

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Sister Anne K. Smoot, president of the Primary association of Utah Stake of Zion, is lying at death's door.

The enterprising people of Tooele have proven to themselves and the citizens of Utah that great things can be accomplished even in hard times. This demonstration consists in the erection of a handsome and thoroughly modern school building which is rapidly nearing completion.

Eastern green goods men are again flooding the Territory, and especially this city, with their typewritten circulars, in which they set forth the manner in which they would entrap their unwary victims. Have nothing to do with them unless you want to get bad money for good and go to the penitentiary in the bargain.

The committee on the joint city and county building have sent to Secretary C. C. Richards, withdrawing the offer of the building for the next session of the Utah Legislature. The reason for this action is that the committee find that it will be impossible to complete the structure sufficiently to make it comfortable and convenient for the deliberations of the solons.

FARMINGTON, Nov. 27.—Word has been brought from Centerville that William R. Smith, President of the Davis Stake of Zion is still seriously ill. For several days, and up to three days ago, very few had any hopes of his recovery, but the last three days there seems to be a slight improvement which gives some slight encouragement. He is, however, still seriously ill.

S. W. Sears, Republican representative-elect to the next Territorial Legislature, who met with a painful accident at his home Friday morning by falling about seven feet, striking on his right shoulder and injuring the ligaments, was about town the next day with his arm in bandages, and is doing as well as can be expected. The injury caused him intense pain, and it will be some weeks before he will be himself again.

Tooele, the great sheep wintering county, is covered with hundreds of flocks whose owners are patiently waiting for a good fall of snow that they might more safely venture out onto the big desert, there to spend the winter months. The sooner the snow flies the better they will be suited as the ranges close to—even for miles from every stream and spring—are pretty nearly cleared off. The feed on the desert beyond water is said to be fairly good and when snow comes the sheep men will be happy.

Says an exchange: "When Nauvoo was the Mormons' center it had a population of 20,000 people. It has now only a little more than 1200." Yes, it is too bad that the Mormons were not permitted to remain in Nauvoo in the 40's. Today it would be the metropolis of the state. The location is such that the city would have drawn attention from the wide world, and people would have flocked here to look at the Mormon city. A sad, sad mis-

take was made by the people of Hancock county when they drove the Mormons out.—*Nauvoo Rustler*.

On Saturday last Mr. Jno. Eskelsen, of Richmond, and his 14-year-old son were getting wood out of the canyon above that place. While they were bringing a log down the drag road, it caught on a stump, and the boy took his axe to chop or drive it loose. The first blow the axe glanced and out the boy's foot very severely. He was brought to Logan immediately, when Dr. Snow found it necessary to amputate the great toe and take a number of stitches in the gash in the foot.

Montpelier, Idaho Post: Just as we go to press word comes to us from Bern over the river, that on Thursday night, while David Kunz was away from home, his barn, corrals and stables and two sets of harness, together with his cheese house and all the apparatus and about \$600 worth of cheese, were destroyed by fire. There is no clue to the origin of the fire, but Mr. Kunz thinks it must have been purposely set fire to by some one as it is said the fire broke out all around the building at once. The loss will amount to \$1200. We have not heard whether there is any insurance on the property or not.

A. L. White, an Ogden railway man, was startled on Monday night by hearing the cry of an infant at his front door. On opening the door there lay a child of three or four weeks old, carefully wrapped up. No one was met who could inform him as to how the babe came there. Mr. White tenderly took up the little wail and bore it into the house, where it will no doubt receive good attention. Later on going to the door a bundle of clothing suitable for the little one was discovered. The mother had evidently seen the cordial reception tendered the babe and had returned with the clothing.

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah, Nov. 22, 1893.—O. F. Herron killed a young cinnamon bear in Grove Creek canyon here on Saturday last. Mr. Herron found the animal in a cave or hole in the mountain, and by means of a fire near the mouth of the den succeeded in smoking him out. When the bear emerged from his lair the hunter sent a bullet through his neck, killing him instantly.

The animal is a fine specimen of his kind. His carcass will adorn one of the butcher shops in Salt Lake City.

A huge bear was killed at this same den a number of years ago by some wood choppers, one of whom sent the blade of his ax through its skull as it emerged from the hole.

Elder Ezra J. Howell, of Fish Haven, Bear Lake county, has just returned from a mission to the Northern states. He left home on August 16th of the present year and during his brief absence labored in Green and Crawford counties, Indiana. He had been very sick, however, the entire time, and on that account was honorably released to return home, being quite unable to endure the trying climate. Elder Howell states that he regrets this exceedingly,

and relinquishes the duty which he had been assigned to him with great reluctance. He is suffering from an affliction of the kidneys and will remain in Salt Lake for medical treatment for a few weeks before proceeding to Fish Haven.

John H. Bowman, late contractor upon the joint city and county building, has filed his suit against Salt Lake City and county, in the Third district court. He alleges that he has done work upon the building in the amount of \$284,031 and has only received therefor the sum of \$116,587.72 from the county, leaving a balance due of \$25,427.87, and has received from the city \$116,903.08, leaving a balance due of \$25,112.42. For a second cause of action Mr. Bowman alleges that he was damaged in the sum of \$5000 by the failure of the city and county to fireproof the building and by delays caused him while the matter was under consideration. Hence he demands judgment for a total sum of \$55,540.20.

The town of Goeben, in the south end of Utah county, had the Sabbath day rudely disturbed by a disastrous fire. The news was received by H. J. Grant & Co. today, in a brief telegram which stated: "Price Brothers' store burned to the ground yesterday."

No particulars as to the cause of the fire or the loss occasioned are given. The damage, however, must have been heavy, as the firm carried insurance policies amounting to \$6500 with Grant & Co. Whether there is any insurance elsewhere is not known. The \$6500 is divided as follows: Home Insurance Company of Utah, \$2000; Liverpool, London and Globe company, \$3500; Fireman's Fund Company of California, \$1000. Mr. Wm. Price, one of the firm, was in town on Saturday purchasing a bill of goods.

It will be a matter of surprise to the many friends of Edward H. Thompson, the well known stockman, that he died suddenly at the residence of his brother-in-law, Matt Cullen, at 941 east Fifth South street at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, while under the influence of chloroform and while undergoing an operation for urethral stricture, by Drs. Plummer and Ewing.

Early in the stage of preparation, according to Dr. Ewing, the patient suddenly stopped breathing and his heart ceased to beat. Vigorous attempts were made to restore him to consciousness by the means of artificial respiration but he soon died without recovering sensibility.

Mr. Thompson leaves a wife and four children who are living near Grand Junction. Interment will take place at Beaver.

Messenger Hallett Sayers of the Rio Grande Western express was found dead in the baggage car of the train which arrived at Ogden at 1 o'clock a.m. Nov. 21. As the train pulled in to the depot the car in which Messenger Sayers performed his work was not open. This was something unusual, so Officer Meissner and Night Clerk Congdon broke in the door when a ghastly sight met their view. Sayers was lying dead upon the car floor, his body still warm. Investigation showed that he had been shot in the region of the heart and that death must have resulted almost instantane-