OUR OWN STATE.

OGDEN.

San Jose Scale Fear Imminent—Weber County Deputy Assessors—Court Matters.

Special Correspondence.

Ogden, March 1—Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson died very suddenly at her home, 2522 Jefferson avenue, Tuesday, February 28, at 11 o'clock p. m. Deceased had reached the ripe old age of 78 years. She was the widow of the late Francis Gibbons, and leaves two daughters, one son and a large circle of friends. The funeral will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p. m. The Fifth Ward meeting house.

Yesterday was the coldest day for the year. The air was cold and raw and a drizzling rain fell throughout the day—in the valley, but while the snow fell in the mountains.

SAN JOSE SCALE.

The "News" representative yesterday questioned Secretary J. A. Wright, of the state board of horticulture, relative to the report that the dreaded San Jose scale is at work in the orchards of Weber county. Mr. Wright said that most careful inspection of numerous orchards had failed to locate any specimens of the insect. "However," said Mr. Wright, "there is considerable danger of the introduction of the San Jose scale into this county, as it is now found in fruit districts of northern and eastern Idaho. From Payette and Boise valleys Idaho fruit is constantly shipped in, and nursery stock as well as fresh fruit. Through these channels the scale will be introduced, if it has not already done so. It is of the utmost importance that all fruit and nursery stock coming into Idaho be carefully inspected. To this end it is requested that the State board of horticulture be added to the health of any fruit from Idaho likely to harbor the insect. In all such cases most vigorous disinfection should be immediately applied, as the ravages of the San Jose scale will ruin every orchard in Utah if once it gets started. Circulars and other literature will be sent on No. 1 this morning. Funeral services were held in the city hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Bishop Wm. Maughan officiating. Interment was made in the recent interments were assembled in this place, was authored, to pay their last respects to the departed brother. The floral decorations were beautiful.

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PERSONAL.

C. J. Yates is up from Provo.

John Lorton is in from Tintic.

W. H. Dougall is in from Springville.

Don Maguire is down from Ogden today.

A. V. Evans is in from Ophir on business.

H. A. Barney of Provo is in the city today.

J. Parsons of Ogden came down last night.

F. H. Ferguson of Chicago is at the Colisee.

J. H. Deane of St. Louis is at the Knutsford.

Geo. D. Eisel of Park City is at the Knutsford.

W. Keeper of Chicago is at the Knutsford.

E. Garn of Green River, Utah, is at the White House.

C. J. Crozier of Stockton, Utah, is at the White House.

F. P. Gridley of Rock Springs, Wyo., came in last night.

F. T. Fowers and wife of New York are at the Knutsford.

Attorney B. H. Jones of Brigham City is at the Walker.

J. L. Merrill of Butte, Mont., is in the city today on business.

W. E. Ashton, a Vernal merchant, is in the city on business.

A. Whittaker, a New York traveling man, is in the city today.

Mrs. W. C. Stone and Mrs. W. H. Gage of Provo are at the Walker.

Miles Biglin, a well known Denver business man, is in the city today.

J. R. Murphy and wife of Muskegon, Mich., are spending a few days in the city.

Ex-Fire Chief Buford of Ogden came to the city the east this morning on his way home.

B. H. Warwick of Denver, Colo., came to this morning from the east. He is at the White House.

W. W. Eccleston of Golden, came Fred Spofford of Minneapolis, Minn., is in the city today on business. He is at the Knutsford.

John H. Ferguson, one of the Utah volunteers, is registered at the White House. He arrived from the west today.

S. C. James and wife came in from Vernal Monday. Mrs. James was taken to St. Mark's hospital, where an operation was performed. The lady is doing nicely today.

Mrs. J. C. Chaney, Mrs. F. A. Granger, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Mrs. M. C. Ring of San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fairbanks of Terre Haute, Ind., are a party of eastern-bound tourists at the Knutsford.

Black & Tan

—"The American Porter"—is a high class brew, the product of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n. Gentlemen demanded it and appreciate its mildness.

Elders J. E. Booth and B. H. Brown spoke on the principle of faith. This evening Elders S. H. Jones and J. W. Knight will speak on repentance.

Joseph Dewey, the man whose death in the Dewey mine at Mercur was announced in yesterday's "News," was the son of Henry L. Dewey of Provo Bench. The body was brought in today.

Sheriff Rigby and County Attorney Evans returned from Provo last evening, where they attended the preliminary hearing of Eric Poulsen, a young man charged with forfeiture. He was bound over to await the action of the Fourth District Court.

A young man who left his home out on the street in the storm, one night last week while he was playing cards in a saloon, was sent for to allow him to take the horse to shelter. He neglected to do this, and as a result was asked to interview Justice Stewart on a charge of cruelty to animals and was fined $5.

PRICE.

Too Dry to Plow—Building at Fort Duchesne—Funeral of Elder Warren.

Special Correspondence.

Price, Carbon Co., Feb. 26.—The weather is cold and windy. The ground is getting very dry, and will have to be irrigated before spring-plowing can be done, unless we have a heavy snowstorm soon.

CARPENTERS WANTED.

Considerable lumber is being hauled from here to Fort Duchesne. Lorenzo Walker, post trader, is building a store in this city part of the work being carpenters to put up some buildings at the fort this month.

FUNERAL OF ELDER WARREN.

Elder Wardell in charge of the body of Louis A. Warren, who lately died while on a mission in the Southern States, arrived here on No. 4 this morning. Funeral services were held in the city hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Bishop Jos. Jenkins officiating. Interment was made in the recent interments were assembled in this place, was authored, to pay their last respects to the departed brother. The floral decorations were beautiful.

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AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY

Notable Gathering of Students and Public Officials Last Evening.

Expressions of Gratification at Legislative Action in Transferring the Institution to the New Site.

