

he brought down an easy grade to tide-water. Timber along the line is so heavy that in many places it will run 6,000,000, to 8,000,000 feet to the quarter section. The syndicate's intention is to eventually extend the road through Cowlitz pass to the Columbia river near Walla Walla, 250 miles. In northwestern railroad circles it has long been believed that a railroad built through Cowlitz pass will form the connecting link for the Burlington or some other transcontinental line building westward between the Union and Northern Pacific. It is considered the most available pass north of the Columbia river.

## CHRISTMAS EVE.

[Composed by Mary J. Mills, eleven years old,  
South Bountiful, Davis county, Utah.]

The season now is drawing nigh—  
The closing of the year;  
The snowflakes laughingly do fly,  
And merry bells we hear.

'Tis Christmas Eve; a happy time  
For both the old and young;  
And all around the chimney, there  
Are little stockings hung.

The children sit around the fire  
That shines so warm and bright,  
All wondering, in their merry chat,  
Of Santa Claus tonight.

The clock, it points around to ten,  
And still their eyes are bright,  
Till mamma says, be off to bed,  
Or he won't come tonight.

They kiss papa and ma good night,  
And then their prayers are said;  
They soon are sweetly slumbering,  
Within their little bed.

And lo! the big old clock strikes twelve,  
And all are fast asleep!  
Then—Santa Claus, that good old man,  
Does down the chimney creep!

He looks around; no one he sees;  
Then he begins to fill  
The little stockings hung around,  
For Jennie, Tom and Will.

Then, off he goes! At lightning speed  
He dashes here and there!  
And no one sees him come or go,  
He's like the winter air!

## OBITUARY NOTES.

### NANCY G. WELLBORN HUNT.

HEBRON, Dec. 17th, 1895.—Nancy G. Wellborn Hunt was born in Mullingsburg county, Kentucky, August 7th, 1823; was baptized in the Church in the year 1847. Shortly afterward she moved to Kanesville, and in 1850 immigrated to the valleys and settled in Ogden city. In 1861 she moved to St. George, and there went through many of the hardships that our frontier settlers have had to endure. She was the mother of 12 children, 77 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She has suffered from sciatic rheumatism, unceasingly for five months until the 15th inst., when all her pains left her, and on the 17th she passed peacefully away. She was conscious up to the last and exhorted all to live righteous lives. She died as she has ever lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint.

G. A. H.

### MARY ANN BOND.

HENNEFER, Utah, Dec. 24, 1895.—Sister Mary Ann Bond died on the evening of the 21st inst. The funeral service was held in the ward meeting house today. President W. W. Cluff and Brother Branch of Coalville were in attendance. There was a large congregation. Elder Cluff quoted many sayings of our Savior, one from St. John: "And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with Thine own self, with the glory which I had with Thee

before the world was." The remarks were instructive and consoling to the bereaved.

She was in her 75th year, and was baptized in 1840 by James W. Blackley; emigrated from England in 1848, and arrived in Salt Lake valley in 1856, having crossed the Plains in company with the handcart.

Brother William Bond and the deceased have lived happily together for over fifty-seven years. She was the mother of thirteen children; five sons and three daughters survive her, besides seventy-one grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren. She was a useful, generous and good Latter-day Saint.

JAMES LYTHERG.

### EDWARD PATTERSON.

BLOOMINGTON, Bear Lake county, Idaho, Dec. 20, 1895.—Elder Edward Patterson, son of William Patterson and Jane McGregor, was born at Byker, Ail-saints Parish, Northumberland, England, July 7th, 1814; embraced the Gospel November 18, 1863; crossed the ocean with a company of Latter-day Saints in the ship Belle Wood; came to Pennsylvania in 1865, and crossed the plains in Captain Moolin's train from Benton, landed at Bloomington, Bear Lake county, Idaho, in the fall of 1868; moved to North Eden in 1871, and back to Bloomington in 1885, where he resided till the day of his death, November 19th, 1895, leaving his beloved wife, Mary Bowman, who had been his companion fifty-eight years, and the mother to him of seven sons and two daughters, of whom remain three sons and one daughter; also thirty-two grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren to mourn his loss. He lived an honorable life, and died in full faith of a glorious resurrection, as though passing into a quiet sleep, at the ripe age of 81 years, 4 months and 12 days.

Millennial Star and St. John (Arizona) papers please copy.

