

rolling in spite of the spirit of darkness that prevails. One old gentleman, 70 years old, the other day told me he had been a "Mormon" all his life but did not know it until he read a tract we had left at his house.

I can say to all the boys that are coming out: Don't think that you are going to the last place on earth if you are assigned to the Florida conference. We have plenty of hot sunshine and to make it pleasant a nice sea breeze. The health of the Elders is generally good and all are trying to make an important mark in life for themselves.

G. W. ROGERS.

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY.

REXBURG, Idaho,
April 20, 1896.

Will you kindly allow us a little space in the columns of your valuable paper for the purpose of stating the advantages of our part of the country to those who are looking out for places where they can make homes to the best advantage?

The Snake River valley is becoming notorious all over the United States as the grandest irrigated district in the whole world. We have been told in public here recently, by men who have seen much of the world, that we are far ahead of anything on this globe in that respect. Our people who are located in this part of Idaho, as a rule came here poor; every man settling upon 160 acres of land. We are beginning to find out that that is too much for most of us to handle profitably, so many of our people have concluded to divide up with any who may wish to settle in our midst at a lower figure than they could possibly file on the land, prove up and bring it under cultivation for.

We have an unlimited range for sheep and cattle. Large flocks of sheep have wintered in our hills the past winter without being fed a ton of hay and have come out in splendid condition.

We have in the Teton Basin a very fine body of excellent coal, and timber for both building purposes and fuel is abundant and easy of access.

Here at Rexburg we have not had one day's good sleighing all winter. In some localities in Fremont county we have vast tracts of country which when the water is turned into the canals, sub-irrigates. This is considered to be a splendid advantage; for all that those owning such farms have to do is to sow the seed, turn the water into the ditches and the land irrigates itself; then at harvest time the husbandman reaps his abundant crops. Our land is abundantly productive in grain, fruits and vegetables.

Now, after telling the readers of the NEWS this much, we wish to say further that by writing to your humble servant, home-seekers can get all necessary information about our country. We can sell as fine farms as ever lay out of doors with an abundance of water right and other improvements at from 5 to 15 dollars per acre.

Yours truly,

HYRUM RICKS.

Miss Frankie Lane, the first woman-attorney in Oakland, Cal., was admitted to the bar Saturday.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

William Fawcett, of Logan, Utah, desires to hear from Joseph Fawcett, who was mentioned in Elder Andrew Jenson's letters as having emigrated from New Zealand to Utah in the latter part of 1871.

The State code commission, composed of Richard W. Young, Grant H. Smith and William A. Lee, met Monday afternoon and organized with Mr. Young as chairman and Mr. Lee as secretary.

NEPHI, April 26th, 1896.—Bishop Elmer Taylor, of Juab, died this morning (Sunday) at 4:20. He will be buried at Levan on Tuesday at 1 p. m. Bishop Taylor has been a great sufferer and his release is a blessing.

L. A. BAILEY.

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Release.—Elder James E. Taylor has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Liverpool Conference, by request of President Woodruff, on account of the sickness of his father at home. He left April 4, 1896.

Mrs. Harriet A. Jacobs of Lehi, a subject of Queen Victoria, filed her declaration of intentions to become a citizen of the United States in the Fourth district court, Saturday. This is the first declaration of intentions filed by a woman in this district since Statehood.

Sister Orilla Leavitt Brown, wife of Elder Philander Brown, died at her home in the second ward, Provo, at 2 o'clock Monday morning from pleuropneumonia, at sixty-seven years of age. Sister Brown was an earnest, sincere Latter-day Saint, devoted to the Gospel and her duties in the ward, where she has been an active laborer in the Relief society and among the young for years.

Elders Daniel O. Walker and Karl S. Fackrell, writing from Lamoni, Decatur county, Iowa, under date of April 17, 1896, say: "We have been called to labor here in Lamoni and in Decatur county, Iowa. We are meeting with success. There is quite a number investigating, and from present indications we may get some of the honest in heart out of this place. We find plenty of opposition here among the leaders, but we know we have the truth. We have been here about a month up to date."

MAMMOTH, April 26, 1896.—The little town of Mammoth was the scene of much excitement last Saturday evening about 6 p. m. in Miss Agnes Anderson while wending her way to visit a friend, being attacked by a furious cow. The young lady was knocked down and stamped upon by the infuriated animal and was severely bruised. Several people were attracted by her screams, and they came to her timely assistance but it was with much difficulty that they managed to drive the animal away. Sticks and rocks were freely used and Miss Anderson was carried to her home in a fainting condition.

D. R.

BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON, April 24.—The party of seventy-five citizens who left Salt Lake for the purpose of

inspecting the works of the Big Cottonwood Power company arrived at the Stairs at 12 o'clock after a drive of two hours and a half. On arrival the party left the carriages and were shown through the power house by R. M. Jones, manager. Half an hour later the party were driven up the Stairs to the reservoir, and spent an hour or so in viewing the great dam. At 2 o'clock the party was at the company's boarding house partaking of an ample luncheon prepared for them. The party left for Salt Lake at 3:30.

The body of Charles Lake, the unfortunate miner who was killed by an explosion of giant powder at the Crescent mine at Park City on Saturday was sadly viewed by many friends Sunday. Sam McLaughlin, who was injured by the same explosion is slowly recovering from his wounds. Lake was a native of Phillipsburg, Kansas. For the last seven years he was a resident of American Fork and it is said was soon to have been married to a young lady residing at that place.

The death of Susan A. Stringam, well and widely known as a lady of many sterling qualities, occurred at her home in the Thirteenth ward Tuesday morning after an illness of two weeks. The deceased was a native of Salem, Massachusetts, and was in the sixty-seventh year of her age. She passed through the struggles of the Latter-day Saints at Nauvoo, and came to Utah in September, 1847, as a member of Jedediah M. Grant's company. She was the mother of six children, one of whom was Lucy S. Grant, wife of Hon. Heber J. Grant.

The deceased was one of the most active promoters of sericulture in the State and was energetic and persevering in the doing of good in many other directions.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, April 21, 1896.—The weather during the week ending Monday, April 20, 1896, was cold and damp, with frequent rain or snow and high winds; over the greater portion of the state ice formed nearly every night.

Though the soil is in excellent condition little farm work has been done owing to cold and unfavorable weather, which has checked the growth of vegetation, leaving the situation practically the same as it was last week. Fruit, generally speaking, is hardly far enough advanced for serious injury from frost, but in parts of the western district peach and apricot trees have been slightly injured, and a few farmers entertain fears of a short crop, though nothing certain is known yet.

D. P. MCCALLUM,
Section Director.

At 4:30 Tuesday Elder John M. Cowley, of the Seventh ward of this city, died at his home, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. The deceased was a native of the Isle of Man, being the eldest son of Mathias and Ann Quayle Cowley. He was born August 16, 1827, near Peel. In his boyhood he received the Gospel under the teachings of the late President John Taylor. The family came to America in 1841 and settled near Nauvoo, from