

The Farmers ward or Fortieth district school house was the scene of a decidedly lively meeting Friday night held for the purpose of nominating a non-partisan or citizens' school trustee ticket in opposition to the Republican ticket put to the field recently of which County Commissioner Christopherson, Amos Gabbott and Mrs. Bowdle were the nominees.

Something over 120 persons were in attendance. F. M. Bishop was chairman and Ray Van Cott secretary. An unexpected feature of the meeting was the disposition of the friends of the partisan nominees to place them on the citizens' ticket also. Some strong talk followed and Messrs. Christopherson and Gabbott announced their willingness to resign from the Republican ticket but were informed they could not do so in a meeting of citizens. It was decided to select the three year candidate first. For it eight names were placed in nomination, among them being those of Martin Christopherson, Mrs. Sophronia Horne, Amos Gabbott and John Bette. There was no choice on the first ballot and it was decided to drop all but the three highest. On the second Mrs. Horne won by a large majority. Then Messrs. Gabbott and Burton got the two and one year terms respectively.

Tuesday Deputy Sheriff Steele arrested Henry Von Leggett on account of supposed insanity. Some time ago Von Leggett was employed as porter in a Second South street saloon, which recently changed hands and the porter was dismissed by the new proprietors. Ever since that time the poor fellow has been wandering the streets homeless and alone. His hair is long and unkempt and his skin tanned brown by the burning sun rays and the cold of the nights. Von Leggett made the saloon at which he worked his home, and he knew no other, so that since having been discharged he has been almost helpless.

A short time ago a friend of Von Leggett took him to the county commissioners' office for the purpose of having him sent to the poor house, but for some reason that was not done and the errand saloon porter was soon wandering the streets again, afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism. The poor fellow is really more hungry and destitute than larvae, and doubtless his long habit of drinking which, recently received a sudden stop, is proving rather too much for him. He will be examined as to his mental condition and will either be sent to Provo or the infirmary, but in any event he will receive proper care and will be better off than he is at present.

[Randolph, Rich County, Roundup.]

A correspondent, signing himself O. W. Warner, writes to the DESERET NEWS from Moab, Grand county, and after a tirade against birds in general and songsters in particular, says:

"Let me close with a reference to the hawk. I have had him kill over a hundred chickens in a year and I never know of any good he was ever guilty of."

Now we would like to ask Mr. Warner if there are any squirrels in Grand county. If there is we say to him go where the squirrels, gophers and such like vermin are thickest and see what the hawks are doing, and we

warrant that he will soon alter his opinion of them. Had he the number of squirrels in Grand county that we have in Rich, he would know that the hawk more than compensates for the harm he does by the great havoc it commits amongst the squirrels.

The good people of this section realize this; they have for years been great losers by the depredations of the squirrels, and the more they see and realize the good qualities of the hawk as a squirrel exterminator, the stronger the determination to abide it as one of their benefactors; and we have it on the authority of some of our most trustworthy citizens (who have made the subject a special study,) that the hawk prefers a squirrel to anything else, so give them a chance.

Little Elmer Le Roy Frieke, a child 28 months of age, was struck by the 7:45 southbound Union Pacific passenger train while playing in the grass and weeds near the home of its parents at Second West and Tenth South streets Monday and with a broken skull, bruised and bleeding body hurried into a ditch of water from which it was picked up a moment later and carried into the house apparently more dead than alive.

The train was bowling along at a rapidly increasing rate of speed when the little chap, who it is said, had been sitting on the end of a tie, sprang suddenly into view. He was struck by the engine pilot, or cow catcher and hurled into a ditch of water which paralleled the track. The train was immediately stopped and inquiries as to the nature of the accident made, after which it was backed into the city as far as the Salt Lake ice company's place of business from where a physician was telephoned for. An hour later Dr. Wright was in attendance upon the unfortunate child the left side of whose skull had been completely lifted up, laying bare his pulsating brain. The injury caused a very free flow of blood a fact, says Dr. Wright, that will give the little one about one chance in a thousand for recovery. His left eye was also badly hurt. The accident is a very lamentable one and one for which nobody in particular seems to be responsible.

Orson P. Arnold, Esq., superintendent of construction for the Utah Power company, which is erecting mammoth electric power works at the mouth of Big Cottonwood canyon, came into town Tuesday on business, and hastened out again in the afternoon to the work which he is pushing to completion with all rapidity possible.

"We began laying our pipe line Tuesday," said Mr. Arnold, "and will not be long getting it in. We have 1,300 feet of piping, and it is being placed in position in fine style. On our buildings, we began laying brick yesterday, and everything will be crowded as fast as good work can be done. We hope to get in operation this fall."

Mr. Arnold is not inclined to be very communicative over the work that is going on, but admits that when the Utah Power company's plant is completed it will be the biggest and best in the State. In its construction the strictest economy in power has been observed. Not an unnecessary curve is allowed in the pipe to cause waste of water,

or loss of power by friction; there is no falling off of power by unequal levels in buildings, and even the stretching of wire to this city is done "across lots," taking the most direct route, so as to prevent waste. Competent, practical mechanics and engineers say that, in short, everything is first-class, and that the turning of the Utah Power company's electric current into this city, for street car, lighting and power purposes generally, will mark an era of advancement notable in the history of Salt Lake.

County Commissioner Geddes says that Wednesday he encountered a case of destitution which presented a heart-rending scene. For some time past a woman, whom Mr. Geddes knew to be poor and deserving, has been doing the family washing and Tuesday evening the husband, who is a cripple, brought to the home of Mr. Geddes the usual week's bundle. Mrs. Geddes did not happen to have change enough at the time to pay for the washing, and the man being unable to change a \$10 piece, she told him she would send the pay as soon as Mr. Geddes came home. It happened last evening that it was a little late when the county commissioner returned home, but Mrs. Geddes immediately set out to pay for the washing. Arriving at the house she found that although the poor woman had labored through a big batch of washing that day she had not yet had a bite to eat and could obtain none until the money was paid. The kind heart of Mrs. Geddes was touched and hastening home she loaded up a great big basket with food and immediately dispatched it to the poor woman's relief. Commissioner Geddes Thursday morning also sent some flour, sugar, etc., to the house, for which he will be blessed by the poor washer-woman.

County Clerk C. E. Stanton tells of a little chap living up his way who on certain days in the week comes to his house and runs errands for the family, then on other days he does the same service for other neighbors, making in all a sort of little club for whom he runs errands. In this way the little fellow, who is perhaps not 10 years of age, earns from \$1.50 to \$2 per week, all of which goes to a good and deserving mother.

Mr. Wm. Service, employed as clerk for Jas. C. Watson & Brothers, of this city, came from Paisley, Scotland, a few years ago, and last year brought his wife and family to make their home in Salt Lake. When Mrs. Service came here she left in Glasgow her only sister, Mrs. Jean Flannigan. A letter from Glasgow has brought to Mrs. Service the news of the death of this sister, under most distressing circumstances.

Mrs. Flannigan, who was about 38 years of age, had ten living children, the eldest seventeen years and the youngest six months at the time of the awful accident which deprived them of a mother's care; the eldest girl is about fourteen. The family have had a rather hard time getting on, as is the case with many laborers' families in the old world but by industry and economy had managed. A short time since, Mr. Flannigan was able to secure more remunerative labor than formerly, and