

accompanied by his wife, who died in the missionary field about three months after their arrival in Samoa. Brother Merrill is glad to be home and has enjoyed his mission.

The NEWS received a call May 16 from Elder Thomas B. Brighton, of the Eleventh ward of this city, who returned on Sunday evening from a mission to Great Britain. He left this city April 6, 1892, and with Elder George Y. Smith, of Smithfield, Cache county, who went and returned with him, received an appointment to labor in the Scottish conference. There they remained till released to come home. They were well treated by the people in the various districts where they did missionary work, and met with fair success. They made the homeward voyage on the Alaska.

The NEWS received a call from Elder Kepler Sessions, of Chesterfield, Bingham county, Idaho, who is on his way home from a mission to the United States. He departed on his mission March 29, 1892, and was assigned to labor in the North Carolina conference, where he has been engaged in missionary work for more than two years, meeting with good success. He was generally well treated by the people, though he had some experience with mobs. After his release to return home he went to Colfax, Guilford county, for his valise, to start westward with. He had been previously ordered out of that place, and on the mobocratic learning of his presence there, again gathered, threatening to do him bodily injury. A number of friends, however, came to his relief, afforded the necessary protection until he had time to gather his effects, bid the people good bye and depart on the regular train. Elder Sessions says that in many sections the prejudice against the Saints has been greatly modified during the past year.

TERRITORIAL FAIR SUPERVISORS.

The president of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing society has appointed the following supervisors for the Fair of 1894:

- A—Horses, D. O. Willey Sr.
- B—Cattle, Abram Hatch.
- C—Sheep and Swine, A. D. Holdaway.
- D—Poultry, Fish and Bees, John D. Peters.
- E—Dogs, John D. Peters.
- F—Agricultural products, A. D. Holdaway.
- G—Horticulture and Floriculture, W. G. Cragun.
- H—Agricultural machinery, etc., N. A. Empey.
- I—Manufactures, F. W. Jennings.
- J—Minerals, H. Bamberger.
- K—Fine arts, S. W. Sears.
- L—Women's work, Fred Simon.
- M—Educational, J. A. Melville.
- N—Miscellaneous, The Directors.

The directors of the society are doing all in their power to get matters well advanced to insure a great and successful exhibition next October. An address will be issued to the public soon, giving desirable information to exhibitors and the people generally, and those engaged in the various branches named are earnestly requested to take an interest in the Fair.

OBITUARY NOTES.

OWEN P. JONES.

Brother Owen P. Jones died in Brigham City, Jan. 3, 1894, of pneumonia. He was sick about four days, but was about to the last day or two before he died. At the funeral people turned out from far and near. The speakers were Elders R. Clawson, Charles Kelly, Alvin Nichols, John D. Peters and Bishop Valentine. They all dwelt on the good character of Brother Jones, saying what a wonderful man he was and how everybody in town would miss him. He was around every day no matter how cold or windy or rainy the weather, as he carried the mails in this city for twenty-five years.

Brother Jones was blind, but knew every place in town and most every family and person in the place; not only was he well known here but also from one end of the Territory to the other. No doubt people would wonder very much how he could, being blind, carry the mails. He had the postmaster or some one else to read the addresses to him and he would arrange them so that he could commence at a certain point and going in a certain direction his letters or papers would come in rotation. If he met anyone on the street asking him for a letter or a paper he knew where to find it, for he remembered where he put it.

He was so well acquainted with the town that some times in the night he would come across a person who had got lost and he would lead them home. Once a lady was coming home late one dark, stormy night, and happened to come along. He knew her voice. She was trying to cross a water ditch and was seeking for the bridge. He said, calling her by name, "what are you doing here this time a night?" "I have been to the entertainment," she said, "and I am trying to find my way home but I am quite lost." "Well," said he, "you will never get home this way. You are going away from home. Come with me and I will show you the way, and so he did."

