

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 5.

The mortal remains of Hon. Albert Spencer, whose sad demise at his home in Taylorsville, was chronicled in last evening's "News" were laid to rest in the City cemetery this afternoon, the obsequies being held at the Taylorsville assembly rooms this forenoon, beginning at 10 o'clock. The services were largely attended, many persons being unable to secure admission owing to the vast outpouring of people, who, with bowed heads, heavy hearts and subdued speech assembled to pay their last respects to a man whom they had learned to reverence and love. Among those present were many Salt Lakers, nearly all of the county officials being in attendance. The speakers from the city were D. C. Dunbar, B. F. Lloyd, Francis Armstrong, Jos. L. Rawlins, Elder Joseph E. Taylor and Congressman King. All referred feelingly to the worth of the deceased, and all paid high tribute to his memory.

The unfortunate end of poor Ed Blackett is a regrettable occurrence. The particulars so far as can be learned are: That Edward Blackett, a well known resident in this city retired to his home at about twelve o'clock Wednesday evening and went to bed unobserved by his wife and family, who were in the adjoining room. From what can be learned, the deceased gentleman got up a little later, and about one o'clock the report of a pistol shot startled the neighborhood the groans of Mr. Blackett arousing his family, who found him on the bed with his clothes on and a 32-caliber pistol laying at his side. Medical aid was summoned and it was found the bullet from the pistol had entered Mr. Blackett's left breast about one inch below the heart, penetrating his left lung and lodging in the backbone, from which place it was extracted, near to the skin. Further particulars which have been mentioned to me seem to indicate that the shooting was accidental, as when he was told he would die, he was asked whether he did the act accidentally or otherwise, and the answer he gave was that he shot himself, but that it was done accidentally. Ed was well known and belongs to a respected family who were among the early settlers in Utah. He leaves a wife and three children and three step-children. It is a most sorrowful occurrence and one which throws a wide circle of relatives and friends in the throes of gloom. Ed was well liked and we do not think he had an enemy in the world, if he did that enemy was himself. I am sure the sympathy of the public is extended to the family and friends in this hour of their bereavement, and on this head, I on behalf of the Republic, join. Requiescat in pace.—Nephi Republic.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 6.

Provo, Utah, Oct. 6, 1898.—This morning about 7 o'clock Mrs. W. M. Wolf was seized with an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, which resulted in death in a short time. Mrs. Wolfe has suffered from consumption for several years, but her sudden death came very unexpectedly to her relatives and friends here. She was an estimable young lady about 27 years of age and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson of the First ward. Her husband, Prof. Wolfe, is away from home on a hunting trip. No arrangements will be made

The home of City Recorder Bachman and wife was made sad this morning by the death of their two and a half year old son, Melvin. The little

fellow was as well as usual up to Monday last, when he was stricken down with a throat trouble, and notwithstanding the fact that he had the best of care, medical and otherwise, he passed away at 10:45 a.m. today. The funeral cortege will leave the family residence at 11 a.m. tomorrow. The services will be private.

Mr. and Mrs. Bachman have the sympathy of a host of friends in the unexpected bereavement which has overtaken them.

Silver City, Utah, Oct. 6.—A sad accident occurred at Silver City at noon today at the mouth of the Martha Washington mine, two of the employees meeting their death. They were Carl Zeuckswert and A. N. Beaman, a youth of 18 years. The cause of the fatality was the turning over of a skiff by reason of it having jumped the track, while being hoisted from the mine. Both bodies are horribly mangled, and almost cut to pieces. Young Beaman is a resident of Dragon Hollow, about four miles from Silver City, and the son of Mr. Beaman, a well known miner of Dragon Hollow.

Joseph Austin Walton, the 15-year-old lad who was seriously injured in a runaway last Tuesday evening, in Salt Lake City, unfortunately succumbed to his injuries at the Holy Cross hospital last night, to which institution he was conveyed soon after the accident. The lad had been employed, for some time past, as driver for Godbe-Pitts Drug company, and was engaged in the discharge of his duties when a number of boys ran out into the street, throwing up their hats, and frightening the animal which he drove. The horse immediately sprang forward and broke into a run, dashing against a telephone pole and injuring both the legs and arms of the boy. He was picked up and conveyed to the hospital, where treatment necessary to restoration in those cases was given, but without avail. The boy died from the effects of the shock. His parents are naturally overcome with grief at the termination of the affair.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 7.

