

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

On Friday night the Mount Pleasant Equitable Co-operative store made an assignment, the liabilities being \$13,420.13; assets \$16,330.

Word has just been received from the special correspondent of the News in Washington that President Cleveland is said to contemplate the inauguration of a policy hostile to the admission of new states during his term.

Jan. 25 County Treasurer Lynn received from Ex-County Collector Hardy a check for \$7,294.73 for the Salt Lake county school tax fund, the questions relating to the retention of the amount by the collector up to the present having been settled. About 60 per cent of the amount which the check calls for will go to the city board of education.

A serious accident was narrowly averted in Richmond Thursday, says the *Logan Journal*. Apostle Merrill started out for a drive with a fractious team. They ran away, struck a horse with the sleigh pole, killed it, threw Mr. Merrill out and got back to his corral without much further damage. A small boy riding the horse that was killed escaped without injury.

Elder George C. Naegle and wife, of Pacheco, Mexico, paid the News a parting call January 24, just previous to their taking the train on their way to Europe. Elder Naegle leaves on a mission, and is to succeed Elder J. J. Scharrer in the presidency of the Swiss and German mission. Elder Naegle and wife were in good spirits and take with them the best wishes of the people for success in the labor of love in which they will be engaged.

A vacancy having been occasioned in the Hunter ward Bishopric, of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, by Brother Alfred A. Jones tendering his resignation as second counselor, Brother Joseph N. Morris was unanimously sustained to fill the vacancy, and was ordained a High Priest and set apart to labor as second counselor to Bishop William Miller, under the hands of President Joseph E. Taylor last Sunday.

Thursday afternoon about three o'clock James H. Morgan, deputy auditor and recorder of Ada county, Idaho, was found dead in the woodshed at his residence, 108 Bannock street.

Mr. Morgan was well known in Salt Lake and Ogden, and, says the *Boise Statesman*, had for months been troubled with dropsy, which a few weeks ago developed alarming symptoms, affecting his heart.

The Bear Lake *Post* says: "Some time last Monday night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, the district school house at Auburn, Star valley, by some way as yet unknown, caught fire and burned to the ground. All the school furniture, consisting of desks, charts, maps, etc., and a great many books belonging to the students were also destroyed. The loss to the district is estimated at not less than \$500. The school will probably be continued in the meeting

house until another school house can be erected.

The following named gentlemen have been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce as delegates to attend the Trans-Mississippi congress which will begin a four days' session at San Francisco on the 13th of February: O. J. Salisbury, J. H. Bacon, George M. Scott, W. S. McCornick, George Y. Wallace, M. J. Gray, B. F. Grant, A. H. Cannon, C. O. Whittemore, F. W. Ross, W. H. Culmer, L. C. Crossman, D. C. Adams, W. H. Rowe, ex-officio.

News comes from San Francisco to the effect that ex-Policemen Curran and Johnson, who recently skipped out from Salt Lake, are in the Midwinter Fair city looking, like Micawber, for something to "turn up," but up to the present have been very unfortunate and are in very hard circumstances. Mike Sullivan, who did work for Salt Lake at Chicago under Chief Bonfield, and who went to the coast at the close of the great Exposition, has not yet been given employment but expects an appointment in a few days.

The patiently awaited commission of Colonel Merritt, as Chief Justice for Utah, arrived by mail from Washington Saturday, Jan. 27. Having qualified subsequently before Judge Barth, in chambers, by taking the required oath of office, his Honor, promptly on the stroke of ten o'clock, took his seat on the bench of the Third district court and proceeded at once with the hearing of the usual Saturday motions. There was a large attendance of members of the bar, many of whom seemed anxious to take up matters which have been subjected to annoying but unavoidable delay for the past two weeks.

A case had been worked up by the officers against Alex. Ogilvie in relation to the late cattle-stealing episode, says the *Richfield Advocate*, and Deputy Marshal Bean notified Clate Gannett that he was wanted as a witness in the case, but Mr. Gannett took the first good opportunity to leave the county. The fact was made known and Deputy Marshals Mount and Bean followed and brought him back and he was taken before Commissioner Jensen and bound over as a witness to appear before the grand jury at Provo. The officers are on the track of Ogilvie and he is liable to be collared any minute. The commissioner supposes there will be a clear case against him.

Tuesday night Officer Ferris picked up at Ogden one M. J. Murphy, a Salt Lake railroad man, on the street, in a state of helpless intoxication, and Murphy asked the officer to show him the Broom hotel, which Mr. Ferris very kindly did. Yesterday morning Murphy declared that he had been robbed of \$800 the night before, and insinuated very strongly that it was the officer who had done it. Officer Ferris heard the story and hunted Murphy up. Later, says the *Standard*, Mr. Murphy emphatically denied the statement that he had been robbed by the officer or any one else, or that he had ever said so, as he only had a few dollars when he left Salt Lake.

For several months past the public has been informed of periodical fires at the drug stores of Leyman & Company at the corner of First South and West Temple streets and also at the corner of Fourth South and Second West streets. In each case there was heavy insurance and strong suspicion of incendiarism. The indications were so pronounced at the blaze which occurred at the last named store on Sunday night that the fire chief yesterday notified the insurance companies that they had better cancel the policies in order to protect themselves, but before they had taken action another fire destroyed a good deal of property at two o'clock this morning.

Lizzie Zeiglinhart strayed away from her home in Ogden Jan. 25 says the *Sun* of that place January 26, and although diligent search was made for her all day no trace of her whereabouts could be obtained. Early this morning David Burns, who resides near Uintah, saw a young girl traveling along the road near his house. He accosted her and asked her where she was going, when she replied "to California." She was benumbed with cold, and thinking everything was not right Burns took her to his house and provided her with food. He communicated with Sheriff Belnap, and the girl was brought back to her home. When she left she took with her all the wearing apparel she could readily carry, and these articles were found strewn along the road.

At 4:30 yesterday (Monday) afternoon the dead body of John W. Martin was found in his room in the Weston residence on Lincoln avenue.

In the room were also found a letter and a small box which had contained morphine. The letter was dated Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and stated: "I have suffered for three years with what the doctors call locomotorataxia. There seems to be no hope for my recovery, so I take this mode of ending my suffering. This is premeditated. I hope it will be successful."

The deceased was a veteran railway man and acted in the capacity of conductor on the Union Pacific, Rio Grande Western and Southern Pacific. He was divorced from his wife in Ogden four or five years ago. He had a brother in Indiana who was notified of the suicide.

The Twentieth ward has probably been the scene of as many if not more hold-ups and brutal assaults than any other outlying district of the city. In it Jan. 25 near the corner of I and Second streets, George Davis, a plumber, was brutally felled to the ground by a blow from a slung shot in the hands of a thug two of whom were standing under a shade tree as he approached them.

The blow was so violent that the point of the left cheek bone was crushed in. While their unfortunate victim sought to rise he was relieved of his watch and chain. Before a complete ransacking of his pockets had been made they appeared to become frightened and accordingly decamped without the few dollars they might have secured had they been less hasty. They were heard to remark as they started off. "We struck the wrong man."

Davis laboriously and painfully made his way to the police station.