

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 2.

The following has been received by mail: Richard Smith Norwood, born June 7, 1811, at Greenville, Alabama, died Jan. 18, 1898, at Orderville, Utah. He was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints April 8, 1835, by Elder A. O. Smoot, and died in full faith in the Gospel.

The wards who have not as yet sent in their statistical reports for the year ending December 31, 1897, are requested to have these ready by Saturday, February 5, 1898, and hand them in at the Priesthood meeting. Blanks have been furnished every ward in the Stake for this purpose a month ago. It is hoped there will be no further delay in forwarding these reports. With figures on hand said reports can be filled out complete and correct in a few minutes.

JAMES D. STIRLING,
Clerk of Stake.

Elder Orson Hyde of the Twenty-second ward of this city was a caller at the "News" editorial rooms this forenoon, having returned from a mission to Kentucky and West Virginia. Most of his time was spent in the latter state, where the work of the ministry, he says, is in a prosperous condition. Elder Hyde experienced good health until the last month when he suffered considerably from rheumatism and received an early release to return home on that account. Elder Hyde departed for his field of labor March 21, 1896, and returned home January 30, 1898.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 3.

Walter W. Stewart of Kaysville, a brother of Representative Stewart, also of that place, left St. Mark's hospital for home today. Mr. Stewart was operated upon for appendicitis by Dr. Pinkerton two or three weeks ago, since which time he has been rapidly recovering.

The funeral services over the remains of Mr. A. F. Shepherd, the well known mining man, whose death occurred in this city yesterday after a protracted illness, will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of Joseph Wm. Taylor. Mr. Shepherd was a native of Maryland in which state he was born March 31, 1852. He had been a resident of Utah for ten years and during the whole of that time engaged in mining. He was largely interested in some of the best Mercur properties. He leaves a wife and many friends in this city to mourn his demise, which was caused by cancer.

Ogden Standard: The matter of the location of the sugar factory is still in conjecture. That a location has been practically decided upon may be guessed, however, from the remarks of Manager Joseph Clark of the Ogden Sugar company, who stated last night that the hauling of rock for the foundation of the big factory buildings will begin today.

When queried as to the point where the factory would be located, he said that the site had not yet been definitely located; but the fact that the rock for the foundation was about to be moved is a pretty good indication that the directors are satisfied. Mr. Clark intimated that the advantages of Broom's bench had received particular attention, and it is pretty certain that the rock hauled today will be taken to that site.

North Park (Wyo.) Union: We hope that no North Park man will take a sub-contract off the hands of the eastern bidders, who have so underbid all

former mail contractors that not a mail contract can be carried out at living wages. It is only a few years ago when contracts which now bring \$300 to \$400 brought double that sum and all other routes have correspondingly dropped off in remuneration until no one can do the work and get compensation. Either these eastern contractors have a pull which we know nothing of or else they speculate upon the competition in the neighborhood of the contract route. Let us be firm and not take a single contract and the result will be magical. There is only one way of getting these sharks to keep their hands off, and that is to let them carry out the contracts themselves.

The ice broke and let the mail wagon into the Sevier river this side of Belknap Tuesday morning and Amos Neilson, the contractor, had great difficulty in getting his horses and mail out of the river. The water did not get up into the wagon box so the mail didn't get wet, but in rescuing the horses Mr. Neilson got thoroughly wet and he nearly froze before he could get to the depot to a fire. The road to Belknap is very dangerous during the winter time and if the railroad company does not extend their road south, they should see to it that the wagon road is kept in good repair. As it is, many of the people south of here cross over to the U. P. railroad at Milford. The mail carriers do not find their job this time of year a balmy life of ease.

The cold wave that has been passing over Utah the past week did not overlook the Vale. The mercury crawled away down into the bulb of thermometers that were not built for a cold climate. Others though Wednesday morning registered as low as 23 below zero. It was not as cold up in the mountains as in the valley, the thermometer at the Crystal mine, which is 9,000 feet above sea level, only registered 10 below when it was 23 in Marysvale.

