

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 6.

The last sad rites over the remains of Hyrum Beck were conducted yesterday afternoon from the family residence. The speakers were Bishop Beattie and Bishop Whitney of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards respectively both of whom expressed us of comfort and consolation to the bereaved. Sweet singing was furnished by a quartet made up of Messrs. Ashworth, Pyper, Spencer and Patrick, with Prof. Frank Merrill at the organ. Interment was at the city cemetery. Bishop O. F. Whitney dedicating the grave.

Last Monday morning while Geo. Ockey and John Cowan were unloading a car of coal at the depot at this city, an old shoe was found in which the following is a copy:

Oct. 23, 1897.

We the undersigned being near death's door and wishing to free an innocent man hereby confess to the murder of Minnie Williams and Blanch Lamont. We are starving to death in the Mts. near Carson City.

W. S. PHILLIP.  
C. JONES.

This slipper belonged to Durant in where you find this note. Please tell the officers as soon as possible.

W. S. P. age 28.

C. J. " 30.

The letter was written on a piece of ordinary note paper and bears the mark of time. It is viewed in the light of a fake by witnesses, but if it is true it is too late to be of any use to Durant.—Nephi Republic.

Hon. Anthony W. Ivins, formerly of St. George, Utah, and now president of the Mormon mission in Mexico, with headquarters at Colonia Juarez, is in the city attending Conference. To a "News" man he said today that the Mormon colonists in Mexico were in a decidedly happy, prosperous condition. Their numerical strength is about two thousand.

Elder Ivins says he recently purchased 40,000 acres of agricultural and grazing lands for colonization purposes. This acquisition is a valuable one and will greatly benefit the colonists who are constantly and industriously carrying on development work in the way of building up the country, which is a good one for men of energy and brawn. As yet the opportunities for professional men are not promising, but all who are accustomed to frontier-life and who can endure hardships incidental thereto can soon become prosperous.

As an evidence of the prosperity of the people in Colonia Juarez, he says there are none among them who are in want, none who are out of employment; all who want work can get it. They are paid in Mexican money, of course, but he says the people are thoroughly satisfied with it, as it answers all the purposes of exchange. Every man owns his own home, and better still, it is free from mortgage in every instance. A steady accession to the population is going on, and the indications are that the increase of immigration will continue until a magnificent commonwealth springs into existence.

Elder Andrew Kimball, president of the St. Joseph Stake, Arizona, came in from that section of country yesterday looking and feeling well, and in a happy mood over conditions as they now are in what he terms one of the best garden spots of the nation, over which he was called to preside something like three months ago.

Elder Kimball called on the "News" shortly after his arrival and related a very interesting story as to conditions in general in that section. On going down there two months ago he imagined that his trip was taking him to a jumping-off place, so vague was his conception of the country mentioned. Now, however, things are different, he has seen it as it is, and, to use his own words, has been happily disappointed in everything. "We have good people" says Elder Kimball, "good soil and good conditions generally, there being a prosperous and progressive community with social conditions of the very best."

The Gila Valley in which Elder Kimball lives, covers an area of 40x70 miles. The soil is rich and productive, there is a good water supply, and all that is needed is energy and a little funds to bring it into subjection. There is room for good tradesmen and professional men, and all such who have any desire to get into a new country, make new homes and grow up with it, Elder Kimball would be very pleased to meet before returning.

In consequence of the labors of members of the Council of Apostles in the reorganization there about two months ago, there exists a spirit of unity among the people, a day of jubilee has set in, the residents forgiving and being forgiven and trying to live as becometh Latter-day Saints. The spirit of public and personal improvement is manifest to a great extent, and not less than 4,000 shade trees have been planted within a short space of time, each of the ten wards in the Stake arranging for a grove, where meetings can be held in the future.

