

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 6.

Fire early this morning destroyed the west side of the block in the center of Medford, I. T., causing an aggregate loss of \$30,000. Insurance light.

Elder Evan Evanson of Spanish Fork called at the "News" office this morning and reported his return from a mission to Indian Territory, for which part of the country he left his home September 3, 1895. He made numerous friends, met with fair success and generally enjoyed good health although afflicted with rheumatism a part of the time. This is Elder Evanson's second mission.

The returns of the enrollment at the public schools on Sept. 30 have been compiled in Supt. Millsbaugh's office for comparison purposes. The total last Thursday showed 10,748, whereas on the opening day it was 9,099, and on Sept. 30, 1896, the number of pupils in attendance was 9,329, a gain of 1,419. The figures indicate the rapid growth of the school population and the constantly increasing percentage of attendance.

The shortage of the sugar beet crop in Utah county will have quite an effect in reducing the amount of sugar produced at the Lehi factory this season. It is said that there will not be more than half a crop of beets, and while in some places the percentage of saccharine matter is higher than last year, in other places it falls less, leaving it about the same as 1896. This means a considerable falling off in the sugar output this year.

On the evening of October 6th at a 8 o'clock, a large gathering of Saints and missionaries who had labored in the Nottingham conference, held a reunion in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms. After a good hearty handshaking a program was rendered, consisting of songs, recitations and addresses. A delicious lunch was served. The meeting was dismissed at about 12:30 p.m., the committee on arrangements feeling well repaid, seeing that every one had spent a few hours in a very enjoyable manner.

The Supreme Court handed down an opinion today in the case of Elizabeth J. Stephens, respondent, vs Union Assurance Society, appellant, affirming the decision of the lower court, with costs. Justice Miner wrote the opinion of the court and Chief Justice Zane and Justice Barch concurred.

In this case plaintiff filed a complaint on May 2, 1897, to recover upon the policy of insurance issued to her by defendant on November 18, 1895, upon personal property valued at \$4,000. The property was insured for one year in the sum of \$1,500 and was destroyed by fire December 15, 1895. Defendant refused to pay the loss.

The case was tried before the court, without a jury, who found for the plaintiff and awarded judgment in the sum of \$1,500. From this judgment defendants appealed.

Attorney General Bishop has rendered an opinion in answer to a question from D. H. Morris, county attorney of Washington county, in which he says:

Dear Sir—I have your favor of the 30th ult., in which you refer to an opinion rendered by this office in March of this year relative to the apportionment of taxes collected on transitory herds. The opinion was to the effect that one-half of the taxes which are imposed by the action of the county commissioners should be re-

mitted to the county entitled thereto, in cases to which you refer. It was held that the county school tax should be considered when making the apportionment.

It seems that the county to which you refer has remitted a certain amount, but has not remitted the amount of the county school tax which is due your county on account of transitory herds, for the reason, as claimed, that the taxes so collected had been placed at the disposal of the school district and hence beyond its reach.

You ask for a supplemental opinion as follows:

"Will you kindly give me your opinion as to how the money in such cases can be legally drawn to pay such claims?"

I would suggest that your county make a demand upon the county to which you refer for the balance remaining unpaid. If it has placed the funds, specific funds, beyond its reach, it is nevertheless liable for the unpaid balance, and I am of opinion that it would be the duty of the county commissioners of that county to remit the amount due your county in the premises, and that they would be entitled to reimbursement at the hands of the school district to which an amount has been paid greater than that to which it is entitled.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 7.

Miss May Jones who departed this life today at the family residence on Apple street, had been a great sufferer for two years past. Her affliction was consumption, and although she had been failing for some time, neither she nor her family expected her death so soon. Miss Jones was the oldest of two daughters, and before she was stricken, was quite prominent in social circles. She had many friends who will be pained at the news of her death. Just budding into womanhood and with a bright and happy future before her she has gone to her rest. May the thoughts of her worth and goodness comfort those who are bereft of her society here.

There was an exceedingly heavy downfall of rain, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and great peals of thunder at an early hour this morning.

The storm came up quickly and struck the city about 3:30 o'clock. For a time the electrical display was of a dazzling nature in its character. A little later a big illumination was seen some distance south of the city, and a police officer thinking it was within reach of the department, turned in an alarm from the corner of Second South and East Temple streets. In response to the call the department ran down Second West street to Tenth South, but as the blaze was still far in the distance it returned. The presumption is that the fire was started by lightning.

Elder John Druce of the Twelfth ward of this city passed from mortality at his residence at 2:30 o'clock this morning, after an illness of several years, from the effects of paralysis, in the eightieth year of his age.

Elder Druce is well known in Salt Lake City, having resided here for a great many years. He occupied the position of counselor to Bishop Hyrum B. Clawson of the Twelfth ward for many years, and was highly respected by his friends and acquaintances.

Since coming to Salt Lake and until the condition of his health prevented, he has been engaged in contracting

and building, and in his business relations his character for honesty and uprightness is thoroughly established in business circles. He died as he lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint.

Mrs. Susan Woodruff Scholes, daughter of President Woodruff, died at Sioux City, Iowa, under very distressing circumstances yesterday morning.

Mrs. Scholes was a resident of this city and a member of the Twenty-first ward. About the middle of September she concluded to go to Iowa, her former home, and look after some property interests. She was slightly indisposed at the time, as was also her daughter, Miss Phoebe Scholes, one of the teachers at the Wasatch school. No serious attention was paid to the illness of either one of them at the time and on the 20th of September Mrs. Scholes undertook her journey. She went direct to the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Cody of Sioux City, and was then compelled to go to her bed with a well developed case of typhoid fever. In the meantime her daughter Phoebe was obliged to discontinue teaching and take to her bed with the same malady. Yesterday a telegram was received announcing her mother's death, and in her own weakened condition the intelligence was a terrible blow. Notwithstanding the gravity of her own illness and the effect of her parent's death, it is confidently expected that she will recover.

Mrs. Scholes was fifty-four years of age and was born at Nauvoo, Illinois. She leaves seven children, four of whom are now residents of this city and three of whom reside in the East. Her husband has been dead for some years. The deceased was an intelligent and widely respected woman and profound sympathy will be felt for her suddenly sorrow-stricken family. Her remains will be brought to this city for interment.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 8.

The Millennial Star (Liverpool) of September 23rd announces that Elder A. Z. Marshall, who has been laboring in the Leeds conference of the British mission for the past four months, has been honorably released to return home September 25, 1897, on account of sickness.

Mr. R. A. Berry, who is in the city from Kanarra, Iron county, informs the "News" that they have had good crops down that way this season, attributable to an abundance of rain. The State Normal school at Cedar City, he says, is doing nicely, and promises to make its initial season one of great success.

A telephone message from the county infirmary conveyed the information this afternoon that the most diligent search had failed to elicit the slightest clue that would lead to the whereabouts of Lemuel Peterson, the old man who escaped two weeks ago. It is feared that he wandered away to some obscure or secluded spot and died. He was 80 years of age and very feeble, his voice being so badly impaired as to be almost inaudible. He had been an inmate of the infirmary since January or February of the present year and prior to that time lived in the Third ward of this city. The old gentleman's mind was very much affected. He labored under the constant hallucination that some one was going to murder him and it is thought that it was this fear that caused him to run away.

Parowan Iron County, Utah, October 5.—A most heartrending and fatal accident happened here yesterday morning, the 4th inst. Robert A. Miller, son of Robert E. Miller, (a pio-