

PROVO LETTER.

PROVO, May 23.—The following business was transacted at last night's session of the city council:

The committee on finance reported in relation to the cost of the Provo system of waterworks as follows: 125 bonds of \$1000 each, 6 per cent interest, sold at \$975 each, receiving for the \$125,000 par value of bonds \$121,875; a loss of \$3,125 from sale of bonds. A system of waterworks were put in costing the city in the aggregate, \$118,854.68; loss on sale of bonds, \$3,125; making a cost of waterworks of \$121,979.88. Report adopted.

A resolution was adopted setting forth that the city was obligated to diverse parties in the aggregate sum of about \$9,000, aside from the waterworks bond and interest thereon, which would become due before the expiration of the fiscal year; and providing for the liquidation of said indebtedness by the sale of the northwest corner of the court house block, to wit: 100 feet facing upon J street by 150 feet on Seventh street, and also a certain parcel of about eleven acres situated in the northeastern part of the city on the brow of Capitol Ground Hill. The resolution was adopted on a vote of seven for and two against.

Street Supervisor Thurman reported that he was greatly inconvenienced in grading those five rod streets on which electric light poles were placed in the middle, and also that such poles, where they contained no lights, were a nuisance to the public safety. The matter was referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Mr. Farrer, commissioner of Provo city in the commission of representatives of cities of Utah county for the compilation of city ordinances, submitted to the council an ordinance in relation to offenses, which was considered and approved with several slight amendments.

NOTES.

Professor G. H. Brimhall has returned from a trip to Sanpete county in the interest of the B. Y. A. Normal summer school. The Sanpete teachers voted by acclamation to hold their summer institute in connection with the B. Y. A. summer school.

Degrees for the first time in the history of the B. Y. Academy, will this week be conferred upon its students. Six have completed the pedagogical course and are entitled to add "B. D." to their cognomens. They graduate in the following order: O. W. Andelin, G. H. Brimhall, N. L. Nelson, H. M. Warner, Ida Alleman and Cora Groesbeck. The degrees conferred upon Professors Brimhall and Nelson are complimentary.

Mr. A. W. Jensen, a young man attending the academy, received a kick in the stomach on Friday last while playing football, and as a result, is now bedfast.

Joseph D. Jones, probate judge of Utah county, has made application to be admitted to the bar of the First district court. Messrs. George Sutherland, W. H. King and E. A. Wilson were appointed a committee on examination.

The case of Spanish Fork Co-op. vs Nels Christensen, a suit to recover on a note, with interest, was tried, and a verdict of \$183.65 returned.

PROVO, May 24.—The examination of applicants for positions as teachers in the schools of Provo city for the ensuing year has been set for Monday and Tuesday June 18th and 19th. Messrs. E. A. Wilson, J. B. Keeler and J. W. N. Whitecotton have been appointed the board of examiners.

The regular examination exercises of the schools of Provo city will take place on Thursday, June 15. Arrangements are being made for the other schools of the county to join with the schools of Provo on Friday, June 16th, in the exercises of the graduating classes. Diplomas will be awarded the graduates.

A large number of people went to Geneva this morning, the event being the B. Y. Academy field day. The kindergarten exercises at the academy attracted considerable attention yesterday. The work of the little ones was most creditable, both to themselves and to Mrs. Graig, the teacher.

The amount of damages asked for by the plaintiff in the case of C. N. Fransen vs George Whitmore, which was tried yesterday in Judge Smith's court, was \$5000. The damages were alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff while he was in the employ of Whitmore running a hay fork, by catching his hand in a pulley and breaking several bones, necessitating the amputation of a portion of his hand. The jury returned a verdict for defendant.

This was the last case of the trial calendar and the jurors were excused for the term.

At the point where the new iron bridge is to be built over Provo river, the river has been quite crooked. Judge Jones is now rejoicing over the fact that by means of properly constructed dams the water has itself cut a straight, deep channel, facilitating the construction of the bridge.

"The best crop of Provo and vicinity," says Mr. Austin of the Lehi Sugar factory, "is now in a splendid condition. If the farmers will continue to thin out the beets and cultivate them for three weeks longer, the yield will far surpass expectations."

A second child of Robert Jones of Alpine, Vesle, a little girl of seven, has succumbed to diphtheria. A third child is suffering from the disease.

Dr. Shores, ex-county physician of Utah county, is a candidate for the position of surgeon and physician of the Utah penitentiary.

In answer to a telegram from the sheriff of Pocatello, Sheriff Fowler on Monday night arrested W. P. Rennick of that city, who is wanted on the charge of committing an assault with intent to murder. Rennick had been in this city for two weeks, having registered at the Cosmopolitan Hotel as Eugene Bonhart. He will be held until the arrival of the Pocatello sheriff.

John W. Pike, reporter of the First district court, is a candidate for the clerkship; and Mont Roberts and J. S. Rollo are candidates for the position of reporter. It is hinted that B. Bachman Jr., the present clerk of the court, will practice law and may possibly form a junior partnership with Judge Blackburn.

PROVO, May 25.—About 1000 people went to Geneva yesterday to witness the sports of B. Y. A. field day. The

atmosphere was a little cold, but otherwise the day passed off very pleasantly. The most exciting event of the day was the foot ball match between the Reds and Greens, two academy teams. The game was won by the former, who scored two goal kicks, the Greens failing to reach the goal. Prizes were awarded the successful contestants in all the games and sports. There was one interesting feature which was not down on the program. Miss Estella Neff, of Nephi, and companion, while boating on the lake were overturned into the water. The gentleman was brave and effected a gallant rescue, the lady suffering nothing more serious than a fright and a rather chilly bath.

An order was made by Judge Smith yesterday enjoining Uintah county from continuing a ditch in front of the Ashley Co-op. or running water therein.

These are licensed to wed: George M. Strong and Myra O. Larson of this city, and Conrad Kopman and Martha Hardwick of Eureka. The former couple were married yesterday afternoon.

Following are the graduates of the B. Y. A. Commercial college who will take out diplomas: Heber C. Christensen, Robert M. Holt, Hamner Magleby, Harvey Cluff, Harry R. McGraun and Joseph Stringfellow. Certificates for phonography and type writing will be issued to Arthur Dalley, Joseph P. Sharp, Harvey Cluff, David P. Jensen; for phonography, Joseph Broadbent; for bookkeeping, Samuel G. Clark.

Mr. W. J. Sliver, late of Salt Lake, has leased the Sun foundry and machine shop, and the whirr of the machinery will soon again be heard.

"REPORTING UTAH."

The Baptists have been holding a convention in Denver. Tuesday was the day occupied by the Women's Baptist Home Missionary society. One of those who made reports was Miss Emma F. Parsons. She told of her work among the Mormons of Utah. She made the statement that "Mormonism is a combination of Christianity, ancient mythology and the philosophical speculations of various schools." She then proceeded to give a brief sketch of the rise of Mormonism, all of which showed that she had no conception of these branches of her subject. To any person acquainted with the religion and history of the Mormons it will be apparent that the lady has been very much deceived in regard to the system of which she speaks. When she referred to matters that came under her own observation, it was evident that Miss Parsons had no intention of misrepresenting anyone. After remarking that it was her opinion that the "Christian churches could not send anybody to Utah; only trained workers could accomplish good results," she stated:

"I have nothing hard or unkind to say about the Mormon people. I respect them for their consistency and devotion to their religion. I have been universally treated with kindness and respect by them and enjoy the respect of many of them. Mormonism is not composed of two-thirds polyga-