

case of the State vs J. R. Janes, an order was entered dismissing on information. The following jury was empaneled in the case of Ralph W. Maxwell vs L. W. Smith Jr., suit for \$10,000 damages for slander. L. D. Gray, G. M. Pace, James Stones, J. H. Hobson, J. B. Kid, V. J. Bosler, Fred Graves, John Callis and Joseph Barber. Thirly witnesses were sworn. The testimony of Ralph W. Maxwell, Robert E. Maxwell, Ralph Maxwell, John M. Neel, Robert Allen and a Mr. Rasmussen was heard, when the court adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Sept. 28th.

The hills and mountains that surround us tell us that Jack Frost has been at work, for they are now putting on their beautiful colors, and, by the way, State colors, red, green and yellow; though now we are having a lovely warm time and threshing is going on in a rushing manner.

Good crops are reported all through our county and the prices of wheat are rising. S. U. B.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 2.

Lake Town, Rich Co., Utah, Oct. 1, 1897.—Joseph Thompson Cheney—one of Lake Town's earliest settlers—died here during last night, after a protracted illness.

JOSEPH IRWIN.

Price Advocate: "E. M. Smith, the Associated Press representative who some time ago made Price his headquarters, it is now thought lost his life in the Newcastle (Colo.) railroad wreck. When last heard of Mr. Smith was on the fated train bound for Price. All efforts by his daughter, Mrs. George Shoemaker of Telluride, Col., to ascertain his whereabouts have so far been unsuccessful."

Mr. Smith was well known in Salt Lake and was the Associated Press agent at Fort Duchesne for several months.

A private letter received in this city today announced the death at Willard, Utah, yesterday of Oris Wells, a merchant of that place.

Mr. Wells had been ill but one week. The cause of his death was typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his early and unexpected demise. He was but 37 years of age and generally a strong, healthy man, well known and widely respected. Old-time Salt Lakers will remember him as the very efficient pitcher for the Willard City base ball team in the days when that organization made it interesting for the Deseret and Red Stocking nines. His funeral occurred at Willard this afternoon.

James Raymond and Harry Leslie the two men who pleaded guilty this week to breaking into the house of Bishop Walter J. Beattie last July, appeared before Judge Norrell this morning for sentence.

Judge Norrell said that he was in receipt of a number of letters from friends of Leslie but he did not attach the importance to them he would have had he known the parties who wrote them. "No matter," said the court, "how bad a man may be, there would always be someone willing to say a good word for him."

The court then sentenced each defendant to two years and a half in the state prison.

Today, Oct. 2, Joseph McMurrin, an aged and highly respected resident of the Third ward of this city, passed from this life. He was a native of Scotland, having been born near Glasgow, July 14, 1821. He joined the Church in his native land, and came to Utah over forty years ago. For many years he was an employe at the General Tithing office. He was a mem-

ber of the Bishopric of the Eighth ward for about twenty years, and was highly esteemed. The deceased leaves a large family, one son, Joseph W. McMurrin, now being in Great Britain on a mission; another son, James L. McMurrin, who resides in Idaho, has been in attendance at the Irrigation congress at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, but the hour is not yet set.

Christian Busath, a resident of the Sixth ward and a machinist in the employ of Silver Bros., met with a painful accident while at work on the Utah University building yesterday, and as a result he is now confined at his home with a broken limb.

Mr. Busath with other workmen was engaged in drilling a hole in the outside wall about twenty feet above the ground when the platform upon which he stood gave way, owing to an insecure fastening of the blocks and tackle which held it. Mr. Busath fell about four feet and caught on to a ledge, which jutted out from the wall. While maintaining his position on the ledge he was struck by a falling block and had his left leg broken midway between the knee and ankle. He was assisted down the ladder, taken home in a carriage and had the fracture reduced by Dr. Wilcox. Mr. Busath, who is now doing as well as can be expected, intended taking his departure on a mission on the 16th inst.

The Latter-day Saints' College has never in its history opened with such flattering and encouraging prospects as this season. New students are constantly being enrolled, while many have had to be turned away with the advice to attend the graded schools.

