

company were signed at Provo at any time. The articles of incorporation were signed at Salt Lake City, filed in the public office here, and their contents have been current knowledge ever since.

We have no knowledge that the Lehi sugar works are to be closed down. We should much deplore such a calamity.

In our judgment, the insinuations recently made against the business purposes of the Utah company or its members are not only unjust to them but injurious to the community whose financial redemption the Utah company is seeking to aid.

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THE SUGAR OCTOPUS.

The air has been filled with rumors for the past several days to the effect that the widely talked of sugar trust, whose extensive and far-reaching powers have only been vaguely known of in Utah up till this time, had at length entered this community in competition with the Utah Sugar company, and that the home concern was seriously alarmed at the prospect of a fight with the great foreign corporation.

There is no doubt that there are considerable grounds for all these rumors. In past seasons the Western Refinery at San Francisco, which ships into Utah all the outside sugar used here, has simply held aloof during the three or four months the product of the Lehi factory was on the market, allowed that product to be exhausted and then re-entered the field. In this way San Francisco last year supplied Utah with two-thirds of her sugar and the home company with the other third. This year, whether owing to the fact that the Lehi factory expects to turn out a larger amount than usual, or whether the financial affairs of the Trust, due to recent legislation, are such that they are unwilling to give up the revenue from this Territory—there seems to be a change in the program. The officers of the Lehi factory were made aware during the past few days that something was wrong by the fact that the orders for their sugar, which ran uniformly at two carloads per day, began to decrease, and that in a manner which told them that the diminution was not due to any lack of demand on the part of the public. The Lehi sugar is admittedly the superior of the outside product, as the fact that it won the first prize in competition with the California sugar at the Midwinter Fair, amply testifies. It is popular with consumers, everywhere, and when the orders for it began to tumble, it could be due to only one fact, and that was that the trust was secretly underbidding the local company, and inducing certain jobbers who had hitherto handled the Utah product to switch off to the foreign. Manager Cutler satisfied himself of this and then did the only thing possible, assured the jobbers who stood by the home concern that he

would meet any price offered them by the trust. To the credit of several of the principal wholesale houses, it should be known that they declined the overtures of the representative of the trust, and finally announced that as long as the Utah company had sugar to sell, they would give that company the preference. The only question now is, to what lengths will the trust go in its endeavor to force the local institution out of the market. With millions of capital back of it, it could wage a warfare without feeling it, that would soon be disastrous to any competitor. Sugar is already at a very low price, and the margin of profit to the Utah company is very small, if indeed there be any at all; what the effect of a further material cut would be, is very uncertain.

The board of directors of the company held a two hour meeting this morning to consider the question, there being present Elias Morris, the president, George Q. Cannon, Heber J. Grant, Francis Armstrong, Wm. B. Preston, Spencer Clawson, James Jack, L. G. Hardy, John Beck, Manager Cutler and Secretary and Treasurer Whitney. After the meeting Manager Cutler stated to representatives of the press who questioned him that the whole situation was discussed, and while no final conclusion had been reached, the Board felt confident that the loyalty and patriotism of the people would compel them to stand by the home company if there was to be any struggle, especially as their sugar was at least equal to the imported and its price the same.

STRUCK A BIG ROCK.

The Union Pacific early morning flyer, due in this city at 3:10 a. m. daily with passengers and mail from the east, was six hours late today. The cause of the delay was given by one of the passengers to a News representative in a manner which indicated that those on board had been the subjects of a thrilling experience and one that brought them very close to the verge of death. The story briefly told is as follows:

Last night the train left Granger, Wyoming, at 10 o'clock, a little over two hours behind time, westward bound. There was nothing out of the ordinary to interrupt the journey until two o'clock this morning when suddenly there were several shrill blasts from the engine whistle, immediately followed by a severe shaking up of the train and passengers. Investigation disclosed the fact that there had been a collision with a huge rock which had rolled down the mountain side and lodged squarely on the track. The pilot or cowcatcher was completely demolished, the two front wheels of the truck badly broken, the driving wheels rendered useless and the engine derailed.

The rocky mass had by the force of the train been partially pushed aside allowing the train to proceed a considerable distance before it came to a full stop.

The scene of the accident was about five miles east of Echo station and almost directly over a perpendicular cliff of great height. That the whole train was not precipitated to the bot-

tom of the canyon is almost miraculous. A messenger was sent on foot to Echo and returned on an extra engine with men who assisted in the removal of the wreck. In the course of a half hour's work the train resumed its journey and many grateful passengers felt that they had had a most exciting experience and one that they will have occasion to long remember.

NEWS NOTES.

The Ontario mine at Park City has commenced shipping base ore again, and several teams are now on the road.

Henry McKeown, a prominent citizen of Walnut Grove, thirty miles from Prescott, A. T., was shot and killed on Friday night by Homer Campbell a young cowboy.

The Elkton, Colo., people on Friday encountered a drift started south from the 220 foot level, three feet of sylvanite ore that assays from 16 to 17 ounces in gold to the ton.

Charles Limburg, a miner employed at the Champion coal mine at Durango, was crushed to death on Friday by a fall of rock from the roof of the room in which he was working.

William Schmidt, a native of Nassau, Germany, 62 years old, committed suicide on Saturday morning at Sacramento, Cal., by blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun. He had been out of work since the railroad strike.

Cheyenne Leader: There was a rumor on the streets yesterday (Friday) afternoon that the order to abandon Fort McKimney had been revoked. It caused much pleasure among people, who hoped Buffalo would be able to keep its post.

The craze for living pictures is said to have taken a strong hold on Oakland, Cal. The maidens are studying the old and young masters with the intention of giving living reproductions and the married ladies are planning for innumerable charity and church benefits.

A young man name Boyd was arrested at Star, Idaho, a few days ago for stealing a watch from a man named Brown. It is claimed Brown with another man named Carter frightened the boy into giving a receipt for \$45 due the latter from Brown for wages prior to the hearing. The boy was acquitted and his step-father has now had Brown and Carter arrested for extortion.

A lady who lives on a ranch near Muldoon and knows both of the parties to the Willis Jones homicide, tells the *Hailey (Idaho) Times* that the deceased was a cripple; that he had only one arm, and that his right foot was lame from an old ankle sprain; that the deceased, Jones, formerly lived in Auburn, Cal., where he owned a valuable water right and other property worth \$75,000 to \$100,000, and that he had always enjoyed a first class reputation, both in California and Idaho. In relation to the alleged partnership trouble, this lady says that the fact is that Willis Jones sued his slayer for three years' wages for work on the ranch at Muldoon, and that he won the suit. Hence the trouble, which ended in the killing of the crippled Jones.