

The Benicia road, three miles from town, Thursday afternoon, to see Wm. King, who was suffering from a frightful blow that had almost split off the top of his head. King told the doctor that he and another farm hand named Mike Ford had been to town after some groceries. King says that when they returned to the ranch, Ford dropped a sack of grain on a dog belonging to King. The latter remonstrated, when Ford made a rush at him with a spade and almost split the top of his head off. Such was King's story. Late Thursday afternoon Ford was found lying dead in the road not far from the North Vallejo depot, two miles and a half nearer town on the same road as the Gore ranch. The body was brought to town by Undertaker Connelly and a hasty examination of it failed to reveal any marks of violence. It developed that the trouble occurred on the old Gore ranch. After Ford had struck King down he drove to Bob Gore's place and told them that he had trouble with King. He said King rushed at him, and knowing King to be a very desperate man, struck at him with a shovel, intending to hit him with the flat side. The edge, however, caught King on the side of the head, inflicting an ugly wound. Ford said he was going into town to give himself up, and it is supposed he died of heart disease on the way.

Professor A. C. Lawson of the Berkeley, Cal., university, who is widely known as a mineralogist, has declared that in his opinion a gradual subsidence of the earth's crust is taking place on the coast between the Russian river and Monterey bay, Cal. The statement was made by Professor Lawson in a lecture on "The Flooding of the Golden Gate," delivered Wednesday before the annual meeting of the Science association. According to the professor, this movement of the earth's crust has already resulted in a considerable sinking, and the movement has not yet ceased. Evidence of the sinking, however, is not confined to this one district. "The regions of the coast in the extreme north," said the professor, "have been very much higher than now, especially at Alaska and British Columbia. To the south the contrary is the case. At Tomales there are unmistakable signs of such movements of the earth's crust. Behind Sausalito is the Rodeo lagoon, a valley caused by stream erosion and now invaded by salt water, which has encroached on the land bank. Inside the bay of San Francisco there is also evidence of subsidence. The islands of the bay are nothing more than low hills in an old land valley, such as that of San Jose or Napa. The inlets that reach to San Rafael, Petaluma and Napa are filled up arms of the bay which water has reached in its slow advance upon the earth."

A concession has been granted by the Mexican government for the construction of a railway from the city of Chihuahua to some point on the Pacific coast to be determined by the civil engineers. The road is known as the Chihuahua, Sonora and Pacific, and by the location of its determined terminus on the Mexican Central will open up a great mining region, a rich agricultural country and a belt of

timber and coal lands to the railroad systems converging at El Paso. Enrique C. Creel, a banker of Chihuahua, and A. A. Spendlove, superintendent of the Chihuahua Mining company, are the concessionaires. The last named gentleman is credited with representing a New York syndicate capable and willing to construct the road. It is probable, however, says the Chihuahua Enterprise, that 25 per cent of the required amount will be subscribed by Mexican capital. The new road will traverse a great part of the state of Chihuahua, cross Sonora and possibly touch a portion of Sinaloa, on the way to the Gulf of California. It is expected that the city of Guerrero, 120 miles west of Chihuahua, will be reached by June of next year, when a branch will be built to Cushtulache, where the property of the Chihuahua Mining company is located. Then the Sierra Madre mountains will be crossed on the way to the Pacific. This will be the most difficult portion of the road to build, and it is estimated to cost \$20,000 a mile. The expense to the company will, however, be small, as the concession from the Mexican government includes a subsidy of \$11,200 a mile across the plains, and of \$14,400 a mile over the mountain country.

OBITUARY.

JANE SIMONS.

Jane Simons died at her home in Bountiful, Davis county, Sunday, May 2nd, at 6:30 p. m., of pleurisy. Deceased had been ailing for two or three months before her death and was not at any time confined to her bed. She died while sitting in a chair. The night before she appeared to be as well as usual and was able to go out doors. Sister Simons was the daughter of William and Sarah Meredith and was born June 23rd, 1825, at Bedford, Wales. Was married to George Beddoe March 20, 1845, at Victoria, Wales. Three children were born to them. In 1851 she buried her husband and in 1852 started for Utah, arriving here the fall of the same year. It was on board of the ship while crossing the ocean that she was married to Edward Simons, who has preceded her to the great beyond by more than a year and a half. Nine children followed this union, eight of whom survive her. She spent one winter in Salt Lake and a year in Centerville, when the family moved to Bountiful, which has ever since been her home.

