

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

President Moon, of the Salt Lake & Mercur railroad came in Wednesday. He states that at the end of the month he expects the road will be completed to the Mercur mine. It is now running from Fairfield to the Mercur mill.

On Saturday night at 8:30 a frame barn at the rear of 246 west First South street, the property of Angus M. Cannon, was found on fire. There were several animals in the building, but all were rescued without injury. The department was called out but the fire spread so rapidly that the barn was destroyed. It was insured for \$200. The fire is supposed to have started from a match thrown into the hay by a smoker. At 11 o'clock the fire blazed up a second time and was extinguished by Mr. Cannon and his sons.

A very interesting and remarkable feat was accomplished at the Z. C. M. I. shoe factory Thursday between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock.

The performance was the manufacture from the raw material of a pair of shoes polished and complete in one hour. Of course the work was all done by machinery and during the period in question many pairs were really made. The test was simply for the purpose of showing how perfect in all of its parts is the great shoe plant installed in that splendid institution which gives work to so many employees annually.

The Stake secretaries of the Relief society, and the secretary of each mission or branch, not yet included in a Stake, are hereby officially notified to carefully prepare correct statistical and financial reports for the current year, from January 1st to December 31st, 1894. These reports must be forwarded to the general secretary at the office of the *Woman's Exponent*, Salt Lake City, Utah, early in February, 1895, or not later than the 10th of that month so that a complete report of this important organization may be ready at least ten days before the general conference in April, 1895.

E. B. WELLS, Secretary.

BEAVER, Utah, Nov. 16.—A question involving the scope and consequence of President Cleveland's amnesty proclamation was raised in the Second district court this morning. The grand jury had indicted one W. P. Willis for unlawful cohabitation, alleged to have been committed one year ago and prior thereto. The attorneys for Willis presented a plea in bar, relying on the proclamation. A decision may be had sometime today and is looked for with considerable interest, as determining for the time at least whether the President restored offenders to legal and social as well as political rights and privileges. If the decision is adverse, it is probable that the case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

John Rubin, an old and somewhat decrepit cobbler, ambled into his room in the Kimball block Tuesday night in a maudlin condition and soon after laid down on the floor and fell asleep. The

door of his lodgings had been closed but a brief spell when smoke was seen issuing from the crevices. Forcible entrance was made to the place and the old man dragged out almost suffocated. It appears that he had dropped a match or a spark from a pipe into a pile of refuse and that it smoldered until he had fallen asleep. The fire department was called out but the flames were extinguished without its aid. The old man was taken to the police station and locked up for the night in order that he might sober up without danger to himself.

Governor West Friday issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation. The document is brief and to the point. Following is the full text of it:

PROCLAMATION.

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
Executive Office.

In the observance of a time honored and hallowed custom, the President has by proclamation set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer.

Therefore, I, Caleb W. West, Governor, do hereby earnestly request that upon said day all of our people do by appropriate religious services and willing deeds of charity, give honor and glory to God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused [SEAL.] the great seal of the Territory to be affixed this 15th day of November, A. D. 1894.

CALEB W. WEST,

By the Governor:
CHARLES C. RICHARDS,
Secretary of Utah.

A large delegation of excited and angry sewer laborers called at the police station Thursday afternoon and demanded the arrest of Angus McDonald, the sub-contractor on the gravity sewer.

They alleged that he was owing them \$1,000 in sums ranging from \$10 to \$40 and that he had failed to pay them according to contract. They set up the claim that they were to receive their cash on Friday last, but up to date it was not forthcoming. The men also went to Mr. Hobson, the original contractor and appealed to him for help. Mr. Hobson they say informed them that he had settled with Mr. McDonald and that they must look to him and to him alone for their pay, whereupon they sought the police. Captain Donovan informed them that it was a civil case and that the men had better consult a lawyer. After a brief consultation they decided to do so and left the hall.

Sheriff Belnap of Weber county was in the city Thursday and to a NEWS reporter related how he captured the horse thieves Robertson and Welsh. It was a very clever catch and one that proves the statement to be true that the Weber county sheriff is one of the best in the Territory.

The men stole two horses in Davis county from a man named Egbert. They rode post haste to the Sand Ridge where they left one of the animals, taking with them a much better one belonging to Pete Terry. They then started for Weber canyon where they stole another horse from a farmer. The stolen animals were in their pos-

session when they rode up to the muzzle of the sheriff's gun unaware.

They were disarmed in a very diplomatic manner, and while being taken to Ogden, after having been searched once, a small pistol which discharges four shots at a time was found in Robertson's vest pocket. Both men refused to tell where they came from. Sanpete men who saw Robertson last night declare that he is not Kofford.

It will be remembered that there was an Old Folks' day during the continuance of the Territorial Fair last month, and that a feature of the day was the awarding of a gold medal to the oldest Pioneer on the grounds. President Wilford Woodruff was present and to him the prize was awarded. The workmanship of the medal was not at the time completed, but it has been finished and the souvenir was seen by a NEWS reporter today in the hands of Col. John R. Winder, president of the society.

It consists of two parts; one is an arched scroll bearing the inscription, "D. A. and Mfg. Society." To this is suspended, by two chains, a disk about the size of a ten dollar gold piece, on the obverse of which is the following inscription: "Presented to President Wilford Woodruff, one of the first of the Pioneers to enter Salt Lake Valley." On the reverse is the legend: "Entered Salt Lake City July 22nd, 1847—1894."

The medal is a rich and beautiful thing. The material is solid gold, and the workmanship is very fine. The aged and honored veteran will no doubt prize it highly.

J. M. Buzzo, whose farm and home are nine miles this side of Park City in Summit county, was in Salt Lake Thursday. To a NEWS reporter he gave an account of the destruction by fire of a large amount of personal property.

On Friday night last, or rather early Saturday morning—for it was after midnight—he was awakened by the cracking of flames in his barn yard. In a comparatively short time his barn, twenty tons of hay, a harvester, mower and other farming machinery had been completely destroyed. A short distance from this property was sixty-five tons of hay and twenty of straw which escaped from the incendiary's torch. This fact was a matter of congratulation on the part of Mr. Buzzo who felt with that much feed on hand he could winter his stock all right although they had just been deprived of the shelter he had hoped to give them. But even this expectation was short lived, for on Monday morning last the remaining stacks of hay and straw were also fired by some miscreant whose identity is not even suspected by Mr. Buzzo, who estimates his loss at \$1,700. He feels keenly the trouble that has overtaken him and as he carried but \$250 insurance on his barn his monetary recompense is very small.

This morning (Nov. 16th) Heber Nicholson, son of John and Miranda C. Nicholson, departed this life, after a brief illness. The exciting cause of his trouble was an injury he received two weeks ago last Tuesday, while playing foot-ball. It resulted in blood-poisoning, which passed beyond the control of the surgeons who attended him, and the end came at 9:40 today.

The deceased was born in Salt Lake City, August 23, 1877, and he was