

the exposition on Sunday have, to use a sporting expression, been fought to a standstill," by the opponents of Sunday opening. The House committee having the matter in hand, of which Representative Duborow, a Chicago man, is chairman, is almost unanimous in favor of Sunday opening, but opposition has shown itself in so many quarters that the matter will not be pushed just now. A number of Senators have expressed most positively their belief that it would be an impossibility to carry Sunday opening through the Senate, even if it gets through the House. Still shrewd management may do much in the confusion of the closing days of the session.

The House committee on territories has made a favorable report on the bill introduced by Delegate Caine for the admission of Utah to statehood.

HONOR TO THE OLD FOLKS.

The old folks of this place, numbering about fifty-six and ranging from fifty to seventy-five years, met at the meeting house on the 20th inst. They were waited upon by the young ladies of the ward. Dinner was served at noon, and consisted of the best the place could afford. Justice having been done to the rich repast a program of entertainment suited to the occasion was next presented, and creditably sustained throughout. It consisted of songs, recitations, speeches, music, etc. The old people then formed on the floor for a dance, some of whom had not participated in the dance for 20 years, tripping the light fantastic to the music. Refreshments were then served. The old folks enjoyed themselves immensely and smiled as only the old can when due recognition is made of their wants.

The young men of the ward took teams and sleighs and brought the folks to the meeting house, and returned them to their homes. Much praise is due the various committees for their prompt and efficient services. As usual the proceedings wound up with a dance in the evening. Thus ended a day which will long be remembered.

W. G. BROUGH,
JOSEPH DURRANT,
HENRY FLORENCE,
Central Committee.

WEST PORTERVILLE, Morgan county, Jan. 20, 1893.

PROVO LETTER.

Provo, Dec. 19.—H. C. Johnson vs. Jens C. Jensen has the title of a case tried yesterday before Judge Blackburn. Action was brought to foreclose a mortgage on the house of defendant, given to secure a note for \$100. The plaintiff testified that when the note matured he went to the home of the defendant, in Pleasant Grove, for a settlement, taking with him the necessary papers, properly signed. When the papers were presented, without making any payment, the shoemaker seized them and threw them behind him under the bench. When plaintiff attempted to regain possession of them he was confronted with the shoemaker's knife. The papers were therefore left in possession of defendant, until he was subsequently arrested on a charge of robbery, for

which he was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. The defendant, when on the stand, claimed that he paid the note, and that the subsequent trouble was caused by his refusal to pay for an abstract of the property. Judgment was rendered in favor of plaintiff.

Judge Blackburn yesterday granted Hans B. Jensen a divorce from Christina Jensen on the ground of desertion.

The jury list for the February term of the First District Court has been prepared by Judge Jones and Clerk Bachman. On the list are the names of several citizens enfranchised by the amnesty granted by President Harrison. Among them is President David John of this city.

A warehouse is being built south of the Union Pacific depot in this city by the Rocky Mountain Oil Co. Provo will be made a distributing center of oil for Utah county and southern Utah.

The stock of Elmer B. Jones in the National Bank of Commerce of Provo, some \$15,000, has been purchased by Messrs. F. H. Simmons, Rodney Swazey and Richard Brereton.

Hyrum Johnson, son of Bishop Johnson, and Miss Sadie Shepard, both of this city, have gone to Logan, where the nuptial knot is to be tied.

Mrs. Sarah Worsley, aged 76, one of Utah's early settlers, passed peacefully away at her home on Tuesday evening.

The new district court room in the Reed Smoot block is being fitted up preparatory to the opening of the February term of court.

Provo, Jan. 21.—The rolling stock of the Provo City Railway Co., consisting of one flat car, two passenger horse cars, two open coaches, one closed coach and one motor, and the engine house were sold today to S. R. Thurman for \$127.50, for the payment of taxes. The total amount of taxes—city and county—amount to \$243.25, but as the company agreed to settle the balance, the road bed was not sold. As the rolling stock is considered as personal property, it cannot be re-deemed for the price of purchase, if Mr. Thurman chooses to retain possession. It has been stated that Mr. Thurman bought in the property in behalf of the company, but this the gentleman denies, claiming that he made the bids for himself.

A Y. M. M. I. A. conference of the associations of the southern circuit of Utah Stake will be held at Payson on Sunday. A concert will be given by the young people at the Payson Opera house.

J. C. Cutler of Salt Lake City, who has been general agent of the Provo Woolen mills, has been appointed manager, and will spend a portion of his time in this city. Goods will be consigned directly from this city instead of Salt Lake as heretofore. Superintendent Underhool will continue to look after the operation of the mills.

It is stated on good authority that the Provo postoffice is to be removed to the Reed Smoot block. The inspector was in the city and made examinations as to location, building, etc., several weeks ago.

S. S. Jones has returned from Cache valley, where he has been laboring in the Sunday school cause in connection

with Elder John Crawford of Brigham City.

L. M. Langer, of Denver, was in the city yesterday making inquiries concerning the onyx claims in the vicinity of this city. His object was to secure some onyx ornaments for the new Brown Palace Hotel of Denver. He went on to Salt Lake, but will return next week.

An excellent dramatic recital was given at the new Baptist church last night by Miss Rosa Stannus and others.

The mercury drops below zero tonight.

Provo, Jan. 24.—The Provo Enquirer stockholders last night elected the following: J. E. Booth, John Henry Smith, J. O. Graham, George Sutherland, Charles D. Grazier, J. R. Boshard and J. W. Turner.

W. H. Wilson, one of the lake commissioners for Utah county, states that he found too many planks in the Jordan river dams, and in company with the commissioner of Lehi and others of the same place he removed the extra plank and set some of them adrift down the river. A Mr. Turner was on guard for Salt Lake county, but his objections to the proceedings were overcome.

Wm. Wadley, the Pleasant Grove fruit grower, has been digging a tunnel into the mountain in search of water, and at last he has struck an ample stream which will be of inestimable benefit to him.

A car of 37,000 pounds of dried fruit has been shipped from Pleasant Grove by Thoro Bros. & Co.

Mr. Del Roberts, of this city, while returning from American Fork on Sunday night, fell asleep in a sleigh, and when he awoke his gold watch was missing.

Dr. Shorea has returned from his trip to San Juan. He reports a rough country with more rocks and brush than gold. There are but few men in the country, the majority leaving as soon as they arrive.

Dr. Bickford of this city and Col. William Sullivan of Ogden have started on a trip through New Mexico, Arizona and Texas in the interests of the American institute. They will be gone about six weeks.

The Rev. E. R. Lewis, representing Y Drych (*The Mirror*) of Utica, New York, is spending a week in the county.

MURDER STATISTICS for this country prove the pessimists' fondest theories. Behold! Murders during 1892 in the United States 6792 as against 5906 during 1891, 4290 in 1890 and 3567 in 1889.

THE OPTIMISTIC character of the views of the St. Louis newspaper editors is as delightful as it is universal. A striking coincidence, too, is that the price of beer is one and a quarter cents per glass.

It is all fish that comes to the Japanese net. An English-built war vessel of that nation recently steamed into an American port firing salutes with French powder from German guns.