

THE DESERET NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

No. 16.

Salt Lake City, Wednesday, May 10, 1882.

Vol. XXXI.

ESTABLISHED 1850.

THE DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

Copy, one year, with postage... \$3.50
" six months, " " " 2.00
" three months, " " " 1.00

THE DESERET NEWS: SEMI-WEEKLY.

Copy, one year, with postage... \$4.00
" six months, " " " 2.00
" three months, " " " 1.00

THE DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Copy, one year, with postage... \$10.50
" six months, " " " 5.25
" three months, " " " 2.65

TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

CAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 2.

Information Wanted.—Mrs. Fan L. Dowd would like to hear her brother, Franklin A. Isbell, last heard from he was in the Address Fanny L. Dowd, Spruce Hill, Monroe County, N. Y. Papers, please copy.

Progressing.—The boy George Pearson whose foot was run at Wood's Cross by the wheel railway car on Saturday last, is doing nicely. The effects of the injury will not be so serious as at first anticipated.

Information Wanted.—Wanted know the whereabouts of Kaniwa, Hawaiian, supposed to be somewhere in America. Last heard of California. Anyone knowing his whereabouts, or time and place of birth, in case of his decease, will please advise J. W. Kaulainamoku, 11 Lake City, Utah. California papers, please copy.

Captain Jack and Sergeant Casey Killed.—On Saturday, Captain Jack, the White River Ute, was killed a few miles from Fort Ashlie, Wyoming, by Lieut. Morgan and a detachment, being caused of inciting other Indians to go on the warpath. He broke away from his captors and entered a cave, where he procured arms. Refusing to come out a lariat was thrown over the tepee for the purpose of pulling it down. Jack promptly shot and killed Sergeant Casey, who held the end of the rope. Lieut. Morgan procured a howitzer, loaded with shell, which he fired into the lodge, demolishing it and killing Jack instantly. Full particulars of the affair were published in a Rawlins Journal extra.

Arrived.—The first company of emigrants, in charge of Elder Donaldson, arrived in this city at 6.30 last evening. A large number of people, mostly relatives and friends of members of the party, were at the depot awaiting their approach. There were the usual affectionate greetings between long separated friends as the train gave forth its contents, and the platform presented a very animated scene. Soon the new arrivals disappeared, being taken in charge by friends.

Bishop Hunter and Counselors had a number of teams in waiting, which conveyed those not otherwise provided for to the Tithing Office. Bishop Hardy was on the ground personally.

Elder C. W. Stayner, accompanied by his wife and Mr. Joseph Rivett, arrived at eight o'clock by the regular passenger train, and were greeted at the depot by a number of friends who had assembled for the purpose.

Death from a Seeming Trivial Cause.—In another part of the paper will be found a notice of the death of a young man named Charles Cruser, of Fairview, Sanpete. The deceased came to this city some time ago for the purpose of learning the trade of a blacksmith, and was employed in Mr. Popper's shop on Second South Street. The week ago he accidentally ran a nail into his left foot, near the great toe joint. He continued to work for a week, taking little notice of the apparently insignificant wound. Two weeks ago it commenced to inflame, and notwithstanding every thing was done that medical skill could devise, it resulted in lockjaw, causing his death at 5 a.m. to day. His brother, Christian, who arrived in response to a telegram a few days ago, will

take the body to Fairview, Sanpete County, the former residence of the deceased, having left this city by the 2 p.m. train to-day with his sad charge.

The Deseret Dam Calamity.—The settlers of the snug little settlement of Deseret, Millard County, are again nearly financially on their feet. It will be remembered that their dam on the sevier, which cost a very large amount of labor and means was swept away by floating ice. The more fearful imagined that the settlement was about ruined and no crop would be raised this year in consequence of this calamity. Happily this was an erroneous impression. Energy and perseverance can perform wonders.

On hearing of the disaster Bishop Black, who was absent at the time, at once communicated with the settlers and advised them as to the best course to pursue to repair the loss. In consequence they went to work with a will, and the dam is now so far rebuilt that water is again in the canal. As it is now time for the farmers to put in crops, some means has been borrowed, and the Church, through the authorities, has given material aid so that others than the farmers can be employed to work on the dam and they be thus released to do the urgent farm work. The prospect for crops is now almost as promising as in any previous season.

A Determined Suicide.—Yesterday, we mentioned the fact that one Zachariah Anderson, of St. Charles, Bear Lake Valley, committed suicide, at that place, a few days ago. The details of the horrible affair, which are published in the Democrat, of last Saturday, show a determination on the part of the misguided man, that is almost marvelous.

It appears that on Saturday afternoon, April 23d, Anderson went into the loft of his house, taking with him a pistol which he had loaded with nails. He also took a dog with him. He had over-shoes on, so that his folks below could but just hear him walking on the floor of the loft.