Funeral services were held at the Bountiful tabernacle on Wednesday, May 5th, at 2 p. m. The house was nicely draped in white and the casket was literally covered with natural flowers, which were arranged into wreaths, bouquets, gates ajar, etc., in addition to which there were a great many flower pots with flowers which people had brought with them from their homes.

It was her wish that her neighbors should speak at the funeral. Elders Smedley, David and Enoch Lewis, Thomas Briggs, John K. Crosby, Samuel Bryson, Henry Rampton, Richard Duerden, John Wood, C. R. Jones, Isaac Atkinson, Joseph Corbett, Amos Cook, D. O. Willey, Willard Call and John Barlow spoke briefly upon the life and character of the deceased, each bearing testimony to her many sterling qualities and her unswerving fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Her sons, grandsons and sons-in-law served as pall bearers.

The funeral procession consisted of

forty-four vehicles and extended from the cemetery gate to the county road. Deceased was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Swansea, South Wales, December 17, 1848, and made a pleasure trip to the old country nineteen years ago last fall, being absent seven months.

She was identified with the Relief Society of the Bountiful ward and had been connected with the same ever since it was first organized. She died, as she had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint, in the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Idaho, Montana and Washington papers, please copy.

MARY GOODMAN HALLADAY.

TROPIC, May 8, 1897.—Died at Tropic, Garfield county, Utah, May 4, 1897, Mary Goodman Halladay, wife of the late James B. Halladay, who departed this life at Kanab, Kane county, Utah, on the 11th of May, 1889. He was born February 6, 1812, at Fillingby, Warwickshire, England. Mary Goodman was born at Bedworth, Warwickshire, England, on the 18th of May, 1807 or 1808. James B. Halladay and Mary Goodman were married at Bedworth, Warwickshire, England, January 27, 1834. Their family consisted of seven children, four boys and three girls. Two boys and one girl died prior to 1864. In 1864 James B., Mary, Peter B. and Wilford H. Halladay emigrated to Utah, arriving at Provo October, 1864, at the home of Abraham Halladay, the youngest brother of James B. Halladay. On the 13th of October, 1867, Peter B. Halladay departed this life at Midway, Summit county, Utah. The family of three moved south to Rockville, where William Halladay, another brother of J. B. Halladay, lived, and died January 25, 1879. At the time James, Mary, Peter and Wilford Halladay departed from Liverpool, two daughters were left who would take no part in the Gospel, and chose to live as they were. In May, 1892, Wilford H. Halladay went to Kanab to his mother, and there disposed of the remaining estate, a house and lot, and took his mother to Salt Lake City, to his family. From there they all moved into Garfield county where the mother lived with the family until her death which occurred on the 4th of May, 1897. She was strong in her faith of the Gospel and a happy union with her husband and those gone before her.

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THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

SIMPSON.—In this city, May 11th, 1897, from scaling, Florence J., daughter of John and Maria O. P. Simpson, aged 3 years and 8 days.

NICHOLS.—At Randolph, Utah, April 14, 1897, of milk fever, Ella, daughter of William and Sarah Corless and wife of William Nichols, aged 21 years 2 months and 22 days. Being of a pleasant disposition, she was beloved by all who knew her. Many and beautiful were the flowers placed on her casket at the funeral services. Her name is on the rolls of the Primary association, Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement association and Sunday school. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss.

MANSFIELD.—On May 5th, 1897, at Thurber, Wayne County, Utah, Cena A. Hunt daughter of Amos Hunt and Rebecca Wiggins Hunt, now deceased, and beloved wife of Matthew W. Mansfield, departed this life after a brief illness. She was born at St. George, Utah, Oct. 3, 1863; was married in St. George temple in 1884, was the mother of several children, one of whom preceded her to the other side. The funeral services were held in the Thurber meeting house and largely attended. She was a devoted wife, a kind and affectionate mother, a true Latter-day Saint and is greatly missed by family and friends.