

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 15.

ARTESIAN MACHINERY.—Mr. House, of Corinne, has imported improved artesian machinery, and is about to commence boring. So says the Reporter.

FLOODED.—Day before yesterday somebody turned the water down from the 11th Ward water ditch along the upper 20th Ward ditch, which overflowed and flooded the lot of Mr. Foulger and some others.

POLICE COURT.—Last evening John Waldron, a discharged soldier, was fined \$15 for being drunk and breaking windows in the Eleventh Ward.

James Langley, for assault and battery, had to pay \$10. This morning Joseph Foreman and Martin Murphy were fined \$5 each for being intoxicated.

NATURALIZATION PAPERS.—Aliens wishing to become naturalized citizens of the United States should appear at the Third District Court on Wednesday, Oct. 22, or any subsequent Wednesday during the session of the court. Many people from the country are put to great inconvenience by coming to the city for the express purpose of obtaining their papers and getting here on the wrong day.

ECCENTRIC.—Among the eccentricities of this curious climate is the one which the residents of this section have been experiencing the last two or three days—merely a jump from the fervent heat of mid-summer to the nipping sharpness of winter's cold, from several inches of dust to double the depth of snow, from the borders of the torrid to the borders of the arctic temperature. This shows some of the things which can be done in this country.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.—The suggestion which appeared in the News the other day that Utah should have a branch mint, seems to have taken a strong hold on the public mind. Everybody that we have heard speak of it, seems favorably disposed towards the project, and it is very probable that steps will be taken at the earliest practicable time in view of obtaining so needed and beneficial an institution. It appears to be the most feasible method of solving the circulating medium difficulty. Therefore let us have a branch mint.

UNFORTUNATE AGAIN.—It is due to Professor Due to say that the postponement of his pyrotechnic displays, announced for the 7th and 8th instants, was due to the unfavorableness of the weather. It is also due to the public to state that the exhibition which was to have come off to-night will have to be postponed for the same reason. These unavoidable delays are very annoying and unprofitable to Prof. Due, who has been at considerable expense in getting up some splendid pieces of fire-works.

A SLICE OF WINTER.—The present storm may be appropriately called a slice of Winter. From yesterday afternoon till this morning something over a foot of snow fell, which, however, has been gradually disappearing from the streets. It is probable that the weather will soon clear up and a fine spell be enjoyed before winter can be said to have fairly and squarely set in. The streets are in a slushy, muddy condition, which renders it very disagreeable to pedestrians, but with a little dry weather the roads will be in an admirable condition.

UTAH SOUTHERN RAILROAD.—Mr. Wm. Bramall, who arrived from Springville yesterday, informs us that when he passed the Pleasant Grove big field on Monday, the Utah Southern Railroad was completed to that point. The grading was completed to Provo River, with the exception of a small portion near Pleasant Grove, a short distance ahead of the point to which the track was laid.

The only obstacle impeding the progress of the line now is the present scarcity of ties. The harvest work is over, however, and the people are about to go into the canyons in force and get out the ties rapidly, so that the line will soon be completed to Provo.

APTITUDE.—Mr. C. Frusher Howard, the lecturer now in this city, called at the University of Deseret this morning and put the students through some exercises connected with his easy method of calculation. He states that he

found that the scholars there displayed more quickness and aptitude in mastering figures than those of any other school he ever visited. He had endeavored to explain his system in a large number of the schools of California, but never saw such manifestations of quickness of comprehension among the students there as he witnessed this morning among the students of the University of Deseret.

BINGHAM CANYON R. R.—From W. B. Welles, Esq., Secretary of the Bingham Canyon Railroad, we learn that passenger trains commenced running on that road this morning connecting with both the morning and afternoon trains going south on the Utah Southern R. R., and with Pierce's stage line, at the mouth of the Canyon, making the time between Salt Lake City and Bingham City in two hours and a half, enabling persons to spend from six to seven hours in the camp and return to the city the same day, as the down trains also connect with the noon and evening trains coming north on the Utah Southern R. R. Within two weeks it is expected to have the B. C. R. R. completed to its terminus near the Winnamuck Smelter.

