

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

JACINTO, Miss., June 9, 1897.

Any information regarding J. W. Mainus, living or deceased, will be gratefully received by his son, Henry Mainus, living at Booneville, Prentiss county, Miss. J. W. Mainus left Beckleburg, Marion county, Alabama, about seven years ago, and went to Utah. His folks have heard little or nothing about him since he left here. They are kind to the Elders.

PETER NIELEEN.

SALEM, June 6, 1897.

I have been informed that there has been an error in the name of the person who made the machinery and manufactured the first cut nails, revolvers, rifles, etc. The man was my father, David Sabin, and I have in my possession the first prize (silver medal) awarded him for the best cut nails at the first annual exhibition at Salt Lake City, October, 1856.

DAVID D. SABIN.

Elder Matthias Knudsen of Lehi returned Friday from the Norwegian mission field for which part of the country he left on June 29, 1895. He reports the mission prospering and the Elders enjoying their labors, with good treatment at the hands of the people among whom he has been laboring.

Elder Fred J. C. Danielson of Fairview, Sanpete county, also returned from the mission field Friday. He has labored in Denmark and left for those parts Nov. 15, 1895. Elder Danielson reports Church matters prospering thereabouts, but his health in the main has been poor nearly the while time of his absence.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Sanpete Co.,

Utah, June 17th, 1897.

My father, Abraham Day, was a Battalion boy. He was honorably discharged from the United States service in California, and on the way home arrived in Salt Lake City, October 16th, 1847. He left on the 19th of the same month to join his family in Kanesville, or Council Bluffs. He will soon be 80 years of age. My mother is 78. Both are able to be around.

I could give some very interesting incidents of his life, but fear trespassing on your time.

JOSEPH S. DAY.

There are a few Pioneers who have failed to report, and there is no evidence at hand as to whether they are living or dead. If the information can be supplied by any one having the fact, it would oblige the semi-centennial commission.

EPENOR CLAWSON,
Chairman.

The names missing are:

Alexander P. Chesley,
Monroe Frink,
David Powers,
Gillrold Summe,
Robert T. Thomas,
George Wardle,
Isaac P. Decker.

Elder Emmett John Robinson of American Fork returned Sunday from the Southern States mission field, where he went November 10, 1894, to

promulgate the principles of the Gospel. Elder Robinson labored all the while in the state of North Carolina, and reports the mission prospering, with bright prospects for future work. Elder Robinson had fairly good health while away, and before returning home spent nearly three months visiting relatives and friends in Pennsylvania. He also visited Washington, D. C., and spent some time with Senator Cannon, afterwards returning home via Baltimore, Columbus and other large cities of the East.

Mr. Gustave H. Backman of this city received a letter from the Swedish and Norwegian consul, Mr. A. Grip, refusing to appoint him to the Swedish vice consulship at Salt Lake City. This was rather a surprise since Senators Rawlins and Cannon and Representative King all strongly recommended him, and he had received the best endorsements from prominent men here. In fact Mr. Backman had received information from Senator Rawlins indicating that he would certainly receive the appointment. The reason for the refusal on the part of Mr. Grip to submit Mr. Backman's name to the Swedish officials was that Mr. Backman is a Mormon.

Elder Gustaf Olson of Ogden is home again from a mission to Chicago. He left on Aug. 8, 1896, and returned home on June 14. Elder Olson reports that the missionary work in Chicago is progressing well, there having been several additions to the Church lately, and many, he says, are becoming interested in the principles of the Gospel. He has enjoyed good health during his absence and feels well in every respect.

Elder Thomas Urle of Cedar City, Iron county, who went to California in April last in order to engage in missionary work, has also returned, being honorably released on June 18 on account of ill health. He says the Elders are doing a good work in that part of the mission field.

A sad accident occurred last week near Murray by which Maria Jones, the little child of John A. Jones, lost her life. The baby, which was only a year and a half old, was lost sight of for a short time in the afternoon, and made its way to a wide ditch in front of the house. No splash or cry was heard by the family, and before the little one's absence was observed she had been swept away by the swift stream.

Search was immediately begun and a river sent to the mouth of the stream to prevent the body being washed into the Jordan river. He had proceeded about a mile when he found the body and recovered it. The body was not badly disfigured although the stream had carried it under a number of bridges.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, June 15.—The weather of the week ending Monday, June 14th, was generally favorable for growing crops, though very little rainfall was reported. Several light frosts occurred in some

localities, but little or no damage resulted. All irrigated crops are growing finely, but vegetation on dry land is showing effects of drouth. Grain in general is in excellent condition, potatoes and garden truck are doing nicely. Alfalfa is a heavy crop; the first cutting has begun in the western section, and in parts of the eastern cutting will begin in about a week. Fruit is in good condition; the strawberry season is well advanced in the northern and western sections, and berries are ripening in the eastern. The ranges are for the most part good and stock is doing well.

D. P. McCALLUM,
Section Director, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Dr. Keen of Fillmore who was in the city Monday, is up looking into the condition of a patient now quartered at the Holy Cross hospital.

It is four-year-old Pearl Shaw of Meadow, Millard county, who is slowly but surely succumbing to stricture of the oesophagus, caused by swallowing a dose of concentrated lye about two years ago.

Little Pearl's condition is most pitiful. The child is gradually starving to death and all that surgical skill can do will not prevent it. When the patient sees food or water its eyes bulge from their sockets, so eager is the little one to quench its hunger and thirst. The doctors say it is only a matter of time until little Pearl closes her eyes in death, her case being a hopeless one.

"Where is John Fredericks?" was the question asked by Dr. E. R. Keen, of Fillmore, at police station Tuesday morning. Fredericks is the Antelope Springs rancher who three weeks ago was in the police court for drunkenness, he having fallen from his wagon while in a maudlin state. He had sentence suspended at the time and presumably left for home, but it appears has not yet arrived there. Dr. Keen is in charge of a ranch leased by Fredericks and has been anxiously awaiting his return in order that the property might be taken off his hands. Fredericks left Antelope Springs about six weeks ago, borrowing a neighbor's buggy in which to make the trip, but when arrested in this city, he had a farm wagon, which undoubtedly he had exchanged the borrowed vehicle for.

Among the many old folks who came to Salt Lake Monday was Magnus Byarnason of Spanish Fork. He wore the blue badge of age and honor, showing that he had passed the eightieth milestone of life and was a guest of the Old Folks committee. He brought with him a very interesting relic of eighteenth century printing and music, published in the Icelandic language in 1782, in the shape of a Lutheran hymn book. It is in an excellent state of preservation and will be presented to the Temple Library. Elder Byarnason was one of the first of his countrymen to identify himself with the Latter-day Saints, joining the Church in his native land in 1857. He soon afterwards came to Utah and settled at Spanish Fork, where he has resided ever since. About twenty-two years ago he filled a mission to Iceland.

The remains of Lyman Bates, the 18-year-old son of Orson P. Bates,