

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The assessed valuation of Provo City this year is \$1,868.40.

Brother N. N. Perkins, who came to Ogden about six months ago from Helper, Carbon county, Colorado, for medical treatment, he suffering from Bright's disease, died Monday morning. He was a blacksmith in the D. & R. G. railway shop at Helper and death was caused by gangrene in one of the kidneys and gravel stones in other parts.

ST. GEORGE, Utah, June 23.—William Carter, the Utah pioneer and the man who plowed the first half acre of ground in the State, died here Monday night. He was born at Sedbury, Herefordshire, February 13th, 1821, and was therefore 75 years old. He came to Dixie with the Pioneers and has lived here ever since. His funeral was held here today.

Father Simon Noall, an old and respected citizen of Salt Lake, died at the home of his daughter at 27 Quince street, this city, Sunday. Father Noall joined the Church in the year 1852, in England, and emigrated to Utah in 1858, driving an ox team across the plains and partaking of the hardships of Pioneer life. He has been an ardent worker both for the building up of the State and also of the Church and died in full faith of the Gospel.

The annual Sunday school conference of Utah Stake, held Saturday and Sunday, was well attended, and greatly enjoyed by all present. Among the visiting elders were President George Q. Cannon, Elders K. G. Maeser, Geo. Reynolds, George Goddard and John M. Whitaker, each of whom addressed the congregation, giving valuable and timely instructions to the young. An interesting lecture on Edison and his inventions was given by Elder Whitaker Saturday evening. One of the most pleasing exercises given by the schools was the drill by the kindergarten classes of the Second and Fourth wards of Provo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.,

June 17, 1896.

Will you kindly publish in your paper the address of the Northern States mission, which now is 1825 East 11th street, Kansas City, Mo.

It will afford us great pleasure to have our friends who are passing through or visiting Kansas City give us a call. Direction:—at Union depot, take 9th street car to Michigan avenue, walk two blocks south to office.

We also desire to remind the Saints who have friends in this mission on whom they would like us to call, to please forward their address to this office, and we will take pleasure in paying them a visit.

SAMUEL G. SPENCER,

President Northern States Mission.

NEPHI, June 18.—Abe Orme, son of Abraham and Sarah A. Orme, has been adjudged insane by the county court here. The unfortunate man is the owner of a considerable number of sheep and was one of the herders of them. He has been showing signs of mental derangement for some years

and recently threatened some of his folks with a gun. He then became so violent that restraint was necessary, and he was taken into custody by the officers. Morally and otherwise he was a very good young man.

William Lee, employed in the search for Fred Farmer who disappeared some months ago under somewhat mysterious circumstances, is still in the Colorado river country with little hopes of being successful in the object of his mission.

Judge J. F. Bartou of Bluff, San Juan county, is in the capital on business. He reports that the season is extremely dry down that way. However, at Bluff, they have an unailing water supply in the San Juan river. But at Monticello, the Blue Mountains which are the feeders of the streams running in to that town are giving up but very little moisture and as a result crops will be extremely light.

Judge Bartou also reports the presence of Colorado Indians with their animals on this side of the State line. As a result even the scant herbage that the settlers hoped to have for their own stock is being rapidly consumed, making the prospects for the immediate future, with other adverse conditions, anything but promising.

Monday President George Q. Cannon received the following note, accompanied by a check for \$20, which he handed over to Governor H. M. Wells, executive officer of the Brigham Young Memorial association:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,

June 22, 1896.

Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon:

Dear Sir—"The good men do lives after them." A study of twenty years of the work done by the Pioneers who settled Salt Lake valley impresses me more and more of the true greatness, broad-mindedness and marvellous ability that characterized Brigham Young, the leader of the Pioneers; and I desire the pleasure of offering my contribution toward the monument to be erected to him in this city.

I am, dear sir, very respectfully yours,
J. ELLIOT CONDICT.

Mr. J. J. Thomas, secretary of the State board of equalization, Thursday sent the following letter to Hon. C. S. Varian, acting attorney general:

Dear Sir—I am directed by the State board of equalization to inform you that this board is in receipt of several complaints from county assessors, complaining that the county commissioners of their respective counties have neglected, or refused, to furnish them with maps or plats, as required by section 50 of the "Revenue act," and the laws of Utah Territory previous to the adoption of the present law.

The board desires your opinion what action they may legally take to compel counties delinquent in this matter to comply with the law. The action of county commissioners in refusing, or neglecting, to furnish these maps or plats will materially reduce the revenue of the State.

Also the board wishes to submit to you the following questions asked by the assessor of Rich county, and respectfully asks your opinion upon them:

First—In listing property upon which there is a mortgage, which has been as-

essed, is it proper to deduct the amount of the mortgage from the value of the property?

Second—Will it be necessary this year to place the figure one opposite the name of each taxpayer liable to pay a poll tax?

Third—In counties where one person holds the two offices of assessor and collector will he be entitled to receive the full amount of the salaries fixed by the Legislature for the two offices?

The closing exercises of the public schools held in the Brigham Young academy Friday were well attended by parents and friends. A number of the teachers made interesting and instructive speeches to the pupils, interspersed with vocal and instrumental musical selections.

The following pupils received certificates of graduation and each graduate was presented with flowers by the teachers and friends: Millie Daniels, Lester Pratt, Ida Anderberg, James Loveless, Florence Richmond, Zora Smith, Viola Martin, Calvin Fletener, Lorena King, Jennie Buckley, Ethel Stewart, Edgar Perry, Pearl Daniels, Stella Knight, Lottie Maiten, Mabel Moore, Stella Thomas, Frank Holdaway, Annie Douglass, Hattie Elliott, Eddie Perry, George Thertott, Stella Davis, Louie Daniels. The schools have been very successful indeed during the past year and reflect great credit upon the board of education, Superintendent Rawlings and the able corps of teachers who have devoted their efforts to the cause of education.

The teachers feel quite gratified over the Provo schools having received from the World's Fair awarding committee a diploma and medal, which have just arrived, for general excellence, good penmanship, science intelligently illustrated, superior buildings and special merit in drawing and relief maps.

The public schools of this city have been awarded a bronze medal by the Columbian Exposition. The medal bears a relief picture of Columbus, representing him first landing on this continent and bears the inscription: "World's Columbian Exposition in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of Columbus. MDCCCXCII. MDCCCXCIII. To Salt Lake City Public Schools."

Three diplomas were also received, one for the exhibit of primary work, "for excellent methods and good results in numbers, language, and primary work; also high merit of drawing and penmanship." The second is for grammar school work, "for general excellence in class work and especially meritorious methods in history, mathematics, English, composition and drawing; also shows high merit and good system of instruction." The third is for High school work; "first, for general excellence in class work, second, for high grade of merit in Greek, Latin, French, German and English compositions and penmanship; third, for especial superiority in higher mathematics and science well illustrated; fourth, for good system of drawing with excellent results."

The medal and diplomas are in the offices of the board of education, they having been received Friday evening from the examination board of the educational examluers of the World's Fair.

The schools are deserving of much