After getting up in the loft, he took off his over-shoes and laid them in a corner, and made the dog walk about the loft, so that the people below might not miss the sound of footsteps, or have their suspicions aroused. He then got a whiplash and made a noose in it. This lash he tied to one of the rafters in the ceiling; after which, he put his head in it, and gently pressed upon the noose until it choked him. The loft being only about four feet in height, he had to almost rest on his knees in order to effectually strangle himself. If he had dropped an inch—or rather, if his body had fallen about an inch, the rafter to which the whiplash was attached, would certainly have broken, but he took precaution to prevent this, and quietly lowered himself until the noose closed, and he consequently choked to death.

A boy passing the house soon afterwards, happened to look through the loft door—which was ajar—at the gable end of the house, and noticed Anderson in his kneeling position. He immediately went and told a man, that he thought Anderson was worse—Anderson having been very sick at the time of his committing suicide—and the man got others, who went and forced the door open, and found him hanging to the ceiling. They instantly cut him down. His body was quite warm at the time, but life was extinct.

In the loft was found an axe, pitchfork, shotgun and other things which Anderson had accumulated for the purpose of taking his life.

Death of Elder Jacob Gibson.—At 5 p.m. yesterday, May 1st, Elder Jacob Gibson died of consumption, at his residence, in Sugar House Ward. He had only been confined to his bed about ten days, and a day or two previous to breathing his last he penned the following brief autobiographical sketch, for publication:

"Jacob Gibson, son of Jacob and Jane E. Brush, was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, January 1st, 1814. I heard the first Gospel sermon in Philadelphia, preached by Elder Sidney Rigdon and B. Win-

chester in the fall of 1839. I was baptized on September 8th, 1840, by Elder Orson Hyde. Shortly afterwards I was ordained a Deacon, by B. Winchester, afterwards a Priest, then an Elder, by Elder J. M. Grant. Gathered to Nauvoo with a large company in the spring of 1844. Was enrolled in the Nauvoo Legion till after the assassination of Presidents Joseph and Hyrum Smith; was the first name on the book paying tithing after their death, having turned in a very superior lock for the front door of the Temple. I returned East and presided several years over the Philadelphia Branch until 1850; I then took a company of 143 Saints to Kanawville, some stopping there and others coming on to Utah. I came or started with the Marcom company, the cholera being so bad that I broke off and joined Elder Woodruff's company, arrived on the 14th of October, quite worn out.

I settled in the 9th Ward, Salt Lake City; was set apart as First Counselor to Bishop Taft, by Bishop Taft and Daniel Barnes. I was appointed by the City Council city sexton, and served in that capacity till the spring of 1858 was ordained a High Priest soon after coming to the valley. In 1858 I was called on a mission to Europe; labored in Newcastle Conference, I then went to Glasgow (Scotland), and attended to the re-baptism of all the members of that Conference. I was released and came home in 1858, when all the Utah Elders returned. I found the city almost desolate. I acted as Counselor to Bishop S. A. Woolley till I moved to Sugar House Ward, then as Counselor to Bishop W. C. A. Smoot; was elected as Justice of the Peace in that Precinct, and served 6 years. I have seen some severe times. Had a number of spells of sickness in the winters for some time past. Let some one else finish."

By way of finish we will state, from a personal acquaintance with the deceased, that he was a straightforward, honest man; true to his convictions. He was very strong and decided in his denunciation of what he conceived to be wrong, and as ready to sustain whatever accorded with his conceptions of right.

DESPERATE SUICIDE.

G. BICKEL DIES FROM SELF-STRANGULATION, AT THE OVERLAND HOUSE.

On Friday, April 21st, a man apparently about fifty-five years old, giving the name of G. Bickel, came to this city and put up at the Overland House. He stated he was from California, but spoke with a foreign accent, and was supposed to be a German. He was afflicted considerably with rheumatism, from which he was occasionally confined to his room. He was well liked among his fellow boarders, on account of his kindly demeanor and good natured, affable address.

Yesterday, he stated that he felt somewhat better, saying, before he retired at night, that he felt no pain, but was somewhat stiff. This morning, the chambermaid went to his room twice, for the purpose of putting it in order. She knocked but neither time received any answer. She communicated this fact to the porter, who also tried to gain admittance, with a similar result. Procuring a step-ladder he climbed up and looked over the transom above the door, when a horrible sight met his gaze—Bickel lay dead by the side of his bed.

Mr. Pitts, the proprietor of the hotel, was at once summoned and the room opened, when it was found that Bickel had destroyed his life by a most singular method. He had fastened one end of a piece of rope around the post of his bedstead, a very low one, placed a noose formed on the other end around his neck, and absolutely strangled himself to death. When found, his body was prostrate upon the floor, his head also being only about an inch from it. The position showed the determined character of the act, for had he had any inclination to repent after the part attempt he could have saved himself by resting upon his arm.

Bickel had, previous to committing self-murder, destroyed nearly all evidences by which he could have been identified, having even partially erased the address on his trunk. He was about five feet six inches in height, and probably weighed about 150 pounds; he had a full, short beard, turning grey, and his complexion was florid.

An inquest was held over the remains to-day, by Coroner George J. Taylor, the jury returning a verdict in accordance with the foregoing facts.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 3.

