

school age in the County is 13,601, of which number 8818 are credited to the city. The Territorial tax levy of 3 mills allowed but \$4.50 for each pupil, the amount received from that source being inadequate to pay the salaries of the teachers. The sum of \$50,000 would be required for the support of the schools outside the city, which have to be in session at least three terms during the school year, otherwise they would receive no benefit from the public school fund. The County Court would levy the school tax on the valuations made by the county assessor, viz., \$7,775,000 on the outside of the city and \$44,495,970 within the city limits. The amount received by the city from the apportionment made by the County Court would be \$48,750.

To set matters right and to make up the deficiency, Mr. Johnson moved the withdrawal of the 1 1/2 mills levy and the substitution of a half mill levy, which would arrange all the inequalities. This would give the county sufficient funds together with the territorial apportionment, without burdening the city wrongfully.

Mr. Johnson's motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson next moved that the new levy be certified by the city assessor and the old one withdrawn.

The procuring of a seal for the Board was referred, on motion of Trustee Snow, to the finance committee, with power to act.

A pamphlet entitled, "Circular of the Public Schools of Salt Lake County," by Supt. Stewart, was distributed among the members of the Board and press representatives.

The meeting adjourned after extending the cordial thanks of the Board to Mr. Stewart for his promptness in attending and his courtesy in giving all the required information.

It should be mentioned that before the meeting was called to order the members indulged in an informal discussion of the proposed plan of consolidating the East and West side high schools into one building, viz.: That of school No. 14, and that the superintendent be instructed to utilize in that school the teachers now employed in the East side. It was finally determined to allow the proposed change to remain in abeyance until further orders from the Board.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Keep Your Feet Dry.

How often do we see people tramping about in the mud, with shoes soaked through, and how often do such people, when they return home, sit down by the fireside and permit their feet to dry without changing either stockings or shoes. Can we then wonder at the coughing and barking and rheumatism and inflammation which enables the doctors to ride in their carriages! Wet feet most commonly produce affections of the throat and lungs, and when such diseases have once

taken place "the house is on fire," danger is not far off; therefore, every one, no matter how healthy, ought to guard against wet feet.

A Mark of Appreciation.

On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, a representative of the *Tribune*, in quest of information about the order for the troops to go to the seat of the Indian war, entered the quarters of Col. Blunt, at Fort Douglas. The following from that paper describes the scene that ensued and exhibits the degree of appreciation existing in the breast of the brave soldier for the organ of slander:

"Good evening, colonel," was his greeting.

"Well."

"I understand you are ordered to the scene of the Indian troubles?"

"Who are you?"

"I am from the *Tribune*, and came out to get a little information."

"Well, I have none to give you, and I want you to get out of my office."

To say that the reporter was paralyzed was putting it mild. Recovering himself, however, he inquired:

"Well, colonel, can you tell me where I can get some information?"

"I have none to give you," was the reply, "and I don't know where you can get it. All I want of you is to get out of my office. You have no business here. Get out."

The reporter got.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

George Noble, of Lake Point, arrested on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, alleged to have been committed with Mrs. Noble and Isabella Cox, was taken before Commissioner Norrell on Monday, Dec. 29th, Mr. Critchlow prosecuting, and Mr. Moyle defending.

Isabella Cox testified— I have been married to Mr. Edgington, who resides near the Warm Springs, but was divorced from him in 1883. Since then I have lived principally at Mr. Noble's, in Tooele County. He is my brother-in-law. During the past seven years I have worked at several places in this city. I have a child three years old; a man named Charles Sexton is its father. I met Sexton while he was a soldier at Fort Douglas. He is now in Ohio. I was never married to him. After the child was born it was rumored that Mr. Noble was the father of it, but it was untrue.

Mrs. Rachel Noble testified—The defendant is my brother-in-law. I lived in Arizona up to two years ago, when I went to Tooele county. It is not reputed in the family that Isabella Cox is Mr. Noble's wife, nor is it reputed that he is the father of her child. It is reputed that a man named Sexton is its father.

This was all the evidence and Mr. Critchlow asked that the case be dismissed, adding that "he did not know what on earth Mr. Noble was arrested for." So wondered the Commissioner and everybody else.

A Rare Book.

A gentleman in this city recently received a catalogue issued by a New York bookseller in which is described a pamphlet alleged to have been written by Solomon Mack, the

father of Lucy Mack, who married Joseph Smith, Sr., and became the mother of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The work is a small 12 mo., of 48 pages, was printed about the year 1810, and gives an account of the life of the author. The description of it, given in the catalogue, is written in a vein of ridicule and sarcasm; but it appears that the author had led a varied and eventful life on sea and land, as sailor and soldier, and otherwise. He suffered a remarkable series of severe accidents to his person, such as falls, broken bones, etc., and was converted to a belief in revealed religion in a remarkable manner. He testifies that his daughter, the wife of one Joseph Tuttle, was healed from a severe sickness by miraculous means, after the attending physicians had pronounced her recovery impossible.

The pamphlet affords some genealogical data, and, if it really is what it purports to be, is a relic of much interest, and would indicate that certain qualities, particularly of a spiritual character, which were developed to a remarkable degree in the Prophet Joseph Smith, were more or less plainly exhibited in some of his ancestors. The price asked for the work is \$20, which proves it to be rare, and is incidental evidence of genuineness.

Fort Douglas Troops.

At 8 p. m. on December 31st the order reached Fort Douglas that eight companies of troops, under command of Colonel Andrews of the Twenty-first, should proceed at once to Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and there await further instructions.

Immediately after the order was announced the camp became a scene of bustle and activity. The usual commotion preliminary to a hasty departure of troops was witnessed in the camp during the night.

Four companies of the Sixteenth Infantry, commanded by Captains Morrison, Richards, Whitall and Ward, and three companies of the Twenty-first Infantry, commanded by Captains Bradley, Willick, and Corman, were the troops ordered to the front.

Captain Joslyn's company with three gatling guns also accompany the party.

Yesterday morning at 10 a. m. the troops were embarked on a special train of the Union Pacific and they are now in the vicinity of Fort Robinson, Neb., and probably anticipating a further order to proceed to the front and wipe out original native Americans.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Hearst rested easy last night and is feeling very comfortable today.

New York, Jan. 6.—Decker Howell & Co., resumed business today. The assignee paid the creditors in full.

Pittsburg, Jan. 6.—The Sewickly Dairy Company assigned for the benefit of its creditors. The capital stock of the company is \$400,000.