E. M. PATTERSON.

### HENRY TALBOT.

LAYTON, Utah, Dec. 20, 1895.—On Saturday night the 14th inst., there departed this life, after a short illness of one week, Henry Talbot, aged eighty-two years.

The deceased was one of the first to embrace the Gospel in the eastern province of South Africa; and himself and family, who were some of its first fruits, were among the first to make their journey Zionwards. They sailed from Algoa Bay, Port Elizabeth, in the Roseboro, in the month of February, 1861, arriving in Salt Lake City in the month of September of the same year. He leaves behind him twenty children and over 150 grand and great-grand children, a great number of whom are in Utah, Idaho and Arizona.

Bro. Talbot, has lived a life of honesty and inegrity to the principles of truth and died as he had lived, at peace with all men, and a prayer upon his lips for the ultimate triumph of the principle of salvation. He was buried in the Kayaville cemetery on Wednesday, the 18th inst., the service being conducted by Bishop D. Harris of the Layton ward, in the Kayaville meeting house. Many were the eulogies spoken by the brethren, upon the brother who has just departed. He died in the full hope of coming forth in the morning of the first resurrection.—[Com.]

### HARRIET ANN ROBERTS.

On the morning of December 16, at her home in Kayaville, Utah, there passed to "that bourne from whence no traveler return" one of the honored Pioneers of Utah, Sister Harriet Ann Roberts.

She was born in Apperly, Gloucestershire, England, May 16, 1819, where the days of her early life were spent. It was here in her native village that the Gos-

pel's glad message greeted her ears, and she embraced its truths and was baptized. Here, too, she was married to Levi Roberts, and in 1841 they emigrated to America with the second company of Saints that gathered to Zion. The means that their industry had accumulated they freely expended to assist poorer families to migrate, and they were consequently poorly prepared to meet the hardships that they encountered in the new world. But with characteristic energy and perseverance they very soon adapted themselves to conditions as they were, and won the love and esteem of their associates. Sister Roberts was a faithful wife and a fond and loving mother. During the trying scenes preceding the death of the Prophet Joseph she cheered her husband in performing his duties, and the sufferings and privations of that trying period drew no murmuring word from her lips. Sickness came upon her, but her faith still bore her up, and she passed uncomplainingly through the famous exodus to Winter Quarters. The family was poor; the husband and father was exerting every effort to provide the necessities of life for them, when the call came for the Mormon battalion to organize. The invalid wife and mother freely consented to her husband's volunteering for service in defending his country, she urged him to do so, and bravely she faced the difficulties before her alone, sustained away by an abiding faith in her Heavenly Father.

There was a joyful reunion when the Mexican war ended and her husband returned to Winter Quarters. While he was away she had been miraculously restored to health, and soon after, in 1850, she came to Utah with her husband and family. They settled in Kayaville, and here they have made their home ever since. Her husband died on the 22d day of January, 1894.

Sister Roberts has been patient and uncomplaining through the many years that she has been a hopeless invalid. She was prepared for the end, and when the angel of death summoned her to another sphere of action, though he was clad in somber robes and to others seemed appalling, to her he was a welcome messenger. She died loved and lamented by a circle of old acquaintances who have known her as a faithful, steadfast and consistent Latter-day Saint. She leaves seven children, six daughters and one son.

HENRY H. BLOOD.

## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

GRIFFITHS.—At Union, Salt Lake county, Dec. 24, 1895, Ann Griffiths; born in Dentonshire, Wales, April 28, 1819.

Millennial Star please copy.

LARSEN.—In Sugar House ward, Friday, December 20, at 8:40 a. m., Peter John Larsen; born in Wingaker, Sweden, November 30, 1834.

SLADE.—In Pine Valley, Nov. 21, 1895, Drinda Melissa Slade, of old age, after a lingering illness of eight months, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eliza A. Lloyd; born January 1, 1808; died as she had lived, a true and faithful Latter-day Saint and a most excellent woman.

TEASDALE.—At Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, December 14, 1895, at 10 p. m., of pulmonary emphysema and dropsy, Mary Larette (Pickett) Teasdale, wife of George Teasdale, born May 28, 1863, at Nephi, Juab county, Utah, daughter of James and Jane Pickett. She was first runner to President Dora W. Pratt, of the presidency of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations of the Juarez Stake of Zion, and president of the Primary associations of the stake, a member of the Relief Society of the Juarez ward, and an active laborer in the cause of righteousness; beloved by all who knew her; a faithful Latter-day Saint and affectionate wife and mother.