Mrs. M. J. Lyon returned home from Salt Lake City Sunday night. While there she sold a piece of her Salt Lake property at a figure that would make most of our readers feel like they were rich if they had the amount.

Samuel L. Page, our county attorney, went to Salt Lake City Wednesday to make an argument before the State land board on a contested case.

The Stake superintendency and the city officers of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations met at the Fourteenth ward Assembly rooms Wednesday evening, February 2nd, in regular monthly meeting.

There were present Superintendent R. R. Lyman, Councillor Joseph F. Merrill, Corresponding Secretary W. G. Sears, aids G. S. McAllister, L. R. Wells, D. J. Lang, Joseph A. West, T. A. Clawson, F. M. Lyman, Jr., together with forty-nine ward representatives. The Second, Third, Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Eighteenth, Twenty-second, Brighton and Center wards were not represented. Of the county associations Pleasant Green and East Mill Creek sent representatives.

President Ray Van Cott of Farmers ward conducted the model lesson from lesson 8 of the Manual.

Councillor Merrill briefly explained the object of the blank reports to be filled out by the ward presidents, secretaries and aids, and reviewed the class on rules of catechism; also requested that announcement of lectures be made more general, with a view of securing a larger attendance.

Superintendent Lyman criticised the exercises in his usual amusing yet im-

pressive manner, requested a more prompt reply to letters sent out, and emphasized the more important facts brought out by the lesson and subsequent instructions.

The secretary called attention to the fact that several associations had not reported on the Improvement fund.

Elder George M. Cannon of the Forest Dale association, was announced as the conductor of next meeting's lesson.

J. B. HIGGS, Secretary.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 4.

On Wednesday last Elder Charles Strong was brought home from the Colorado mission field, suffering from inflammatory rheumatism. He is now stopping with his brother-in-law, James Earnshaw, at 706 west, First North street. The afflicted missionary was brought home by Elder Pack, who had to carry his companion half a mile to the nearest railroad station.

Zecharias W. Derrick, an old and respected citizen of the Twelfth ward of this city, died somewhat suddenly at his residence, 564 east Second South street yesterday at the age of eighty-four years.

The deceased came to Utah in the early history of the settlement of the Territory. He was a machinist and pattern maker by occupation, and was for a long time employed on the public works of this city. He was strictly honest and upright in his dealings with men, and was a faithful member of the Church. He was, for many years, president of the Second quorum of Seventy.

The death of the oldest and only remaining child of Elder William Green and wife of the Fifth ward of this city occurred at the family residence, 438 west, Seventh South street, at 8 o'clock this morning. The child's name was Elizabeth Zelma, and her age was 4 years. The cause of death was congestion of the mastoid cells. There were but two children in the family, and now both are dead, the youngest having passed away a week ago. To add to the great grief of the parents, the father is absent from home, being on a mission in England, where he has been laboring for the past twenty months. The mother is overwhelmed with the double bereavement that has overtaken her in the absence of her husband. Brother and Sister Green have the sincere sympathy of the community in the affliction that has befallen them.

The different wards in the Davis Stake are falling into line, and are giving their aged residents their annual winter treat. The last one to do honor to the pioneer residents was Bishop Grant's section of the Bountiful municipality. The hall was tastefully decorated, for which the committee in charge deserve great credit. The tables were loaded down with eatables and efficiently served by the ladies in charge. It looked more like a swell drawing room party than a mixed gathering in a country meeting house. There were but three or four present past 80. Mrs. Atkinson being the oldest; she was in her eighty-ninth year. More than the usual number of widows in addition to those over 70 made up the audience.

Generally young folks are selected to entertain such assemblages, but not so in West Bountiful; the old folks made the program very interesting. There were songs in the French and Welsh languages, choice readings, short amusing stories, with cheering talk from President Hess and his counselors. Two members of the Old Folks' committee from Salt Lake added their mite to the entertainment. A halo of peace, love and good will filled the building; no more joyous body of grey