

but the agitators for removal have not given up. The proposition of the county court to erect a new court house at Manti has brought the question up for discussion again. The advocates of a change to Mt. Pleasant oppose the construction of a new building until after the matter of removal is again submitted to the people. The residents of Ephraim are also putting forth their claims to have the county seat located in that city.

It is the intention of the officers of the Latter-day Saints' college to establish immediately after the Christmas holidays, an art department in connection with that institution. It will be under the supervision and instruction of Mr. Herman H. Haag, whose reputation as an artist of ability is being firmly established. A commodious room in the Church University building on the college grounds will be fitted up for the use of the department, where instruction will be given in all branches of drawing and painting. Terms of tuition and time of instruction can be learned by communicating with Mr. Haag or Professor Done, principal of the college.

On Monday afternoon a fearful accident occurred at Hyrum, Miss Sophia Hartvigsen being the victim. The young lady was riding an unsafe horse. The animal became frightened, it is supposed, and the young lady was unable to control it. After riding for some distance at a rapid rate she was thrown, but her foot was caught in the stirrup, and she was dragged head downward for several hundred yards over the rough ground before her foot became disengaged. The attendant physician found that her spine was fractured, there had been concussion of the brain, and she was internally injured. Her chance of recovery is very small indeed.

The further hearing of the damage suit brought by Mrs. Josie Friske against the Rio Grande Western Railroad Co. was resumed before Chief Justice Zane and a jury December 15. The action was brought to recover \$15,000 for the death of the plaintiff's husband, John Friske, who was killed on the defendant's line of railway near Castilia Springs. The facts were given in these columns upon the opening of the case. The arguments concluded at noon and after the judge's charge the matter went to the jury.

Friday, Dec. 15 they came into court with a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$10,000.

Judge Powers, in the course of general conversation with a News reporter Thursday said that during his recent journeyings in the East he was surprised to find such a changed feeling for the better in regard to Utah. The Mormon people were fast growing in favor, and the achievements of the Tabernacle choir in the singing contest at the World's Fair had done much towards helping forward the popularity of this Territory. As far back as New York he had heard the choir and its conductor highly praised, while not a few went so far as to say it fairly deserved the first prize. The judge added that the general prediction back east is that Utah has a bright future before her.

Owing to a broken wheel, the freight train due in Ogden on Sunday morning last was wrecked in Echo canyon while descending Castle hill just above Echo. Seventeen freight cars, laden with Midwinter Fair exhibits, oil, whisky and general merchandise, were ditched, and the intermingled mass afterward caught fire and burned until the greater part was completely destroyed. A temporary track was constructed around the wreck by a force of men sent out for the purpose, and the passenger and freight traffic from this city east was on Monday transferred over the Oregon Short Line. Fortunately no person was injured in the wreck. This morning the trains pass over the Union Pacific as usual.

Central Trust Company of New York vs the Utah Central Railway company. In this case J. J. Duckworth and a number of other judgment creditors of the defendant company have obtained an order of the Third district court directing the receivers to permit a representation of the judgment creditors to inspect the minute and stock books of the Utah Central Railway company, and make copies of them. The other judgment creditors, whose attorneys' claims aggregate about \$5000, and other creditors to the amount of about \$1000, whose claims have not yet been reduced to judgment, are making an investigation which has for its object the discovery of a defense either to the whole or to a part of the debt secured by the mortgage given to the Utah Central Trust company.

The Liberal party in convention assembled, at the Salt Lake Theater Monday, took up the question of "postponement of all political functions" and discussed the same for hours, after a subscription of \$2,005 had been taken to be used in liquidating the party's indebtedness.

The speakers were Judge Powers leader of the party and chairman of the meeting, Judge C. C. Goodwin, C. E. Stanton, Morris Sommer, J. H. Harris, C. E. Allen, J. M. Denney, Frank Hoffman, Colonel M. M. Kaighn, Sheriff McQueen, E. B. Jones, City Attorney Hoge, J. L. Franks and Joseph Lippman. All of these gentlemen except Frank Hoffman were not only in favor of the party "postponing all political functions" but spoke for its "permanent dissolution."

Joseph Lippman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Liberal party absolve the members of the Legislative assembly elected by them from any special allegiance.

The motion for permanent dissolution then carried. There were but two dissenting votes and one of them came from Frank Hoffman.

Resolutions were also adopted favoring immediate statehood for Utah and asking Congress to take speedy and favorable action on the bill providing for the opening of settlement of the Uintah and Uncompaghe reservations.

Secretary Richards late Thursday, December 15, notified by letter Anders P. Ellason and William Watterson, of Logan, both Democratic

candidates for councilmen to appear at his office on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock a. m., to cast lots for the office of city councillor for the next two years, they having received the votes at the last election.

N. S. Whitney and John Eyre of Parowan, who also received the votes for the office of city councillor of that place have been notified to appear in person or by proxy at Mr. Richards's office on Wednesday, the 27th, to ascertain in a similar manner which of them shall be entitled to the office.

On the same date the candidates for superintendent of schools for Iron county, M. H. Dalley and Henry Leigh, are expected to present themselves for the same test.

The right to the city collectorship for Morgan must be determined in the same way on the same date. The contestants are William W. Wilson and J. C. Brown.

The most difficult matter connected with the deluge of the votes at the last election comes from Mendon, Cache county, where a quadruple contest is on. Robert Sweeter, Mormon Bird, Geo. Goodwin and John A. Walker, all receiving the same number of votes for councilman. Secretary Richards finds nothing in the statutes that warrants him to allow the different candidates to draw lots. He says as neither of them have received a majority of the votes the people have elected no one. In that event it will be a case of hold over for the present officials.

BEAVER, U. T., Dec. 19.—In the Second district court here this morning several old cases were dismissed. A number of bills were approved by the court, and at 11:30 a. m. the grand jury with its foreman and clerk came into court and presented four or six more indictments, judging from the size of the bundle. On the court asking if that body had got through with all their business, the foreman answered "Yes," and presented their final report, showing that they had had before them thirteen witnesses, twenty-two local cases and seven United States; found fourteen indictments under the laws of the Territory, and ignored nine cases under the laws of the Territory. They had found five indictments under the laws of the United States and ignored two. They had examined the records of the court, which are now in first class condition, through the commendable labors of the present clerk, Mr. Cook, and the able assistance of R. Maeser, as the predecessor, Norris, had left them in frightful shape. They had examined the county jail and made suggestions of improvement in keeping the prisoners, etc., finishing their report by condemning the action of the United States Marshal in not paying witnesses and jurors per diem and mileage in United States cases, subjecting persons to the inconvenience of being compelled to sell United States scrip here at a big sacrifice in order to get home.

Judge Barch greatly commended the grand jury for their earnest and careful services. He left here at 1 p. m. today, as also Thurman and McGarry, with six prisoners and three aids. One of the most eventful terms for many years adjourned till the March or May term.