

DEATH OF E. PIERSON.

Ebenezer Lester Pierson, one of the members of the Mormon battalion, died at the house of his nephew Parley L. Pierson, at North Plymouth, Box Elder county, Utah, November 10th, 1892, the cause being dropsy of the chest.

The deceased was a son of Daniel Pierson and Julian Lester, and was born in the State of Connecticut, Oct. 28, 1828. He joined the Church about 1841, in his native state, and soon afterwards repaired to the headquarters of the Church at Nauvoo, Illinois, from where he was driven in the general exodus of the Saints in 1846 into the western wilderness. Having arrived at a point on the Missouri river, when the call for the Mormon battalion was made, he entered at once, and marched as a private in company A to California, where he was finally discharged in 1847. After working in the mines for some time he came to Utah in 1849, and has been a resident of this Territory ever since. In 1851 he located at Fillmore, Millard county, being one of the first settlers of that place, and after residing there for twenty years he removed to Willard, Box Elder county. About two years ago he went to live with his nephew in the Plymouth ward, where he remained till the time of his death. He was never married.

ANDREW JENSON.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 29, 1892.

RESOLUTIONS TO J. H. PAXMAN.

The following resolutions of respect to the memory of Joseph Hyrum Paxman, who died at Nephi on November 25th, have been received at this office with a request to publish:

Whereas, The allwise God whom we all reverence has seen in His mercy to take to Himself our esteemed and beloved brother, Joseph Hyrum Paxman who, at the age of twenty-three, has gained the love of all who knew him, and who was kind, loving, humble, charitable, longsuffering, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Nephi Sunday School of which he was a faithful officer, acknowledge God in all things, do mourn and tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and members of the family with our earnest prayer that God, who doeth all things well, will impart His blessings upon them. We also say:

There is no death, but angel forms
Walk o'er the earth with silent tread;
They bear our best-loved things away,
And then we call them dead.

Resolved, That we acknowledge his high worth as a laborer in the Sunday School, and that we have lost a jewel, as have the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, the Seventy-first quorum of Seventies, and the community in which he moved. We say to all, emulate his example. What is our loss is his gain.

But ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread:
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the parents; that they be entered upon the record of the Nephi Sunday school, and that the

Nephi Courier and DESERET EVENING NEWS be asked to publish the same.

Nephi Sunday school, per
WILLIAM H. PETTEGREW,
JUSTIN D. CALL,
THOMAS BAILEY,
ALICE BIGLER,
ALICE LINTON,
LOTTIE ROUNDTREE.

THE NAVAJO RESERVATION.

The subjoined order has reached the officers of the land office in this city from the general land office at Washington:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 19, 1892.

It is hereby ordered that the executive order of May 7, 1884, by President Chester A. Arthur, withdrawing from sale and settlement and setting apart as a reservation for Indian purposes certain lands in the territories of Utah and Arizona, be and the same hereby is modified so that all the lands described in said order which lie west of the 110th degree of west longitude and within the territory of Utah be and the same hereby are restored to the public domain and taken from the reservation made by such order.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

The restored lands are included in a small strip lying alongside the southern boundary.

A LAND DECISION.

Assistant Secretary Chandler of the General Land Office has rendered a decision in the case of John Barlow vs. Commissioners of University Lands of Utah Territory; on appeal of commissioners from the decision of the commissioner of the land office, holding for cancellation their selection of a tract of Salt Lake City land district and allowing Barlow to offer final homestead proof therefor. The decision modifies so as to notify the commissioners when Barlow offers proof and that they be allowed to protest the same and be heard on the question of priority, taking the supplemental list as marking the date when university rights would attach. The case dates back from 1877 when the university commissioners selected an eighty-acre tract of land near Richfield. John Barlow claimed to be an actual settler at that time under the homestead act. The property was held for cancellation by reason of Barlow's improvement and residence on the land by the commissioner of the general land office under date of Nov. 20, 1891. The university commissioners appealed from this and the decision noted above is upon this point.

DEATH ROBERT PARRY.

Robert Parry died on November 3rd, 1892, in the town of Ludlow, England, in his eighty-ninth year.

In the later years of his life the British government gave him a pension of £100 annually in recognition of his valuable services as lecturer to the working classes in the interest of economy.

In the year 1854 he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and traveled as an Elder under Daniel Jones in the Welsh mission, and was held in great respect by the Saints.

He had considerable talent as a poet, many of his productions being still extant and possessed of more than usual merit.

In the year 1842-43 he visited the United States.

He was born in Gaernarfon, North Wales. [Translated from Y. Drych.]

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, December 4th, 1892, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang the hymn beginning:

Though deep'ning trials throng your way,
Press on, press on, ye Saints of God.

Prayer was offered by Patriarch Alexander Hill.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn:

Redeemer of Israel,
Our only delight.

The Priesthood of the Eighteenth ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

was the speaker. He read a portion of the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles—from the 25th to the last verse—and pointed out the great importance of mankind having a correct idea of the God whom they worship. The Latter-day Saints, he remarked, were greatly favored in that they were not alone dependent upon the Bible for their guidance, but had, in addition, those two records which they also held so sacred, the Book of Mormon and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, which contained the pure word of God by revelation to His servants in these last days. These records corroborated and strengthened the Bible—all joining together to illustrate the character of God and His dealings with the children of men. President Cannon's remarks occupied an hour and twenty minutes in delivery, and therefore a synopsis would not do justice to the discourse.

The choir sang the anthem:

Let the mountains shout for joy.

The congregation then joined with the choir in singing the doxology; and

The benediction was pronounced by Counselor Charles W. Penrose.

IT IS perhaps just as well to advise the (prospectively) Hon. Mrs. Lease that while there is generally no limit as to the time a senator may occupy so long as he (or she) speaks to the question, neither is there any rule requiring other senators or the audience to remain and listen to the speech; that, in fact, it can be pruned in the *Congressional Record* without delivery.

EX-SPEAKER REED recently engaged to lecture in Western New York on the "Progress of Humanity," but when the first night came the audience was so small that nothing was done. This prompts the Boston *Herald* to remark that it was because he was not permitted to preside, in which case he would have "counted a quorum" anyway.