THE COAL QUESTION.—There appears to be a difference of opinion regarding the indications for coal at Jarman's mine, Butcherville. It has been stated that the last material taken out is not coal, but has more the appearance and qualities of plumbago, or black lead. Some are of opinion that the specimens are genuine coal croppings, while others contend they have none of the qualities of coal. One thing is certain and that is, that if those engaged in the enterprise continue long enough at the work they have undertaken they will, in time, demonstrate whether coal exists in the locality or not. It is to be hoped they will realize their anticipations, for the discovery of coal so near the city would, as we have before stated, be a great benefit to the people.

DESTRUCTION IN ORCHARDS.—The injury to fruit trees in this city caused by the snow storm must be great. In some orchards numbers of trees have been destroyed, while others are more or less injured. The more mature trees have suffered most, the younger ones, being tougher, could stand the load of snow without breaking.

As there were yet large quantities of peaches in some of the orchards, considerable loss must also have been sustained by some people through the destruction to the fruit.

The heavy weight of snow not only broke down the branches of fruit trees, but everywhere shade trees of all sizes were similarly damaged.

The trees being in nearly full foliage were just in a condition to catch and retain the snow flakes as they fell.

UTAH NORTHERN RAILROAD.—Grading is in progress along the line from Ogden to the old Junction with the C. P. in Box Elder County, and, with the exception of one or two districts, the Weber County people are showing a praiseworthy alacrity in the work. Those who are not engaged in the enterprise, either by means or labor, are in the dark as regards their own interests and the welfare of the community. The bridge across the Ogden river will be finished about the end of this week. The necessary iron is on the road and is expected here in a few days, when the Company's best locomotive will be forwarded, and track-laying will be commenced and put through in a hurry.

Everybody in Weber county should take an interest in this road. Every Ogden merchant ought to take stock in it. Every man and woman who wish to see this city built up and this county developed, should lend their aid and influence to push on this road, that before the snows of winter settle on the soil, the narrow gauge railway may open up the north to us, and give the northern folks easy access to our city and its business. All hands to the road, and "pop her quickly through!"—Ogden Junction, Oct. 14.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, OCT. 18.

HOME FROM PROVO.—President Brigham Young and company reached this city, by the 7 o'clock train last night, from their visit to Provo.

FINE CELERY.—A number of very fine, large, white sticks of celery were brought to this office today, grown by Thomas Westwood, in the 16th Ward.

GRAVELLING.—The street railroad company are graveling their road in the Eleventh Ward, east of the turntable in that locality.

PLANKING.—Mr. H. Dinwoodey is to have a plank sidewalk put down in front of his new store. It is constructed of two by three inch scantling, set on edge and spiked together.

POLICE COURT.—Business in this court is unusually dull. This morning John Clark, a tailor, Frank Deernun and W. H. Bexler were fined \$5 each for being drunk.

FIRST LIVE SALMON.—Mr. A. P. Rockwood informs us that the salmon eggs he lately received from California have been hatching out during the last three or four days. These are the first live salmon that have ever, we believe, been in the Territory.

BINGHAM.—From a gentleman recently in from Bingham, we learn that business is brisk in that camp. Some few miners have, however, been compelled to suspend work, while work on the larger ones has merely been curtailed. The Last Chance mine turns out a daily average of thirty tons of ore a day, which is supplied to the smelter of the same name.

DROOPING.—The boughs of shade trees which have not survived the weight of snow which they sustained yesterday morning, are hanging and drooping on the sidewalks in many localities. Besides the branches that were merely bent, large quantities of the broken ones are dangling from the trees, involving an unpleasant amount of dodging on the part of pedestrians to avoid entanglement and scratching. The trees should be trimmed.

