

the city. The Second South street toboggan slide is probably the most popular as well as the most dangerous. Schooner and sledge parties starting at Thirteenth East have in some instances shot almost down to State street before coming to a stop.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 22.

**Millennial Star:** Elder Manasseh Smith, a missionary in the Birmingham conference, has just received the sad intelligence that his daughter, Harriet Louisa, now past 15 years of age, died quite suddenly of heart failure on December 16, 1897. This is the second he has lost since coming here. The other was a son, Thomas William, aged 19. Our sympathies are extended to Brother Smith and his family in their bereavement.

**Eastern Utah Advocate:** An accident occurred at Winter Quarters last week by which Willie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ayre, had three fingers of his left hand badly crushed. The boy was switching mine cars on the outside of No. 1 mine, and in spragging a loaded car he fell, the wheels passing over his hand. Dr. Smith found it necessary to amputate the fingers at the second joint. The boy is between 14 and 15 years of age. He stood the operation like a little man, and is getting along as well as could be expected.

**The Green River correspondent of the Eastern Utah Advocate** says that while crossing the river on the ice receptly Chris Anderson had a narrow escape from drowning. When some way out from land the ice under him gave way, dropping him into the icy water. He threw out his hands and caught the edges of the ice, and a battle for life followed. For fifty feet he broke the ice in an attempt to get out; finally he found ice sufficiently strong to bear his weight, when he crawled out. Drenched to the skin and almost exhausted, he made his way to his cabin, a mile distant, where he found warmth and a change of raiment.

**Mt. Pleasant Pyramid:** Niels Larsen (Falk), an old gentleman about 80 years of age, who lives in the southeastern part of town, partook of a drink, while in a somnambulist state one night last week, the result of which has been somewhat serious. He arose from his bed some time during the night, and without awakening from sleep, went to a table in the room, took a lamp filled with kerosene oil from the table and swallowed the entire contents. After drinking the oil he returned to bed, not being aware of what he had done. Upon awakening in the morning, however, it was discovered that his mental faculties were wholly deranged, and for several days thereafter his mind was continually wandering. He is improving somewhat at latest reports.

**Tintic Miner:** Mike Fitzgerald was caught by a loaded ore car about 200 feet from the mouth of the Mammoth tunnel, while going off shift last Wednesday. His breast bone was broken and his lungs were severely bruised. Dr. Field gave him medical attention. Fitzgerald states that he stepped aside for two cars to pass him and had proceeded but a short distance, when he heard a whistle from a car pusher, but was unable to get out of the way of the rapidly moving car. Superintendent Earls says that it is the custom to send out four cars on each trip. As Fitzgerald is engineer at the mine, it seems strange that he did not remember the fact. He has been out of the hospital but a short time, having fallen several feet in an open cut near the hoisting works several weeks ago.

Attorney General Bishop has written

the following letter to Wesley Warf, Esq., county attorney, at Price, Utah:

"Dear Sir—Answering your favor of the 5th inst., in which you submit several questions and suggest a theory in relation thereto, permit me to say, that your theory seems to be in accordance with the conclusion reached by this office when you were in the city some days ago.

"As to the question, whether the board of equalization of a county has authority to abate taxes of indigent persons, I beg to say that this question has arisen in other counties, but not until after some abatements had been made under the mistaken notion that they had the power to do so. I have suggested to the State auditor that perhaps it might be well not to exact of counties the State's portion of such abatements for the year 1897, but that he should issue notices to all of the counties, that for the year 1898 and thereafter, no such abatements would be permitted to be made, as in my judgment they are unconstitutional and void."

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 24.

Stephen B. Newman, owner of the "76" saloon, died at his home yesterday after an illness of nearly two months. Death was caused by neuralgia of the heart, superinduced by chronic gastritis. He was a member of the Veteran Firman's association, under whose auspices he will be buried. He leaves a wife and five children.

Fond du Lac, Jan. 20, 1898.—Benjamin Franklin Cook wishes to find the whereabouts of the children of his two brothers, Henry Cook and William Cook. They left Kalamazoo county, Mich., and went to Nauvoo the same year the Saints were driven from that place, then to Far West, and in course of a few years, went on to Utah. Any information of the above will be thankfully received by B. F. Cook, Oakfield, Wis.

