

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The Park City *Record* states that the Latter-day Saints in that place are preparing to erect a new meeting house.

The Ontario drain tunnel at Park City is now draining the mine, and the flow of water is so large that work is interfered with.

Some of the farmers about Spanish Fork are fearful of the ravages of the grasshoppers there this season, as the pests are being hatched out in large numbers.

The preliminary hearing in the case of Charles Thiede, charged with the murder of his wife at Murray recently was finished May 10. It resulted in the accused being held to await the action of the grand jury without bail.

Colonel Henry Waterson, whose coming to Salt Lake has been announced so frequently by the local press the last few days, arrived here direct from Helena Wednesday morning. His arrival was two days earlier than expected.

The Rich-Cache mining company held a meeting a few days ago, and made arrangements for the prosecution of work on its property during the present season. Mr. J. E. Wilson was appointed secretary to succeed E. S. Kimball, who is about to leave for the Southern States.

Dr. Benedict, his son Chauncey and Richard Jennings expect to leave Salt Lake on a trip around the world about the 7th of June. According to present arrangements they will sail from San Francisco and go direct to China. The entire trip will cover a period of ten to twelve months.

Frank Archer alias Harry Harder, an employe of the Windsor hotel, attempted self-destruction at that place Friday by taking morphine. Archer is about 20 years of age and a citizen of Denver. He has been in the employ of the Windsor for the past two months. At latest reports Archer was still in a low condition and recovery is doubtful.

The Home Fire Insurance company received a telegram of which the following is a copy, this morning: "The Vernal Furnishing company's place of business was burned today. Building and goods were entirely destroyed."

The institution was insured by the Home company for \$4,000. The insurance was divided evenly on the building and stock.

The Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing society officers are rustling for the success of the Territorial Fair next October. In addition to circulars sent out to leading men in every county the manufacturers are being personally urged to prepare exhibits and to aid in making an exposition of Utah products that will be the grandest and most extensive ever shown in this Territory.

Mrs. General Grant and party passed through Ogden Friday morning. The stop at the Junction city was very brief, being only long enough to trans-

fer their car from the Southern Pacific to the Union Pacific. The party was in charge of J. R. Grant, one of the ex-President's sons. Mrs. Grant is said to be aging rapidly and is becoming quite feeble while her eyesight is failing fast.

Mr. B. F. Grant, chairman of the executive committee on the Midwinter Fair, announces that a dispatch has just been received from Mr. Goodman stating that the Southern Pacific has agreed to issue round trip tickets from Ogden to San Francisco for \$20.85. Negotiations are still in progress as to the time for which such tickets are good, but satisfactory arrangements will soon be made.

An unusual sight here on Monday was a woman accompanied by four children, the youngest five months old, begging assistance. She had left a drunken husband and was making her way westward, with the hope of obtaining employment. She obtained a sufficient sum to provide shoes, food and other necessities, and to take them to Pocatello, where she had friends, and hoped to obtain work.

On Monday the Wellsville folks celebrated May day, and people from nearly all outlying farms participated. During the afternoon flames were seen arising apparently from the residence of Samuel Steatham, three miles away. A crowd of men and boys on horseback soon reached the scene and removed the contents of the house, but the building itself was entirely destroyed. No insurance.

It will be unpleasant news to the friends of John Rumel to learn that he is living at his home in a precarious condition. Dr. Benedict passed Thursday night with the patient, and at one time it was thought that he could not live until morning, but he rallied about midnight and his condition seemed to improve. But as he is seventy-six years of age and very much weakened physically the hopes for his recovery are slight.

The great mining camp of Mercur was brought into closer communication with the capital by the opening of the telephone line for business. The office at the other end of the line is in the store of the Mercantile company, of which E. B. Shoebridge is manager.

The next important advance which the town of Mercur expects to witness is the construction of the tramway by the Mercur mining company.

PROVO, Utah, May 9.—About noon today Mrs. Joseph Park, of the Second ward, went out to look for her little two-year-old boy, whom she had missed a very short time before. She found him in the ditch in front of the house with life apparently extinct. Neighbors worked with the child for about two hours trying to restore life, but failed. He had evidently fallen off the foot board across the ditch. A doctor was summoned, but failed to arrive before all hope of restoring the child was gone.

O. K. Olson, for a long time a Han-

auer smelter attache, died at his home about seven miles south of this city Sunday. Death was due to an accident with which he met on Saturday while oiling machinery at the smelter. In a manner unexplained he was caught in the belting and thrown violently forward several feet. When picked up he was unconscious and remained in a comatose state until yesterday morning when he expired. His back bone had been broken and he was otherwise hurt.

Now that Price, Carbon county, has been made the county seat, the *Telegraph* of that place asks for three other things which it deems essential to the welfare of the town, i. e.: The holding of a term of the district court there; the completion of waterworks by finishing the reservoir and piping the water to all parts of town; and the expulsion of the Chinamen. The reasons given why the latter should be done are that the Chinamen refused to "pay a poll tax last year;" that the "laboring men of the town worked on the roads and walked the streets idle for want of employment while the Chinamen drew salaries;" and that "the miserable hovels that these Chinamen live in are very distressing eyesores."

Julia Howe, a daughter of Amos Howe, of the Seventeenth ward, met with a painful accident in City Creek canyon late Saturday afternoon. The young lady is a student of the Church University and with some of her school companions went up the canyon on a sketching expedition. It seems that she went across the stream on to a deep snow bank, the crust or surface of which gave way beneath her weight. She fell into a deep opening and entirely disappeared. A young man who saw the accident hastened to her assistance and also went down. Another young man then went to the rescue of the two and it was with considerable difficulty that they were gotten out.

The funeral services over the remains of Slater Ann Green and Miss Emma Towler, both of Mill Creek ward, were held in the meeting house in that ward at 11 a. m. Thursday, May 10th. Elders James F. Walters, Daniel Lund, H. H. Harris, Elias Morris, George G. Bywater and Bishop James C. Hamilton were the speakers. Testimonies of the virtue, integrity and faithfulness of these sisters were strong and numerous, and many comforting, instructive remarks were made and most excellent admonitions were given.

The house was well filled with the immediate mourners and their many friends and sympathizers. A large cortege followed the remains of these worthy daughters of Zion to their last resting place.

Lawrence Kimball, of Bates & Kimball, dealers in drugs, stationery, etc., who is now in Arizona, has sent Mr. Bates a live specimen of a Gila monster, a reptile of the lizard family, says the *Park City Record*. It is so poisonous that its very breath kills all kinds of insects that come within its reach, while there is no antidote known that will counteract the deadly poison of its bite. Ammonia, taken inwardly, gives relief at times but is not reliable, and the Mexicans and Indians of the Gila country hold them in mortal