

relatives and sympathizing friends. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Elias Morris and instructive and consoling addresses were delivered by Elders John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant. The benediction was pronounced by Elder George Romney. The musical exercises, which were very beautiful, were rendered by the Eighteenth Ward quartette, led by Horace G. Whitney. The dedicatory prayer at the grave was offered by Elder Rodney C. Baiger.

On and after October 1st, two of the local savings banks, viz., the Deseret Savings bank and the Utah Title Insurance and Trust company will reduce the interest paid on deposits from 5 to 4 per cent.

They give as their reason for this act, that cheaper eastern money is flooding the market, and that they are unable to make investments which would warrant them to pay 5 per cent interest on deposits. Thus far, these are the only banks which have announced a reduction, but it is quite probable that others will fall in line before the time for its effectiveness arrives.

A meeting was held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the office of Young, Young & Moyle, attorneys, by a number of prominent men interested in the water question. A company was organized with Robert T. Burton as president and H. J. Faust Jr., as secretary. The water question was discussed and maps were produced by the old company and handed over to the new.

The object of the new company, as was also that of the old, is to utilize the water of the sixty-two lakes at the heads of Weber and Provo rivers which were located by Faust & Co., three years ago. The survey was finished two years ago.

The storage of this water means a great deal to the seven counties, Wasatch, Utah and Salt Lake on the Provo side, and Summit, Morgan, Weber and Davis on the Weber side. From the report it was shown that there is plenty of water in the lakes to irrigate every acre of land in these counties and to supply the needs of Salt Lake City besides. The company's plan is to interest every farmer and citizen in the counties to be benefited and provide against further drought.

The lakes have all been surveyed and mapped and estimates made for the construction of dams, and there will be a force of men put on this fall to carry on the work.

The following are members of the company:

W. B. Preston, R. T. Burton, John R. Winder, Salt Lake; W. W. Cluff, Coalville; B. H. Schettler, M. B. Wooley, Wm. Van Dyke, Le Granu Young, Salt Lake; Wm. Buys, E. D. Buys, Heber City; Jos. A. Faust, F. Armstrong, T. G. Weber, O. W. Moyle, Richard W. Young, Orson Ramel, Geo. Crismon, Jas. H. Moyle, D. G. Calder, Chas. Whicken, James Sharp, John Sharp, Salt Lake; Joseph L. Rawlins, South Cottonwood; Wm. Driver, Ogden; W. H. Walker Sr., W. H. Walker Jr., Kamas; John Clark, N. A. Empey, Nathan Sears, W. B. Burton, Geo. D. Pyper, Geo. Naylor, R. E. Savage, Dr. J. R. Park, H. J. Faust Jr., J. S. Richards, White

and Sons, Salt Lake; Ward E. Pack, Kamas; A. O. Smoot, G. E. Bouvier, T. F. Williams, W. N. Dusenberry, S. R. Thurman, J. O. Bullock, J. S. Perry, H. T. Reynolds, Provo.

### TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Although the greatest secrecy is observed on the subject in official circles, the Associated Press has ascertained that the story which the *Chronicle* printed this morning, regarding the reason why the shazada Nazrulla Khan, the second son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, does not return home, is virtually correct.

The *Chronicle* says: "It is rumored from a good source that the ameer has forbidden the shazada to return until he has secured Great Britain's consent that the Ameer shall be diplomatically represented at London. He desires to deal directly with the government, instead of through the viceroy of India. This impossible demand is supposed to explain the shazada's long stay."

According to the information obtained by the Associated Press a few weeks ago, the shazada visited the queen at Windsor Castle and personally informed her majesty that it was the ameer's desire to be diplomatically represented at London, instead of dealing with the British government through the viceroy of India. The shazada expected an immediate answer, but her majesty replied that she could not decide without consulting her ministers. Last week the shazada received a definite refusal, and the situation now is unpleasant, if not serious, as the refusal amounts to a snub to the ameer, and it is thought this may affect the relations between Great Britain and Afghanistan.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 23.—Plans for the thorough sanitation of the city and port of Vera Cruz have been prepared for approval by the government. According to this plan the recent system of surface drainage directly into the harbor will be substituted by underground sewers which will carry the sewage of the city beyond the artificial harbor now in course of construction to the open sea, in this manner avoiding contagion of the waters, as by the existing system it is exactly the case at Havana. A supply of drinking water will be brought into the city and part of it employed in continually flushing the sewers. Engineers and sanitary authorities believe this plan will completely eradicate the yellow fever, rendering Vera Cruz as healthy as Tampico and permitting the long contemplated conversion of a portion of the water front into a pleasure and bathing resort, when large hotels will be erected for the convenience of the people coming down from the City of Mexico. It is now impossible to find clean bathing places at Vera Cruz, owing to sewage which flows directly into the best parts of the shore where there are good beaches.

Chicago parties are making inquiries of the government regarding the prospect of securing the contract for the Tehuantepec railway harbor terminal works.

Many houses were damaged at Pochutla, state of Oaxaca, during the recent earthquakes.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The report

that Naval Cadet Watts of the Monongahela had been drowned during a cruise of that vessel, turns out to have been an error. He fell into the sea but was rescued.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 23.—Mrs. Lora Perkins was arrested late last night, charged with the murder of her sister, Mrs. Louise Hawkins, to obtain a \$7,000 life insurance. Mrs. Hawkins died August 9th, four hours after the overturning of a lamp near her bed where she lay ill. The police refuse to disclose their evidence. The sisters were widows.

Two policies were taken out on April 9th, in Mrs. Perkins's favor. It is understood the state expects to prove that the bed clothing was saturated with oil and ignited and the lamp overturned to conceal the crime. On the other hand, the defense claims to have the anti-mortem statement of Mrs. Hawkins to the effect that she overturned the lamp herself accidentally.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—News has been received in this city that a complete government has been formed by the Cuban insurgents at Naisaka by a conference of the delegates from all over the provinces on the islands. The conference was presided over by General Maceo, and other leaders present were Antonio Tullio, Cardillo and Gomez. A constitution was adopted with liberal propositions, and was enthusiastically received by all the armies in the field, to whom it was read. The instrument provides for five states in Cuba, each to have charge of its local affairs under a local governor.

The general government of the island will be vested in a president and a cabinet, and two houses similar to those of this country. Naisaka will be the capital, because it is well situated for defense.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Pursuant to an order of Justice Charles E. Parker of the Supreme court, the Southern Central Railroad was sold under mortgage foreclosure here today by Referee F. C. Hill. The property was knocked down to the stockholders' reorganization committee for \$1,000,000 in cash, which was paid on the spot.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—The feature of the morning's proceedings in the Northern Pacific receivership case was a two-hour address made by ex-United States Senator Sanders, of Montana, counsel for the company. While only the question of jurisdiction has thus far been raised in the case, Senator Sanders went into the history of Villard's scheme, by which, he said, the Northern Pacific was robbed of thousands of dollars which should have gone to those who built the road, but which went into the "coffers of Villard and other polished and corrupt financiers."

The afternoon argument was made by Senator John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, and ex-Senator John B. Allen, of Washington, both for the Farmers' Loan and Trust company; by D. J. Crowley, of Tacoma, and ex-Senator John C. Spooner, of Wisconsin, both for the receivers, and by Col. Silas W. Pettit, who will close for the railroad company tomorrow at noon.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—After an absence of fifteen weeks, Cardinal Gibbons returned from Europe today on