

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 25.—The case against Joe J. Whitaker has been decided. Defendant was discharged on a demurrer to the evidence, no evidence whatever being permitted to be introduced.

A gentleman over from Lehi reports that next week the sugar works will ship 600 head of cattle to Omaha. The animals have been fattened on the pulp from the sugar beets and are in fine condition.

An unoccupied house on Twenty-sixth street, belonging to T. A. Whalen for the third time during the month was discovered to be on fire Wednesday about 7:30 o'clock. The building was damaged about \$600; insured for \$800.

In a letter to an Ogden business man word comes from Oakley, Idaho, of a double murder. Noel Carlson, of Oakley, was out some sixty miles west when he came onto a sheep camp where he found the murdered bodies of Dan Cummings and John Wilson. They had been shot and from appearances had been dead several days. The killing is supposed to be the work of cowboys.

John Martin, a miner, met with a painful accident Sunday night at Bingham while acting as car pusher in one of the Niagara tunnels. Martin had just emptied a car at the tunnel dump, when he pulled the car toward him with a jerk runolog it against his leg and breaking it. He was brought to Salt Lake Monday evening and conveyed to St. Mark's Hospital and the company is doing all in their power for his comfort.

The case of Jane English et al vs the Southern Pacific Railway company and Ogden Union Railway & Depot company appellants, came up in the Supreme court Monday afternoon. William English, husband of plaintiff, was killed by a train of the defendant company at Ogden. Suit was brought to recover \$50,000 damages, and a verdict was rendered by the Fourth district court in favor of plaintiff for \$15,000 from which the defendant appealed.

One change doth tread upon another's heels, so fast they follow. Tule with reference to the fire and police departments—commissionership mud-dle.

News was received late Thursday afternoon from Commissioner F. B. Stephens, now in Los Angeles, of his resignation from the board. It came to Benner X. Smith, Mr. Stephens' law partner and was promptly communicated to Mayor Glendinning who without delay appointed Attorney C. S. Varian to succeed him.

State Supreme court Monday afternoon handed down the opinion in the murder case of Patrick Coughlin and Fred George, the former convicted of murder in the first degree and the latter for murder in the second degree. The court affirmed the ruling of the lower court overruling motion for new trial. The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice

Zoe, and Judges Miner and Jacob Johnson concurring. This means that these outlaws must answer to the law for their misdeeds.

Will you kindly insert the following in your valuable paper?

Mrs. Charles Talbot, 179 Jackson street, Brooklyn, New York, desires to hear from her uncle, James Wilkes, or any of his family. He left Portsmouth, England, some twelve years ago for Utah, at that time he had a grown up family of seven, five sons and two daughters; last heard from in Salt Lake City, was then working for a Mr. Harris, gardener. Any information of his whereabouts, or that of any member of his family, would be gratefully received by her, or by the undersigned, who will notify Mrs. Talbot.

SAMUEL W. RICHARDS,  
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Joseph, the 8-year-old son of City Marshal Wise, of Rock Springs, seems to be possessed with the spirit of traveling. On Saturday night last he left home, and after procuring a new suit of clothes at a store in the vicinity, donning it and having it charged to his father, he boarded the train and came to this city, arriving here early Sunday morning. The officer at the Union Pacific depot took charge of the lad as he alighted from the train, and conveyed him to the police station, where he was looked after by Desk Sergeant Adams, who took him to his home that night. Monday Marshal Wise came down, and after showing his son the beauties of Salt Lake, took him home to his mamma. The lad has apparently enjoyed his trip immensely.

The Box Elder Stake Tabernacle, which was destroyed by fire on the 9th inst., will be rebuilt. That fact was learned from the Stake authority, President Rudger Clawson and others, who were in the city Wednesday in consultation with the First Presidency. The loss aggregated \$12,000 and it is the intention of the people of the Stake to appeal to those of other Stakes, who are in a better condition financially than they are, for help to reconstruct their house of worship.

The inhabitants of Box Elder have, of late, been erecting meeting houses in their respective wards and this, together with the stringent times, has placed them in a bad plight with regard to the re-erection of their Tabernacle. They, however, have resolved to commence its re-construction right away, and they will no doubt receive substantial assistance from other sources.

Fish Commissioner Musser writes that in the spring of 1891 500,000 shad fry were planted in Weber river, 500,000 in Bear river near Montpelier; and 1,891,000 in Bear Lake, also three large tubs of marine plants filled with microscopic life (upon which shad feed), near the mouths of the Jordan, Weber and Bear rivers. Sometime ago "tracers" were sent out to a number of parties living on Bear river and on the shores of Bear lake, asking if they had seen or heard anything of the

shad planted in 1891. No one could give any information about them until the receipt of a cheering letter from Joseph C. Rich; and Mr. Musser feels confident that the fish seen by Mr. Rich and others is no other than the delectable shad, introduced from the Delaware river, near Philadelphia, in the year first above noted. The news will be welcome to all lovers of that excellent fish.

BEAVER, Feb. 24.—The first session of the Fifth district court in the State of Utah for Beaver county opened in the court house here at 10 o'clock this morning with Judge E. V. Higgins presiding.

The county clerk, William Hurst was sworn in by Judge Higgins as the clerk of this court for Beaver county. The reading of the docket showed the entries of five criminal cases, three probate cases, and two civil cases. Among the criminal cases are two against Joseph Crosby and George Crosby for obtaining money under false pretenses, and their trials are set for Friday; also against Schrucker for forging a \$100 check on the Co-op. store here, and two sheep stealing cases. Among the civil suits is the tax case of Slaughter vs Ord, in which Thurman and Christian are engaged. P. T. Farnsworth vs S. R. Angle, also a suit of Peter M. Baum. The court will most likely adjourn on Thursday or Friday for the term.

Considerable interest has been aroused here over telegraphic inquiries from President Talmage, of the Utah University, who is now at Jacksonville, Florida, in attendance upon the session of National Educational association, department of superintendents, in his efforts to secure the holding of the next annual meeting of that body in this city. Previous to the telegram to Governor Wells, from Dr. Talmage, as chronicled in another part of today's NEWS, Mayor Glendinning received the following dispatch:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 18, 1896.

Mayor Glendinning: Would city welcome National Educational association, department of superintendents, February next?

J. E. TALMAGE.

To this telegram the board of education, through President Dooly, replied as follows:

SALT LAKE CITY.

J. E. Talmage: Citizens of Salt Lake will heartily welcome National association, department of superintendents. Urge it to come.

J. E. DOOLY.

Mrs. Janet Aird, 97 years of age, and an inmate of the Salt Lake county infirmary, met with a peculiar accident Thursday, so comes the report from that institution. Mrs. Aird has a mania for running away, so, when, in making some repairs on the roof, a ladder was left in the hall communicating with a trap door, Mrs. Aird availed herself of the opportunity. Of course such a proceeding was wholly unexpected by the management, but the finding of Mrs. Aird outside the building early this morning told the story. At some previous hour, probably not long before, Mrs. Aird had climbed the ladder and crawled to the roof of the two-story building. Once there she was unable to retain her place, and rolled or slipped to the roof of the one-