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OGDEN NEWS.

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SUDDEN AND PECULIAR EXIT

Howard B. Clusking, a stranger in the City, Dies in a Cab.

New School Board Meets and Elects Officers Official Bonds Filed—Attachment Suit Filed.

Yesterday afternoon a stranger died in a cab on the way to the county jail. The man is about 45 years of age, and has been in Ogden only a few days. On his person was found a letter addressed to Howard B. Clusking, Salt Lake City. The letter was written by his sister, Mrs. Janie E. Russell, who lives at Charlton, Lucas county, Iowa. It has also been learned since his death that he has a divorced wife, Mrs. Kessie Clusking, who lives at Sidney, Neb. The man was dressed in a good suit of black clothes, and from a lady who met him here, it is learned that he was a highly educated man, and that the address of his sister is correct. The reason for his coming to Ogden was to see his sister, who was in the city on business. He was seen yesterday morning near Perry's mill on Twenty-fourth street, and his peculiar action attracted the attention of Mr. Peery, who later in the day found him lying in the street suffering greatly. Deputy Sheriff Bailey was telephoned for and the doctor gave him a hypodermic of morphine and a weak condition, but he was unable to talk. A cab was sent for and the man placed in it, but before he arrived at the court house he had expired. Justice of the Peace and David W. Evans were summoned and the following jury: S. H. Impanino, Chauncey Parry and Chase Ashton, and this morning an inquest was held at Larkin & Sons' Undertaking parlors.

The jury, after due deliberation, returned a verdict that the deceased died from natural causes. Instructions have been received from his sister in Charlton, Iowa, to have the remains shipped to that place for burial.

NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Last night the new board of education met for the first time and organized by electing Thomas D. Dees, president, and H. S. Joyce, secretary. The board discussed at considerable length the advisability of extending the vacation on account of the prevalence of smallpox. A report from the sanitary committee showed that all the schools had been vaccinated, and that a very large percentage of the pupils have been vaccinated. It was decided to keep the schools open. The five members of the board are: Mr. Dees, Mr. Joyce, Mr. E. H. Gentry, Mr. W. F. Stewart, and Mr. J. C. Read. The session of the new board was preceded by a brief meeting of the old board, which approved the minutes of the meeting of the day before. The new board then called the new board to order and was promptly made its president on motion of Dr. Conroy and by a vote of all the members except himself.

OFFICIAL BONDS FILED.

The bonds of most of the county officers-elect were approved and filed today. Judge Rolapp approved the bonds of the county officers-elect for \$5,000 each. The bond of Joseph Stanford, commissioner-elect, was secured by A. R. Heywood, Patrick Healy and Adam Patterson. Of Wm. G. Wilson, Wilson as sureties; that of Lyman Skeen, secured with Wm. England, J. K. Spies, W. F. Stewart, J. C. Read, J. A. Taylor and R. Howell.

The board of county commissioners approved the bond of the following county officers-elect: Alvin D. Chambers, county treasurer-elect, \$15,000 with sureties, R. C. Chambers, \$15,000, John E. Dooly, \$15,000, J. W. Chambers, \$1,000, F. L. W. Chambers, \$1,000, Louise M. Adams, \$5,000, Wm. F. Adams, \$10,000.

D. W. Ellis, county recorder-elect, for \$5,000, with Wm. G. Smith, E. W. Wade, J. W. Gibson, W. B. Wedell, and L. B. White as sureties. John W. Gibson, county assessor-elect, for \$10,000, with Herman H. Booker, Edwin Dix, Andrew A. Clark, and Charles E. Clark as sureties. J. Parker, county surveyor-elect, for \$5,000, with J. P. O'Neill and H. L. White as sureties.

All the justices of the peace filed their bonds and took their oaths of office. The city justices are: Jos. Hall, First Ward; Parker J. Hall, Second Ward; S. H. Hadley, Third Ward; H. C. Ward, Fourth Ward; and Thomas Champey, Fifth Ward.

ATTACHMENT SUIT.

N. B. Montgomery filed suit yesterday afternoon against C. S. Taggart, in the Second district court, for \$500 due and owing by defendant to plaintiff. He further asked for a writ of attachment on the meat market now owned by defendant on Washington avenue. The writ of attachment was issued by Judge Rolapp, and placed in the hands of the sheriff, who served on Taggart and closed up the meat market. H. L. Griffin & Co. got out an attachment later in the afternoon, as did also F. E. Slater. The stock of meat, etc., attached, is worth only about \$100.