Obsequies.—The funeral services of the late Elder Jacob Gibson were held in Sugar House Ward to-day. On the occasion suitable addresses were delivered by President W. Woodruff, Bishop S. A. Woolley, Counselor Jos. E. Taylor and Bishop L. W. Hardy. At the grave the dedicatory prayer was offered by Bishop S. A. Woolley.

Making the Road.—The Denver and Rio Grande R. R. Company are still pushing the work on their line between the Utah and Colorado divisions, with the purpose of joining the two at the earliest practicable date. Bullin and Hendricks, of Cache, have a considerable force of men at work on a large grading contract, and J. S. Black and Brother of Millard County, have a large party of hands on another, between Green and Grande Rivers. The heaviest work in that part of the road is in Price River Canyon, where J. S. Black and Brother completed a ten mile contract some time ago, the work done on it reaching the vicinity of \$100,000 in value. It is considered that the Utah and Colorado divisions will not be joined until next spring.

The Coming Comet.—Notwithstanding the impending passage of the anti-Chinese bill by Congress, the cry is "still they come," and to add to the chagrin of the Pacific people in the west, and apparently in open defiance of the legislation of Congress, another irrepressible celestial visitor of huge dimensions is approaching us with startling rapidity, i.e. the comet of 1882, and thereby hangs a tail. Professor Wm R. Brooks thus describes it April 17th:

"It is now a very pretty telescopic comet. The head is bright and solid looking, the tail delicate and nearly straight. The head appears larger than the width of the tail immediately joining it, and has very much increased in apparent size since discovery.

The comet's approximate position on May 1 will be: Right ascension, 20 hours 38 minutes; north declination, 68 degrees 50 minutes. On May 9: R. A., 23 hours 5 minutes x 74 degrees 27 minutes."

The Martyrs.—We have received a very interesting little work from the pen of D. O. Littlefield. It is entitled, The Martyrs, being a sketch of the lives, and a full account of the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, together with a concise review of the most prominent incidents connected with the persecutions of the Saints, from the time of the organization of the Church till 1846. It is embellished with excellent engravings of the likenesses of Joseph and Hyrum, and is further illustrated with a cut representing the killing of the Prophet; and another giving a view of the interior of Carthage jail after the cruel deed was consummated.

It is an excellent work to place in the hands of the young, who should be familiarized with the history of the founders and founding of the Church. The details of the assassination, by a bloodthirsty mob, of the Prophet and Patriarch and the wounding of President John Taylor, are given by an eye-witness to the horrible scene. The work has been printed at the Juvenile Instructor office, where it can be obtained. It is also sold by J. H. Parry, at his bookstore. Price 50 cents.

The Late Arrivals.—From Elder John Donaldson, who presided over the company of Saints that arrived here on Monday. We learn that the passage over the ocean was cold and stormy, and apparently dangerous, from the frequent close proximity of

the vessel to large icebergs, large numbers of which were seen.

The overland trip was the quickest ever made before by any of our emigrant companies, the time from New York to Ogden being only five days and a half. Both on the ship and on the train the company were treated with marked courtesy.

Elder Donaldson was on his mission about two years, having left this city on the 12th of April, 1880, and left Liverpool for home on the same day of April 1882. The first few months he spent in England was in the Newcastle Conference, where he labored as Traveling Elder. He was then called to preside over the Liverpool Conference, which position he occupied until his release to return. He was a successful and exceedingly energetic missionary, and returns in good health and spirits.

This morning we also met Elder W. S. Brighton, of the 11th Ward, who returned with the company. He was on his mission a little over eighteen months, and labored in Ayrshire, Lanarkshire and portions of Stirlingshire, Scotland. He baptized fifteen new members, and when he left for home a large number of others were very much interested in the work.

Home Again.—Yesterday afternoon we had the pleasure of a call from Elder Charles W. Stayner, who, as previously stated, got home from Europe on Monday night. He, accompanied by his wife, left this city on May 3d, 1880, and arrived in Liverpool on the 28th of the same month. He was appointed to labor in the Nottingham Conference, and had charge of that field in the interval that elapsed between the release of Elder D. C. Danbar, who presided there, and the arrival of Elder O. F. Hunter, who was appointed to succeed Elder Danbar, but was detained for some time in Norwich. In the Nottingham Conference Elder Stayner labored with zeal and intelligence in assisting to spread the Gospel, preaching much, both in buildings and the open air.

On the 7th of October he was summoned to Liverpool, where he was installed in the editorial department of the *Millennial Star*, a position he occupied until his release to return home. Besides his literary labors on the periodical named he published a pamphlet, entitled "Objectionable Features." He preached the Gospel at every favorable opportunity, his voice being frequently heard in its advocacy and defense in the public parks of Liverpool, as well as in halls. He visited in his missionary capacity, various conferences, and altogether was engaged in unremitting activity of labor during the whole of his sojourn abroad, and we bid him welcome to a continued course of usefulness at home.

ROYAL
FULL WEIGHT
ROYAL BAKING
POWDER
ROYAL
BAKING
POWDER
Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight, alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Co., 109 Wall Street, New York.