

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

people, widows and orphans, before Governor Richards, of Cheyenne, and in response to their application he wired to the mayor of every city in the state of Wyoming requesting them to get up a committee in each town or city to collect money and provisions for the sufferers of Almy. The meeting decided and instructed the committee to lay the case before Governor Richards and to act upon his instructions.

R. R. HODGSON.

FAMOUS CHARTER OAK.

Contractor John R. Wilson has secured a piece of the famous old Charter Oak tree at Hartford, Conn., to be used in the construction of a table upon which will be signed the first bill passed by the first Legislature of the State of Utah. The correspondence between Mr. Wilson and the Connecticut authorities was published in the Hartford Register as follows:

A couple of weeks ago Governor Coffin received a letter from a citizen of Salt Lake City, making a request upon the state of Connecticut. He turned the letter over to Superintendent Butler of the Capitol. The letter and the reply thereto are as follows, and they are self-explanatory:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
March 14, 1895.

To His Excellency, Governor Coffin:

Dear Sir—Would you be so kind as to send me a piece of hard wood of native growth of your state (antique preferred) about one inch thick, six inches wide and eight inches long. It is to be used in the construction of a table, on which will be signed the first bill passed by the first State Legislature of Utah, and you will confer a great favor on yours,

JOHN R. WILSON.

Hartford, Conn., March 28, 1895.

John R. Wilson, Esq., Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir:—Your letter addressed to the governor of this State requesting a piece of native wood was passed to this office for attention. I am pleased to inform you that we have this day forwarded to you by express a contribution to the object proposed. We undertook to furnish what seemed the most appropriate for the collection, viz., the historical Charter Oak, but finding it impossible to obtain a piece of the exact dimensions required, we have done the next best thing, to have inlaid in an ordinary piece of oak the largest remnant of the old Charter Oak that we could procure. The history of this renowned oak is as follows:

"In the trunk of this was concealed the charter of Connecticut, October 31, 1687, to May 9, 1689. This old charter was won by Governor John Winthrop to the colonists, from Charles II., the king of England, April 23, 1662. This tree stood on lot No. 29, Charter Oak avenue. It measured at its base, 33 feet in circumference, and where the stump was broken off several feet above ground, was 21 feet in circumference. Twenty-seven persons have stood in the hollow where the charter was hidden. It was blown down in a severe storm, August 21, 1856. The tree stood inside of a wooden picket fence, and a marble stone in a stone offset wall now marks the spot where this tree stood, with the inscription, 'Charter Oak Fell Aug. 21, 1856.'"

This inlaid piece is one quarter of an inch thick. Hoping it may reach you in safety and prove satisfactory to the object in view, and requesting acknowledgment of receipt of same, I am, yours truly,

CHARLES H. BUTLER,
Superintendent.

The general conference of the Relief society met in the Assembly Hall Thursday, Mrs. Z. D. H. Young presiding. There were representatives from most of the stakes. Reports of work were read and were of an interesting character.

Elder Henry S. Tanner, president of the California mission, writes that the mission address has been changed from 118 Tenth street to 417 Van Ness avenue. He also reports that the labors of the Elders are being attended with success.

A new ward has been recently organized in Davis Stake, to be known as West Layton ward, with David E. Layton Bishop, George Stevenson and Elijah E. Ellison counselors. The new ward was organized from the northwest part of the Kayaville ward.

The quarterly conference of the Onanda Stake will be held at Franklin, April 21 and 22. Officers and members are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the conference.

GEO. C. PARKINSON,
SOL. H. HALE,
M. F. COWLEY,
Stake Presidency.

PROVO, Utah, April 3.—The last news from Springville in regard to the dead man found in Hobbie Creek canyon is to the effect that no papers, nor anything to serve to identify him, were found on his person. He had a comb and looking-glass in his pocket. His coat was black, square cut and the pants were of a grayish color. The jury has gone up the canyon to view the place where he was found.

The office and headquarters of the Swiss and German mission, which have been for over a quarter of a century at 36 Postgasse, Berne, will be changed, owing to the needs and progress of the mission, to better and more favorable quarters on the 1st of May 1895, and all communications to this office and for Der Stern will please be sent to the following address:

GEO. C. NAEGLE,
No. 20 Archivstrasse, Kirchenfeld,
Berne, Switzerland.

Chris Anderson, of Leamington, was killed by a falling smoke stack on Thursday afternoon. The smoke stack of the Ibox smelter at Leamington was blown down by the strong wind which prevailed Thursday, and Anderson was caught beneath the falling debris, receiving injuries which resulted in his death the following day, Friday, April 5th.

Chris Anderson was a man of excellent reputation, respected and loved by those who knew him.

The fire department was called out on Saturday night to extinguish a blaze at the residence of Sergeant Harry Ford, at 927 east South Temple street. The fire seems to have been the work of an incendiary, having broken forth in three different places. The neighbors turned out and fought the flames with a garden hose until the department arrived, when they were quickly extinguished, but not until considerable damage had been

done. At the time of the fire Sergeant Ford was on duty and his wife was away from home. The loss is covered by insurance.

Gloves of all grades are now being manufactured in this Territory. The firm of Sorenson & Swedin, of Elsinore, Sevier county, has recently established an institution for the production of these goods. Samples of their work were today brought to this office, and they are of excellent quality, ranging from the finest make to the cheaper and coarser grades. The gloves are strictly a home production, the skins being obtained in Utah and tanned by the same firm, who operate a tannery in connection with the glove industry. The man in charge of the work recently arrived from the old country, where he was engaged in the business for eighteen years, and is thoroughly competent. The firm also manufactures coats and other articles of apparel.

Governor West Monday received communication from Governor Rickards, of Montana, requesting the former to name three gentlemen to represent Utah "at a conference to be held in Salt Lake City, May 15, 1896, for the purpose of perfecting an organization for an educational campaign that will place bimetallic literature in the hands of millions of voters now ignorant of the merits of the question."

Governor Rickards expresses the hope "that only such delegates will be appointed as will agree to attend, and that the conference will be composed wholly of men who favor free coinage at a ratio of 16 to 1, without reference to international conference, and who have the ability to plan and the courage to act for the best interests of all our people." The conference is to be strictly non-partisan, in a political sense.

Three women and six men were injured in an accident on the Union Pacific about six miles north of Pocatello Wednesday morning.

The southbound express train from Butte struck a bad rail on a sharp curve while going about thirty-five miles an hour, the chair car and Pullman, "Adana," were derailed and overturned, most of those injured being passengers in the chair car. The people were taken out of the cars and on examination it was found that the glass and framework were badly wrecked while parts of the platform and trucks were scattered about.

The second-class coach being uninjured the passengers were put into it and taken to Pocatello, where medical aid was obtained to attend to the injured. Mr. D. L. Nickum, of this city, had one rib broken, but the others were only slightly hurt. The accident caused the train to reach Pocatello half an hour late, but the time was made up before reaching this city.

Tuesday while the fire departments was out to a fire on Sixteenth, Ogden. Chief of Police Davenport rode up and informed Chief Blinford that an alarm was rung in from box 14. Dividing his force, one-half went with the chemical and hose wagon to the other fire,