

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The will of the late Patriarch Lorenzo Dow Young, who departed this life on November 21st last, has been filed in the probate court and will be heard on December 26th. It is a very comprehensive document and sets forth what and to whom the property of the deceased is bequeathed.

A telegram from Washington Dec. 12 brought information that it was not likely that the presidential proclamation on Utah's admission would be issued before Christmas. The present indications are that it will be issued either between Christmas and New Year, or the day after New Year—Thursday, January 2, 1896.

The Presbytery of Utah found the Rev. Elijah W. Green, ex-Presbyterian minister, guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister of the Gospel. His offense, consisting of "lying and swindling in the heinous forms of false pretense, deception and fraud." The decision was that he should be deposed from the ministry, and excommunicated from the communion of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

The Herald announced Sunday morning what has been an open secret in newspaper circles for some time past—a change in its editorial management. Beginning with Monday's issue, it says B. H. Roberts will succeed C. W. Penrose as editor-in-chief.

Mr. Roberts formerly edited the Semi-Weekly Herald and is therefore more or less familiar with the duties before him. Mr. Penrose has made no declaration as to the future but it is not likely that he will remain inactive very long.

The Constitution of the State of Utah, with the certification of the vote thereon, was placed in the hands of President Grover Cleveland today, December 16.

A Private telegram from Delegate Frank J. Cannon brought the intelligence that the Constitution was presented to the President at noon today. Upon receiving it the President stated he would give it immediate consideration, and if it is according to the Enabling Act he will sign the proclamation with great pleasure.

As the NEWS columns close, at 4 o'clock Tuesday, the old county court house, a structure of historical character, is in flames, and notwithstanding the joint efforts of the two city fire departments to check the fire fiend in its ravages, it is claimed that the building will be totally destroyed, or so nearly so as to be rendered absolutely useless.

The fire started in the garret, or near thereto, at 3:30 and soon the whole building was in flames. The fire is of mysterious origin. There is no insurance, the policy for \$5,000, A. L. Jacobs, local agent, expired October 5th last.

A few years ago Herman Christensen, a young carpenter who lives in Providence precinct, lost several fingers in an accident at a saw mill, and on Monday had to part with another. About a month ago while working at

his trade, he ran a splinter into the middle finger of his right hand, at the base of the nail. The wound, although apparently a trifling one, caused him much pain. When he finally consulted a physician he found that blood poisoning had reached an advanced stage and amputation was necessary. On Monday Dr. Snow removed the diseased digit at the last joint. The poisonous matter had partially affected the hand, but he believes further use of the knife may be avoided.

CIRCLEVILLE, Utah, Dec. 9, 1895.—While the good people of Circleville were attending their usual Sunday service meeting the report of "fire" was given, and there was a general rush for the door, some having the idea that the meeting house was on fire. As soon as the door was thrown open, however, they could understand that they were out of danger, but could see in the distance that much of the property of Joseph Nielson was ablaze. The men rushed to the scene as soon as possible, but could render no assistance except to keep the fire from spreading to the house. The property that went up in smoke consisted of forty tons of hay, good sheds, corrals, stable, hog pens, etc. Had it not been for one Charles Buttou and others, considerable more property might have gone up.

The following has been received from Recorder James Connell, of Parowan City, Iron county:

Resolutions of condolence adopted by the city council of Parowan City on December 10, A. D. 1895, in respect to the memory of Edward Ward, section for Parowan City, recently deceased.

Resolved, That by the death of our esteemed and beloved section, Edward Ward, who has served us faithfully for many years, we have lost a good citizen and an efficient officer;

Second, That we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy in this their great bereavement;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his family, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the council, also that a copy of the same be sent to the Herald and DESERET NEWS Publishing companies of Salt Lake City for publication.

BINGHAM, Dec. 13.—There was a fatal cave-in at the Old Spanish mine in this camp shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. The victim is George K. Stevens.

At the time he met death he was engaged at his usual work. A mass of rock and dirt was loosened and came down with full force killing him instantly and completely burying his body. It is certain that it will be badly mangled. Workmen are now engaged in extricating it. The mine is at present under a lease by the Niagara company.

Stevens has been here for many years. He was 42 years of age and was highly respected by every one who knew him on account of his generous and sterling characteristics. The time of the inquest and funeral has not yet been announced and will not

be known until after the body has been recovered.

Word was received by the NEWS from Bingham Junction at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon to the effect that a mounted messenger had just reached that place from the range near the mouth of Bingham canyon with the information that a man had been found dead in his wagon.

Particulars were very meager at press time but from what could be gleaned it appears that Robert Bradford, a sheep herder, rode up to the camp of a half-witted man familiarly known as "Crazy" Davis. He was horror-stricken to find him dead with a bullet hole in his body from which the blood was still freely flowing indicating that life had not long been extinct. Word was immediately sent to Bingham Junction nine miles distant, and from there the tidings were received here.

The deceased was about 50 years of age and was a private in the now famous Industrial army of Utah. At the time of his death he was in the employ of a sheepman named Henry Clesner.

An act which has caused sorrow and regret in the hearts of some of Murray's best citizens was revealed Friday morning, when the lifeless body of Charles Walter, a prosperous and well-to-do farmer of that place was found hanging from the rafters of his barn, into which he had gone but an hour before to feed the cattle.

Walter, it appears arose from his bed early in the morning with the avowed intention of attending to his stock, which he apparently did, but upon not returning, a search was made for him which resulted in his being found, a lifeless, self-destroyed corpse. He had climbed upon the ladder leading to the hay loft and placing a noose about his neck had hurled himself to sudden death.

No apparent reason can be given for the man's rash act, other than that it was committed during a fit of temporary insanity. Mr. Walter's home was one of comfort and happiness, and he leaves a devoted wife, two sons and three daughters, to mourn his sad, sudden and unexpected ending.

The many readers of the NEWS will be pained to learn of the death of Joseph M. Watson, member of the present City Council of Salt Lake, member-elect of the next Council, and head of the firm of Watson Brothers' contractors and builders.

The deceased has been very ill for some time, but his affliction had taken a turn and until a few days ago he seemed to be improving. Lately, however, his condition became more serious, resulting as stated about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The deceased was a native of Scotland, and came to Utah many years ago. Here he has built for himself a reputation for honesty, integrity and good citizenship that has won for him the esteem of the public; and those who were intimately associated with him knew him as a man of gentle, lovable disposition. In Brother Watson's demise the city has lost a valued public servant and an upright man. His bereaved family will have the sympathy of the whole community.