### A Long Life Ended.

At her residence in Farmington, yesterday noon, Mrs. Catherine Thomas passed away at the advanced age of 89 years. Her illness extended but a few hours, the first illness preventing itself on Friday evening; from then until her demise she sank, until she passed into the "last deep sleep."

Mrs. Thomas came to Utah from her England home with her late husband Robert Thomas in 1860, since which time she lived in Farmington. She early became a member of the Farmington Relief Society, of which she was always an active member. She was the mother of ten children, but two of whom survive her, Mrs. Henry Smithwick of Farmington and Mrs. Alma Hayes of Georgetown, Idaho. She leaves 37 grandchildren and great-grandchildren in mourn her loss. The deceased died at the fine age of 89 years. Her funeral will be held in the Farmington ward meeting house tomorrow at 2 p. m.

### County Court Matters.

The county commissioners met late on Saturday afternoon last and fixed the schedule of salaries for the ensuing term of county officials.

The law provides that the board must fix the salaries of county officials for their respective terms of office, at least three months prior to the general election each year. Commissioner Roberts was of the opinion the schedule should remain as at present. No second was made to this motion, but Commissioner Geddes suggested the following: Clerk, $2,000 per year; sheriff, $2,750; commissioners, $1,600; assessor, 1,700; surveyor, $1,200; superintendent of schools, $1,600; recorder, $1,900.

Commissioner Christopherson would have changed the commissioners salary to $1,800, and the superintendent of schools to $1,400 per year.

At this juncture Mr. Whitmore made known his desires. It was his opinion the individual apportionment of public pay was sufficiently diminutive, for "men must work and baby's shoes come high."

Roberts presented a compromise schedule then later presented his original proposition which was unanimously carried. The schedule of salaries for 1897—98 is as follows:

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| Sheriff | $1,500 |
| Clerk | 1,800 |
| Recorder | 1,500 |
| Assessor | 1,500 |
| Superintendent of schools | 1,200 |
| Commissioners | 1,200 |
| Surveyor | 1,000 |

A claim of $25 was allowed for retaining certain records. Mr. Hamilton was also permitted to employ a clerk at a salary not to exceed $40 per month, from September 1.

County Commissioner Spencer was also granted permission to employ three extra clerks during the busy season.

The board of commissioners respectfully rejected the claim of $250 for the building of the Toledo sealbat, as the bill was not itemized and in the opinion of the majority of the board the claim was exorbitant, and was laid over for another week.

A resolution introduced by Roberts fixes the precincts of justices of the peace and constables as at present.

John Brinton declined to act as registration agent of precinct 31 and John Butler was appointed in his stead.

The contract and bond of Willard and Stewart for the construction of a bridge across the Jordan at Crescent were approved. The bridge is to be completed not later than October 10.

The board then adjourned to meet today at 9 a. m.

### Will Lecture on Pioneer Life.

Mr. P. P. Pratt has just returned from a canvassing and lecturing tour in Tooele county. During his absence of seven days he delivered five lectures, subject, Pioneer Life. His addresses were well received. Having entered the lecture field as a vocation, he contemplates visiting in the near future every village, town and hamlet in the State. His eldest daughter, May, who has a good soprano voice, accompanies him as a vocalist.

### A Pioneer's Family Reunion.

OGDEN, Aug. 28.—A family reunion of the children and the grandchildren of Richard Ballantyne was held in Forty's grove, Ogden, on the 79th anniversary of Mr. Ballantyne's birthday, August 26, 1896. Elder Ballantyne is a noble and well known pioneer who bears the distinction of having opened the first Sunday school in these valleys. His career as a moral, religious, business and civil way is well and favorably known. He has been a busy and fruitful life, and his old days, words we trust may be many, are being spent in the active service of the Church and of the Sabbath schools of Weber county.

The children given him by his companions patiently on the occasion named, indicate that his family love and honor him, and hold him in high respect and esteem.

Nicely printed invitations had been sent, under the directions of Mrs. Micah C. B. Brown, to every member of the family, numbering nearly 125. Early on the morning of the 26th the committee of arrangements, under Richard A. Ballantyne, had every detail in readiness. A table sixty feet in length was set under the shadow of the beautiful box elder trees. There were numerous swings for large and small, croquets, hammocks and pieces for games. By 10 o'clock there were present besides the honored heads of the family, Richard, Mary P., and Caroline Ballantyne, sixty-two grandchildren, fourteen children and eleven sons and daughters-in-law. There were also present during the day, two sisters—Mrs. Jane B. Taylor, aged 88 years, and her daughter, Annie M. Hyde, of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Annie M. Quayle, aged 71, of Ogden, and Richard J. Taylor, wife and son. There were thus 93 persons who sat down and partook of the bountiful supply of refreshments.

