

freight depot, where he has endeared himself to everyone by his pleasant and accommodating manners. He leaves a wife and six children. The funeral will take place on Sunday and railroad boys are making arrangements to attend in a body. The Ogden City brass band will be in attendance at the sad ceremony.

The Grand opera house case has been settled and on January 1st Manager W. J. Bowes will vacate and the owners of the building assume entire control. The settlement was the result of a compromise, the terms of which have not been made public although, acting under instructions from Judge Miner, the jury rendered judgment against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiffs for \$2964; the amount claimed to be due for rent and the claim for \$5000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by the defendants by reason of the uncompleted condition of the theater, the inconvenient location of the dressing rooms and the defective stage apparatus, was dismissed. Messrs. Eccles, Clark, M. S. Browning and J. M. Browning will after the first of the year conduct the theater themselves through an agent, unless one of the six offers to lease already received is accepted, in which case a new contract will be drawn up.

PROVO LETTER.

PROVO, Dec. 16.—Several rooms in the Brigham Young Academy—light, well ventilated and heated by steam—have been fitted up for the accommodation of the classes in physical science and chemistry. One thousand dollars worth of new apparatus and chemicals have arrived, and are now being arranged in their proper places. The apparatus are mainly for the physical science class. They illustrate the laws of force, motion, light, heat, sound, electricity, etc., and will be of great convenience in elucidating many a knotty scientific problem. There are also several pieces of apparatus to be used in the study of chemistry; and each student is furnished with a complete set of chemicals, receiving the necessary instruction from Dr. Phillips for the handling of the same, but relying upon his own work to harden theory into practical knowledge and to make him a chemist. With these additions, the scientific department of the B. Y. Academy will be second to none in the Territory. Dr. Phillips, who is the scientific professor, is very thorough in his course. He is a graduate of the Edinburgh University, class of '92, which was presided over by that celebrated scientist, Sir James Thompson, who was raised to the peerage on account of his many scientific discoveries.

The students of the B. Y. Academy are in the midst of their first semester examinations. The semester closes on Thursday, December 22nd; and the second semester begins on Monday, January 9th. The first semester has been well attended and profitable.

The Utah County Teachers' association will hold its next session at the new Springville schoolhouse, on Saturday next.

A "bonnet social" is to be given by the Epworth League on Tuesday evening next. It will be quite a novel

affair. The gentlemen are expected to arrange the ribbons and flowers on the ladies' bonnets.

Mr. John Hood, choir leader for the Second ward, is working hard in the promotion of a sacred concert for the Christmas Sabbath evening.

"The Colleen Bawn" is the next attraction to be placed on the boards by the Provo Theatrical club. It will probably be presented on New Year's night.

A fancy ball is to be given at the Opera House this evening. The K. of P. expect to give one at the Opera House on Christmas night.

W. R. H. Paxman is reported to be very low and is scarcely expected to live another day.

A case of diphtheria has appeared in the family of Thomas Carlisle, of Alpine.

The county and city ladies' World's Fair clubs are working hard for the advancement of the cause. Committees have been appointed.

THE GRAVITY SEWER SYSTEM.

I notice in your paper of Monday, December 12, over a column of matter touching the gravity system, and by your leave would like to make a few suggestions on that subject.

In the interview with the city engineer, which you give, it seems to me that that gentleman, by implication at least, doubts his ability to decide so momentous a question as this, which he admits will cost the city if carried out \$325,000, else why should he ask for the employment of an expert engineer to confirm his findings? Before the City Council decides upon so expensive an experiment as is suggested, I think myself that it would be well to employ some engineer of known ability to report upon it. I am not a good judge of engineers, perhaps, but if one may judge of the capability of an engineer who entered upon as beautiful a street as South Temple street was a few years ago, and convert it into the mudhole that it now is, it might be safely concluded that his capacity could be improved upon. But aside from this, it occurs to me that the expenditure of so large a sum as Mr. Doremus names would be too great a piece of extravagance for Salt Lake City to engage in at present. Why, for instance, should the present population of say 60,000 people be called upon to mortgage all their possessions in order to borrow \$325,000 to be expended in making provisions for 200,000 people who may never come here.

Salt Lake City has been settled forty-five years, during which time only 60,000 people have become inhabitants, and as quite a large proportion of them were induced to come here under the auspices of a boom, which it is hoped will never be repeated, it is not reasonable, I think, that the number will be increased to 200,000 for many years to come. However desirable it may be to make provisions for the health and comfort of those who are now here, prudence would seem to dictate economy in the public expenditure of money in anticipation of what a doubtful future may bring forth.

CITIZEN.

THE LINCOLN SCHOOL OPENED.

The elegant new school building in the Sixth was formally dedicated, commencing shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The building is a commodious and thoroughly modern structure. It is built of brick and is two stories high, and has eight large, splendidly ventilated and lighted classrooms and a number of recitation rooms. The structure is heated by the Buffalo fan system which furnishes 40,000 cubic feet of hot and cold air per minute.

Most of the members of the board of education were present at the dedicatory services. The building was dedicated by Colonel William Nelson, who is vice president of the board. Col. Nelson said:

"I take great pleasure in formally dedicating to the cause of education this building, the first fruits of the efforts of the people of this city and of the board in building school houses. At first the educational work was much hampered by lack of funds and by litigation over revenues; but the light now begins to appear. The board has felt from the first moment of its organization till now, and will continue to feel, I trust, that it has the minds of the citizens of Salt Lake at its back. It has at all times explained openly and fully what it was doing and what it proposed to do; it has had no secrets. This building is no doubt a source of pride to you all, as it is to us, and we trust that you will not be strangers herein, nor at any time feel yourselves so; come to it often and see what the teachers are doing, and how your children are getting on. Don't wait for further invitations, but show by your frequent presence that you take a lively interest in this work, which is your work, and is what your children need. It will afford far greater facilities in education than has been possible heretofore in the shattered condition of the schools of this portion of the city.

Mr. Superintendent, I now formally dedicate this building to the purposes of education, and turn it over to you for use to that end. I hope you may find it well adapted to your needs, and that you and the teachers who are to co-operate with you herein may be content with it as an instrument to the desired results.

The building was accepted in a well worded speech by Dr. Millsbaugh and the services were declared at an end.

GARDEN CITY ON BEAR LAKE.

Editor Deseret News:—As it is a long time since anything has been heard of through the columns of the News regarding our little burg, a few items may not be amiss.

On the 17th of December a two-year-old son of Hyrum and Annie V. Cook succumbed to the dreadful disease of diphtheria which has been for some time past and is yet quite prevalent in our midst, and which will, if not suddenly checked, cause disaster in our small town. David S. Cook, Esq., has been appointed quarantine officer, and is doing all in his power to check the spread of the disease. It is said to be diphtheria in a somewhat milder form than is usually the case, but is never-