THE WAY OF DEATH.—There is a way, but the end thereof is death, and the following seems much like it. A correspondent writes of an instance of a girl who came from a distant land, went into service in a private family for several months, was induced by offers of large wages to leave and go elsewhere to wait at table, then to Alta on a pleasure trip, was then offered more than mechanic's wages to dance in a hurdy house, until now she seems to like her position, drinks freely, and evidently has lost all sense of modesty and virtue. A sad case, and a warning to others.

WEST PORTERVILLE.—Henry Florence writes from West Porterville, Oct. 12, as follows:

"In this small district, upon the bench, we have had a bountiful harvest. Brother Geary, of Round Valley, brought his new thrashing machine and thrashed out twenty-one hundred and fifty bushels of grain, and did up his work good and clean.

"We have a good Sunday School, where our children are taught the principles of righteousness, and also an excellent day-school, taught by brother Geo. K. Bowring.

"The health of the citizens is good. All feel to do their part in building up the Latter-day work."

DECIDED.—The case of J. H. E. Dolman, the same who was charged with swindling in issuing a bogus order on Mr. Pomeroy and giving it to his landlord in payment for his board and lodging bill, was decided this morning, the decision being that he pay a fine of \$15 and settle his board bill. The impetuosity of Dolman prevents him from paying the fine in greenbacks, though he can work it out at a dollar a day on the public works, but how the board bill is going to be settled is yet a mystery. It appears that there are really some decisions of the courts that cannot be carried out.

ARTISTIC.—Among the articles mentioned as being exhibited in the fine art department of the late Territorial Fair was a landscape painted by Mr. Bornchman, in noticing which it was incidentally stated that that gentleman's forte was portrait painting. He is staying at the Townsend House, where he takes pleasure in showing specimens of his skill to any lovers of art, who may visit him. Those who take pleasure in viewing exquisite painting would be highly gratified in seeing his beautiful pictures, most of which are in water color. By his method of painting he re-

tains all the fullness and strength of appearance given by oil color, while the delicacy of tint and softness of light and shade of the water color are retained. The portrait of Mrs. Rutherford, of San Francisco, is especially beautiful.

Mr. Bornchman has just completed an Indian ink portrait of President Brigham Young, which we should imagine would bear the minute criticism and the scrutiny of the most fastidious critic. Portraits done in this style are difficult of execution, but Mr. B. has shown that he is a master of this branch of the art.

KANARRA COAL COMPANY.—A short time since the NEWS gave a brief account of what was being done at the "Poor Man" coal mine, near Kanarra, owned by Thompson & Co. Yesterday we met Mr. Pollock, who is largely interested in another mine near the one already mentioned. This gentleman has specimens of coal with him, which appeared to be second to none in point of quality taken from any ledge in the Territory. Not only is the quality superior, but the deposit appears to be positively immense, being twenty feet in thickness, and the extent of the vein is not yet determined.

This coal is claimed to be superior for blacksmithing purposes. The shops of Pioche and surrounding districts are supplied from the mine, and a large number of the people use it for fuel.

There is little or no room to doubt that Iron county is naturally the richest part of Utah, its resources in some directions being apparently inexhaustible. There are immense deposits of as good iron ore as exists in any part of the world in the mountains to the east, and in the mountains to the west inexhaustible coal mines, with but a narrow valley intervening.

It needs but railroad communication and the investment of capital to open up and develop those great resources. The pioneer work of development has been already commenced and even prosecuted to a considerable extent under circumstances that would have discouraged less intrepid and enterprising men.

It will not only be a better day for Iron County when the railroad is completed to that point and when the resources there begin to be extensively utilized and developed, but the benefit will extend to the whole of Utah, if not to the entire western country. Every mile of extension made in the Utah Southern road brings the people nearer the realization of that desirable state of things, and if the people in the counties southward from Utah County manifest the same degree of public spirit, energy, alacrity, faith and good works as the latter have done, should the railroad question be brought before them in the same way, it may be considered but a matter of a little time.

A DUEL.—From a friend we received particulars of a love affair, a challenge and a duel, the last mentioned of which incident occurred last Sunday at Sandy.