The students and faculty of the University of Utah celebrated last evening what was conceived by them to be the most important event in the history of the institution—its removal from the beautiful site on the East Bench.

The Governor, members of the Legislature and the University regents, were the guests of honor. Never before has the great building presented so attractive a spectacle, and never before was last evening. The halls and four or five of the rooms were artistically bedecked in close colors, bunting and American flags, and all students and professors gave expression to their jubilation in fitting manner.

At 8 o'clock the invited guests were assembled in the main building, and to the music of Bell's band the students marched into the room above repeated cheers for the college students, the schools, the University, the Legislature, then the four classes of normal students and the three classes of preparatory students, the last named class was crowded by a solid mass of standing students.

After the overture by the band Dr. J. F. Kingsbury read an introductory address. He said, "We have assembled to celebrate the most important event in the history of the University. We have come in show the Legislature, to the board of regents, and to the people of this State our appreciation and gratitude." Dr. Kingsbury then gave a history of the State University and contrasted its early beginnings with its present condition. "Throughout the country," he continued, "are scattered over a dozen schools where the various creeds may be taught along with the other studies, but an insignificant part of our population ever enter into these classes. But the public school system has come into existence as a great School where agnostic and sectarian students may assemble and study together. The University stands at the head of the great public school system in this state and in its order that this whole principle by being free from religious and political influences, thus yielding to harmonious and vigorous public school system." Dr. Kingsbury was heartily applauded during his address.

Joseph Dewey, president of the senior class, then spoke in behalf of the college students. "We have come," said he, "to express our gratitude to the Legislature for its generous gift and appreciation of the action of the Legislature. That we are so fortunate as to receive what many be forgotten, that action will never be forgotten. It will ever be the University's duty to show that our wise generosity was not misplaced. By that action the Legislature have declared that there shall be no qualification for the enjoyment of the institution. While the class rooms have been overcrowded, the demand for liberal education has been so pronounced in semetic rate. Now, no longer shall we have to introduce learn from the East. The institution of the University is made from by education. We have great wealth and industrial problems that will require scientific intelligence for their solving. The people of Utah believe that the University should be the leading educational institution in the West. Through the efforts of the Legislature we believe that the University will be the means of turning out of its wandering baby clothes and come forth in its youth, clad in long trousers. We have 300 students in the University, 50 of whom are normal students, 250 of whom are preparatory students, and there are 42 students over 21 years of age, so we are normal. And it is impossible to supply the demand for normal teachers. The University is at the head of the institutions of learning in the state, and it is indeed, as it is in every part, no other institution has done so much for moral and intellectual development of the people. The members of the Legislature, will assure your re-election. I now thank you in behalf of my party for big office appropriation."

After the band had played a medley of popular airs, Governor Heber M. Wells addressed the assembly, and was greeted with an ovation. He said that he rejoiced with his friends, the students, on the occasion of the University—that this is one of kind of exposition which every one can favor the members of the Legislature, together with that in the old Council House, where he used to attend. He said that he honored the board of regents, the founders of the institution, the government of Utah which laid the foundation of land, and all the makers of this state, past and present. He closed by urging the students to make every day their busy day.

Speaker Barlmore of the legislative House of Representatives said he was proud to be numbered among the present Legislature, in which there was not a dissenting vote against the University bill. He said there will come a time when the members of the Legislature will be proud to say that they had a hand in establishing what, he said, will become the greatest educational institution in the West.

Representative Mrs. Howe read a short address, in which she rejoiced with the students and congratulated the State, thanks to the regents, the Legislature and above all the People.

Senator Evans said that while the State might not be able to afford the expense of a University, it could not yet it cannot afford not to do it. He predicted that for every man and woman who had been instructed in the State as teachers there will be 20 sent out as educators to compensate for it.

Senator Hilbert then spoke of those who took the initiative in introducing a bill appropriating $100,000 before the present bill was planned. He considered that this event marked an epoch in the educational history of Utah and hoped that some day there will be no matriculation fee or charge for diplomas.

Representative Sorenson thought that second only to Immigration in the event of Utah's become a State is the removal of the University to the magnificent new site.

Waldemar Van Cott, of the board of regents, spoke feelingly of the evolution of education in Utah and referred to the man-hub and accompanied labors of the regents.

"Mr. Van Cott," said Dr. Kingsbury, "has taken as much interest in the University during the last ten years as any other man in Utah."

It was then moved and carried unanimously with shouts that in the first instance second of the bill Dr. Kingsbury placed a marble slab on which in letters of gold should be inscribed the following: Date of incorporation, numbers of the present Legislature and of the present board of regents.

The band rendered the piece of music that was played on Admiral Dewey's arrival after the battle of Manila. Then the Governor, Legislature and regents were given refreshments on the lower floor of the building, the students being in the same room. In another room dancing continued till twelve o'clock. Every student present left with the feeling that it was a most successful celebration of this great event in the history of the University.

MORMON ELDER'S DEFENSE.

Seph Anderson of Brigham City Writes to a Noted New York Daily.

The following well written article appeared in the columns of the New York Evening Post of February 28th. It has been profusely commented upon by the anti-Mormon press, but it has only, it will be read with interest by intermediate people, and we commend itself by the candor and evident sincerity.

To the Editor of the Evening Post:

Sir:—We "Mormons" are in for it again. After a period of quiet and good will to which we have lived with our fellow-citizens of the Republic, there have been some misunderstanding and evil reports have gone out over the land until there is from a veritable cloud of witnesses against us.

Do you believe in the war? Do your readers believe that there are two sides to a question? Do you believe in the "Mormons" if so, there is not a word of explanation.

What is all about? It is Mr. Roberts, an elected representative, has been elected to Congress by the Democratic party of the State of Utah. The Republicans