Brigham Bugler: Monday at midnight, Mrs. John Sanders of Collinston expired with an eight days' old babe at her side. She was the daughter of John Garner, postmaster of Deweyville. She leaves a husband and six small children to mourn her untimely taking away. Everything possible was done for the sick woman, but it proved of no avail. She is said to have been a very lovable woman, kind to children and fond of her husband, with a host of friends besides.

A blaze on First South street, near the Jordan river, destroyed the residence of J. M. Hayes of the Utah butter company last night. The fire was caused by a defective flue and had made such rapid headway before the department could reach the scene as to make the effort of saving anything futile. The building was insured for \$1,000.

While the fire was in progress W. J. Husbands, who lives near by, ran to the place to assist in the removal of furniture, when he was set upon by a vicious bulldog owned by Mr. Hayes. He was badly bitten in the calf of the leg. The brute clung to his hold with all the tenacity of his nature, and it was found necessary to pry open his teeth by main force before Mr. Husbands could be released from his painful predicament.

Springville Independent: The contract has been let to a Salt Lake concern for the erection of the new creamery, and the foundations are now nearly completed. The contract price is \$1,600, and the institution will be in running order by Feb. 15th.

Spanish Fork and Lake Shore people are interested in the new institution, and it has been incorporated under the name of the Spanish Fork and

Lake Shore Creamery and Dairy Co. The capital stock is \$5,000 divided into as many shares at \$1 each. The officers of the company are: Benjamin Argle, president; W. Don C. Markham, vice president; H. J. Faust, Jr., A. W. Johnson, Hubbard Tuttle, Ezra W. Robinson and Geo. Anderson, directors; Warren Davis, secretary and Geo. D. Snell, Jr., treasurer. The principal place of business is Spanish Fork.

Rexburg (Ida.) Journal: Our usually quiet town of Lyman is at present in a state of indignant excitement over one of the most dastardly affairs ever perpetrated in that vicinity. Our informant states that a great big strapping youth, weighing nearly 200 pounds, and touching the scale at six feet, by the name of Ed Butler, met his uncle, Mr. William J. Young, a man of small stature, light build, scarcely weighing over 100 pounds, and about 60 years of age, a quiet, inoffensive citizen, and without provocation, set upon and beat him unmercifully, knocking him down and jumping upon him, breaking two ribs and otherwise injuring him so that he had to be carried home and now lies in a critical condition.

The brutal fellow, to save himself, as he thought, went to the justice court and confessed to disturbing the peace and paid a fine of \$5 for the offense.

Mr. Young was formerly from Cedar Fort, Utah, where he is well known as an inoffensive man. He has lived in Lyman, of which he was one of the first settlers, for the last twelve years. The prime cause for the cruel and inhuman attack is said to have been an imaginary insult committed several years ago.

Another of Salt Lake's handsome and costly school buildings had a narrow escape from being burned today. This time it was the Oquirrh. It is worthy of note that the blaze started in precisely the same manner as at the Grant a few days ago—from a deposit of ignited soot that had fallen on the roof from the smoke stack.

The discovery, though timely, was in a measure accidental. Since the fire at the Grant Superintendent Pinney has required the janitors to ascend and inspect the roofs of the buildings under their charge at least twice a day. The precaution has proved to be a very good one, for it was in this manner that the blaze at the Oquirrh was detected. The janitor made his way to the roof of the building about 10 o'clock and was startled at seeing flames rapidly eating their way through the shingles. In a few moments he had the fire extinguished without having warned the school or called out the department.

Superintendents Millsbaugh and Pinney say that the kind of coal used this year is responsible for the increased danger that has come to the school buildings in that it causes so much soot. At several of the buildings the engineers find it necessary to clean the flues from two to four times each day and even then they find it very difficult to keep the draft channels open. At the Washington and other schools there is a big burning out in the smoke stacks almost every day. It is during the progress of these fiery cleanings that the greatest danger exists, large, matted cakes of the burning soot falling on the roof.

A very destructive blaze visited the residence of Mr. F. DeWain in Lake Breeze addition last evening.

At 7:30 o'clock Mr. DeWain and his family locked up their house and went to the street car, a distance of about twenty rods. Just as they got comfortably seated in the car, intending to go to the Tabernacle lecture, the conductor, a Mr. Peacock, saw flames through Mr. DeWain's window, and immediately