

outcry of the victims within, if any. There were strenuous efforts made to convey the patients to cottages for safe keeping. This was accomplished with the utmost difficulty.

Great fear was felt lest the fire should spread across to the south wing, where nearly seven hundred men are confined. Preparations were immediately made to remove the men if it became necessary.

Inside the south wing, from the moment the flames came out, the wildest excitement prevailed. Seven hundred crazy men tore about their rooms, yelling like demons.

Hundreds of People from Pontiac and vicinity joined in the fight with the flames at this juncture, and, by a most stubborn resistance, the wing was saved. Aside from this everything save the chapel, hospital and engine-house, was destroyed. A number of women who were in the section of the building first destroyed were severely burned on being removed, but prompt attention averted any serious consequences. James Lyon, Frederick Linton and another attendant whose name could not be learned had a narrow escape while fighting the flames on the fourth floor. Unknown to them the fire surrounded the spot at which the men were working and, only when they found every avenue of escape closed except one small window, did they think of their safety. When the flames were nearing them, a long ladder was raised and the men rescued, just as they were on the point of falling back into the raging furnace. A number of other narrow escapes occurred and but few of the attendants escaped without severe burns or other injuries.

It is difficult to obtain accurate figures on the loss. One of the board of trustees of the asylum estimates it at not less than \$500,000. The patients must, for several days at least, suffer great hardship. The kitchen is among the destroyed buildings and some time must elapse before the culinary department can be re-established and the lunatics properly fed.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 27.—The *Democrat's* Pontiac special says: The situation at the burned insane asylum has improved today. The inmates have found quarters in the neighboring asylum cottages and in houses which the citizens placed at the disposal of the asylum authorities. The injured have greatly improved, and a search revealed but one inmate missing, a man named Steele, from Detroit. The trustees will begin rebuilding at once.

### FARMERS' PROTECTION.

If we visit a farming village where mostly all are farmers and producers, and thoroughly investigate its financial condition, we find at the present time that only in part are they able to make ends meet. Their average expenditure for food per capita is not much above 7 cents per day. The utmost economy is needed to make a decent living. For not a few it is a hardship to pay our excessive taxes. Our food and raiment are of the simplest kind. Our houses have no signs of luxury. Public buildings are very modest in appearance. Many are in debt to stores and implement sellers, besides having encumbrances in the shape of mort-

gages. In short, on an average, we are poor.

If we visit some headcentres of trade, etc., we find quite the reverse. Here everything has an air of money and plenty: fine palaces, grand structures, and everything else in proportion.

Why this difference?

Is it because the producer's production makes him poor, and the consumer's consumption makes him rich?

Is it because the producer should be poor, and the consumer should be rich?

Out here we are of that bumble opinion, that producers have neglected to unite and protect themselves financially and commercially. And we have to suffer for it, until the remedy is applied.

We are simple enough to think that our main financial trouble is caused from getting too little for what we sell, and paying too much for what we buy. The way out, as we were told last spring, is to buy as little as possible, and hope for better times. C. A. M.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Sixteen hundred bales of cotton burned tonight in the railroad yards at the foot of Rutger street. Loss, \$50,000.

London, Dec. 27.—A Singapore dispatch says Pekin official advices report severe fighting with rebels December 3rd to the 7th, in which 3000 rebels were killed and fifty leaders beheaded.

Vienna, Dec. 27.—A wealthy man named Hambeek, of Gratz, shot his sons, aged six, and seven, and then committed suicide, having an idea that his sons, who stammered, had a hereditary taint of insanity.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—It is discovered that the flour for the famine relief, which the municipality purchased at exorbitant rates, is adulterated until it is unfit for food.

### OBITUARY.

JONES.—Jane Edmunds, daughter of Davis and Mary Jones, died at Wales, Sanpete county, Utah, Dec. 5, 1891, of bronchitis; aged 59 years and 9 months.

Deceased embraced the Gospel in Georgetown, Merthyr Tydvil, Glamorganshire, Wales, in the year 1849. She was married to Nathaniel Edmunds on December 6th, 1851, and emigrated to Utah in April, 1856, in the company of Captain Dan Jones. They crossed the plains in Edward Bunker's handcart company in the summer of 1856, arriving at Salt Lake City October 2nd, 1856, and settled in Spanish Fork. In 1859 they went to settle in Wales, Sanpete county, where they resided ever since, with the exception of a short period when they had to move to Moroni City for protection from the Indians at the time of Indian hostilities. Deceased was the mother of eight children, five of whom, with fifteen grandchildren and her aged husband are left, with other relatives and friends, to mourn her loss. She was always an affectionate mother and a loving wife, and died as she had lived, a faithful and true Latter-day Saint, and in full hope of a glorious resurrection.

*Millennial Star* and *Welsh papers*, please copy.

