class has been in operation for about one month, and was organized for the benefit of young men who had either been called to go on missions or were expecting such a call. As nearly all the members thereof leave for partures new in a very short time, the work of the class will be brought to an end, for the present at least, in the course of two weeks.

The second day's hearing of the case of the death of Miss Eveline Bonnet, of Provo, opened before Justice Harvey Monday afternoon. All of the defendants were present and were represented by counsel as on Saturday.

Assistant County Attorney Harrington asked Attorney Houtz if the accused were ready to plead, and receiving an affirmative reply, read the complaint charging them with murder. Mr. Houtz, referring to the amended complaint, asked if that were the instrument the defense would have to meet or whether they should answer to the original. Considerable delay ensued on account of argument of counsel on either side. The controversy was finally terminated by the court announcing that it would hear the case on what was contained in the amended complaint.

The defendants, through their attorneys, then plead not guilty, after which the hearing proper was set down for Friday next at 10 a.m.

Sheriff Hardy reminded counsel and court that the date agreed upon was the time the great comet was expected to strike the earth. Justice Harvey rejoined that justice could not be interferred with by any astronomical wanderer, and adjourned court with the sanguine remark that the comet will injure no one on this sphere of action. The defendants were all remanded to the county jail.

PLEASANT GROVE.

March 8, 1896.

Mrs. Lewis P. Lund has gone to Scipio to attend her brother's funeral, Henry McArthur, who died there on the 5th inst. He was a brother of President D. D. McArthur of St. George Stake. Deceased was a member of the Mormon battalion and had shared with the trials and travails of the Latter-day Saints from the days of Kirtland, Ohio, up to the date of his death.

Mrs. Rosalie E. Driggs left for Mantle on Thursday to be present at her mother's funeral, Mrs. Emeline Whitling Cox, wife of the late Elder F. W. Cox. Deceased was born July 24th, 1817, in Ohio, and early identified herself with the Church, enduring all the trials and persecutions of her adopted people, one of which was seeing her own house burned by the mob in Lima, Ill. Sue, with her family, left Nauvoo in the winter of 1846 and settled at Piegah, Iowa, where she buried her mother and two daughters. She had been so sick and unconscious at the time that she did not realize the fact. She came to Utah in the year 1852, settling at Mantle. She was the mother of eleven children, eight surviving her. Sue was a noble woman, performing her part through every struggle. Her life has been one of sacrifice and fortitude, and her record is worthy of emulation. She leaves a numerous posterity, men and women honored and respected, with a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn her demise.

The funeral over the little daughter of Samuel Green Jr., aged two and a half years, who died very suddenly Thursday night, took place yesterday. The family have the sympathy of the community as this is the fourth daughter the parents have lost the last few years.

PROVO, March 7, 1896.—The seventh regular session of the U. C. T. A. was held in this city today. After the regular preliminary exercises Prof. G. H. Brimhall of the B. Y. A. addressed the association on the subject of 'The Teacher's Duty to His Profession.' My brief synopses would fail to do the speaker justice. The lecture, although different in spirit from the general remarks of this popular educator, is pronounced as one of the best he has ever delivered. It was literally saturated with inspiration to the true teacher. The teacher should stand in the same relation to the school as the patriot stands to his country, willing to sacrifice self for the advancement of the cause. A teacher is known by the men and women he makes. The teacher's first great duty to his profession is to be fit for it. It is sin for the teacher to be what he is, if he can be better. To know the child, the subject and the method is not enough; the teacher must be able to inspire the student to search for knowledge. He