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MOSES THATCHER

(Deseret News)

Moses Thatcher is dead. The end came shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday night following a long stay at his summer home in Logan canyon, which proved so helpful to him last year. This summer he was taken to the canyon as soon as the weather would permit, but he was practically an invalid all the time. It was seen some time ago that his condition was becoming more serious each week, but news of the real condition of Mr. Thatcher was not made public as it was felt that it would result in many calls being made which would disturb him. When his condition became critical he was brought to Logan, and on Friday last, the doctors gave up all hope of prolonging his life more than a day or two. Word was then sent out to all the relatives, some of whom live in Salt Lake City, and many of them were present at the bedside when he passed away.

The funeral will be held at the Logan Tabernacle Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and an attempt is being made to have Elders Orson F. Whitney and John Henry Smith among the speakers at the funeral. The former is in Canada and the latter is said to be at Bear Lake, attending the reunion of the family of the late Charles C. Rich. Other prominent churchmen will also be present.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

Moses Thatcher was the son of Hezekiah Thatcher and Alley Kitchen, being the sixth of a family of eight sons. He was born in Sangamon county Illinois, Feb. 2 1842, and as a child witnessed the violence of the mobs which led up to the expulsion of the Latter-day Saints from Nauvoo, to resist which his father made strenuous efforts. When a little over 4 years of age he made the journey across the plains with his father, reaching Salt Lake valley soon after the pioneers had blazed the trail. In the spring of 1849 he was taken to California by his father, reaching what is now Sacramento, in June of that year. In the mining district near Auburn, while his father kept an eating house, the boy received good wages from travellers by taking care of their horses. He also did a little mining on his own account. In this way he spent the following eight years and at the age of 11 he began to think of education, and eventually laid the foundation of a good common school education. In those days the elders of the Church called on and received aid from Hezekiah Thatcher, the father, and Moses was delighted to listen to their talks on the Gospel. This was followed by his baptism by elder Henry G. Boyle, Dec. 29, 1856, in the Rio Puta, Yolo county, California. He was confirmed the same day and on March 23rd following he was ordained an elder. A month later he was called on a mission. He was then only a boy of 15 years of age, and some of the most valuable experiences of his life are recorded about this time.

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Manager Owen, of the O. W. Kerr Co., was up to the lakes this week, but nary a fish he caught. Luckily he had taken with him some canned sardines, so he was not altogether without fish.

The A. R. & I. Co. commenced work Monday morning on their extension from Raley to Kimball.

Up till today the weather has been ideal for harvesting. A cool rain fell this morning.

The North Pole has been discovered at last. The discoverer is Dr. Cook, of the United States.

Lumber is being hauled for the new Presbyterian church at Spring Coulee which is to be built there this fall.

Cardston is forging to the front by way of building. Dozens of new residences will be erected this year.

It is estimated by the Department of Agriculture that Alberta will require 1300 harvest hands to handle the crop this year.

The Cardston and Raymond Choirs will take part in the choir competition to be held at Magrath during their coming Fair.

Rev. Mr. Cook of Boundary Creek, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, at Magrath last Sunday. He returned to Boundary Creek on Monday.

Monday, October 25th is Thanksgiving Day. The government decided to continue the innovation set last year of making Thanksgiving Day come on a Monday instead of on a Thursday as heretofore.

Master Jemie Guston, the little son of Mrs. Guston former resident of Cardston but now of Raymond, was operated on for appendicitis Sunday at Miss Daints private maternity hospital Lethbridge. He is doing well.

On account of interfering with the Pound Keeper in discharge of his duty on Monday last, Miss Cora Layton was summons before Justice Holmes. It has been reported around that Miss Layton was fined \$10.00 and costs, which is untrue, as she was dismissed without fine or costs—not even having to pay the pound fee of 50 cts., which was due on the animal which she had taken away from the pound keeper.

Messrs. E. W. Burton, Carl Hurlzer and W. A. Burton returned on Wednesday from a weeks outing to the lakes. They report fishing as good, and as proof of it they brought back with them several fine specimens of fish weighing from 5 to 8 lbs. One lake trout caught weighed over 150 lbs. and they had to come to town to get surgical assistance to take it off the hook.

Last Friday night at the Harker residence the O. G. Club tendered Misses Alta Stoddard, Ione Woolf, Ida Archibald and Rose Harker a farewell party that is characterized by unanimous opinion to be a thoroughly enjoyable success. Over 30 young people were present and the evening was most enjoyably spent in games, dancing, etc. About 11 o'clock supper was served, after which a few games were played and the party dispersed. The guests of honor leave today for Provo, Utah, where they will enter upon a course of school studies.

Choral Society Organized

Cardston, Sept. 1st. A number of Cardston's best singers met at the home of Lee Young and organized a Philharmonic Choral Society.

Mrs. Wm. Wolsey was elected President for one year.

H. C. Phipps, Sec. & Treas. Executive Committee.—Faith Young, Viola Wolsey, Eunice May.

Regular practices each week unless otherwise provided for. An invitation is extended to all lovers of good singing.

First practice Saturday, Sept. 4th All invited.

H. C. Phipps. See Secretary for place of practice.

Former Cardston Man Weds

(Toronto Globe)

Yesterday afternoon, August 24th, a quiet wedding was solemnized in Caledonia at Burnbrae, the residence of the bride's parents when Maude Ethel daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Burns of Caledonia, was married to Mr. John T. Ross, B. A., of Edmonton, chief inspector of schools for Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross left for an extended tour of the Maritime Provinces after which they will take up their residence in Edmonton, Alberta.

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