

with them, and a person walking through the fields has them flying in his face, and, if he is not careful, into his mouth.

The situation is being relieved, however, by the old time friends of the Utah farmer, the gulls, which come in vast flocks, gorge themselves on the insects and then fly to the lake. On alighting in the water, the gentleman states that the birds disgorge by vomiting up the insects on which they have gormandized when they are ready for another meal. The gentleman has been a close observer of the habits of the gulls, and declares they gave a strong attachment for each other. When one is shot, its cry of distress instantly attracts the attention of every other gull within hearing, and they seem able to hear the sound at a great distance. They will gather and circle around the hurt bird, making a great outcry.

The gull does no harm to any useful thing, and it is wanton mischief of a most reprehensible character to kill it.

TERRITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

There has been considerable shipping of sheep and stock over the Rio Grande Western lately. This morning a train load of nearly 4,000 sheep were shipped by a number of our local sheep raisers, and tomorrow almost as many will be shipped from Salina.—*Manti Sentinel*.

Last Thursday while down in the bottoms fishing, Ezra Greco, aged about 15 years, unthinkingly laid his hand down near a bush and was bitten by a snake. After biting the boy the snake made for the water and swam off. The hand soon became quite badly swollen, but soon went down and is again all right.—*Mount Pleasant Pyramid*.

Says the Payson Times: The Payson cannery has been making a fine run on gooseberries during the past two weeks. Next week they start in on canning apricots, and expect to continue putting up fruit for the balance of the season. This is an industry that should be encouraged, and every citizen is invited to call and inspect the quality of the product.

Henry Beal, of Ephraim, and Jan. Hoggan, of Manti, were the two lowest bidders for the Sanpete Valley railway grading contract. At the time of going to press no definite announcement had been made as to which man really had the contract. Beal's bid was accepted with the satisfactory explanation of certain stipulations. The contract will in all probability be given Beal. Work will begin at once and Manti and Ephraim men will be employed.—*Manti Messenger*, July 27th.

Alpine mining district is booming up. The Lehi Banner's correspondent says he visited some of them and found them looking good. The Banner Mining company has a good mine. James Clark and Mr. Don are working a good claim that will assay \$3.50 gold and plenty of it. The Lucky Bill Mining company have some good claims that will pay for working, and what is more they are working them and have flattering prospects. There is some talk of a mill being put up in the near future, and the party that puts it up will have a pretty good thing.

Mr. Morgan Evans, president of the Lehi Irrigation Co., has had a well driven on his place, says the Lehi Banner, which throws a stream of water to the amount of 125 gallons per minute. He states that he can water twenty acres with that stream. Mr. Evans has large views on the water question, regarding the building up of Lehi. He thinks, and correctly too, that wells should be driven in the lower part of our field, thereby securing water for such land, and the water rights of those who can get such wells should be sold to men who need them, so they can be used upon the uplands.

Payson Daily Times, July 27th: The house owned by A. S. Higham just north of Hulsh's mill caught fire yesterday morning about 9:30 and narrowly escaped being burned to the ground. The house is occupied by Joe Pueblo's family and they had arose from breakfast about half an hour before the fire was discovered. A hot fire was burning in the stove and in some way the roof became ignited from the overheated pipe. The fire had got under pretty good headway when the mill hands happened to see it, and summoning aid rushed to the scene with a ladder and buckets, and after some pretty hard work managed to extinguish it. The building was damaged to the extent of about \$30.

Coalville Times July 27th.—Mr. Mark Hopkins made a trip to Park City this week for the purpose of purchasing machinery for his mine. He will put in a new column pipe, new air pipes and a large pump to take the water out of the mine. The grading on the spur road that runs to his mine is all done and track will soon be laid. Mr. Hopkins expects to be taking out coal for sale in a few days.

As the result of a gold excitement which prevailed here yesterday, about all of Silver Creek has been staked off in claims. Some of the locators are sanguine, while others are very reticent. Time will undoubtedly settle the question.

Payson Daily Times—Pay Boyle caught seven pounds of the finest kind of trout in Peteenest creek Friday and sold them to James Matthews. The three largest ones measured thirteen inches. Payson and vicinity is a veritable paradise for those who wish to camp out and engage in hunting and fishing.

A petition is being circulated in town for presentation to the council asking that they enact an ordinance totally abolishing the saloon business. The petition further requests that in event of the council deciding that they lack authority to pass such an ordinance they will take steps to enforce the ordinances relating to the closing of saloons and the selling of liquors to minors and habitual drunkards.

Park City Record: The hosts of friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Berry were rudely shocked just before noon yesterday (Friday) to learn the latter had died suddenly at her residence on Woodside avenue of heart failure. For eighteen years the lady had been a sufferer from organic heart trouble—it being a legacy left from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism—and subject to sinking spells which prostrated her often for days at a time. She always recovered, however, and soon

regained her strength. Monday evening of this week she was stricken with an unusually severe spell and kept her bed until yesterday morning, when she felt so much better that she arose, dressed herself and ate a light breakfast. After the meal she took an easy position on a lounge in the sitting room and apparently rested comfortably until 11 o'clock, at which hour she had another attack and died before her husband, who was at his shop, or the doctor could reach her side. The deceased, whose maiden name was Martha Cunningham, was married to E. W. Berry on November 5, 1880, at Salt Lake City, and leaves her sorrowing husband with five children—two boys and three girls, the oldest thirteen and the youngest three years of age.

A new school house has just been completed over the Ontario tunnel and last Thursday evening a dance was given in honor of the occasion.

Murray American: Murray is blessed with a good supply of good clear water from flowing wells. The wells range from 100 to 115 feet in depth, and the water has a temperature of 52 degrees. The supply seems to be unlimited, and the indications are that there could be sufficient pure water furnished in this way to supply a large city.

Little Jimmie Clow had the end of one of his forefingers mashed between the cogs of an ice cream freezer Monday evening at the Wessels' parlors, says the Kayaville Eagle. Dr. Rich reduced the fracture and amputated the finger at the first joint. The little hero is now around again with his arm in a sling, however.

One of the cases filed with the clerk of the district court on Monday was concerning a water proposition in Ephraim, says the Manti Messenger. It seems that some of the Ephraimites think they have a bonanza in the shape of a reservoir in the canyon. The suit is to settle the ownership of the reservoir site and proposed canal.

The names of the survivors of the Y. X. Co., in Springfield, are: George McKenzie, George B. Matson, William Sumson, Milan Packard, James Diamond, Thomas Roylance, Benjamin Alleman and Enoch Clark. Y. X. stood for Youngs Express.—*Springville Independent*.

A SAD CASE OF DROWNING.

Last Saturday afternoon, so relates the Ephraim Enterprise, some boys and young men were bathing in the Sevier river at a place where a dam had raised the water for irrigating purposes and in sport were trying to see who could wade across the deepest portion, when James Enoch Hanson sank, and those who were nearest him did all in their power to save him they were unsuccessful. Two of them narrowly escaped drowning themselves. The deceased was born February 17, 1874, at Gunnison, and was 20 years and 5 months old when death so suddenly called him hence. He was the only son of James and Marie Hanson, the latter being a sister of Mrs. Julia Dorius of this city. His death is felt very keenly by the sorrow stricken family, his only brother having died a few years ago.