Elder Kimball came in to attend Conference, and when that is over he will move his family from this city to their new southern home at Thatcher, headquarters of the St. Joseph Stake. He says the erroneous ideas formerly entertained by him concerning Arizona have all been dispelled, and he feels that though he has a good home in Salt Lake, he can establish just as good a home in Arizona and live happy and contented.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 7.

Lehi Banner: Some time ago we had occasion to mention the serious illness of George Harrison and later his removal to a Salt Lake hospital. As the lower limbs and lower part of his body was paralyzed there was but little hope of his recovery when removed but it was his wish. Word was received on Sunday of his death and release from earthly cares and sorrows. He leaves a wife and large family.

Mr. Harrison was a resident of this city for a number of years before taking up his abode at Lehi. He emigrated to Salt Lake from Wales.

Lehi Banner: A. D. Rhodes expects to leave for La Grande, Or., this week. He is one of the best drill men here and will assist in planting beets for the La Grande factory. He expects to be gone six months or more.

Superintendent Austin of the Sugar company made a trip through the southern beet districts last week. He says nearly all the land is now ready for planting and is in fine condition. He says the Lehi farmers have prepared their land better than ever before and it is in better condition than the farmers in any other district.

The veterans of the Black Hawk war who reside in Lehi met on Saturday night and perfected a permanent organization with D. W. Thomas captain, D. H. Wilcox, first lieutenant;

Cannon said that it was an exceedingly joyful occasion for him. Everything that had been said was deserved and he knew that Brother Goddard would be faithful until the end and that the time would come when he would be crowned in the presence of God and the Lamb. He asked the Lord to bless Brother Goddard during the rest of his life with physical vigor and strength to do the work assigned to him.

The surprise of the presentation was so great that Brother Goddard could not speak, but he thanked the Lord for what his eyes had seen and what his hands had received.

Elder Francis M. Lyman spoke on the habit of having the superintendents and their assistants preside in turns and said that this should not be. It was the duty of the superintendent to preside and only in his absence the first assistant, or if the latter was absent the second assistant, should preside.

Second Assistant General Superintendent Karl G. Macer said that the Sunday school Stake conferences should be so conducted that they could be taken as a pattern, as a model. A program should previously be arranged and carried out. The members of the board should be able to see in this way the progress made by the schools.

President Seymour B. Young said that the great purpose of the Sunday schools was to make Latter-day Saints. He also said that he was glad that we did not wait until Brother Goddard was dead to show our appreciation for him.

General Treasurer George Reynolds stated that \$2,860 had been received in nickel donations during the year but that literature for more than this amount by several hundred dollars had been distributed. He also announced that Bible Charts No. 3, illustrating the Life of Christ, had just been received, and read the list of Sunday school conferences for 1898.

General Superintendent George Q. Cannon presented President Joseph F. Smith as a member of the board, who was unanimously received. He said that the Word of God and no other books should be studied in the Sunday schools and that no Sunday school collections should be made for local purposes.

President Joseph F. Smith expressed his gratitude for the recognition and felt grateful for the kindness manifested to Brother Goddard in which he most heartily joined.

Conference was adjourned for one year. In closing the choir sang:

Guide us, O Thou, Great Jehovah,

Benediction by Elder George Teasdale.

News of the probable loss of the schooner Alexandria has been brought to San Francisco by the schooner Kodiak. The Alexandria sailed from that city for Unalaska on February 5, carrying supplies for the North American Trading Co. Capt. Avery was in command of her, with a crew of six men. Fifteen days ago the Kodiak was at Kodiak Island and the Alexandria was then forty-nine days overdue at that point.

The National Athletic Club of San Francisco has practically completed arrangements for a twenty-round contest between Tom Sharkey and Jim Jeffries at the Mechanics Pavilion on May 6. The match is to be for 65 per cent of the gross gate receipts. The fighters' share will be divided in the proportions of 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser. Both men have agreed to accept James Chesley or Alex Gregains as referee. If either consents to act his name will be inserted in the articles of agreement which are to be signed today (Tuesday).