

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The Hon. John T. Catne, ex-delegate to Congress, was December 28 appointed, by Governor West, auditor of territorial public accounts and recorder of marks and brands, to succeed Mr. Arthur Pratt.

Z. C. Christensen, of Fountain Green, sends the following brief and unique item to the News: Please inform your many subscribers that the beautiful sidewalks of this town are covered with six inches of snow and that on one day recently the gay, game loving boys of this place killed three hundred rabbits.

The one-story addition to the south side of the Salt Lake county P. O. House was completed Dec. 30 and Selectman Bamberger is accordingly happier than he has been for many moons. The new addition contains thirty beds and will accommodate fifty inmates, thus greatly relieving the great pressure for room in the building proper.

The actual removal of the land office to its new quarters in the B. Y. Trust company's building on First South street west will not take place till next week, but from now on preparations will be made for occupying the new quarters. December 28th the safe was being removed from the old location to the more commodious rooms to be occupied by the land officials.

Coroner Taylor Dec. 18 received the following telegram from Lewiston, Montana, in response to a dispatch sent by him announcing the death of Miss Mattie D. Graham:

Please bury Miss Graham in a Christian cemetery. Will write.

Mrs. L. J. HARRIS.

The request of Mrs. Harris, mother of the deceased, will be complied with.

Doctors Root, Witcher and Niles Dec. 28 partially removed a tumor of immense proportions from the body of Mrs. W. W. Stewart, who resides on Sixth South street between Third and Fourth West streets.

The patient was in a very critical condition prior to the operation and the knife was only used as a method of last resort. She is still in an exceedingly precarious state, though Dr. Root says the surgeons hope for the best and thinks that she may recover.

PROVO, Utah county, Dec. 30.—Combs of Sevier county returned today from Denver, where he has been collecting testimony in a big cattle stealing case. Clate Gannett and Aleck Palmer are charged with stealing a large number of cattle from the people of Sevier county and shipping a car load to Denver. The sheriff found the parties who the cattle were sold to and got other affidavits, also marks and brands.

Upto Friday, Dec. 29 no word or intimation of any kind had been received regarding the whereabouts of Miss Graham's little eleven-year old daughter, concerning whom the mother spoke so often and so feelingly shortly before her death. Whoever the persons having her in charge are, they

must, it is thought, have heard of the mother's demise by this time, and there is considerable speculation why the authorities have not been communicated with.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock Tuesday, January 2 the combination brick and frame residence of H. G. Button, on Second West near Ninth South was discovered in flames. The fire spread rapidly and in response to a call the West Side department made a good run and prevented the total destruction of the house. The loss, however, will reach close to \$1000. There is insurance to the amount. The furniture was carried from the building in time to be saved.

A Norwegian named Peter Even-son, recently employed as a quarryman near Park City, died at the Lincoln House in this city at 2:30 December 27 after a protracted debauch covering, it is said, a couple of weeks or more. Those who are familiar with the case say that he literally drank himself to death. The man had no relatives here so far as known and friends will look after his burial from Skewes's undertaking parlors tomorrow or next day. The idea of holding an inquest has been abandoned.

For thirty years Elder J. P. R. Johnson has been the honored Bishop of the First ecclesiastical ward, Provo city. On Sunday last he was released and was made a Patriarch of the Church. He is succeeded as Bishop by Elder Andrew Knudsen.

A change in the boundaries of the First and Second wards was also made. The two western tiers of blocks between F and H streets were transferred from the First to the Second ward.

Elders F. M. Lyman and Abraham H. Cannon, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, were present and assisted in the reorganization of the wards.

The present city and county officers and a good many of those for two administrations past gathered at the joint city and county building Monday, January 1st, where the structure, so far as completed, was thoroughly inspected. The Stars and Stripes were hoisted and flung to the breeze over both the city and county portions. In one of the upper rooms a fine luncheon was served and speeches made.

Last night a banquet was given at the Walker House in celebration of the same event. It was a feast of the fine things of the land and continued until near midnight when the guests departed for their homes.

Alex Wilkins, Provo, has received a telegram that his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edson and Lillie Barney, residing at St. George, are both very ill, Mrs. Barney being scarcely expected to recover. Brother Barney is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, living member of the Church. He was baptized in Ohio, May 13, 1831. He is 87 years of age and his wife is 88 years. Brother Barney was promised by the Prophet Joseph that he should live to be 87 years of age, and a short time since he wrote

to his children that his lease of life had expired, and he did not expect to remain on earth much longer.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector W. W. Bailey has received official instructions to at once commence the work of re-registering the Chinese under the modification of the Geary act. He is especially enjoined to see to it that the requirements of the law regarding photographs, which must be "sun pictures of sufficient size and distinctness to plainly and accurately represent the entire face of the applicant, the head not to be less than one and a half inches from base of hair to base of chin," are taken, and that no tin type or other metal pictures will be received.

The general collector, Mr. Lyman, says he has not been advised as to what extra allowance if any will be made by the government for the work, and adds that it must be borne in mind that all of the Chinese who were registered last year will again have to do so or surely be deported.

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As a matter of patriotism I feel to heartily endorse your recent article written by Professor C. A. Whitlock in "Our Native Forests," and hope that his candid arguments may rouse the inhabitants of our Territory to a sense of the fact that the future destiny of Utah shall be determined more upon the treatment of our water resources than by the death or survival of political parties over which we are rightly enthused. I sincerely trust that the subject may receive consideration and support proportional to its value. Any assistance I may be able to render in establishing the working force proposed shall be cheerfully granted by

Your humble servant,

ALVIN BORGQUIST.

Richfield.

Charles or Edward Mason, better known to these parts as "Kid" Mason, died shortly before 10 o'clock Monday, January 1st, from the effects of the shrapnel wound in his left breast inflicted by the desperate and disolute "Nellie" Ogden at a resort of which the latter was an inmate.

It was known from the first that Mason was a very badly injured man, though for some reason there was a strong effort on the part of certain individuals to make as little of the case as possible and to even pass it by lightly. Now that the worst has resulted they incline to greater silence than before.

It has been ascertained that the deceased has parents residing at Bloomington, Illinois, and that his father is an ex-mayor of that place.

Coroner Taylor is not satisfied with the appearance of the case and after a consultation with County Attorney Murphy today decided that he would hold an inquest over the remains of Mason.

The champion beggar of the season was fined \$30 in the municipal court recently, says the Portland *Oregonian*, and when she had paid the amount she still had a cash balance of \$80 in her pocket. This teggur was a woman who gave her name as Nathalie Vebauwbede and claims to be a native of France. She came to town several