

population actually attending school 43; per cent of Mormon school population actually attending school 61; average number of terms schools have been taught 3.6; average number of days schools have been taught during the year 158; average monthly pay of teachers, non-Mormon, males \$68.16, Mormon, males \$66.50, non-Mormon, females \$50.34, Mormon, females \$43.61; amount of compensation all paid in cash \$43,682.75; total compensation from all sources \$43,682.75; average monthly compensation \$5,283; branches taught number of pupils in each, reading 5,209, writing 5,239, spelling 5,140, language lessons 3,695, English grammar 1,138, geography 3,333, U. S. history 1,708, arithmetic 5,193, physiology and hygiene 2,587, composition 1,516, drawing 4,141, elocution 46, music 3,059, physical geography 25, natural philosophy 12, algebra 12, bookkeeping 8, physical culture 398, domestic science 5, value of school property, grounds \$24,231; buildings \$141,903.87; furniture \$15,858.28, apparatus \$5,972.12; total \$187,965.27.

But for the presence of mind of Charles Newson, of No. 638 West Third North street, an accident at his place shortly after noon today, would have been attended with most serious results.

Mr. Newson at the time was at work in the Premium Washer factory, situated in the rear of his premises. By some means a large kettle of black asphaltum became ignited, apparently exploding. The liquid contents were scattered in all directions, a goodly portion of it falling on the clothing of Mrs. Newson and her baby whom she had brought into the shop for a moment.

As quickly as possible Mr. Newson threw the blazing kettle into the yard, where it struck the ground at the back of the house and soon set fire to that. Unfortunately the baby's clothes were also ignited and the little chap was in great danger of being very badly burned when Mr. Newson seized and soaked it into a tub of water completely extinguishing the flames. Then he turned his attention to his wife, who rushed into the house to get the other children out, and being apparently oblivious to the fact that her own clothing was in flames, Mrs. Newson was subjected to the most thorough kind of a shower bath which came in well applied buckets of water thrown by her husband.

But by this time there was a blaze in the rear of the house and before it was extinguished Mr. Newson says it did damage to the amount of \$150. He was himself quite badly burned about one of his arms and wrists while Mrs. Newson was also partially burned about the arms.

The baby was most seriously injured receiving bad burns on the back and shoulders. Subsequent to the little fellow's forced plunge into the tub and after the excitement had subsided, his father, who had demonstrated that he knew what to do in a time of trouble, gave him another bath, putting a little salt into a vessel containing five gallons of oil to exclude the air and take away the smarting from the burns. It is expected that the whole family will be all right again in a few days.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

At Port Townsend, Washington, August 16, D. McLean, owner, and J. Jensen, master of the Chilean ship *Atacama*, were arrested for cruelty in beating and disfiguring a young negro boy while on the voyage from Valparaiso. McLean is a wealthy Chilean ship owner. They furnished bail in \$10,000 each. Owing to the cruel treatment, the negro is likely to lose the use of his arms for life.

A Whatcom, Wash., special to the *Post-Intelligencer* says: George O'Dell, of Linden, 24 years old, ex editor of the *Linden Pioneer Free*, was drowned in Welser lake, eight miles from Whatcom, Thursday afternoon, while bathing. He was a sturdy man and was swimming easily, when suddenly, without a cry or struggle, he sank. His companions were terror-stricken and did not at once try to save him. The body was recovered.

Rather than suffer the consequences of his crime Clarence Travis swallowed a dose of laudanum in Chief of Police Crowley's, of San Francisco, office Thursday afternoon. Travis had been arrested by Detective Dan Coffey and officer George Brown for stealing a diamond stud and a valise from Mrs. Ormsby, a guest at the Hotel Meredith. When confronted with the evidence of his guilt he made an unsuccessful attempt to end his existence.

J. C. Christy, a member of the bar of San Bernardino county, Cal., is reported lost on the desert. Mr. Christy left San Bernardino nearly four weeks ago for a trip to a mining property; he is interested in on the desert, and left word that he would be back about August 15. The report of his disappearance comes from parties returning from the McHoney mine. They say Christy left there two weeks ago for home, where he should have arrived at least ten days ago. If he was lost on the desert he has doubtless perished ere this.

There were recently taken in the neighborhood of the English bay bathing grounds, Vancouver, B. C., two large sharks of the mackerel type, but this incident has been eclipsed by reports by several bathers and other visitors of the appearance of a large sea serpent in English bay. The report is naturally received with some incredulity, but among the observers who vouch for the statement are persons of prominence not given to exaggeration. It is described as a large, green serpent, with many sinuous coils, about thirty feet in length, with a large head.

A young man not over 21 years old, who gave his name as Charles Howard, but who is Bert Hyde, of Manogue, Cal., was arrested Friday night, at San Francisco Midway Place, by United States Secret Service Detective Duane H. H. He was taken to the Broadway jail, where he was charged with passing United States bills. The prisoner was identified by a man who had been swindled by him. Hyde's method was to cut the figures and words out of a Confederate \$10 bill and dexterously paste them over the figures and words of a \$2 bill. The

prisoner is simple looking, about 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighs about 170 pounds. A skeleton key was found in his pocket. There was also a bundle of letters from his mother, carefully tied up. They were full of love, hope, and kindness, and were beautifully penned and charmingly written.

Early Wednesday morning the dead body of a man was found in the sagebrush, near the depot, at Winnemucca, Nev. It was discovered later to be the body of James Ritchie, of Paradise valley. His clothing was torn in several places, and as the body was raised a pistol fell, apparently from the grasp of his right hand. Two chambers of the revolver were empty. On examination it was learned that he was shot in the mouth, and it is supposed to be a case of suicide, although no reason for such an act was known, further than a small financial embarrassment. A few years ago he was one of the wealthy men of Humboldt county and prominent in its affairs. He was a member in good standing of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Free and Accepted Masons.

Charles Ling, a Chinese cook on board the steamer *Idaho*, was stabbed and instantly killed at Seattle, Wash., Saturday morning by Joseph Carter, a deck hand, who immediately gave himself up and got the captain to put back here to send him to jail. Four persons saw the killing, but refuse to talk about it until the inquest and Carter's story is the only one obtainable. He says the Chinese abused him because he complained that the coffee at breakfast was watery, and when he went into the kitchen to demand that he take it back, Ling picked up a bread knife and made for him. He wrested the knife away, cutting his hand in so doing, and then Ling raised a chair to brain him, but he received the blow on his arm. He admits that he then made a rush at the Chinese, but only realized he had stabbed him when he saw blood flowing from the wound. The knife entered at the left side, cutting the kidney in two and almost came through the abdomen. The Chinese was the only one of his race in the service of the Puget Sound and Alaska Steamship company.

Seventy lawyers are on the trail of Mrs. Ine Heydenfeldt, once the widow Freer. They claim that she has taken them in, each to the amount of \$1, and they swear they will have satisfaction if justice can be obtained in the courts of San Francisco. The cause of their ire is thus narrated by one of the legal gentlemen: Last April Mrs. Freer called at his office, and after stating that she was the widow of Louis P. Freer, said she was in financial straits. To emerge from it she proposed to hold a sale of the 198 volumes of her late husband's library. The tickets were \$1 each and 200 would be issued. Would the lawyer take one or more? The attorney consented, but after paying over the coin handed back the ticket. This Mrs. Freer refused to accept and departed, wishing her customer good success on July 15th, when the drawing would take place. His