

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

The Provo Woolen Mills will Return in Two Weeks.

BID NOT PAY LAST NELSON.

Set a Question of Wages, but of Patronage—Business, Mining and Real Estate Notes.

The manager of the Provo Woolen Mills, John C. Cutler, was seen today and was inquired of for information regarding the shipping of the mills, and whether there was anything in the rumor that they were permanently closed down, or if a reorganization of work was contemplated, how long it would be before a start was made.

The reply was that the mills had been closed since the beginning of the year, and at a meeting held about that time it was decided not to resume operation this season, as the mills had been in a loss last year.

It was considered that, with a big stock of goods left over, and a prospect of sharp changes, the outlook for a profitless run this year was not bright.

Another meeting, however, was held recently, and Mr. Cutler, at which it was decided to start again; but it was thought a profit could not be made this year, but by making changes the mills could be run without loss, it would be better than closing down, as it would give employment to about 150 persons and keep money in the country. The machinery, by being kept running, would also be less liable to depreciate in value.

A new superintendent has been engaged, and improvements are being made in the wool spinning, dyeing and finishing rooms. It is expected that the mills will start up again in about two weeks.

What success did the company have in the sale of goods last year, and how was there so much left over?

"About \$100,000 worth of Provo mills goods was sold last year, and there were no sales in the fall or winter, nor other earnings. An accumulation of another mill's goods, when turned over to us by the shutdown, it was because of lack of patronage."

There is a "feature" in this respect, however, as the Provo mills are the only mills in the Territory that make the same class of goods, consequently there is an overproduction.

"The \$100,000 sold by the Provo mills last year, \$20,000 worth went out of the Territory." It is the intention this year to vary the class of goods somewhat and it is hoped thereby to meet the wants of the people. Last year we made clothes that were unmarketed into ready-made clothing, and, consequently, were greatly competing in price and quality with eastern goods.

"Arrangements are now being made to continue this branch the ready-made clothing business, on a more extensive scale, in the coming season, either in the manufacture, or by arranging with a clothing factory to do the work."

What is your experience with reference to the fact that the women cannot compete with men? Is it paid for here from 75 to 100 per cent higher than for the same class in the east?"

"Most of the labor in the Provo mills costs no more than in the east, but little there is higher, and it costs much of a figure in the cost of the goods. The trouble is that each season the production has to be limited to some degree, and therefore what it is expected that it is expected to sell is not a better demand for the goods, the market turns out \$200,000 worth this season, instead of the \$100,000 to \$125,000 worth that is annually made, and the fixed expenses, such as salaries to superintendents, dyeing, dyeing and finishing, and various losses, engineering, and insurance, would be no higher than they are now."

"As it stands now, if the people will patronize the Provo mills by buying eastern goods, so that the output can be increased, the mills can employ more hands and also reduce the price of the goods. This would keep money in the country that otherwise goes out for the purchase of eastern women goods. But you have no argument for home-made articles?"

"When they run at it, it is only a short time when they will be down. The Provo mills will have another trial this season, and see if the people will patronize a home industry."

NOTES.

In No. 5 mine of Rock Springs, last Wednesday, a man named John H. Hoss was struck by a piece of falling rock and fatally injured.

Leaving Deputy U. S. Marshal Brown Cannon, Joseph Bush, A. J. Beck and George W. Watson went this day to Eureka to look up the cause of any further trouble with the miners' union and the Bunker Hill miners.

The following officers were elected: President, F. M. McMurtry; vice president, J. W. Judy; secretary, A. H. Fife; treasurer, P. L. Holman, and director as follows: J. H. Blaser, J. D. Nelson, Dr. F. S. Bascom, Edward Holmes, Dr. E. R. Blaser.

The Salt Lake Building and Loan association met in annual session last evening, the manager and treasurer, Frederick Morris, and treasurer's statement showed last year's income was \$23,000; disbursements \$25,750. The receipts were \$31,933.34 in excess of the previous year.

Laramie Remodeling: News from the Atlantic district in Fremont county, the miners of whom are extending the New mine. Five of them from thirty to forty pounds in weight were sent to show the fine gold is very heavy. The New mine is the property of George Taylor. In the same district are many mines from the Mason mine to \$200 per ton in gold.

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In an old Spanish digging, All profits except hay and grain, a few outside profits, the best way to grow a crop in the district is via mining, though no very large hauls can be hauled over that route.

Governor Blodgett of Montana has appointed George W. Irvin of Butte to be mining land commissioner, vice Martin J. Maginnis, Democratic. The Governor's action is attributed to the Governor's desire that the commissioners be supposed to exert powerful efforts to keep the Northern Pacific Railroad company from grabbing land, now known to begin to increase, but which is still in its infancy. The value of the railroad was \$5,000,000 last time being expressly excluded in the grant. A suit to determine the rights of the Northern Pacific Railroad company against the State of Montana was filed in the U. S. Court of Appeals at Washington. The appointee is a particular friend of Senator Martin. He is a lawyer and a practical mining man, well qualified for the position it is required to fill.

SALT LAKE CLEARING HOUSE.

Today's clearing house exchanges amounted to \$1,000,000 each day last week.

The total gains for the week were \$1,017,000, a decrease from last week \$1,029,000.

LOCAL CHICAS.

Fifty shares of Deseret National Bank stock were transferred during the past week.

There were a number of inquiries for State bank stock, and some transfers were made, the prices varying from \$100 to \$150.

J. V. Tracy company stock was offered this week at sixty cents.

The last recorded sales of Utah Commercial Bank stock were at \$4.40.

Deseret Bank stock is now at \$2.25.

TRADE QUOTATIONS.

New York—Silver, \$1.10, lead, \$2.50, London—Silver, \$1.10, lead, \$2.50.

Wells, Fargo & Co. received today:

T. B. Jones, Co., received today:

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