

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 3.

Attorney D. O. Willey Jr. of Davis county has submitted a question to Attorney General Bishop, asking whether or not the county board of equalization when reconvened by the State board, has the power to raise valuations of property.

Replying, Mr. Bishop says it has. Continuing the attorney general says:

"When reconvened by the State board, as is provided by law, it has the same power to deal with any subject matter, properly coming before it, as it would have had originally. The only difference being the manner by which it is convened. The procedure, when so reconvened by the State board, would be the same as at the original session thereof."

There has been considerable speculation as to the probable aggregate of Maine Monument contributions as made in the different wards of the Latter-day Saints at the special services held on Pioneer Day, July 24th. The committee in charge, Messrs. Grant and Roberts, have been in daily receipt of the subscriptions ever since that time and are very much pleased with them. They have come from all sections, far and near, and up to this afternoon reached the substantial sum of something over \$2,700. But that will not represent the entire collection, as there are a good many wards yet to hear from. When the contributions are all in it is expected that they will reach at least \$3,500.

The committee desires through the "News" to request that all delinquent wards forward their contributions without further delay; also to announce that if any wards have failed to hold services and make collections that meetings be called at once to comply with the request under which all other wards have acted.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 4.

Ogden Standard: Clifton S. Brown, one of the pioneers of Weber county and Utah, died at his home at 3,152 Adams avenue, Wednesday morning at eight o'clock, of stomach trouble. The funeral will be held from the First ward meeting house, Friday at 2 p. m. He was 69 years of age.

The State board of equalization has taken a rest until Friday next. Before doing so, however, it ordered:

An increase of 5 per cent in the assessed valuation of real estate, improvements and personal property, except money, in the following counties: Sanpete, Boxelder, Cache, Rich, Emery, Utah, Salt Lake, Washington, Weber, Morgan, Davis, Carbon.

In Wasatch county an increase of 5 per cent was ordered on improvements and personal property.

The assessments in all other counties was approved.

The board issued an order fixing the levy of State tax at 4½ mills for State purposes, and 3 mills for State school purposes.

The following letter to Bishop W. B. Preston is self-explanatory and discloses the fact that the publication in the "News" of an article concerning Mrs. Van Buren and a large New York estate, of which she was one of four heirs, was not without beneficial results:

Manti, Utah, Aug. 3, 1898.

Dear Sir:—In behalf of the children of Mrs. Lucy Van Buren, I take pleasure in thanking you for the publication

in the "News" for information wanted by Musser & Kohler in relation to Mrs. Lucy Van Buren. I am a grandson of Mrs. Van Buren, my mother being her daughter Ellen. Both are dead, also Mary, but Andrew is still alive, living at present in Orangeville, Emery county, Utah. We have given the matter to our Bishop, Wm. T. Reid, to look up.

W. C. Snow.

San Francisco Chronicle: Battery C of the First Utah Volunteer artillery, reached Oakland last evening at 9:30 o'clock, after an uneventful thirty-three-hour trip from Salt Lake City. In the detachment are 103 men and three officers. Captain Frank W. Jennings is in command. The other officers are First Lieut. John D. Murphy and Second Lieut. W. D. J. Stacey.

The battery, which was mustered in July 14th, is Utah's contribution under the second call for troops. An effort was made to have the government authorize a battalion of infantry, but as Utah has exceeded her quota the request was denied by the war department. One battery of artillery was the limit and battery C was at once organized in Salt Lake City, and took up quarters at Camp Douglas. As two batteries of Utah artillery are already in the service and on the way to Manila, the men of C expect to be sent to the Philippines as part of a Utah battalion. If this be done Captain Grant, who is now at Manila, will probably be raised to the rank of major. Battery C has neither guns nor uniforms, and is to be equipped here. The men, like all of Utah's volunteers, are of fine physical appearance.

