

lor, Native Sons of the Golden West, of which the deceased was a member. The interment will be in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Death came suddenly to James T. Little, president of the Deseret Savings bank, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. His demise, which was caused by congestion of the lungs, from a cold contracted last week, was unexpected at this time, though his health was known to be gradually giving way. In view of his decline he had been advised by physician and friends to take a vacation, and was about to carry out their injunctions by departing for the Pacific coast for a well earned rest when stricken down suddenly. On Saturday he remained at business in the bank until 3 o'clock, the hour which witnessed his daily departure for club or home. He was very precise about this, just as he was about his appearance at the office in the morning, or in his business methods generally. Regarding his exactness in this particular it was stated at the bank today that he left the office every day just at 3 o'clock; that he seldom, if ever, varied from this custom more than a minute.

Yesterday it was apparent that Mr. Little's condition was alarming, and last night Drs. Richards, Plummer and Bascom resorted to tracheotomy, opening of the wind pipe, as the only means of averting strangulation. But his lungs were very badly congested, and death came this morning as indicated.

The deceased was in the fifty-first year of his age, and leaves a wife and five children. He was the oldest child of the late Mayor Feramorz Little, and a man of keen business ability. In addition to being president of the Deseret Savings bank he was a director in the Deseret National bank, and leaves a fortune conservatively estimated at \$100,000.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 1.

Rawlins (Wyo.) Journal: Mr. Z. Pickworth left during the week for Utah where he intends purchasing a number of young cattle and bringing them on to the Wyoming ranges. Mr. Pickworth expects to be absent a couple of months.

Monroe, Utah, March 1.—A case of whitecapping has just been made public here. The points are, that on Friday night last, four masked men attacked Wm. Birdsall near the home of a woman whose husband is away at work in the mines. A rope was put around Birdsall's neck and he was dragged around for a short time when he was released upon his promising not to be seen at the house again.

His reputation with the woman in question, is rather unsavory. As yet, no arrests have been made.

Elder Manassah Smith, of Granger, Salt Lake county, reached this city on the 26th ult. on his return from a mission to England, on which he took his departure May 29, 1896. His field of labor during the whole of his mission was the Birmingham conference, in parts of which the work is in a flourishing condition.

Elder Smith returns in good health, and enjoyed his labors very much. But death twice invaded his family circle during his absence. About three weeks after his departure a son, Thomas Wm., aged nearly nineteen years, died, and in December last, a daughter, Harriet Louise, aged fifteen years, was taken away. Elder Smith returns home to find a depleted family circle, yet with the consciousness that he filled a good mission.

Shortly before six o'clock this morning, while officer Lund, was patrolling his beat down East Temple street, his attention was attracted towards an ob-

ject in the doorway of the Diamond Palace, a few doors north of the Cliff House corner. An investigation proved the presence of a man, whose outstretched limbs seemed to indicate that he was suffering from an aggravated case of intoxication. Summoning the patrol wagon, the officer essayed to bundle the supposed drunken individual into it, when a ghastly sight met his gaze; the man's spirit had taken its flight and nothing remained but a corpse, cold and stiff and ready for the care of the undertaker.

These circumstances made it necessary to send for the coroner and Justice of the Peace McMaster was soon upon the scene. He ordered the removal of the body to the undertaking establishment of Joseph E. Taylor and on its arrival there an inventory of the man's effects was taken. It revealed nothing of any particular consequence there being but a few papers, among them a letter from John W. McDonald, sheriff of Douglas county, Neb., in which reference was made to a watch that had formerly belonged to the man addressed—John H. V. Woodburn. This is supposed to be the name of the dead man. There were also in his pockets a document showing connection with the Masons of Omaha, Neb., a badge indicating membership in the Utah Federation of Labor, a purse but no money, a pocket knife and a heavy watch chain.

The body was examined by Dr. Beer who gave it as his opinion that the man had come to his death from Bright's disease. Later a prescription for such an ailment was found in the man's pocket. Woodburn was well dressed, stood about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, weighed something like 170 or 180 pounds and was between 50 and 60 years of age. There were no marks of violence on his person and the supposition that he died from Bright's disease, is undoubtedly correct.