### DEATHS.

LOVELL.—At Mona, Juab county, Utah, December 18th, 1891, of old age, James Lovell, formerly of the Huncorn and St. Helen's branches of the Liverpool Conference. He was a member of the High Priests' quorum.

*Millennial Star*, please copy.

BALSER.—December 15, 1891, of diphtheria, Emma S., daughter of Louis J. and Harriet J. Balser; aged 7 years and 29 days.

Also on December 16, of diphtheria, Louis E. son of Louis J. and Harriet J. Balser; aged 2 years, 6 months and 26 days.

JENKINSON.—In the Twentieth ward of this city, December 15, 1891, after two days' illness, of membranous croup, Isabel, twin daughter of Samuel and Lena Hardy Jenkinson; aged 13 months and 24 days.

NEWMAN.—On Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at 6:30 p. m., of Bronchitis, Joseph Willard, son of Stephen J. and Hannah Newman, aged 3 years.

CAWKWELL.—In Union, at the residence of her grandson, Alfred Bull, Mary Scott Cawkwell, widow of the late Wm. Scott Cawkwell; born in Skelton, Yorkshire, England, August 24, 1816; migrated to Utah in 1873.

MATHISON.—In this city, December 19th, at 6 o'clock a. m., Jane McGowen, wife of George Mathison. Deceased was born in Glasgow, Scotland, September 1st, 1854. Funeral services from residence, 166 R street, Monday, December 21st, at 2 o'clock p. m.

SCHOFIELD.—In the Twentieth Ward, this city, at 3:30 a. m., Dec. 19th, 1891, Susannah Hewitt Schofield, wife of Elder John Schofield.

Deceased was born in Ultheroe, Lancashire, England, August 3rd, 1827, being 61 years, 4 months and two weeks old. She was baptized in Bolton, England, in 1842, and emigrated to Utah in 1882. She has been a very great sufferer for many years, but has patiently submitted to her fate. Her faith and love for the Gospel was never shaken and her life has exhibited a trust in God and His power that is absolutely sublime.

McLELLAND.—On the 17th inst., at 3:25 p. m., of heart failure, Eva, wife of Edward McLeelland, and daughter of Thomas and Mary Morton; born March 16th, 1861, at Federal Creek, Morgan Co., Ohio.

The deceased came to Utah with her parents when four years old, and from that time until quite recently (when she removed with her husband to Farmer's ward) had resided in the Third ward of this city. She leaves a husband and six children (the youngest of whom is six months old) to mourn her loss. One child had previously passed away.

RYAN.—In this city, Dec. 18th, 1891, at 9:20 a. m., of bronchitis, Emma, daughter of John and Emma Ryan; aged 1 year and 8 months. Detroit papers please copy.

GRAVES.—At Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 11th, 1891, of old age, Winthrop Graves; aged 87 years. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. A. M. Flagg, 165 Bainbridge street, and was attended by many friends. The remains were interred in Woodland cemetery. Deceased was for many years a member of the Church, and died in full faith of the Gospel.

STAFFORD.—In Salt Lake City, December 21st, of strangulated hernia, Stephen Stafford, in the 5th year of his age.

PERKES.—Charlotte Lowe, Relict of Henry Perkes, died in this city on Sunday Dec. 20th, after a lingering illness, the result of a stroke of paralysis.

She was born in Birmingham, England, July 24th, 1813.

KING.—Oct. 26th, 1891, at Bishop Culbert King's residence in Coyote, Garfield County, Sarah E. Pratt King; born May 31st, 1826. She was the daughter of Apostle Parley F. Pratt and Sarah Hinson Pratt, and was the mother of six children.

WATSON.—In Salt Lake City, December 23rd, 1891, of diphtheria, Robert S. and Clarence E., aged respectively eleven and three years, son of James and Amelia Watson, of the Fifteenth Ward.

WARDROBE.—In this city, at 3:30 a. m., December 24th, 1891, from heart failure, Ellen C. Wardrobe, wife of John Wardrobe; and daughter of John L. and Abba Rumei. Deceased was a native of this city and was born March 25th, 1864.

GOODFELLOW.—In this city, December 23, of bronchitis, Willard Roy, infant son of Jesse and Hannah Goodfellow; aged 13 months.

BOURNE.—In this city, Dec. 22, at 2 a. m., of lung trouble after an illness of thirteen months, Erma Maud, daughter of George E. and Anna Olsen Bourne; aged 5 years, 1 month and 22 days.

MULLINER.—At Peoa, Summit County, December 18th, after a severe spell of sickness, William Mulliner; aged 65 years.

PEART.—In Farmers ward, Salt Lake county, December 22nd, 1891, Mark, son of Jacob and Margaret Peart; aged 9 years, 10 months and 15 days.