The transcript in the Howarth murder case has just been completed by Court Reporter Hamer. It is exceptionally large, covering 1,581 pages of type written paper.

RAILROAD BAGGAGE BUSINESS.

Baggage Master H. A. Code at the Union depot has issued his regular monthly statement, which shows a decided increase in the baggage business over the month of December of last year.

Following is the statement:

Chion Pacific: Pieces received, 4,095; forwarded, 2,952; total, 7,047. Oregon Short Line: Pieces received, 3,160; forwarded, 2,993; total, 6,153. Southern Pacific: Pieces received, 2,502; forwarded, 6,579; total, 10,171. Rio Grande Western: Pieces received, 4,182; forwarded, 2,419; total, 6,601.

The total pieces received during the month was 15,012, total forwarded, 14,947; grand total, 29,959 pieces handled.

For the same month of 1899 the totals were: Pieces received, 13,613; pieces forwarded, 11,947; pieces handled, 25,560.

This statement indicates an increase

over last year of 1,399 pieces received, 2,997 forwarded, and 4,396 handled.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

George Johnson, who was burned the other day by the house lamp exploding, is getting along nicely. The Fifth ward will give another of their enjoyable dances Friday evening under the auspices of the Y. M. M. I. A. Arthur L. Thomas Jr. was in Ogden yesterday on route for the east. Mrs. Frank Briggs has returned home to her Salt Lake visit. The high school gave a very delightful ball last evening in Christensen's hall. The attendance was very large. Charles Driver, of Ogden, left today for San Francisco to enter the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Fred Arbogast, manager of the Koltz candy kitchen, has gone to Salt Lake to spend a few days. A. A. Muleken, the well known Southern Pacific conductor, who lost a foot in an accident a short time ago, has returned from his California trip feeling quite well and wearing an artificial foot. Mrs. Fred Melner entertained the German ladies at her home on Jackson avenue, Thursday afternoon.

PROVO.

OPENING OF FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Interesting Program Followed by a Social in the Evening.

Special Correspondence. Provo, Utah Co., Jan. 5.—Yesterday afternoon the Franklin school was formally opened. There was a good attendance of pupils and friends of the school. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Benet Johnson Jr.

Brief speeches were made by President M. Pratt, of the board of education; Mr. E. C. Henriksen; Mr. M. C. Newell, of the board of education; Superintendent of Schools W. S. Rawlings; Judge J. E. Hoot and Mr. O. H. Berg. Most of the speaking was in a complimentary mood, commending the advantages of the young people for obtaining an education with the advantages twenty-five or thirty years ago. Benediction was pronounced by Elder J. W. Taylor.

The program was interspersed with patriotic and school songs. Piano selections were given by Miss Wilkins. A new piano has been placed in the building, paid for in part by the piano fund and partly by contributions made by the teachers and members of the board of education, the board of education paying the remainder. At the close of the program the audience marched out and the flag was hoisted by the building by Mr. Thos. Allen. Mr. Allen was the first man who struck a pick in the ground when the excavation for the building was commenced. The children saluted the flag with the national anthem. In the evening a social was given in the building, attended by a large number of people. An interesting program of speeches, songs and music was rendered, and refreshments were served by the ladies of the Second ward.

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Edward T. Jones, of Spanish Fork, has moved to Provo. He will be Recorder, Provo's deputy, when Mr. Payne takes charge of the recorder's office, after next Monday. Frederick Taylor has applied for letters of administration in the estate of Argent Butler, deceased, of Spring Lake.

Seven Years in Bed. "Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. S. Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They learn she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bile" enabled her to walk, she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Only 60c at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

HARRISVILLE.

OLD FOLKS ARE FEASTED.

Other Holiday Gayeties — Veterans Laid to Rest.

Special Correspondence. Harrisville, Weber Co., Jan. 3.—The holiday festivities of this place have passed away, and schools are again in session, operating with a good attendance. The principal entertainment given was one by members of the Sabbath school on Christmas day, at which a very meritorious rendition was given by seven young ladies and two young boys on the mandolin and guitar. A Christmas tree was loaded down with presents and candy, and nuts were lavishly distributed. A beautiful rocking chair was presented to Supt. R. D. Brown, who in seven years of his charge has not failed to open Sunday school on time to the dot.