He seemed to enjoy the very best of health for many years until about one week before he died, and looked as though he might live to be very old. He took a very bad cold which terminated in his death. He was very much for helping himself and others so far as he could. Before he took to carry the mail he used to go round after the threshing machine with his fanning mill to fan the grain and clean it, for the threshing machine then did not do that. He also used to put rush bottoms in chairs; in fact was very handy at most anything.

He was fond of having some one to read to him. He would buy and borrow books and papers and take them around to different ones to get them read. He had a good understanding of literature and music, both vocal and instrumental; and in early days he was one of the main violinists of the place. A great many of the people here and elsewhere have danced to his music. He was very free-hearted, and for that reason people would present him with many gifts, such as Christmas and New Years and birthday presents. He was always on the good side of the children with a little candy or a little money. He always paid his tithing and was faithful. He was born at the parish of Llanfrithen, Merionethshire, North Wales, Feb. 22, 1819, and embraced the Gospel in 1848; emigrated in 1849 to Council Bluffs and remained there till 1852, when he crossed the Plains in William Morgan's company of ten with John Morgan, walking behind his wagon all the way. He stayed a while in Salt Lake City, then he came to Brigham City and remained till the move south when he

went as far as Iron county, returning some time after.

I never heard him complain or say that his lot was hard, but I have heard him many times, when others would feel inclined to complain and find fault, check them and encourage them to be patient. He was unmarried and leaves a brother to mourn his loss. He lost one eye when he was a child, and when he had grown to be a man he used to work with Brother David Peters in his woolen factory and was almost a father to him. After that he worked in the slate quarry where he was when he met with the other accident and lost his other eye. He was blind when he was first baptized, and was about thirty years of age.

JOHN EVANS.

MILTON L. LEE.

Bishop Milton Lafayette Lee was born in Tooele City, Tooele county, Utah, on February 4, 1853. He was the seventh son of Francis and Jane Vail Johnson Lee. He was baptized a member of the Church when eight years of age. In November, 1860, he moved with his parents to Santa Clara, Washington county, Utah, and on May 6, 1864, the family arrived in Panaca, Lincoln county, Nevada, where he has since resided. This was the first family to settle in Panaca.

When very young he was called to be a Deacon and filled many other offices in the Priesthood. He was married to Susanna Mathews on October 19, 1874, by President H. Wells, in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City. On the 8th day of May, 1882, he was chosen Bishop of Panaca ward, to which position he was ordained on July 2, 1882, in St. George, by President J. D. T. McAlister, and filled this office with equity and justice until his demise, which occurred on April 13, 1894, at 10:40 a.m.

He was a man of high moral character, was a good financier, and set examples worthy of imitation by all over whom he presided. He was generous and self-sacrificing and his disposition was to persuade by love and kindness. He was a leading character in every enterprise in the district where he lived, and was held in the highest esteem by the Stake authorities. For many years he was a very active member of the Sabbath school and teacher of the theological class therein. He was the father of sixteen children, and leaves a wife and fourteen children, eight sons and six daughters, in Panaca, and wife and one child in St. George, together with a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Until a month previous to his death he enjoyed health and strength. During his decline he had four attacks of bilious colic, the last of which developed into inflammation of the bowels, which resulted in his death. He passed peacefully away surrounded by his family, brothers, sisters, and many other relatives.

The funeral services were held at the ward meeting house at 10 a. m. on April 14th, and a large number of people followed the remains to their last resting place. He died as he had lived, full of faith and integrity and with the hope of a glorious resurrection with the just.

Weep not that his toils are over,
Weep not that his race is run;
God grant we may rest as calmly
When our work, like his, is done.

Till then we yield with gladness
Our Father, to Him, to keep;
And rejoice in the blessed assurance
"He giveth His beloved sleep."

J. M. LEE AND BROTHERS.

EDWIN SCOTT.

Died at Moroni, Sanpete county, Utah, May 8, 1894, as the result of an accident sustained through a runaway team, as published in the News of the 11th inst.,