

Baxter of the Gilson Asphaltum company, has received a telegram stating that the fires in the asphaltum mines near Fort Duchesne, Uintah Indian reservation, Utah, have been extinguished and preparations for recovering the bodies of the dead will be begun at once. These fires have been burning some time and threatened destruction to a valuable deposit of asphaltum.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 2.—Two firemen met death while fighting the flames at St. Monica Roman Catholic church at Chelsea today. The fire was discovered by Rev. Fr. Peyrey, pastor, while celebrating mass. The roof was ablaze. Fireman Doherty ran into the building with a hose, followed by Fireman Lennig. Chief Whippy seeing the danger, ordered them out, but they did not heed the command. A moment later the walls fell. After the fire had burned itself out the bodies were found burned to a crisp. The church was destroyed but the valuable investments were saved. The loss is \$20,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—Intense excitement prevails at East St. Louis over the brutal murder of Christopher Ludwig, aged 52, by Harry Schmelzer, aged 23, this afternoon. Schmelzer struck Ludwig on the head with an axe, killing him instantly. Schmelzer escaped. Chief Gauey and a posse are in pursuit.

#### NEWS OF THE STATE.

Nephi Republic: A complaint was filed before Judge Stout in the justice's court, by John Ryan, against Benjamin Sutherland, John Clark, James Black and S. R. Glendinning, charged with assault, battery and robbery. It appears that said Ryan had sought lodgings for the night in the city jail, having come in from Swazey's ranch, near Mona, where he was working. While he was sleeping, this gang of toughs were arrested by City Marshal Love, Deputy Sheriff Sparks assisted by Meshick Pitt and Wm. Borlowman, in one of the cars at the depot, and thrown into the same room as Ryan. About 12 o'clock the gang turned on Ryan, making him strip his clothes, beating him and then robbing him of \$3.45, a 1 cent piece and a Chinese coin. When the prisoners were searched four gold spectacles, four gold rings, two razors and a pocket-knife were found. When brought up for trial they were given five days under the vagrancy act.

American Fork World: S. M. Wessels, formerly a Keysville boy, but who for nearly a year has been managing the American Fork creamery for Jones & Taylor, is wanted by his employers on a charge of embezzlement. He left American Fork on Wednesday evening, ostensibly on a visit to his neighboring town of Lehi, but he failed to return and Seth C. Jouer, the senior member of the creamery company who was in American Fork at the time, soon began to "smell a mouse." He thought Wessels had acted very strangely ever since he (Jones) had come to town. He thought at first, however, that Wessels's connection with the famous alleged conspiracy to burn the Boley House was the cause of his queer conduct. But

farther investigation soon developed the fact that the youth was also short in his accounts. It was no wonder he had failed to again show up. He had collected \$119 from the Chipman Mercantile company and failed to give proper credit, having presumably pocketed the money for his own use. He had done likewise with the American Fork co-op to the tune of \$114, also with Mercer and Greenwood for \$80, besides playing much havoc with numerous others, amounting in all to about \$660. A rumor has been circulated around town that late investigation shows him to be short only \$150, but this is not the case. Papers were issued for the immediate arrest of the hasty youth. But he has evaded the officers so far, however, chiefly because the force at Ogden waited for a reward instead of arresting him at once while he was in that city. In conversation with Mr. Jones of the creamery company we learn that the chase has been given up, as Wessels is supposed to be in Mexico; his mother lives a short distance this side of the Mexican line in New Mexico. It would cost considerable money to get him back here for trial, so the hope of capturing him must be given up as the company has lost all through him that they feel like parting with. Wessels is a sharp, quick witted fellow and the numerous friends he has made here are very eager to see him using his energies in this way. Everybody is surprised at his actions of late, as even the officers and business men had the utmost confidence in him.

#### ABBOTT ON GOVERNMENT.

A remark made some time ago by Rev. Lyman Abbott, pastor of the Plymouth church, New York, to the effect that just government does not derive its power from the consent of the governed, as the Declaration of Independence has it, has caused some comment in the press. It was thought that the observation was made in the sermon in an unguarded moment and that the preacher would reconsider it, but it now appears that he has reached his conclusion after having carefully weighed the subject in his own mind. In an interview with a newspaper representative he explains and emphasizes his views. He says:

There are three theories of government. One, stated by Austin, is the law of a superior for an inferior, and carrying with it penalties to be inflicted for non-obedience; the second, enunciated in France by Rousseau and by Thomas Paine in this country, and adopted into the Constitution by Thomas Jefferson, that government rests upon the consent of the governed; the third, older than Jefferson, Paine, Rousseau and Austin, government by the law of God.

The essence of autocracy is that might is right. In government by majorities we come in the last analysis to the same law. Now, no amount of might makes right.

He further explains that his aim is to convince those who sit under his preaching, and those whose ears he can reach, that expediency, the variable will of majorities and the whims of the autocrat should not prevail in any function of government; but that all persons charged with government

duties and all citizens should persistently search for the right and discharge all of their duties in accordance with the ascertained divine law.

It can hardly be successfully disputed that all just human government rests on the consent of the governed. According to the earliest records extant man was endowed with liberty as well as existence. He was given authority to rule over the surrounding creation, subject only to the Creator. Had it not been for subsequent deviation from the divine law, man's individual sovereignty and equality might have continued as originally intended, but the conditions changed. The weaker individuals or families, or tribes, voluntarily yielded part of their prerogatives into the hands of stronger ones, in order to obtain protection against enemies, or perhaps to obtain the means of subsistence. And then the two classes, governors and governed, came into existence. As far as the powers and privileges of the former were just, they were voluntarily surrendered by the latter. But when governors extended their prerogatives by force, they became usurpers and tyrants.

The origin of autocracy antedates secular history, but by reascoping from analogy it is easily traced. The pastor is wrong if he asserts that just, human government does not rest historically on a social contract. At the same time it will be conceded that no government can be perfect until the time shall come when all, governors and governed, diligently search for what is right and govern their actions in accordance with the divine law—a condition to be looked for only when He comes "whose right it is to rule."

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—William Tenney Cannon, a student at the Jefferson Medical college, and a brother of United States Senator Cannon of Utah, was egged today by his fellow students.

Cannon's misadventure arose over a recent order of the faculty, to which Cannon submitted. The faculty ordered that on and after today, all students would be required to show receipts for their tuition fees before entering a lecture room. The students took exception to this order and determined to show their resentment by remaining away from lectures. When Dr. Henry C. Chapman entered his classroom today to lecture, Cannon was the only student on the benches before him. The other students remained outside the door, and when Cannon issued from the classroom at the end of the lecture, he was greeted with a howl of indignation and bespattered with eggs.

Dr. E. E. Montgomery attempted to protect Cannon and he was the target or three or four eggs.

Cannon says he will return to lectures tomorrow.—United Associated Press dispatch to the Herald.

Chairman Lloyd of the Democratic county committee filed a statement of expenses with the county clerk Wednesday. It shows receipts from all sources amounting to \$1,450.50 and expenditures aggregating \$1,605. Added to this last amount should be an unpaid balance of \$387.60.