

ple are willing to listen to them. Prejudice and hatred are vanishing, and the Saints were never looked on in a more favorable light than at the present time. The Elders rejoice that they can bear their testimony to their fellowmen.

At a session of the board of education, Provo, the clerk submitted a financial statement for the year of 1893. The total receipts were \$16,377.08; disbursements, \$15,075.54; cash on hand January 2, 1894, \$1,301.54. The reserves, aside from school property which is valued at \$58,813.11, yet available during the present school year, from all sources, amount to \$10,609.85. The present liabilities are \$8,238.17, leaving a balance of \$2,371.18. Under this financial showing the board will in all probability discontinue the schools for the year at the end of the third term, or perhaps at an earlier date.

The man who fell from a Rapid Transit car near the penitentiary a few days ago and fractured his skull died Jan. 9 at the county infirmary. His body was brought up to Skewes's undertaking establishment from where it will probably be buried January 12. It was learned that the man was not a stranger as heretofore reported; that he was employed on a dairy south of this city and that his name was Andrew Hazelett. He was about 35 years of age and has a mother living at North Cambridge, Massachusetts, who has been notified of his death. The deceased lost his wife about a year ago, the unfortunate woman dying in a hospital in this city.

News comes from Moab, Grand county, Utah, to the effect that on the night of the 10th inst. a fatal shooting occurred at that place. The shooting was caused by a quarrel and a fight over a money dispute. The principals were Charles Davenport and John Woods. The former drew a revolver, pointed it at his antagonist, pulled the trigger and shot him dead. Two bullets were fired into Woods's body. Davenport surrendered and is now in the custody of the sheriff of Grand county. An official investigation of the shooting was held by the coroner's jury who returned a verdict of wilful murder.

Sanpete county is the only one besides Utah county, says the *Manti Sentinel*, that has complied with the law in relation to leasing school lands, and has contributed to the territorial treasury in this way \$1,400 per year. While this sum is considerable for the people of Sanpete to pay, it does but little for the Territory. In consideration of these facts, a number of citizens of Moroni, petitioned the county court to annul the leases. The court decided to table the petition, and to allow the matter to stand as before, but to make no collection until the rest of the Territory takes action in the matter.

The county court has decided not to take any steps at present, says the *Manti Messenger*, toward the erection of a court house in the county seat. The reason assigned for this action is that the building could not be erected without bonding the county, and that if the question was submitted to the people they would vote against it. The least that the court could do would be

to submit the question to the people, and see whether or not they would vote for bonds. No court house can be built without bonding. It is the only legitimate business method of erecting public buildings. The people of Sanpete have waited long enough for a respectable county building.

Willie, the fifteen year old son of W. A. Crabtree of the Tenth ward, met with a painful and serious accident on Saturday afternoon, while coasting. In company with a number of other boys about his own age, he went coasting on a big schooner down the hill on Sixth South street, between Eleventh and Ninth East. The schooner ran into a pile of rocks, and all were thrown off, Willie striking the cobbles head first, inflicting a severe scalp wound about four inches in length, besides sustaining severe bruises on other parts of his body. Dr. Benedict was called and sewed up the cut; the patient is reported to be in a favorable condition for recovery.

A section foreman named Bob Marsden was brought in from the south on the 8:05 Union Pacific train Jan. 10th, says the *Ogden Standard* January 11th, and taken to the hospital here for treatment. It appears that Marsden went to bed Tuesday night in the bunk car on the line between Milford and Frisco, and in the morning was found lying unconscious between the car and the tender. He was unable to give any explanation of his condition, but there was a fracture of the skull at the base, and it is supposed he got up in the night and fell from the platform, striking his head against the coupling. He was still unconscious at an early hour this morning.

Mr. Lewis Ramsey, father of Mr. Geo. W. Ramsey of this city, died on Sunday last. He was eighty-two years of age, came to Utah about eight years since and has been totally blind for ten years. Deceased was born in the state of Illinois. Although his aged wife and the remainder of the family now in Utah had embraced the Gospel before leaving their native state, Father Ramsey could not see the light of the Gospel until a few days before his death, when he requested to be baptized. This ordinance was attended to and the Priesthood conferred upon him but a few hours before the spirit left the mortal clay. The funeral services were held today at one o'clock at the First ward meeting house.

A disastrous fire occurred at the corner of B and South Temple streets shortly after 3 o'clock January 12. As a result the interior of the magnificent brick barn belonging to Councilman J. J. Daly was completely burned out while three valuable carriages, a cow, a flock of poultry and other property was consumed in the flames.

Mr. Daly stated to a *NEWS* representative this afternoon that the first he knew of the fire was when awakened by the firemen who were working like Trojans to extinguish it. He is of the opinion that a tramp passed the night in the building and that he either willfully set it afire or that he dropped a spark from a pipe or cigarette, thus igniting it.

The county clerk of Johnson county, says the *Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang*, received no less than ninety-

seven oil placer locations, comprising 15,520 acres of land, last week.

Most of these have been filed by Omaha parties, who have become interested in that part of the state and are satisfied that it is destined to outrival Ohio or Pennsylvania in the output and quality of its oil. There seems to be little doubt that a branch road from Casper will be run into the district in the near future, in the event of which many wells will be put down and wholesale shipments of oil be made. The future of the oil interests of Johnson county is very bright indeed.

The board of public works has approved its annual report to the Mayor and City Council for the year 1893. A recapitulation of it is as follows:

Expense account—	
Parley's Canyon conduit.....	\$ 281 94
Sidewalk improvements.....	12,470 07
Street improvements.....	358 26
State street.....	3,455 73
Commercial street.....	304 94
Richards street.....	48 82
East Temple, First and	
Second South streets.....	127,923 39
West Temple street.....	82,160 81
Aqueduct on North Temple.....	3 791 94
Gravity sewer.....	136,789 49
Fire engine houses.....	80 40
Total.....	\$372,302 11

The claims against contractors for labor and material allowed by the board and submitted to the City Council amounts to \$4,863.75.

A week ago, says the *Ogden Sun* of the 9th inst., an abortive attempt was made to set the Weber Stake Academy on fire. January 8 the attempt was repeated, but, fortunately, was again unsuccessful. Some miscreant, presumably the one who made the former attempt, had carried a quantity of hay into one of the closets and ignited it, left in the expectation that the fire would do its dreadful work. In this, however, he was mistaken, as the hay burned itself out without doing any damage. The authorities should exert themselves to the utmost to bring this incendiary to justice. Should he not be secured it is possible that he may yet succeed in his diabolical work, and destroy one of the handsomest edifices in the city.

Just as people were congratulating themselves that the dangerous pastime of coasting down the big hill at the head of East Temple street below the McCormick residence had been abolished, at least for the present, another accident occurred. This time the victim is Miss N. S. Mann. The lady on Saturday evening was walking leisurely down the sidewalk when like a flash she was struck by a schooner on which a number of boys were seated. She was thrown violently to the ground and rendered unconscious. On being removed to her home it was ascertained that she was so badly hurt that it will be necessary for her to remain within doors for a month or more. The young ruffians who run the lady down immediately beat a hasty retreat and have taken good care to keep their identity hidden.

One of the city water mains burst at the corner of East Temple and Second South streets at an early hour Saturday morning and a tremendous volume of water was discharged into the street. In a remarkably short time the basement under the Union National Bank