During the preparation of dinner, under the able direction of Mrs. Mary Stewart Ballantyne, the children enjoyed themselves with games, swinging croquets, and other amusements, led and assisted by the older boys and girls. It was a grand sight to behold—the little tots were at first scarcely acquainted with each other, so many live at a distance from Ogden, and in different wards of the city, but soon they began to feel like cousins, like one family, and had a glorious time together in their play. No less pleasant and inspiring was the sight at the table, with honored grandpa at the head where he could look down the long line and behold so many of his children and grandchildren. His and their enjoyment was supreme.

Dinner over, more time was spent in amusements, rest and recreation, until 8 o'clock, when a program, with Edward H. Anderson as master of ceremonies, was presented, all having been comfortably seated in chairs, a natural elevation, upon which was seated the seats of families, serving as a stand. Miss Aldiers Ballantyne presided as organist, and Mr. S. Ballantyne as leader of the singing. A touching and appropriate prayer was offered by Mr. R. A. Ballantyne. Sunday school and original songs were read and sung with spirit and feeling. Letters of regret were read from some of the absent members—Judeitah and Helen who are in Oregon—and a beautiful poem from Mary E. B. Farr, of St. Johns, Arizona, also a note from Mr. Louis A. Weil, from Pocatello, Idaho. Joseph, who is in New York City studying music, was kindly remembered. Then came recitations, comic and serious, from little tots and large. A class of grandchildren rendered a pretty selection for gymnasts. Prof. L. F. Moench made a humorous address, and Elder Ballantyne made a happy and feeling response, thanking his family for the honor shown to him. He thanked God and was glad to say that all his children were members of the Church and that all were noble men and women. He impressed the necessity of living God-like lives, and invoked God's blessing upon his children and his children's children in all their generations.

It was suggested that a committee be appointed for a similar reunion next year, and the following six eldest children were selected to act: Richard A., Zachariah and Thomas H. Ballantyne, and Micah C. B. Brown, Mary E. B. and Josephine Farr.

The program over, the supper table was sought, and all enjoyed another feast together. Ice cream and lemonade were the fine served. And so with joy upon every visage ended the 79th anniversary of Richard Ballantyne's birthday. The following persons were present besides those already named:

Richard A., Mary A. S., M. Dalton, Louie H., Richard S., Alonzo H., Leona, Geneva, Florinda and Hilma Ballantyne; John T. Ballantyne, whose wife and children were unavoidably absent; Zenorah, Martha, Rubinon, Zachariah Jr., Hector O., Alliaeris, Jane, Eva, Josephine, William, Mary, Aaron, Edward, Rachel J., David R., Frances and Joseph B. Ballantyne; L. F. Moench, Annie B., David, Louie and Arianna Moench; Austin C., Micah C. B., Mariah, Annie, Dennis, Joseph, Louie, Mary and Hortes Brown; Jesse G., Rose, Jesse G. Jr., Ina M., Pearl, Ray, Ruby and Clyde Stratford; Belle, Lewis A., Richard, Pearl, Eugene R. and Henry West; Edward H., Jane S., Edward H. Jr., David, Hugo Earl and Virgil B. Anderson; James E., Sarah A., Franklin and William Ballantyne; Henry J., Eliza A., Richard H., Ethel, Edna and Iona Garner; Thomas H., Martha C., Thomas Lacy, Varnel, Lionel and Juanita Ballantyne; Marcus, Josephine B., Josephine, Marcus, Lionel, Beatrice and Lotta Farr; Brigham Ballantyne; Louie Ballantyne; May Jensen; Clara Carrington.

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### Garden City Notes.

Mr. Louis Loud, the Salt Lake traveling man, was in the city Saturday. He and a Mr. Howard were the men who found Sam Yost, the escaped from the insane asylum last Tuesday morning, at Current creek, and brought him to Heber, where they arrived Wednesday night and handed Yost over to Constable Wilkins Thursday morning. Mr. Loud deserves great credit for his action in the matter. When he discovered that Yost was insane, and had escaped from the asylum, he hired Mr. Richard Harrison, who was coming this way, to haul his trunks in order to make room for the insane man in the back of the wagon.

