

the assessment, to procure such data as will enable you to furnish the information required above. Attention is directed to the opinion of the attorney general upon the question of the taxation of mortgages, and upon property which is exempt from taxation and which is made the concluding part of the circular.

Attention is also directed to Attorney General Bishop's opinion, recently published in the News, with reference to the assessment of railway property.

The Rio Grande Western decided to assist to their utmost the enterprising citizens of Richfield, in their endeavor to celebrate the advent of the iron horse into that town. Information received from there this morning was to the effect that the observance would be held on June 1st. There was also an urgent telegraphic request to have Governor Wells go down there and participate in the big jubilation. It is a question, however, as to whether the Governor will be able to find the necessary time to comply, as the demands for his services in an official way are very too great as to prevent his indulgence in outings for pleasure. But other prominent Salt Lakeers will go and a big train load of excursionists will run down there from this city. The intention is to have a special train leave here in the morning of June 1st at 8 o'clock and return the next day, thus giving the visitors ample time to see the town, visit friends and take part in the festivities, which will, like the new road, be run on the broad-gauge order. The regular fare for the round trip would be \$8.55, but for this occasion it has been decided to cut to \$3.50.

All the road between Salina and Richfield, seventeen and three-tenth miles, has been built this season and seventeen miles more—an extension to Sevier station (Clear Creek) will be ready for train service about July 1st. From there it will only be ten miles to Marysvale, the mining district which promises to be a great ore producer. The hauling and chipping of ore to this city will begin soon after July 1. The miners of Marysvale and the farmers and stockmen as well are almost as jubilant in their expectations as the people of Richfield are in their realizations.

The Utah County Teachers' association held its last regular meeting of the school year Saturday, in the Parker schoolhouse. Professor Whiting of the University addressed the teachers and explained the objects and methods of the State reading circle, to be conducted for the benefit of the teachers under the direction of Doctor Park, State superintendent of public instructions, and professors of the University of Utah. Among the subjects to be considered by the circle will be psychology and sociology; papers giving an outline of the subjects to be studied will be furnished, and after the course is completed examinations will probably be provided for. Clubs of about twelve members will be organized and these will form a county organization.

Professor Whiting closed with some interesting remarks on natural history, taking the sent for his subject.

Dr. J. M. Tanner followed Prof. Whiting and strongly urged technical

study and disapproved easy and superficial methods. He referred particularly to the study of geography and history, and condemned the system in vogue of teaching isolated facts as to the productions and pursuits of the inhabitants of any section of country, and recommended the study of these subjects to be pursued by becoming acquainted with the manufacturing, commercial and financial life of great cities, to which many countries and sections are contributory, and in this manner gain a more comprehensive and practical view than is possible by studying separately each section and country, regardless of its importance. He also advocated the study of current history.

The following county committee of the State reading circle was elected: County superintendent D. H. Christensen, J. A. Reese, W. W. Billings and D. H. Robinson.

It was decided to hold the Summer Institute in Payson, in the latter part of August.

Chairman George M. Cannon, of the inaugural celebration committee has just received from the finance committee, appointed at the time of the inaugural celebration, a report of the amount collected by the finance committee amounting to \$547.50.

Reports of the other committees showed a deficiency, and consequently the chairman of the committee solicited sufficient subscriptions to pay the full amount.

The names of the subscribers, and the amount subscribed by them to the finance committee and the chairman are as follows:

Z. C. M. I.	50 00
F. Auerbach & Bro.	50 00
State Bank of Utah	25 00
Wells, Fargo & Co.	25 00
McDermick & Co.	25 00
Deseret National Bank	25 00
Zion's Savings Bank and Trust Co.	25 00
Walker Bros.	25 00
Bank of Salt Lake	25 00
Deseret Savings Bank	25 00
O. J. Salisbury	25 00
Utah National Bank	25 00
National Bank of the Republic	25 00
Geo. M. Scott & Co.	25 00
Home Fire Insurance Co. of Utah	25 00
Salt Lake City Railway Co.	25 50
Salt Lake Rapid Transit Co.	25 00
Commercial National Bank	10 00
Hotel Templeton	10 00
Barton & Co.	10 00
Cunnington & Co.	10 00
Cutler Bros. & Co.	10 00
Geo. A. Lowe	10 00
L. W. Dittman	10 00
T. Wenner Co.	10 00
B. K. Bloch & Co.	10 00
Citizens Electric Light Co.	10 00
Mullett & Co.	10 00
Geo. T. Odell	5 00
Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co.	5 00
Henry Sadler	5 00
Utah Liquor Co.	5 00
Mancia Bros.	5 00
S. L. Brewing Co.	5 00
J. A. Marshall	5 00
Walker House	5 00
Muller Bros.	5 00
John McDonald Jr.	5 00
I. A. Benton	5 00
J. H. Griffin	5 00
Simon & O'Neill	5 00
M. E. Mulvey & Co.	5 00
Finch Bros.	5 00
O. Youngberg	3 00
Bardham & Stahl	2 50
C. H. Riley	2 50
J. J. Riley	2 50
Smith Drug Co.	2 50
A. C. Kelley	2 00
Cash	2 00
E. O. Riley	2 00
D. G. McGreeley	1 00
Total	\$672 50

The amount was expended in the following way:

Parade	\$385 00
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Decorations and sundries	262 50
Expenses for music committee	25 00

Total \$672 50

John Burt, the plasterer, who was widely known in this city, and in fact throughout the State, was found in the throes of death in room 15 of the White House Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock. A hasty investigation of the man's condition proved that he had taken the contents of a two-ounce bottle of laudanum, the empty vial with the "beware" label thereon being found by his side, and as soon as possible several doctors were summoned to his aid, who succeeded in partially resuscitating him, but the drug had done its deadly work, and at 5:10 the spark of mortal life remaining winked out and John Burt was dead. The circumstances surrounding the affair pointed very strongly to a clear case of self-destruction, but when it was learned that the dead man was habituated to the use of laudanum, especially when he had been on a protracted spree, which was a failing with him, all thought of suicide was dispelled and the conclusion arrived at that Mr. Burt had inadvertently taken an overdose of the deadly poison.

About 12:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Burt walked into the Godbe-Pitts drug store and secured a two-ounce vial of laudanum. Shortly thereafter it appears that he repaired to the White House and approaching Proprietor Phillips, asked for a room in payment of which he tendered the proprietor a fifty cent piece. Mr. Burt who was apparently somewhat intoxicated, was conducted to room 15, and after giving orders to the clerk to be called at 7 o'clock, he retired, presumably to sleep off his intoxicated stupor. At 7 o'clock Mr. Burt was called, but making no response he was allowed to remain undisturbed. At 9 o'clock he was again called, but the result was as before and nothing more was thought of the man until about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the proprietor inquired of the chambermaid as to whether or not she had attended to the particular room in which Burt was located. The reply was that she had tried the door, but could not gain admittance, whereupon a ladder was secured and a peep into Burt's room through the transom revealed the fact that he was still lying on the bed. The door was forced open and Mr. Burt was found in the condition already spoken of. The physicians who worked on him and did all in their power to counteract the deadly effects of the poison taken, were Drs. Young, Dalby, White, Smith and Witcher.

The deceased was about forty years of age and has resided in this city for a number of years. He was brought into prominence through his connection with many large building contracts, but of late he had given much of his time to indulging in intoxicants, which seemed to have been the primary cause of his sudden demise. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his untimely departure, they residing at the family abode, No. 582 Third street. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., as a result of which a beneficiary of \$2,000 will fall to those he has left behind. His remains now lie at Joseph William Taylor's undertaking parlors on West Temple street.