

white and these of a handsome combination of green and gold. The exterior walls are ornamented with statuary and historical and decorative painting, and over each entrance an appropriate motto or quotation is inscribed in gold. The principal feature of the structure, however, is the great golden arch which forms the chief entrance to the building. This consists of a series of receding arches, which give a grand perspective effect, heightened by the vista opening beyond, which is formed by the arrangement of the various partitions inside the building.

Between the Transportation and Electricity buildings stands the structure devoted to mines and mining exhibits—a building which in the opinion of many is the most interesting in the list of the great edifices devoted to general display in the Fair grounds. With the exception of the Liberal Arts building, in fact, no other structure perhaps contains so varied and important an array of exhibits. Coal, iron, and the hundred other minerals which figure in the solid industries of the world; gold and silver and jewels; salt, sulphur, asphaltum and the myriad other substances ranked in the list of economic minerals; marbles and building stones; Jasper and onyx and a thousand other things known amongst the precious substances stored in the earth and sea for the use of man through untold ages. All these and other objects too numerous to mention are found within the great space of the palatial building, making indeed a wonderful array.

The Ada Kaban statue, made entirely of solid silver, in the Montana pavilion, is one of the chief among the special displays of precious objects, and a number of bars of pure gold heaped one upon another are other interesting features of the same pavilion. In the Australian, South African, and Brazilian sections are arrays of precious jewels—diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, etc., cut and uncut, which make a magnificent and dazzling display.

Upstairs we find an interesting exhibit of copies or rather imitations of the rare and famous jewels of the earth—the real stones, being of course of too immense value to risk transportation and exhibition in so public a place.

There is the "Kohinoor" diamond of 186½ carats, valued at \$1,000,000; the "Great Mogul" of 297 carats, valued at more than double the price of the above, and a number of other precious stones, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, etc., whose immense value have rendered them famous the world over, and which many people have traveled leagues to see, placed here—in imitation to be sure, but interesting as furnishing one with an idea of the appearance of these wonderful stones whose beauty and worth have passed into a proverb.

There is enough real wealth contained within the building, however, to thoroughly satisfy the gaze that glazes on precious objects and sufficient, if all were turned into currency, to buy or build up a princely kingdom.

PERDITA.

The Keeley institute in the little city of Hedemora seems to be quite a success.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

The deed closing a big Salt Lake real estate transaction was placed on record this afternoon. The sale was made by the Salt Lake Real Estate and Investment company, of which Wm. Burke is president and Wm. C. Hall secretary, to Catherine E. Dyer, of Cheyenne, Wyoming. The price paid for the property is \$124,800, and the land is subject to a mortgage of \$81,000. The real estate that exchanges hands by this transfer is the northwest corner of the block bounded on the north by Market street, between Third and Fourth South, and on the west by West Temple street. Included in the sale is also a portion of the lot east, but not reaching through to East Temple.

Timothy Dyer, of Cheyenne, also bought today, for the sum of \$20,000, from George Cullins, a leasehold right on certain property on Olive and Commercial streets, and the buildings thereon.

THE PROVO MILLS.

The stockholders of the Provo Manufacturing company held their annual meeting at the Garden City yesterday afternoon, and elected directors to serve for the ensuing year. Two changes were made in the board, J. P. R. Johnson and S. I. Jones, of Provo, retiring. Their places were filled by the selection of John R. Barnes, of Kayaville, and George Romney, of this city. The directorate now stands: William B. Preston, C. S. Burton, William H. Rowe and George Romney, of Salt Lake; T. R. Cutler, of Lehi; Myron Tanner and Reed Smoot, of Provo; Joseph S. Tanner, of Payson; and J. R. Barnes, of Kayaville.

The directors will meet and elect officers. The former officials were: William B. Preston; Thomas R. Cutler, vice president; William E. Bassett, secretary; C. S. Burton, Reed Smoot and Wm. H. Rowe executive committee; J. C. Cutler, manager; Reed Smoot, associate manager.

The mills are now being run to their full capacity, and while it is not considered they are earning a profit, it is believed that they are meeting expenses, and will come out even at the end of the year. If this should be done, it will be a gratifying result to the directors, to whom the prospect at the opening of the season was not encouraging.

The first installment of the order for goods for the California militia uniform is due for shipment on October 15. It has been manufactured and will be forwarded by the stipulated time.

UTAH AT THE FAIR.

Hide and Leather, a Chicago trade journal, for Saturday, Sept. 30, contains the following regarding the exhibit of Utah-made shoes at the World's Fair: "Shoes from Salt Lake City may be seen in wide variety in the Utah building. They were manufactured by the Zion Co-operative Mercantile Institution of Salt Lake City and are exhibited in a large case protected by glass. All kinds from medium to fine have been contributed. The patent leather styles are artistic and well made and the other grades reflect high credit on the makers. It is somewhat difficult to give these shoes the attention they deserve, as they are placed on the dark side of the room. It is un-

fortunate that these excellent samples were not shown where they belong, viz: the Leather and Shoe Trades building. Few of the outside public are aware that there is a first class shoe factory in full working operation all the year round in Salt Lake City. If the shoes mentioned had been placed in the Leather and Shoe Trades building, they would not only have been seen to far better advantage than they are at present, but would attract the attention of an infinitely larger number of persons, including many western retail shoe dealers. We compliment our friends all the same on what they have accomplished. At the foot of this showcase are samples of what appear to be russet and wax calfskin, tanned by the Cedar Creek Co-operative association, of Cedar Creek, Utah. Again we have to regret that this leather is almost hidden from sight. No opportunity is offered to those interested to examine this stock closely."

LOAN ASSOCIATION LOSSES.

"A stockholder" sends in the following communication today: "It is now evident that the affairs of the National Building and Loan association are in a very bad condition. The directors of the association transferred or rather sold the members' stock into the Western Loan and Savings company last July without the knowledge and consent of many of the stockholders. I am one of these myself. The books of the association shows about 25 per cent discount on our stock. I was told by the secretary of the Western six weeks ago that perhaps I could get the remaining 75 per cent in three or four years. I happened to see one of the directors of the Western this afternoon. He stated that the said transferred stock is in a worse condition than they really thought it was at first, and that they (the Western) are trying to get a receiver to take charge of the stock and other business of the National."

EXTENDING CASH LOANS.

The city banks are becoming more lenient with their debtors, owing to an easing up of the money market. While open loans are not the rule, parties who are owing but have good backing are not being so closely pressed as was the case a few weeks ago, but are being further accommodated. An instance of this kind in which the debtor was relieved for a time occurred today. His property was advertised, under a trust deed, to be sold at the Deseret bank at noon today, but shortly before the hour of the sale, the bank notified him that the directors had agreed to give him further time. This was not from a fear that the sale would not realize sufficient, for the property is worth many times the amount of the indebtedness, but the nature of the case was such that the loan could be extended under the present improving conditions.

MINERS' CONVENTION.

A miners' convention for California is to be held in San Francisco on Monday next, the 9th inst., in the deliberations of which politics will be sure to cut a prominent figure. The question of hydraulic mining is to come to the fore at the convention, and politicians of both parties are seeking to have delegations of political miners elected. The contest for supremacy will be be-