Respecting his membership in the Utah Federation of Labor, a "News" reporter sought out F. L. Kistler, president thereof, this morning, but that gentleman knew nothing concerning the dead man. He believed, however, that he was a plumber by trade although on this point he was not certain.

Later developments in the case brought out the fact that the dead man was none other than John Woodburn, formerly city tap inspector under ex-Plumbing Inspector Lapsley. Mr. Woodburn has been in this city for about eight years during which time he has followed his occupation as a plumber. He has been in the employ of P. J. Moran, and is widely known throughout the city. It is said that the deceased has a brother in Nevada, Charles Woodburn by name and an ex-United States Congressman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

There was a large attendance of Sabbath school workers at the Union meeting held Monday evening, February 21, 1898, in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms. All the city wards except the Twenty-third were represented, also the following schools in the county: Big Cottonwood, both schools; Cannon, Farmers, Hunter, Mill Creek, Murray, South Cottonwood, South Jordan, Lovendahl's, Wilford, Herriman, Forest Dale. The Sugar House sent an excuse.

Stake Superintendent Thomas C. Griggs presided. The musical exercises were rendered by the Fourth ward Sunday school. Prayer was offered by Elder James D. Stirling.

Superintendent Griggs directed attention to the crowded condition of some of the schools in the Stake and suggested that when it was possible

to do so branch schools might be organized to the advantage of the children. While these schools were fully organized and independent, it was deemed that the superintendency of the main school maintain an interest in the branch schools, visit them occasionally and do all in their power to promote their welfare.

Reports are now in regarding to the Nickel Sunday Fund. All the schools of the Stake except one responded in fine shape to this call. The banner contribution came from the Eighteenth ward.

Annual reports for 1897 are still lacking from the Fourth ward branch. Sixth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Nineteenth city wards, East Jordan, Farmers, Hunter, North's (Mill Creek), Murray, West Taylorsville and West Jordan. Superintendents are requested to have these reports sent in at once. Next Sunday, February 27th, was designated as "Humane Day," or "Mercy Day" in the Sunday schools, on which occasion kindness to dumb animals would be specially inculcated.

In regard to the contest for the use of the sacramental service, referred to at the last meeting of the Union, in making up the annual report of number of tithe payers, number observing the Word of Wisdom, etc., it was suggested that the average should be made up from the enrollment at the end of the year.

It was announced that Elders O. H. Worthington, late superintendent of the South Branch of Big Cottonwood Sunday school, and Eugene C. Miller of Riverton, were recently added to the Sunday school missionary force of this Stake. Elder R. S. Hamilton, one of the Sunday school missionaries, leaves shortly on a mission to the Indian Territory.

The meeting at this point adjourned to different parts of the house for the regular department work, and reassembled at the close of the same for the concluding exercises.

J. H. PARKER, Secretary.

MARICOPA STAKE CONFERENCE.

Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 19, 1898.

Our quarterly conference which should have taken place during December last, has been delayed on account of a promised visit from some of the leading brethren from Salt Lake. Elders John Henry Smith and John W. Taylor, of the council of Apostles, came to us filled with the Spirit of the Lord and we have been greatly edified and built up in our most holy faith by the timely counsel of these brethren. The public discourses of both of the Apostles were instructive and inspiring. Brother Smith spoke more especially to the Saints, while Brother Taylor addressed those who are not of us.

The quarterly conference convened Sunday, Feb. 13th, at 10 a. m. and closed Monday at 4 p. m., to meet again some time in March, as shall hereafter be appointed. Reports from the Bishops of the various wards showed the Stake to be in a most excellent condition. The people are more united than they have ever been before and there is a greater determination to live their religion. Harmony prevails everywhere.

Tuesday morning we took the brethren out for a ride to show them points of interest in our valley, and on returning we found the tabernacle crowded with people and an abundance of refreshments for the inner man, a surprise for the brethren that worked like a charm. After being treated with a few songs by the choir and short speeches by the brethren we all retired to the repast and an opportunity was given to become acquainted with the visiting brethren.

J. M. CROSBY, Stake Clerk.