All the new arrivals are enthusiastic in their praise of the Red Cross ladies who greeted and feasted them at Sacramento. Other California towns extended true Western hospitality. The Utah men slept in their cars at the Sixteenth street station last evening. This morning they will take the first boat to this city and march to the Presidio, where they will be made a part of Camp Miller.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 6.

J. W. Houston received a telegram today announcing the death of Mrs. George R. Shaefer, formerly of Salt Lake City, at that place. The cause of death is not given. The deceased was well known here where she had many friends, who will be pained to learn of her demise. Mr. Shaefer was engaged in the real estate business while a resident of this city, and still owns considerable property here. The funeral will be held on Sunday at 2 p. m.

The storm of yesterday afternoon was in some places in this valley much more severe than in others. It appears to have spent the greater part of its fury in the region near the point of the mountain west, where it took on some of the characteristics of a cyclone. It did some very peculiar things in that neighborhood, but in no place were its antics more pronounced than on the premises of Peter J. Reid, who lives a little east and south of the point. The wind came along in corkscrew fashion, sweeping over a narrow neck of country, and struck an out-house amidships on Mr. Reid's place. It was a good-sized shed, too, being about 16 by 28 feet in dimensions, well floored, covered and otherwise equipped. The "zephyrs" just picked that structure up bodily, played with it as a cat does with a mouse for a while, and then dropped it end up

alongside a haystack. It is very fortunate indeed that no people were in its path, as it was evidently no respecter of persons.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 6.

The raising of rye is something that Mr. Thomas Weir of this city thinks could be carried on to good advantage throughout Utah. Mr. Weir recently made a tour of the southern part of the State and noted with regret and surprise that rye was not among the products of the farm. In the far eastern states, says the gentleman, it is raised to quite an extent and yields the farmers good profits. It is usually planted in the fall, flourishes in growth all winter and can be cut in the early spring, when water is plentiful. Besides, says Mr. Weir, it brings a good price and would be a splendid inducement for the starting of a paper factory here, if raised more generally by Utah farmers.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 8.

Mrs. Annie White, wife of William White, senior member of the firm of White & Sons company, died at the family residence last night at 8:20 of erysipelas after an illness of ten days. The deceased was a woman whose personal qualities won for her a host of friends and the demise comes as a shock to them.

The many friends of William Hennefer will be pained to learn of that good man's death, which took place yesterday in this city, resulting from a complication of diseases. Mr. Hennefer had been sick for more than a year past, but not seriously until about five weeks ago. He was a native of Staffordshire and came to Utah in 1851. He was a barber by occupation and in that business was the pioneer of Utah.

Peter Hansen, Danish consul for Utah, stated to the "News" this afternoon that the war prize money of \$25 to each of the one hundred and fifty Danish veterans who participated in the Schleswig-Holstein war of 1848-50, will not be paid until after the next session of the Danish Rigsdag, when it is expected they will appropriate a sufficient amount to cover the necessities in the case. The first appropriation of 300,000 kroner has been exhausted. The presumption is that it will require that much more to liquidate all claims.

Lander, Wyo., Aug. 8.—The excitement which was caused by the report of the finding of a buggy and team supposed to belong to W. P. Noble of Salt Lake, at the reservoir near Wolten was partially allayed this morning by the arrival of a messenger who was sent out from here yesterday by Mr. Noble's relatives.

This man says the buggy was a buckboard with a top to it and instead of there being two horses, only one was found. The buckboard had been driven directly from the wagon road which is on a bench about fifty feet above the reservoir into the water. The horse had been shot and was lying in the water at the time he left the scene of occurrence.

Parties had recovered a body from the water of the reservoir, but it in no way resembled either Mr. Noble or the man who accompanied him when he left Lander. The messenger only reassured himself that the buggy and mairned at the reservoir long enough to horse were not Mr. Noble's outfit, and hastened back to Lander to allay the fears of his friends. When he left the reservoir parties were still dragging the water in hopes of finding something further which might throw some