OLD FOLKS REMEMBERED.

The old folks assembled on New Year's day, to which all married people were invited. Patriarch P. G. Taylor gave reminiscences of his Salmon River mission. He was followed by Elder Jesse Brown, who recounted the travels of the "Mormon" battalion and his return with his father, who had ten thousand dollars of battalion money to give to their comrades, who had come to fight before them. Both testified to the fulfillment of promises of protection made by the Prophet Brigham Young. A jocular picnic was served, after which all engaged in the light fantastic, interspersed with songs and recitations. A most amusing exercise of the phonograph by Mr. Albert Cumberland, who is a genius in his line, created roars of laughter.

Peter Later made a few remarks on the first settlement of this village, and introduced that estimable mother in law, Sister Sabina Dixon, who gave birth to the first baby girl born here. He closed his remarks with the presentation of a good suit of clothes, with a silver lined pocket, to our worthy Bishop, Levi J. Taylor, as a slight token of esteem in which he is held by all classes of citizens, irrespective of party or creed. A dance in the evening wound up the holiday festivities.

MISSIONARIES RETURNED.

Elder Leroy E. Cowles returned Dec. 23d, from a two-and-a-half years' mission to West Pennsylvania, where he labored as president of the conference, being just 29 years old on his return. He has spent more than a title of his life in the mission field. The day after his arrival he was installed as assistant Sunday school superintendent. On the 26th of December Elder Horace Shurtliff returned from a two-years' mission to West Virginia. He is a grandson of the late venerable pioneer, Luman A. Shurtliff.

VETERANS LAID TO REST.

During the month of December we had two deaths of aged and substantial residents. The first was Stephen Miller, who was bordering on his 80th birthday, and the noble, God-fearing Latter-day Saint, who was a full title payer for over half of his life. He was hale and hearty to within a few days of his death, which occurred Dec. 5th, 1900. He had for the seven years he had lived

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Russian Grip—Influenza.

The cable reports that Grip—Influenza is raging in St. Petersburg—attacking, especially, the rich and nobles of high station. When an epidemic of Grip starts in the Russian capital, it never ceases until it circles the globe, so be prepared. Dr. Humphrey's Specific "Seventyseven" is a preventive as well as a perfect cure.

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GRIP.

In the ward, labored as a teacher, and had made full visits every month, lacking two or three times, and Elder Chas. Weatherstone of Plain City gave the same record for the long time he resided in Plain City.

President C. F. Middleton, Elder Joshua Messervy of Plain City, and Bishop Levi J. Taylor of Harrisville also spoke of his sterling worth.

The other death was that of Sister Mary Miller Bird, who died Dec. 27, at the residence of her son, Fredric A. Miller at Harrisville, of general debility, at the age of 89 years, 10 months and 11 days. She was born in Dumfrieshire, Scotland, Feb. 10th 1811, and joined the Church in the early days of the preaching of the Gospel by Latter-day Saint Elders, after arriving in America. She emigrated to Utah September 27th, 1851, in Morris Phelps's company, and has lived in Weber county during the past 40 years, the last ten years in Harrisville, and has always been a faithful Latter-day Saint and a good, kind mother. She was married twice, her first husband being Fredric A. Miller, by whom she had three sons, Fredric A., Robert C., and James Miller—who are all living. After Mr. Miller's death she married Samuel Bird, by whom she had one son, Ephraim Bird, whose present place of residence is unknown. The funeral services were held in Harrisville meeting house, Sunday, Dec. 29.

Sweet Two-Front Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine. Infalible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept. Trial bottles free.

RICHFIELD.

JANUARY TERM OF COURT.

Cases Dismissed and Continued—Wedding Licenses.

Special Correspondence. Richfield, Sevier Co., Jan. 4.—This January term of the district court of the Sixth judicial district in and for Sevier county, was opened here yesterday, with Judge McCarthy on the bench, and the following business was transacted:

H. E. Taylor vs Esmaralda Taylor, et al, divorce; dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

The State of Utah vs Mrs. Augusta Madsen, on the charge of fornication, case dismissed on motion of district attorney, on the grounds of insufficiency of evidence to sustain a conviction.

