

occurred and Ulmer and his horses were blown to atoms. The shock was plainly felt in this city, twenty-five miles from the explosion.

CHICAGO, April 27.—A *Times-Herald* special from Colon says: The port of Corinto, Nicaragua, has been closed.

The three British warships, the Royal Arthur, Satellite and Wild Swan, have declared a peaceful blockade of the port.

Troops were landed shortly after midnight and immediately took possession of the custom house.

There is great excitement in the town.

TOPEKA, Kas., April 27.—Reports from different sections of Kansas show that the fruit crop, peaches, apples and berries, will be one of the largest in the history of the state.

PASADENA, Cal., April 27.—Miss Lou V. Wilson, a 20-year-old and pretty young woman, frustrated a dastardly attempt to wreck the passenger train leaving Pasadena on the Southern California railway at 7:26 o'clock Thursday night. When the train was within two blocks of the spot where two huge boulders had been placed on the track the brave woman forced her way into a neighboring residence, seized a lighted lamp and succeeded in signalling the train to a standstill just in the nick of time.

Miss Wilson, who is the daughter of S. Jay Wilson of this city, was returning to her home on Elm street, in the suburbs of town, at about 7:30 o'clock. She attempted to shorten her journey by going a few rods along the track of the railway. A short distance from the Elm street crossing she encountered some obstruction, over which she stumbled and fell, and, feeling about in the dark, she was horrified to discover two huge boulders and a quantity of sidewalk planking placed upon the track with the intention of wrecking the passenger train, due at the crossing at 7:35. She set to work with all her strength to remove the obstruction and found it was utterly impossible to budge it. While tugging at it she heard the whistle of the engine as it left the Pasadena station, which meant that in five minutes it would come whizzing along.

With rare presence of mind Miss Wilson rushed into an adjoining yard and burst into the kitchen of a neighboring house, seized a lighted kerosene lamp and rushed out, followed by the inmates of the house, who believed she was demented. She reached the track just in time to signal and stop the eastbound train within forty feet of the obstruction.

EPINAL, France, Aug. 27.—An enormous reservoir near here burst today inundating many villages in the district and drowning many persons. So far 38 corpses have been recovered. The damage to property is tremendous.

MAY WEATHER.

Observer J. H. Smith, of the weather bureau in this city, has issued the following:

The chief of the weather bureau directs the publication of the following data, compiled from the record of observations for the month of May, taken at this station for a period of twenty years.

It is believed that the facts thus set

forth will prove of interest to the public as well as the special student, showing as they do the average and extreme conditions of the more important meteorological elements and the range within which such variations may be expected to keep during any corresponding month.

Mean or normal temperature, 59.3 deg. The warmest May was that of 1886, with an average of 62.4 deg. The coldest May was that of 1880, with an average of 54.2 deg. The highest temperature during any May was 93 deg. on May 31st, 1887. The lowest temperature during any May was 81 deg. on May 1st, 1887.

Average date on which "killing" frost occurred (in spring), April 5th.

Average for the month, 1.78 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 7. The greatest monthly precipitation was 4.30 inches in 1876. The least monthly precipitation was .06 inches in 1886. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 1.35 inches on May 17th, 1876. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-5 only) was 3.5 inches on May 1st, 1887.

Average number of cloudless days, 11. Average number of partly cloudy days, 13. Average number of cloudy days, 7.

The prevailing winds have been from the northwest. The highest velocity of the wind during any May was 48 miles on May 18th, 1877, and May 26th, 1879.

UTAH COUNTY NOTES.

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah Co., April 25.—J. D. Wadley lost a little boy baby Tuesday morning from complications after measles. The child was nine months old. They have another child very ill of same ailments.

There is a number of people at Provo contemplating moving to Idaho, to locate near Blackfoot, west side of Snake river.

The many friends of Alma Pratt will be pleased to know that he has been released from the asylum permanently cured. The gentleman is in perfect health and fine spirits. Mr. Pratt is engaged with C. H. Wiloken at Parley's canyon water works.

Brother Frank Beers and family are preparing to move to Teton Basin, Idaho.

The American Fork Bicycle club has made a track west and adjacent to the Grant hotel at that burg and wheel men and women are "spinning" around the grounds in great shape.

The meeting house grounds at American Fork have been extended and planted out to trees, enhancing the appearance and beautifying the property very much.

The better class of our young people have formed what they style "The Happy Hour club." They hold meetings once a week with a varied program.

Fears are entertained that water for irrigation purposes will be limited—very little snow in the mountains.

Quite a number of ladies of the Fourth ward, Provo, are talking of forming a co-operative company—the idea is to start up a washing machine

to be run by horse or water power. A bakery will be established also by the fair ones of the Garden city.

H. B. Sterrett has rented the store of F. Beers and will carry on the trade of buying and shipping fruit. D.

DEATH OF DR. GROVES.

There are many people throughout Utah who will regret to learn of the death of Dr. William H. Groves, which event occurred at 7 o'clock Friday evening at S. Mark's hospital. Dr. Groves was sixty-one years of age, and for more than half that time has been a resident of Salt Lake City. For many years he was recognized as being the head of his profession—that of dentist—here. Some years ago he retired from business, and since then he has devoted much of his time to books. He was a man of excellent attainments, and possessed many warm friendships. An ardent worker in any cause which he espoused, he was regarded by many as somewhat eccentric in several ways, but withal was honest, sincere and generous. He had the courage to stand up for what he believed to be right, though he might thereby give offense to friends whose views differed from his. The practice of his profession brought him considerable means, in the handling of which he sought to be careful and judicious. In this matter he was known for many acts of charity and generosity, in helping those whom he found in need and in devoting his money to a good purpose. These noble traits of his character endeared him to a large number of acquaintances.

For several months the deceased has been in failing health, but his spirit struggled against the body's frailties, and upon every occasion when he could leave the sick room and be out among friends he would do so. His last appearance on the street was two weeks ago today, though for a week previous he had been receiving attention at the hospital. On the occasion named he came down town and transacted some business, then returned to the hospital. He leaves an estate of considerable value. He has no immediate relatives in Utah, but has a sister in Illinois and a brother and sister in New York.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Dr. Wm. H. Groves were held in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms on Sunday, at 11 a. m. The speakers were Elders Franklin D. Richards, Moses Thatcher, John Henry Smith, Angus M. Cannon and George H. Taylor. They referred to Brother Groves's industry, thrift and moral uprightness, of his professional attainments, and of his studious character. Reference was briefly made to the provisions in his will by which a bequest was made to St. Mark's hospital and also for the founding of a hospital for the benefit of the Latter-day Saints. His remains were placed in the burial ground of Elder F. D. Richards, in the city cemetery.

The bequests spoken of were \$500 to St. Mark's hospital, where he died, all his real estate—valued at \$75,000 or more—for the founding of the Dr. W. H. Groves Latter-day Saints' hospital, and his personal property to his brother and two sisters.