

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Geo. Winters, deputy city clerk of Stockton, Cal., made an ineffectual attempt to kill himself Saturday. He fired five shots at his head from a revolver, but was so nervous from the effects of a New Year's spree that the only injury he received was where a bullet grazed the skin of the forehead.

James D. Hope, a barkeeper, aged 35 years, committed suicide at Los Angeles Saturday by shooting himself through the head. Despondency from ill-health was the cause. A note was found in his room requesting the coroner to wire his brother, Frank G. Hope, Glenwood Springs, Colo., but not to telegraph to his mother.

The request comes from the headquarters of the Colorado mission of the Church that the NEWS and other papers throughout the State publish the request that all persons residing in these valleys who have friends residing in Colorado who would like to have the Elders traveling in that state call upon them, kindly forward the addresses of such to Elder Herbert A. White, 878, corner South Corona and Kentucky streets, Denver, Colorado.

PLEASANT GROVE, Jan. 1, 1897.—Seth Milton Robison, son of Lewis and Mary J. Robison, died at his mother's residence here yesterday from enlargement of the heart. Mr. Robison was born at Fort Bridger, Utah, May 11, 1857, his father being then in charge of that historical old fort. Seth was called to strengthen the settlements of Bear Lake county, Idaho, in connection with several of his brothers and had resided there for a number of years and until advised by his physician to come south in hopes a change would be beneficial. Mr. Robison married his deceased brother's wife by whom he has five children; he was possessed with a genial disposition which won for him the respect of all who came in contact with him. Funeral will be held Saturday, Jan. 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. Sister Robison and her children have the sympathy of numerous relations and friends.

Elder Edwin J. Winder of Mill Creek called on the NEWS and reported his return from the British mission, for which part of the globe he left September 8, 1894, returning on the 23rd inst. Elder Winder was first assigned to the London conference where he labored for seventeen months, being afterwards called to preside over the Leeds conference in which position he remained until his release. He says the London conference is in a fairly prosperous condition, while the Leeds conference is as good as any in the mission. A great indifference is manifest among the people as a whole with regard to the Gospel message, but there are a few who treat the Elders with much kindness and bid them welcome to their homes. The missionaries are mostly in the enjoyment of good health and are becoming enthusiasts in the holding of open-air meetings—a move which is having a good effect.

Elder Z. T. Derrick, of the Twelfth ward of this city, who returned with Elder Winder, also called on the NEWS. Elder Derrick left home Nov.

10, 1894, and on arrival in Great Britain was assigned to labor in the Newcastle conference, traveling in the Stockton, Middlesbrough and South Shields districts. He was well treated by the people and met with good success. His health was good, and he enjoyed his missionary labors. He arrived home Dec. 23.

ST. DAVID, Arizona,  
December 21, 1896.

There is some excitement in this vicinity regarding the striking of an oil well. Experts who have made an examination pronounce it of an excellent quality.

Bishop Peter A. Lefgreen had been looking for artesian water on his land and had reached a depth of 260 feet when it was found that a peculiar substance was adhering to the rope and tools. Further investigation proved this to be a brown oil, that would burn and smelled like petroleum.

The well will be further developed and then I will write you more particulars.

The health of our community is generally pretty good.

The work on water ditches is progressing.

We now have about fourteen flowing artesian wells, and every one seems to think that better days are coming.

A. B.

Iron County Record: Several pieces of property were sold in Cedar by the collectors to pay the city and county tax on the same. This is a new experience in Cedar, something that has not occurred in years, if ever before. \* \* \* \* Christmas morning Will Lunt's little 4-year-old son met with a very painful accident while expecting the contents of his stocking, that had been left by Santa Claus. The stocking was hanging at the fire-place, and as there was a fire in the grate the child must have got too near, for in some way its nightdress took fire and was soon in a blaze. Will was attracted by the screams of the child and soon extinguished the flames and covered the boy up in bed to keep the air from its burns; not however without injury to himself. One of his hands was so badly burned that the outside rubbed off, and Dr. Middleton had to be called in to dress it. In fact Will seems to have suffered more than the child, and has had to carry his band in a sling all week.

The following official report tells its own story:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,

Dec. 31st, 1896.

Honorable Morgan Richards, Auditor  
State of Utah:

Dear Sir—Herewith please find duplicate receipt for \$1,684.69 which we have this day paid to the State treasurer, same being unexpended amount of appropriation made by the last Legislature for contingent expenses. The amount appropriated by the Legislature was \$40,000, as shown by different warrants issued by you, the last of which warrants (being for \$2,000) was yesterday paid by the State treasurer and the last bill known to us then

paid, same being a bill for printing of the emergency laws, which the secretary of State was directed by the Legislature to have printed.

Yours truly

GEORGE M. CANNON,

President of State Senate.

FRESLEY DENNY,

Speaker of House of Representatives.

Henry A. Niedenhofen of Butte committed suicide in this city Sunday, by jumping from the roof of the Wey hotel to the ground, a distance of forty-five feet. Death was instantaneous.

Deceased was on a visit here, and had been stopping at the hotel for the past month. He was accompanied by his wife—a bride of but a few weeks—who is distracted at his fearful ending. He was only thirty years old, and for some time past had been suffering with nervous prostration.

Mr. Niedenhofen was well known in Butte. He was clerk of the district court of Bow county, and was prominent in political circles. About two months ago he married a Miss Talbot, daughter of a Butte City banker.

Coroner Offenbach held an inquest on Monday and the jury found that Wiedenhausen came to his death "from hemorrhage of the brain caused by a fall from the Holmes building, while suffering from dementia or nervous prostration and the same was not felonious."

On New Year's day the people of the Fifteenth ward regaled themselves in a reunion which lasted from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 12 o'clock in the evening.

At the former hour the old folks of the ward were driven in carriages from their homes to the meeting house. The house was nicely decorated and the tottering guests were made happy by partaking of a sumptuous repast and listening to the rendition of an excellent musical program. During the afternoon Bishop Elias Morris in a few well chosen words, presented Brothers Jed Ashton and James F. Griggs with a watch and chain each, attesting in this manner the ward's appreciation of their able services as musical director and ward organist respectively. The two brethren responded to the gifts in fitting terms.

At five o'clock the old folks were driven back to their homes and the hall was thrown open to the children of the ward. They feasted and enjoyed themselves in a similar manner until the hour of nine, when their larger brothers and sisters were given the same privilege, the day's merriment closed with a social dance.

The day was one which will be long and pleasantly remembered by the people of the Fifteenth ward, and much credit is due to those who had the management in hand.

At the regular Sunday evening meeting held in the Fourth ward, Salt Lake City, Elders Thomas Corless and Charles Knight resigned and were honorably released as counselors to Bishop Harrison Sperry, owing to being feeble in health and getting quite aged. For their good and faithful service rendered the Bishop and the ward for many years, words of the highest commendation concerning these brethren were spoken, and they were released with the blessings of the