The State of Utah vs Miss Augusta Madsen, on charge of fornication; same order made as in the last case above.

State of Utah vs Elly Barney; defendant arraigned on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to do bodily harm, and taken until tomorrow morning in lieu of plea.

Neal McMillan vs Martin Christensen; continued for the term.

Officer Creek Reservoir Co. vs Koosharem Irrigation Company; demurrer overruled and defendants given twenty days in which to answer.

Studebaker Mfg. Co. vs Jeppe Nilsson et al; continued.

H. E. Lisonbe vs David Collings et al; case dismissed.

Emma J. Oliver vs Francis Oliver; decree of divorce granted.

The holidays passed off quietly here. A number of dances, theaters and concerts furnished the amusement for the people.

LICENSED TO WED.

Following marriage licenses were issued during the week: Willard Utley and Ida Skinner of Joseph.

Andrew Christensen and Hannah C. Jensen, both of Richfield.

Chas. M. Cracker, Marysvalle, and Susan L. Hoops, of Monroe.

Delbert Hatch and Susan Kelley, both of Burrville.

Arthur S. Parsons, of Koosharem, and Bertha Brown, of Greenwich.

Martin Simons and Hattie Shimmans, both of Monroe.

LAKE TOWN.

HOLIDAY GAYETIES.

Attended by the Grim Reaper.

Other Newsy Notes from Bear Lake.

Special Correspondence. Lake Town, Rich Co., Jan. 3.—On December 23 the Sabbath school, in a fine program of music and other features, commemorated the birthday of the great nineteenth century Prophet and divine truth-restorer, Joseph Smith.

Christmas day was celebrated by the people under the supervision of our Sunday school as follows: From 10 a. m. the rendering of a well selected collection of speeches, songs, recitations, instrumental music and dialogues, and thanks to the liberality of our citizens, the distribution of an elegant and useful assortment of rewards, made the children happy. None was slighted. All were treated to nearly the same possible, regardless of attendance, etc. In the afternoon a juvenile ball and in the evening a social time for officers, teachers, larger scholars and friends.

Everything worked like a charm, and reflected great credit on Superintendent Heber C. Robinson and his aids.

Our school people mostly returned home from Paria, Logan and Salt Lake City, and are spending the holiday here with kin and friends in their Bear Lake homes.

Former Senator Aquila and Mrs. Hortense Nebeker and their brand new baby arrived home via Sage station last night, after a most enjoyable day. Bishop Ira and County Commissioner Hyrum Nebeker made a trip through the hills to their Logan homes. They telephoned that they got tangled up in a mighty uncomfortable blizzard en route.

We got the thin edge of a blizzard down here in the valley; the thermometer registered all the way from zero down to below zero. On same day, o'er head it has been cold, and snow, except for being so cold. But then it makes the glove and overshoe trade good. Only a very thin coating of

snow had fallen yet. Neither good for buggy nor sleigh riding.

On December 21st John Ruffert our only German brother here, and a pioneer of Lake Town, aged nearly 79 years, died, leaving an aged widow to mourn his loss. The funeral services were held on the 22nd, appropriate addresses being made by Bishop Ira Nebeker and Elder Nils O. Wahlstrom. Our aged and fatherly sister, Mary Watson, relict of Ephraim Watson, died in peace last Sunday, aged nearly seventy-four years. With her husband she came to Lake Town in August, 1859, and bore the trials incident to the settling of our country with Christian fortitude and resignation. Lake Town loses one of her truly good people in her demise.

Funeral services were held at the meeting house, Consolatory addresses being made by Elders Joseph Irwin, George G. Weston, Willis Johnson, Edwin O. Lamborn and James Kearl.

Some sickness is prevalent among the younger people, but no other fatalities have been reported of those once sick are recovering.

Bishop Joseph Gibbons, of Meadowville, came over last Sunday and gave the worshippers an edifying "end of the century" discourse.

Meadowville rejoices in the reorganization recently of the Primary association under the guidance of Mrs. Eugene Kimball and, until other arrangements supervene, Joseph Gibbons respectively.

LOA.

DEMISE OF CHAPMAN DUNCAN.

