

The inmates of the Reform school were not forgotten. The Declaration of Independence was read by Carl Allison and addresses were delivered by Mrs. H. S. Emerson and Judge Bagley. Their kind and encouraging words were well received, the pupils being much interested.

The usual Fourth of July fire totally destroyed the residence of Henry Whelstone on Twenty-ninth street. The family was at Lester Park. House and furniture were destroyed.

A gentleman of this city, who has lately traveled through portions of Cache county, reached home last evening, and reports that crop prospects in that section are very good indeed. Two or three hailstorms have occurred recently in the south end of the valley, which did damage to grain fields in spots. These storms were very whimsical. One field of grain would be seriously damaged, while an adjoining one escaped with little or no injury.

Money is scarce among the masses of the people, and the prevailing price of wheat, from 35 to 40 cents per bushel, dampens the ardor of the farmers. But notwithstanding low prices of farm products, general prosperity prevails.

A few days since our informant rode with the mail carrier passed a dry farm a few miles north of Paradise sown with wheat. "You see that that wheat is all headed out," said the driver. The gentleman addressed noticed more closely and saw that the wheat heads were entirely out of the boot, and apparently nearing their full size. This was about 3.30 p.m. "When I passed this field at 9 o'clock this morning," said the driver, "the wheat heads were in the 'boot,' and not a head could be seen."

The driver's reputation for truth and veracity is good, and hence the above may be taken as proof of the wonderful rapidity with which wheat matures on the dry farms of Cache county.

The particulars of the dreadful fate of a miner and prospector in the State Line mining district, in the southwestern part of the State, have just been made known. His name is John Edwards, commonly known as Johnny Behind-the-Rock, and he was aged about fifty years. In March last he went to the State Line district, pitched his tent some two miles from his nearest neighbor, staked off several claims and worked industriously. He did not associate much with other miners and was almost a recluse.

On June 20 a young man named Jonah Clark, of Provo, who had been mining in that vicinity, passed near Edwards's tent. He thought he smelled decaying meat, and stepped into the tent to investigate. He observed nothing wrong and went his way. Four days later Clark in company with two or three other men called at Edwards's tent. Upon entering it they saw the dead body of its owner lying in the bunk, and partially decomposed. Cypotes had torn much of the flesh from the bones, and the remains were only identified by letters found in the clothing.

This ghastly discovery was made in the evening, and as the remains could not then be cared for precautions were taken to protect them from the wolves until the next day, when they were to

be buried. But during that night the wolves gained access to the tent and dragged the corpse out of it, tearing it to pieces and devouring the greater part of it. What portions remained were gathered up and given a decent burial next day.

It is supposed that Edwards became ill and that having no one within reach to whom he could make known his wants, he perished miserably.

The janitor of the Hooper & Eldredge building was horrified when at about 7 o'clock Thursday he discovered in a room on the second floor of the building the lifeless body of a man. The janitor immediately notified the coroner who hastened to the spot and made an investigation, finding the corpse to be that of William J. Horner of Heber City. An empty bottle which appeared to have once contained laudanum indicated the manner of the life taking.

The deceased was about 47 years old and was bookkeeper for Mr. Joseph Hatch of Heber. The unfortunate man has been away from home for several days and has been imbibing somewhat freely during that time, visiting this city, Park City and sometimes Heber. A letter was received for him at the Templeton a day or two ago, and was delivered to him, but he did not make that his only his temporary residence while here. He was in and out and was seen a number of times by the clerk, and he appeared to be in a pretty bad condition.

The opinion is gaining credence that Mr. Horner did not commit suicide. The theory believed by some is that he took the laudanum either to alleviate pain or as a narcotic, as his condition at the time might have made sleeping a difficult matter.

So far as is known there was no earthly reason for a deliberate suicide and many of the friends of the unfortunate man are decidedly of the opinion that his death was accidental.

The bottle from which the poison was taken was a two-ounce one and it must have been full, according to indications. That he would take so much as a narcotic is doubtful, but under the temporary aberration of mind which was doubtless present at the time, the quantity would not be recognized.

The citizens of Salina, Sevier county, will long remember the Fourth of July this year. A large assemblage of people had gathered in the bowery there to witness a program of exercises suitable to the occasion. A youth named Orson Kelly had desired to fire an anvil near the bowery during the exercises, but the committee in charge or the celebration forbade it. Nevertheless young Kelly went ahead with his preparations.

He placed an anvil on the ground near the bowery and filled the hole in it with powder. Above the hole in the anvil he placed the burr of a wagon and poured more powder into that. Then he charged another anvil with powder and placed it on top of the first one, in such a position that all the powder was in contact. On the anvil he placed a threshing machine cylinder. While the exercises were in progress young Kelly exploded the powder with a hot iron rod. The wagon burr burst in pieces, and performed the work of

a bombshell in the midst of the congregation.

A 5-year-old daughter of Thomas Crane of Salina was struck with one piece of the burr, on the left leg below the knee, and four inches of the bone between the knee and ankle was shattered. The limb was amputated just below the knee. The child died on Monday.

Two other little girls, daughters of A. M. Christiansen, also of Salina, were struck. One was hit in the heel, and her foot may have to be amputated. The other received a flesh wound in the calf of her leg.

The exercises of the meeting were suspended and an indignation meeting was held. While young Kelly was severely censured it was decided not to punish him by law. As soon as he saw what he had done, he mounted a horse and rode away.

It will be remembered that on or about June 1st, the bid of E. C. Jones & Co. of New York, for State bonds, was accepted. The amount of bonds the firm was to take was \$200,000. A certified check for \$10,000 was deposited, and the rest of the purchase money was to be paid July 1st. It was not paid on that date, and Monday was named as the date of payment. But the money was not forthcoming, and Tuesday there is on the street a suspicion that the deal has fallen through.

Repeated efforts made during the day to obtain a full statement of the facts and present status of the matter were mainly unsuccessful, persons in a position to give the information manifesting a good deal of reticence.

It is known, however, that a correspondence by telegraph has been going on between Governor Wells, who is chairman of the loan commission, and the firm of E. C. Jones & Co., but its purport has not been made public.

An inquiry made by telephone at the office of Secretary of State Hammond was answered by the explicit statement that the bond sale had not fallen through, but not a word of further explanation could be obtained. State secrets ought of course to be safely guarded by state officers, but the public would like to know what is the matter with the bond buyers. The bonds were made payable in gold, and hence it seems unlikely that the silver agitation could have scared off the buyers. If, however, they have decided to retire from the deal, the State is ahead the \$10,000 deposit. The full facts must come out shortly.

At 3:40 Tuesday afternoon Governor Wells kindly signified his readiness to communicate with the News regarding the State bonds.

A News representative at once called upon the Governor, and the latter imparted to him the welcome information that the sale of the bonds had been consummated and that the money in payment for them, with interest, had been deposited in a bank in New York, subject to the order of the loan commission.

On Friday evening last, David Edwards, aged 14, son of David M. Edwards, 39 Potter's Court, Sixteenth ward, was seriously hurt by falling from a train which left Saltair at 7:15. The boy and a companion named Roy Keller had been spending the day at Saltair, but when they came to board