The "News" received a pleasant call this morning from Hon. George F. Bucher of Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Mr. Bucher is supervisor of the Uintah forest reserve with headquarters at Coalville, Summit county, where he has been stationed for the past two months. He is congratulating himself on the fact that while forest fires have been sweeping the reserves of other states that the one under his jurisdiction has been almost entirely free from such visitations. One reason for this, he says, is the fact that sheep have been running on the reservation. It is against the law for them to do so, and he has been compelled to remove many of them. Still he considers them the best possible means of preventing fires in the forests in that they consume the vegetation that becomes dry in the fall and burns at the drop of the first spark or application of the first torch. He says he shall recommend to the department at Washington as a matter of safety to the reserves, that the government lease the mountain lands to sheep men for a small rental.

This is Mr. Bucher's first visit to Salt Lake, and he was accompanied to this office by Attorney Moyer who came to Utah from Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Mr. Bucher is the father-in-law of Mr. Charles S. Tate, well known in local

mining circles. He will return home in November next.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 10.

Tuesday afternoon at the Copper Center Tunnel, Upper Bingham, a dozen sticks of giant powder exploded in the blacksmith shop and completely demolished the building, some of the flying fragments landing many feet away. There was a box of giant containing thirty to forty sticks in the place, which, very singularly, although wrecked and scattered did not explode. The cause of the accident is a mystery. The powder was at a safe distance from the forge, in which there was little if any fire. W. A. Hicks had just entered the tunnel and was out of harm's way, and W. J. Cox was in advance of him. The boys are congratulating themselves on their narrow escape.—Bingham Bulletin.

The "News" is requested to publish the following:

A branch of the "A. F. A." for teaching the French language to all adults who wish to learn it, will be opened this week at Templeton building. The "Alliance" is a national organization founded by Frenchmen and Americans (with the ultimate purpose to draw closer the bonds of sympathy already existing between the two sister republics) for the propagation of the French language and its literature among Americans and of the English amongst the French. Its central idea is that of bringing these studies within the reach of those who long for culture but are deprived of opportunity. Morning and evening sessions of the institute will be held and the French tongue will be taught in a conversational form by words in daily use only. It will be a great opportunity for those intending to visit the Paris exhibition who will find it most convenient to know something about the French tongue, at least enough to ask for the common necessities of life.

A free musical and literary soiree as an opening will be given next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at Assembly Hall. Dr. J. E. Talmage, acting as chairman. A lecture on Napoleon and Josephine, illustrated with 80 magnificent stereopticon views will be given by Dr. A. Muzzarelli, director of the Alliance, who will bring out the real character of the great conqueror apart from his military genius.

The "News" had the pleasure during Conference of meeting Bishop Geo. L. Farrell of Smithfield, Cache county, and gleaned a few items concerning his gigantic farming operations. Bishop Farrell is the promoter and pioneer of "dry farming" in Cache valley, and has now under cultivation and summer fallow over one thousand acres of "dry farming" land on the west side of the valley, from a portion of which he has just finished threshing 14,300 bushels of No 1 wheat, 60 pounds to the bushel. He also made some 200 tons of fine lucern hay and harvested about 6,500 pounds or 100 bushels, of lucern seed.

This season has been an exceptionally fine one for farming without irrigation. Bishop Farrell's average crop was thirty-three bushels of wheat to the acre. His average last season was but twenty-three bushels per acre. Considering the lessened cost of unirrigated farming, from irrigated farms, these yields are far more profitable than the average production of Utah farms. The work on the dry farm is easier, and the soil is put in good title with much less labor and responds as readily to good culture as the irrigated farm.

From long practice, Bishop Farrell has demonstrated that light seeding is better than heavy seeding on the dry farm. His best results followed the sowing of three pecks of wheat to the acre;