The following telegram was received here this morning: Deputy Sheriff Fowler went up on the 9:14 Rio Grande Western train to investigate: "CLEAR CREEK, Aug. 31st, 1896.—John A. Blowe, sheriff: My store was broken into last night; three dozen men's underwear, half dozen over shirts, two boxes suspenders, nine pair overall, four pings tobacco, six revolver, lot of men's hose were taken; have no clue. B. E. Robinson."

Saturday afternoon Bishop Evan Wride of the Second ward joined in wedlock the following couples: Mr. Thomas F. Thompson, aged 22, and Miss Zina L. Thompson, aged 24, both of Pleasant Grove; Mr. Wm. J. Stephens, aged 22, of Montpelier, Idaho, and Miss Sallie E. Ferrin, aged 20, of Eden, Weber county.

Judge W. N. Dusenberry is spoken of by prominent Democrats as a strong candidate to come before the Democratic judicial convention on the 23d of September, for the position of Judge of the Fourth judicial district.

Mr. Archer Craven, aged 21, and Miss Mary Eliza Dye have received a marriage license.

## LOGAN.

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### Board of Education's Report.

The report of the president and clerk of the board of education of Logan city was filed at a meeting of the board held on Friday evening, and will be published this week. The report of the president shows that the board's financial condition is much more satisfactory than at any time since Logan became a city of the second class. The finance of the present board has been marked by the strictest regime of economy consistent with the maintenance of the educational matter of the school system. When it entered on its duties there was a deficit in the sinking fund of $900, a $5 sitting indebtedness of about $2,000, and within four months $1,050 would fall due in interest. At that time the per capita cost on the enrollment, for the expense of superintendency and salaries alone, was $26. The board inaugurated the policy of retrenchment and economy by reducing the salaries and emoluments of all its members, of its clerk, of the city superintendent and of all teachers. During the past year the cost of superintendency and teachers was reduced to $20, per capita on the enrollment, and all other expenses were reduced in a corresponding ratio. The result is that the sinking fund has been restored and now has $1,000 loaned out and drawing interest. There is no floating indebtedness nor empty greenback in sight. When all is paid there will still be a balance. The valuation of Logan public school property, at a low estimate, is $71,751.41, against which there is a bonded indebtedness of $45,000. The new superintendent, Miss Jennie Hubbard, the first lady city superintendent of schools in the State, presented her outline of study for the coming year, which was accepted without amendment. The assignment of teachers was also made. Miss Hubbard's salary will be $750; but $50 of this amount will be returned to the board by the Dr. M. Cutler, for her services as instructor in pedagogy to the third-year normal students, who will take lessons in the art of teaching under her superintendence, in the schools of the city. The work in the various grades will be very thorough this year, and the financial condition of the board is such that the schools will most likely run three full terms.

### Official Baseball.

Labor Day will witness a great conflict when the county officials and their opposites, having offices in the court house, meet the newspaper men and printers of Logan on the dam in front of the L. D. S. College campus, to contend for the enjoyment of a game of baseball. The game is to be continued for nine innings, if it takes a week. Both sides pride themselves on superior quality and cash is confident of victory.

### Valley Notes.

The Blaisdell mine near Paradise seems bound to come to the front. The ore continues to increase in richness as the work progresses, and it is reported that a flattering offer has been made on a bonding proposition which includes an option and that another offer has been received by parties who have proposed a trade for division, if they will erect works for the reduction of the ore.

The officers were searching all pedestrian tourists from the north yesterday in the hope of discovering the perpetrators of the burglary committed on the Rational Creek, on Friday night, and removing some of the booty.

Hon. Moses Thatcher has gone up Logan canyon, where he will remain several weeks for the benefit of his health. His appearance has greatly improved during his stay here, and he is feeling much better.

J. H. Goshen is languishing in the county jail as the result of his refusal to pay $50 alimony due his divorced wife. He was incarcerated by order of Judge Hart, but still seems determined not to pay.

Mrs. E. A. Gregory, wife of the manager of the Republican, was called to Salt Lake on Wednesday by the serious illness of her mother. Mr. Gregory followed her on Friday.

Mrs. Stephen Lynch of Salt Lake is visiting Mrs. R. C. Easton, and Mr. James H. Anderson Jr., of the D. & R. G. office, Salt Lake, is with his family, visiting his parents.

The county executive committees of both great national parties met in Logan yesterday; the Democrats in court house and the Republicans in the office of the chairman, V. Rapp.

The government timber agent is still here, and has shut down every mill in the vicinity.

The Utah Poultry company of Salt Lake has established a branch house here.

Miss Elsie Bacon has returned to her home in Framingham, Mass.

Isaac Smith Jr., of E. C. M. L., has gone on a vacation trip to Chicago.


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