A Veteran of the Prophet Joseph's Day, and Pioneer of Utah.

Special Correspondence. Loa, Wayne Co., Jan. 2.—Noticing in last "News" an announcement of the death of Chapman Duncan I wish to make the correction that it should have been Chapman Duncan, and to say further that when the old veteran associates of the Prophet Joseph Smith pass away they leave behind them a little more than a passing notice. Brother Duncan was born in New Hampshire July 1, 1812, and when he reached manhood the doctors told him his days were numbered, that he would live but a few years, and when he reached manhood, had him already in its clutches. He then started to travel, hoping by doing so to prolong his days, and thus he became acquainted with "Mormonism," and the Prophet of the Lord. He joined the Church in 1835, and was with the Saints in all their drivings and troubles. When the pioneers came to Utah he was not with them for the reason that he was performing a mission to the Southern States, but he followed close after, coming here in 1845. He lived in various places in Utah; he was among those who were called to settle in Nevada in early days and after that mission was broken up he was called to settle in Dixie settlement, where he resided for a number of years. He also filled a mission to China after he came to Utah. Brother Duncan never tired of telling of the Prophet Joseph Smith, whom he regarded as the greatest man that ever lived, barring One. He was with the prophet when he uncovered the stone altar and showed the few brethren present where Father Adam blessed his posterity and offered sacrifice to the Lord. In department he was one of nature's gentlemen, and possessed an unwavering faith in the ultimate triumph of the work of the Lord. He has buried three wives, one before he came here, one in Washington county, and the other he is resting beside in this valley. He leaves two children only, but a host of friends and acquaintances mourn his absence from them and the fatherly counsel he was wont to give. He died at Cayville, Wayne Co., Dec. 22nd, and up to within a very few hours of his death was apparently in good health. How very few there are left among us who had as extensive acquaintance with the "Mormon" people as Father Chapman Duncan!

BEAVER.

FRIGHTFUL DEATH.

Caused by Liquor—Charles Davis the Unfortunate Victim.

Special Correspondence. Beaver City, Beaver Co., Jan. 2.—The embargo which has been in existence for a month past, prohibiting public gatherings, was removed on Monday last, and the local board of health consider that smallpox is well in hand. Four families have had the infection, all of them connected by relationship, but no ill effects are anticipated, as the cases have been generally light. Meetings will be resumed again, commencing with next Sunday—Fast day.

SAD BEREAVEMENT.

Mr. John H. Stoney lost his four-year-old daughter on Sunday last. Cause of death membranous croup. This leaves John alone again, as his wife died at the birth of his little girl.

MEETS A FRIGHTFUL DEATH.

One of the saddest deaths which has occurred in Beaver for a long time is the one in Father Thomas B. Davis' family last Saturday. His son, Charles, who was considered a good boy, got into company with some young men, on Christmas day, and after they had had several drinks, one of the party procured a bottle of liquor—accounts differ as to the quantity, but all say there was a half pint or more—and dared any of the crowd to drink it. Charles took the bottle and drank the whole of the stuff at once; the result was that he went into a state of unconsciousness, his companions, thinking him simply drunk, left him alone, and left him alone in the house, his wife being away visiting. Upon the return of the family, the young man was found on the floor in a complete state of coma. Dr. Coffman was at once summoned and found the boy cold, and, very little pulse. Hot rums and other means were used to infuse heat into the poor fellow's body, and he regained consciousness, but his agony was fearful. The stomach must have been completely filled by the liquor, as a large amount of flesh was found in the vomit. He lay in the house about seven hours before his condition was discovered. The poor young man lingered in dreadful agony until Saturday night, when he died, his last words being "I am going home." He had hitherto brought gladness. The funeral services were held in the meeting house this morning. (Millennial Star, Jan. 3rd, 1901.)

A severe cold wave has been in evidence here for several days, and we are having a dry, open winter with prospects for another season of drought.

SPRINGVILLE.

A TREAT TO LOVERS OF MUSIC.

Smallpox Situation — Sunday School Changes in First Ward.

Special Correspondence. Springville, Utah Co., Jan. 2.—Last evening the lovers of music were treated to a most pleasing rendition of the Caddata "Jerusalem," by a hundred voices. Prof. Aaron Roylance, who is the director, may well feel satisfied over his efforts for his work had not been in vain. The choruses, which were artistically given. It is something new to see such an interest manifested by boys and girls who have never before taken any part in public, and especially in applying their voice to singing. They are all to be congratulated.