The night sessions of the business department are also comfortably filled. One interesting feature connected with them is the special class in the Book of Mormon, conducted by Prof. John M. Mills, who is giving a regular course on the history of the ancient people of America.

The library of the college is growing rapidly, and fifty volumes have been added to it already this year. Contributions have been made within the last week by John C. Cutler, H. G. Whitney, D. S. Spencer and E. L. Elder. Others have expressed a willingness to help increase the large number of books now on hand.

Drawing will be made a special feature in the college this year, and for this work, the well-known artist, Edwin Evans, has been engaged.

Immediately after the conference holidays, a missionary class will be organized, the course consisting of twenty lectures, the first one to be given on Monday, October 11th. All desiring to pursue this work should call on the president of the college at an early date.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 4.

William Bailey, superintendent of the Nephi waterworks, met with a serious accident at his home on Thursday last. He was driving a delivery wagon when the horse ran away, throwing him out, breaking his collar bone and shoulder blade. He was given proper care and attention and is now doing as well as can be expected.

Elder Wm. Paxman, president of the Juab Stake, is prevented from attending Conference on account of a painful accident which befel him on Thursday last. He started for Salt Lake before that but on the evening of the day named was engaged in shingling a roof when the scaffold on which he was standing gave way and precipitated him to the ground with the result that both bones of his left leg were broken above the ankle. Dr. Noyes was summoned. He reduced the fracture and

made the patient as comfortable as possible.

The Sugar House ward choir under the leadership of R. L. McGhie gave a song service last night in the ward meeting house in honor of the Pioneers. Appropriate speeches were made, the Pioneers, S. L. Richards Jr.; "The Trip Across the Plains," Bishop A. G. Driggs; "Amusements of the Pioneers on Their Journey Across the Plains," Nicol Hood; "The Handcart Companies," Wm. Thompson; "Sketch of the Life of Brigham Young," Alma Ash; "The Present Time," Frank Y. Taylor. The meeting house was crowded to its utmost capacity, a great many having to stand during the whole of the evening. It was one of the best meetings ever held in Sugar House ward. A good spirit prevailed. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered the choir, after which the choir and congregation sang America.

Basalt, Bingham County, Idaho, Sept. 22, 1897.

Basalt is situated 170 miles north of Ogden City on the O. S. L. R. R. with about thirty-five families, two stores, a creamery, and, I am sorry to say, one saloon; but we expect that to close out in the near future as it is not patronized. We are fully organized in every department and our Sunday school is doing well. The health of the people is good, and many of the farmers will free themselves from debt and bondage this fall, and although so many have come from Utah and other places and settled here this last year, still there is room for many more. I find in visiting round among the people that most of them have got too much land have come to the wise conclusion that a little farm well cultivated is more profitable than a big one half attended to. They will therefore divide up with those wanting a home at a reasonable price. The climate is good and the land productive, with wells of good cold water from twenty to eighty feet. There is a good roller mill at Idaho Falls and one at Blackfoot—about twenty-seven miles apart. We are greatly in need of one here, half way between the other two, as this is a great grain country round here. I believe that in a few years this valley will become the pride of Idaho for agricultural purposes.

SOLOMON EDWARDS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 5.

News comes from Parowan of the tragic and shocking death at that place yesterday of Robert Miller. He was at work on a threshing machine and was thrown head first into the cylinder and instantly killed. His head was crushed and the upper part of his body badly mutilated. He was the son of Robert E. and Eliza Miller, and leaves a wife and three children. He was about 32 years of age and was known as a hardworking and useful citizen. His death has cast a gloom over the entire community.

The store and stock of merchandise belonging to Alfred Dunkley at American Fork were burned to the ground last midnight. The cause of the blaze and the amount of the loss are unknown. A partial insurance was carried.

The new city water tank at American Fork was destroyed in an explosion on Sunday night last. The explosive used was thought to have been dynamite, but the identity of the miscreants who used it is entirely unknown and unsuspected. The loss is a serious one and is much regretted by the citizens of American Fork.

By the demise of Sister Eliza B. Wonnacott, in the Eleventh ward of this city at midnight last night (Mon-