

ran away, dashing down the street at a terrific pace. On reaching South Temple and N, one of the wheels came off, whereupon one of the ladies jumped out, breaking her leg and badly bruising her. It kept on until it reached the corner of L street, where it collided with a tree and splintered the carriage to pieces. The other occupants remained where they were and escaped unharmed, while the driver was thrown from the seat and dragged for two blocks, tearing his clothes from him and otherwise bruising him. The name of the injured lady is Mrs. Rixley, and Dr. Beers who had been to the funeral was summoned and made the patient as comfortable as possible. The hack is numbered 41.

Just before noon July 17 a house on Tent South street, between Third and Fourth East, and occupied by a family named Henderson, had the narrowest kind of an escape from total destruction. A little girl of about three years stole quietly up-stairs with the inevitable match, which she struck and applied to the window curtains. These promptly blazed up, and then the little one, realizing the danger, took a fan to blow the flames out. The result may be guessed: the fire spread to the bed, and though the child escaped and ran down stairs, she sounded no alarm and the mother's first knowledge of the danger overhead was when she saw smoke issuing in volumes from the chamber window.

In the meantime Mr. "Tom" Reeder, a motorman employed by the Salt Lake Street Railway Co., who was about to leave home to take the noon shift of duty, saw the smoke and flames. He was quickly in the midst of the blazing bedding, and owing to his heroism, and the assistance of neighboring housewives, who valiantly carried water in pails, pans and pitchers, the peril was soon past. The blinding and suffocating smoke was harder to combat than the flames, though the latter singed Mr. Reeder's hair and eyebrows. Altogether it was a narrow escape, both for the residence and for the child who started the fire.

Yesterday afternoon was spent in hearing arguments for and against receiving evidence in the case of Salt Lake City et al vs J. H. Collidge et al, under the complaints filed by the claimants for damages from overflow of Utah county lands, attorneys for plaintiffs claiming that the complaints had not been filed as provided in the stipulations. This morning the board of referees overruled the objection and the evidence will be heard. This is apt to take several weeks, as there are a great many claims. The evidence in regard to damages will first be taken in each case and plaintiffs will then introduce their evidence in opposition. This course was agreed upon in order to prevent the necessity for having probably a hundred witnesses in attendance for so long a time. Before plaintiffs introduce their evidence they will have a survey made of the lake, showing high water level in order to aid the board of referees in arriving at a conclusion as to how much land has been overflowed, above the high water level—the point to which plaintiffs were permitted to raise the water under the contract with the Utah county land

owners. Judge Sutherland, Judge Hoge and F. S. Richards are representing the plaintiffs, and David Evans, H. C. Edwards, Chas. De Molsay and I. W. Kenward the defendants.

Commissioner Letcher offered the following:

In view of the uncertainty which prevails as to who may be entitled to registration—under the provisions of the enabling act and of the Constitution for the proposed State of Utah—without assuming to direct the registrars or in any wise exercise a power or authority not granted by law—but only for the purpose of securing uniformity of action by those having in charge the registration of voters—the Commission respectfully suggests:

That the registrars should enroll all persons regardless of sex who are or may be qualified electors under the provisions of the enabling act and of the Constitution.

This suggestion is made out of an abundance of caution and for the reason—that should it be necessary to secure a judicial determination of the question by the courts of the Territory—there would not be time thereafter to enroll such electors before the date for closing the registration; whereas, if the courts should decide that any persons were not entitled to registration, the names of all such could be readily stricken from the lists.

At the request of Commissioner Shearman the resolution was laid over until 2 p. m., to which hour the Commission took a recess.

This afternoon the commissioners assembled at the office of Colonel Tatlock on Second South street and after discussing the Letcher resolution at length adopted it unanimously.

The officials of the University of Utah and the Desert Museum have arranged for a scientific expedition to leave this city next Monday. The party will be made up of the following:

President J. E. Talmage as director, Prof. Matthews, and Prof. Neal, of the faculty, and probably others, and Mr. Poulsen, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Forberg, and several others not yet agreed upon. The plan so far as perfected is to proceed by rail to Salina, where the party will be augmented by southern people, there taking horses and pack-mules and going by way of Fish Lake to Thousand Lake mountain in Wayne county, thence over the desert to the Selemite deposits, for the discovery and working of which the faculty has arranged, thence to the Henry Mountains, where most of their investigations will be made, and thence by the Escalante desert to the Kaiparowitz plateau and the Grand canyon of the Colorado. The return route of the party will depend mainly on the time they have to spare, but will most likely be by way of Kanab, St. George, Prowan canyon, Panguitch lake, Beaver and Fillmore.

The design of the trip is to study the geological structure of the country, and more particularly the shores of Lake Mondell. The party is well equipped with geological instruments, photographic outfits and everything required on a journey of that kind. Great care has been manifested in making up the party, so that all who went, would go with the same object in view. The only great drawback in a trip of the kind is the scarcity of

water; which necessitates driving as high as 60 miles a day in order to keep well supplied with, that which is so necessary. They will be gone about five weeks.

Hon. John C. Mackay, of this county, returned on the early morning train from Evanston today. He is president of the Uinta county, Wyoming, Wool Growers' association, which comprises a large number of Utah men who own sheep in our neighboring state. He was called to Evanston by the announcement in the NEWS that a doubling of the taxes of many of the sheep men was being attempted. At this the association authorized him to act, and to find out what was being done. He learned that the scheme was being worked, although not all affected had been notified, except by the publication in this paper.

Mr. Mackay made a vigorous presentation of the case before the county board of equalization. The result was that the board, after some discussion and consideration, consented to review its former action, and to deal squarely by the sheep owners. It was claimed that the board was not responsible for the raise. The conclusion arrived at was that the sheep owners should certify at once, and send the affidavits to James Brown, Uinta's county clerk, at Evanston, setting forth the number of sheep they owned last year as a basis for assessment. The rule for all other personal property is then to be applied, and the flocks are to be assessed for 60 per cent of their actual size. This arrangement is satisfactory to the sheep owners, as it places them on the same footing as other people, and does not impose excessive taxation.

The Uinta board of equalization represents the accusation made by the sheep owners, that the board is under the influence of the cattle men, and therefore acts inimically to the sheep interests. The officials assert that they are seeking to do their duty fairly and well, and have no part in encouraging the dispute or assisting one side against the other. Mr. Mackay says the board discussed matters in a spirit of fairness, and he is notifying the sheep owners who have felt that they were being officially discriminated against.

Following from our Logan correspondent under dates of July 17th and 23d:

On Sunday evening Smithfield was thrown into mourning by the sad drowning of two boys; John W., son of William Pitcher, 15 years of age, and Charles A., son of John Pitouer, 14 years old. The boys, as has been their custom every evening for some time, hitched up a team and went down to Bear river to cut a wagon box full of grass for their horses. Two smaller boys accompanied them on this occasion. When they arrived at their destination the little boys who went with them went up the river a short distance to catch fish, leaving the Pitcher boys to cut the grass and load the wagon. After fishing until they thought it time to return to the wagon, the little boys returned, and were just in time to see one of the Pitcher boys sink for the last time in a deep hole at the mouth of an inlet or slough. The other boy was not in sight, and as his clothes were lying on the