

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

There was a big break in the Twitchell reservoir dam on Indian creek in Beaver county on Saturday last. The damage to farms along the creek was considerable.

Word has just been received of the death of Elder Olaf Nielsen, at East Jordan, about midnight, May 6th. Deceased is a brother of Lawyer C. M. Nielsen of this city. He has been sick the last seven months of lung trouble. He was 39 years old and leaves a wife and two children. He came to Utah in 1882. Funeral services will be held in the East Jordan meeting house on Sunday, May 9th.

Geo. W. Penrose was quite seriously injured Monday night. He had been engaged with Mr. J. H. Geriz, the painter, in papering a house on Eighth South street near Seventh East. George came out of the house to speak to his wife, who was near by, and as he moved off of the porch he stepped in a hole, falling heavily. A long pair of shears that were tied to his apron, pierced his left side, penetrating downward about four inches into his stomach. He bled considerably. Dr. Milliron, who lives near by, was called in to attend him. George was resting fairly well this morning and will pull through all right if inflammation does not set in. It was a narrow escape for him as it was.

Will Flowers and Dick Kemp, employees at the Golden Gate mine at Mercur, were badly injured Sunday morning while at work in the mine.

The men were shovelling in the north shaft of the mine when an explosion occurred, which resulted in the loss of an eye and the laceration of a hand to Flowers and in the probable loss of both eyes to Kemp. The former is a married man, and his injuries may prove fatal, while the latter is young and unmarried.

The cause of the explosion is hardly known, but it is thought that a shot which missed fire the night before, was struck with a pick, thus causing it to explode.

At 1:45 p. m. [May 11] Mrs. Libbie R. Pratt, wife of Milanus Pratt, and two children, got into a buggy at their residence, 227 west, Third North street, to drive to the funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Pratt, in the Twenty-second ward meeting house, a few blocks away. The horse took fright and ran at a high rate of speed for a couple of blocks, when it crashed into a fence and threw the occupants of the buggy to the ground. The children escaped with a severe shaking and fright, but the mother was not so fortunate. She was considerably bruised, and her hip seemed hurt, but it is believed no bones were broken, and that she will be around again in a few days. Dr. J. S. Richards was summoned to give the necessary attention.

WOODBUFF, Utah, May 9, 1897.

I see in last Friday's paper mention of the men who carried the first mail from Salt Lake to the States in the fall of 1848. I wish to call your atten-

tion to the men who brought the first mail from Kaneville to Salt Lake in the fall of 1848. My father Dr. E. Lee, a man by the name of Crompton and Wm. Casto were called by Elders Hyde and George A. Smith, to carry this mail to Salt Lake. A man named John Geen and a colored man came with them. They crossed the plains with pack animals and endured many hardships in consequence of the lateness of the season. My father returned in the fall of 1849, and moved his family the next season, 1850. Should not that event of the early history of the settlement of Utah be represented in the coming celebration?

W. H. LEE.

James R. Hall, an aged and highly respected resident of the Fifteenth ward of this city, disappeared mysteriously yesterday, Tuesday, afternoon, and though diligent search was made for him it was not until about 5 o'clock Thursday evening, May 6 that his dead body was found in the Eleventh West street canal, near Sixth North street, the discovery being made by Albert W. Davis, Bishop of Center ward.

Mr. Davis was walking along the canal when he came across the body. The police, Undertaker Taylor and Justice of the Peace Margetts were notified and took the body in charge. The face and hands were cut and bruised by coming in contact with sharp and hard substances. It is believed that the old man fell into the canal near Eleventh West and Ninth Temple while on his way home on Wednesday evening and that his body drifted to the point where it was discovered last evening.

The mortal remains of the late F. W. Hanson were laid away by sorrowing relatives and friends Friday, his body being encased in a metallic casket at Mount Olivet cemetery from where it will probably be removed to the near future to his old home in Illinois.

The funeral procession left the family residence at 9:45 and moved slowly to St. Mary's cathedral, where requiem and high mass services were conducted by Father Kiely. The church was filled by friends who met to pay their last respects to a man whom they had known in life as a progressive, earnest and worthy citizen. Floral offerings adorned the casket and pulpit in generous profusion, being the gifts of relatives, friends and employees of the firm over which the deceased had so ably presided.

Father Kiely delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon in which the sterling qualities of the deceased were portrayed and the advantages of a well spent life clearly shown.

TCOELE CITY, May 7, 1897.

As early as the fall of 1859 there was a nail making machine in successful operation in the town of Willard, Boxelder county. How long it had been run before that time I cannot say. The machine was the work of Willburn Wellker. Brother Wellker had no rolling mill, but had the iron hammered out on an anvil to the width and thickness required. The head was

put on by hand. He put the cut nail in an iron clamp that shut by foot power, and with smart tap or two with the hammer, the nail was completed, and releasing his foot the nail dropped. The power that ran the cutting machine was a wagon wheel with a handle clamped on to one of the spokes; but it cut nails all right.

In connection with this item the writer claims to have in his possession a coffee mill brought across the Plains by one of the Pioneers in 1847.

JAMES DUNN.

Yesterday, Sunday, May 9, Mrs. Elizabeth Brotherton Pratt, wife of the late Elder P. P. Pratt, died at her home in the Twenty-second ward of this city, in the 82nd year of her age. She was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Hamilton Brotherton, and was born in Manchester, England, March 27, 1816. She joined the church in 1840, and came to Nauvoo in 1841. In 1843 she was married to Elder P. P. Pratt, in Nauvoo, the Patriarch Hyrum Smith performing the marriage ceremony. She came to Utah in 1847, arriving here in September of that year.

The deceased has been an active, faithful member of the Church, highly esteemed by all her associates. She was a member of the first Relief society organized in Utah. She has lived in this city nearly fifty years. About a week ago, at her home, she had the misfortune to fall to the floor breaking her thigh. Just previous to this she had had an attack of la grippe, and in her advanced years the combination of ailments resulted in death.

ECOFIELD, May 6th, 1897.—Mike Koski and Alex. Hill, natives of Finland, were very seriously if not fatally injured this morning, by a premature explosion of giant powder in No. 1 mine at Winter Quarters while doing some rock work. Hill had all the fingers and the thumb blown off the left hand. The right eye is destroyed. He also has some ribs broken and is otherwise cut and bruised. Koski is terribly cut and bruised about the head and face and has some ribs broken. Doctor Smith dressed their wounds and made them as comfortable as possible. He will take them to St. Mark's hospital tomorrow.

The streams are considerably swollen now, and there is a great amount of snow in the mountains yet.

Coal mining is very dull these days. It is expected the Oregon Short Line will take the management of the U. P. mine here, about the 10th, after which we look for better times.

Mr. Richard Howell is putting an addition to his residence. H.

As a result of an accident which occurred Sunday afternoon at the Oasis station on the Oregon Short Line railroad, Mrs. R. E. Buchell Halliday and Mrs. M. A. Saunders, both of this city, are now receiving skilled medical attention at that point.

The women, it appears, were enroute to St. George, and were standing in the aisle of a passenger coach when the train, which was a mixed one, pulled into Oasis. The door of the coach was open at the time and the sudden stoppage of the train, caused both women to reel