

apart to preside over the Eighth ward of this city by Bishop Edward Hunter May 11, 1856, making him one of the oldest Bishops, he having held that office longer than any other now living in the Church.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder F. E. Smith of the Seventeenth ward of this city returned on Friday last from a mission to the Southern States. He left his home on January 20, 1894, and his field of labor while absent has been mainly in the state of North Carolina, although he did some visiting in the state of Virginia. He reports the Elders of the North Carolina conference as being very energetic in their labors and a good feeling towards the Saints is manifest among the people in that section. Elder Smith has enjoyed his labors immensely and returns home in good health. There are about thirty Elders laboring in North Carolina and all are well and full of faith.

Elders Lewis B. Burnham of Fruitland, New Mexico, and J. W. Beck whose home is in Paris, Idaho, called at the NEWS office Tuesday on their return home from a mission to the Samoan Islands. The former left this city on May 20, 1893, and the latter on December 18, 1892. They report having had an enjoyable time laboring among the natives of the Samoan Isles, and state that the work in that part of the earth is in a fairly prosperous condition. The inhabitants are kind and hospitable and the Elders of the Mormon Church have a warm place in their hearts.

There are now thirty missionaries laboring there and all are enjoying excellent health and feel well in the work in which they are engaged. Elder Burnham has labored mainly on the island of Savaii while Elder Beck has spent most of his time in preaching to the people of Upolu. Elders J. B. Barton of this city and J. H. Rasband of Heber City returned home at the same time.

Elder Henry Hasler of Mount Pleasant who called at this office Tuesday, returned Tuesday morning from his missionary labors in Germany. He left for his field of labor on June 22, 1893, and has spent the whole time of his absence in proselyting among the people of that district. The work in Germany is flourishing and new fields are constantly being opened up. The Elders receive good treatment in their travels among the people and they have very little opposition to encounter.

There also arrived with Elder Hasler, Elders Oscar Wilkine of Provo, John K. Schless and John B. Schless of Logan, Alma V. Huish of Payson and J. B. McMaster of Brigham City. The latter two have been laboring in Great Britain.

NEWS NOTES.

A. J. Knollan is gathering up 12,000 sheep at the Dalles, Or., which he will have driven across the country to eastern markets.

Wm. Sweeney, of Sacramento, Cal., accidentally dropped his pistol Saturday night, and the weapon was discharged, killing him instantly.

Miss Estrela Belinfante, the young

prima donna upon whom blindness came recently, was married on Sunday to Willis Edminister, at San Francisco. Edminister is connected with the Redfern lecture bureau.

A three-weeks-old baby of Mrs. Marks, San Francisco, had two thumbs on one hand, the extra one growing out of the joint of the right thumb, and being a perfect counterpart of its mate. On Saturday the extra thumb was removed by a surgeon.

Wesley Scott, a well known steamboat engineer, fell overboard from the steamer Ocean Wave, at Portland, Oregon, Sunday morning and was drowned. No one saw the accident, and he was not missed until his hat was found floating near the steamer. His body was recovered.

The remains of twenty-eight soldiers buried on the military reservation at Fort Townsend, Wash., were shipped on Saturday to Benito, Cal., where they were buried in the National cemetery. Some of the bodies had been buried thirty-five years, and only their bones were got together for shipment.

Thomas Walcott Lee and his wife Eveline were remarried in Alameda county, Cal., Sunday, although they had been married before and had never been divorced. They had lost the record of their first marriage and could not produce the proofs; and as Lee is a pensioner the remarriage was in the interest of his wife.

Frank Middleton was instantly killed Sunday morning at the Ohiwaukum lumbering camp on the Great Northern Railroad, eleven miles west of Leavenworth, Wash., by being cut in two with a circular saw. He was riding on a log carriage and failed to notice his approach to the saw. He was a highly respected citizen and leaves a wife and four children.

Dr. S. A. Ambrosewicz, a Russian physician in Oakland, Cal., says that some years ago his father incurred the displeasure of the czar and was deprived of real estate now valued at \$300,000,000. The son has been pressing his claim to the property, and last week received a letter which says that the imperial government has slightly relented and has promised to pay him \$25,000 every six months as long as he lives.

The Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sun says: Capt. Wilson, who is agent at the Shoshone Indian agency, is here as a witness in the case of Lameroux and O'Dell, the alleged killers of Jim Washakie, the Shoshone chief, on the reservation several weeks ago. Jules Lameroux, father of one of the murderers, also came in from Fort Washakie yesterday. Mr. Lameroux is a very wealthy stockman of Fremont county and he will do all in his power to get his son out of his present scrape.

Sioux City, South Dakota, Tribune: April was the "wettest" in South Dakota for fourteen years. The nominal rainfall for the month at Huron has been 2.94 inches. The highest of any year, except the present, was in 1892 when the total was 5.91 inches. April, 1896, beats the 1892 record a little more than one-fourth of an inch, the total being 3.17 inches. The lowest amount of rainfall in one April was in 1890, when but 0.64 inch fell. The Jim valley seems to have

been favored. Lake beds that have been dry for years are now full of water and low places, creeks and streams generally have more water in them now than for a number of years, while the ground everywhere is thoroughly soaked.

Teddy Williams, a prisoner in the Los Angeles, Cal., city jail, drank a quart of kerosene Sunday with presumably suicidal intent. No damage was done, save the loss of the kerosene. Williams was arrested about five months ago on a charge of petit larceny. He was found guilty and sentenced to a term in jail. Ever since his term began he has been a source of great annoyance, and three months ago he attempted to break jail, but his efforts proved unsuccessful. On many occasions he has tried to commit suicide by choking himself with a handkerchief, but the watchfulness of the jailers has prevented the consummation of his purpose. He has made two or three attempts in the past three days, and for over a week has refused to eat any food. It is thought that he is unrepentant.

Hans Adolph Meissner, a German laborer, has starved in the streets of Oakland for four days with \$100 in his pocket. Meissner worked in the country as a farm hand until last Monday, May 4, when he quit his employer's service and came to Oakland. He expected to receive a letter with money in it from Germany last week, but it had not come when he reached the city. Tuesday, however, Meissner received a letter from the general delivery, and found within the remittance he had been looking for. It was in the form of a letter of credit, and called for \$100. From that time until Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock Meissner tried in vain to cash his paper, and went hungry as a result for about four days. His appearance was not altogether in his favor, and those to whom he submitted his voucher looked upon him with distrust. Meissner found a friend Saturday afternoon, and through the latter's efforts the letter of credit was cashed in San Francisco, where the German laborer is now confined to his bed, a sick man after so long a fast.

An accident of a very peculiar kind resulted in the death of Alva Hews at Redondo Cal., Saturday night. He had been working on the ranch of Adolph Lencinger, near Redondo, and on Saturday evening he told his employer that he wanted to go down to town for a while, and asked if he might take the horse to ride. Lencinger gave him permission to do so, and told him to go to the corral and catch the animal for himself. Then Lencinger went to bed and thought no more of his farm hand. This morning, however, he had just stepped outside his door when some young men called to him that there was a dead man in the corral. Lencinger went to the place and found Hews lying dead upon the ground. On the skin, right over the heart, were marks of two hoofs of a horse. The explanation of the man's death is that he entered the corral and tried to catch the horse. The vicious animal kicked at him with both feet, hitting Hews directly over the heart. The terrible shock caused instant death, having ruptured that organ.