Smallpox is still here. Many of the school children who were vaccinated last night when they were in the school out of humor, and feel very much out of humor.

New Years and the New Century was ushered in by many private watch gath-



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erings. Services were held in several of the churches. At 12 o'clock the bells in the city rang out upon the frosty air and announced the birth of the 20th century.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES.

The Sunday school of the First ward changed officers last Sunday. Superintendent A. G. Southwick resigned owing to his call as High Councilor in Utah Stake, and Brother Myron Boyer was made superintendent with Edwin Olsen and Mose Childs as his assistants.

Brother Southwick with his assistants, O. B. Huntington and Edwin Olsen, had proved themselves very efficient Sunday school workers and many warm sentiments of praise were expressed for their faithful and earnest services during the first five years.

The "News" readers are delighted to know the 2000 mark is reached and passed. Others are going to subscribe and have the paper themselves.

AMERICAN FORK.

Oil Tanks and Railroad Property Burned—Loss About \$11,000.

Special Correspondence. American Fork, Utah Co., Jan. 4.—Two cars of freight and two large tanks of oil were destroyed by fire in the railroad yards here yesterday. The Continental Oil company keeps a stationary tank here, and this is filled from railroad tanks run alongside on the switch. Agent Merrill was pumping oil from the car tank into the stationary tank yesterday morning, but before finishing was called away to attend to some other business. While he was absent a freight train passed, and when he returned he found the tanks in flames. It is supposed that a spark from the locomotive started the fire. A crowd gathered, but no one dared go near the fire for fear of an explosion. The stationary tank finally blew up, but the other did not explode. Two railroad cars, one of which was loaded with other oil coal, caught fire, and were destroyed. There was no other damage. The loss to the railroad company will be about \$1,000. The loss to the oil company is estimated at \$10,000.

MANILA.

A Thriving Community — Room for More Settlers.

Special Correspondence. Manila, Uintah Co., Dec. 31.—We have a thriving community here in northeastern Utah, and expect to enjoy the fruits of our labors during the coming year, as our canal is nearly completed. We will be able to irrigate our crops next season. There is still room here for industrious farmers.

Some parties have been here and taken up land, and have never done anything to speak of with it. The parties that have taken it up, understand, have made a mistake. They do not think they have abandoned their land. The above land is situated under the company's canal. The name of the company is the Lucerne Land and Water company.

We have very good climate, and as rich a soil as a man would wish to farm on.

There is plenty of timber and grass, and a good market for everything that can be raised. Most all kinds of hardy vegetables thrive here.

The quiet of this place was broken Christmas night by the accidental discharge of a thirty-eight caliber pistol in the pocket of John Scofield, which inflicted a wound about 2 1/2 inches long in the right thigh. In the absence of a doctor, T. J. Hicks took a pocket knife and made an incision about 1/2 or 3/4 of an inch deep, and extracted the bullet. After the wound was dressed the young man kept right on dancing. It happened between 10 and 11 o'clock p. m. He is around again, and doing well, but he doesn't want any more pistol parties.

We are having a very fine winter so far, with very little snow, but it is trying to snow now.

The health of the people has been good, but there seems to be an epidemic of sore throat going around among the people of late, and a mild skin disease among the children, but nothing serious as yet.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

THATCHER, ARIZONA.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE CONFERENCE.

Many Local Improvements — Sickness and "Smallpox."

Special Correspondence. Thatcher, Graham County, Arizona, Dec. 31.—December 29th and 30th the St. Joseph Stake conference was held, President Andrew Kimball and county sealors presiding. A Priesthood meeting was held Saturday that was replete with good instructions of a spiritual, financial or industrial nature. The meetings were well attended, and evinced a great interest. Many of the young returned missionaries addressed the conference, Elder Richard G. Lamborn, who is here in the interest of the desert Nevada, was the only visiting speaker. The St. Joseph Stake Academy received special attention, and the results of its excellent work was por-

trayed in a way to win the people's support.

The holidays are passing in a quiet and pleasant manner. Some dancing and dramatic performances by the Normal association of the academy.