It appears that two swains became enamored of and insisted on paying their addresses to one young lady, each meeting with varying success. One of these young fellows became filled with the "green-eyed monster," jealousy, and was fired up with wrath at his rival. So fiercely did his angry passions rage that he challenged the other to fight a duel, not in the old fashioned fisticuff style, but with pistol and ball. The challenged party, though peaceably inclined and generally averse to the use of dangerous weapons, did not relish the idea of being called a craven, so he accepted. The seconds were chosen, the time appointed and, at the chosen time, both were on the ground.

The distance was stepped off, the seconds gave the signal and one man took aim and blazed away at his antagonist. The latter, seeing he was not hit, and, being unwilling to take the other's life, chivalrously discharged his pistol in the air. The first was still belligerent, and insisted on continuing the fight. So they took position again, and the one who fired the first shot at the first set to, fired first again at the second. The other, who was determined, cool and deliberate, rested his weapon on his arm, fired and down flopped his antagonist upon the ground, apparently as dead as a mackerel.

"Well," said the unarmed one, with a look of concern on his face, "he has himself to blame. He drove me to it. I am ready to give myself up to the justice of the peace."

It is also stated that the Justice himself was near and saw some of the shooting, and ran around to get an officer to arrest the parties. The fallen man was picked up, however, and a big laugh was indulged in by all around, as he had escaped without a scratch.

The way it came about was that the young man who fell and pretended to be killed was the challenger. He arranged the matter so that his seconds should have the loading of the weapons and that they should be charged with blank cartridge, but the other man was dreadfully in earnest.

This may have appeared to be a good joke to some who were engaged in it, but it cannot be viewed very well in that light by sensible people. We give the particulars as they were recited by our informant, who assured us they were correct.

SHOOTING AT PROVO.

The following is from the S. L. Herald of this morning:

PROVO, 15.—At six o'clock this evening, Harrison Carter, a notorious rough and renegade, shot A. H. Bowen, chief of police in this city. Carter was partially intoxicated in the afternoon, had been abusing people in the street, and fired several shots from his pistol; in fact, he attempted to "run the town" according to his own notion and said that no policeman dared to arrest or interfere with him. Bowen met Carter in front of Stubbs' saloon, and attempted to arrest him, when the latter drew his pistol and fired, the ball entering Bowen's head at the left temple, inflicting a mortal wound.

Carter then fled, going north, and has not yet been caught, although he doubtless will be shortly, as the officers of the city are doing all in their power to apprehend him.

Mr. Bowen is an old resident of this place, is a highly respectable citizen, and has been an able officer, having the confidence and good will of the people in the position which he occupies. His death will be a severe blow to his many friends, and a great loss to the community.

The following telegram was received by the News this afternoon:

PROVO, 16.—Bowen, the man shot by Carter yesterday, is still alive, and hopes are entertained by his friends that he is convalescing, though the nature of the wound seems to render recovery an impossibility.

STATE OF THE WEATHER.

OCT. 16th, 3 P. M.

Pioche—Clear and cold.
St. George—Cold and windy.
Kanab—Very cold and heavy wind from the south.

Beaver—Cold and clear.
Payson—Stormed for last two days. Clearing off now.

Provo—Cloudy and cold. Snow on mountains.

Alta—Clear and cold. Seven inches of snow fell yesterday and to-day.

SALT LAKE CITY,
October 20th, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

In one of your late issues I notice that the assessor and collector, Mr. R. J. Golding, calls the attention of the public to the fact that if their territorial and county taxes are not paid on or before the 1st day of November next, the same will be collected with cost. Being one of a large number of those who have not as yet been informed of the amount of their taxes, I would ask the question how am I to know how much I am in debt to the county and territory, unless I have their bill rendered me, and rendered also in time for me to make a protest before the court appointed for that purpose, if I should consider it necessary?

This latter clause has been greatly neglected by our assessors, and should be remedied.

Would it not be also judicious, in this present crisis and scarcity of money and ready means, to give the public a little longer than fifteen days in which to make their payments, before an additional cost be assessed.

Respectfully,
TAX PAYER.