ADJACENT CITIES

PROVO.

First District Court. — Judge Smith Banqueted.—City Council.—A Series of Fires.—Other Items.

Regular Correspondence.

PROVO, May 16.—It was at first supposed that D. H. Peery Jr., who came down from Ogden with Judge Smith, was to be appointed clerk, but this is not the case. It is not expected that Judge Smith will remain long in this district, but that he will shortly be transferred to Ogden. Mr. Peery will remain here as deputy clerk until that time (B. Bachman Jr. retaining the clerkship), when he will go back to Ogden and will receive the appointment of clerk for the Fourth district.

Judge Smith's first case was William Borley Jr., vs Caroline Holdaway and Chris Meckley, an action brought to recover $472.50 for $11 trees cut down on property alleged to belong to plaintiff. The defendant admits the cutting of the trees, but places the boundary line between two farms over, so as to bring the piece in question, where the trees were located, on their own land. The case was submitted to the jury.

The reduction of the verdict of $5,000 to $2,000 in the Thompson-Spring-ville damage case was accepted by the plaintiff.

A banquet was given last night by the attorneys in honor of Judge Smith, but as the courtesy of an invitation to be present was not extended to representatives of the press, a report is not given.

At last night's session of the City Council, the city treasurer and recorder submitted financial statements for the past quarter, showing receipts $7,844.23; disbursements, $8,479.08; overdraft, $634.85. The reports were referred to the committee on finance.

A bill was submitted by Councilman Farrer, making provisions for the levying of a tax to maintain and keep in repair a system of waterworks, as provided for in the city charter. In such cases. The bill passed its first reading and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Giles Holden was yesterday tried before Justice Alexander on the charge of running a job wagon without a license, found guilty and sentence suspended during good behavior.

The following people have arranged to go to the World's Fair within a few days: B. S. Hines, wife and daughter, Newel Knight and wife, Dr. Taylor and wife and Richard Sutton.

The B. Y. A. field day sports this year, will be at Geneva, the new bathing resort, on Wednesday, May 24th.

A fire occurred at American Fork at an early hour on Sunday morning, destroying Aleck Thornton's saloon, Bisley's butcher shop and a barber shop and all the contents of these establishments. The buildings were all of frame and of course burned rapidly. It required hard work on the part of the citizens to save neighboring and more valuable structures. The saloon loss is placed at $2,500, and other losses at $1,500; no insurance. No plausible theory is offered as to the origin of the fire is offered.

Several haystacks on Provo bench, belonging to S. M. Duggins of this city, were destroyed by fire on Sunday.

Provo river has already commenced to overflow its banks and people owning property near the stream are becoming extremely fearful as to results. A few more days of warm weather and great damage will be done.

LOGAN.

A Brigham College Student "Held Up.' —A Druggist Fined for Selling Liquor Without a License.

Correspondence of the Deseret News.

LOGAN, May 15.—Jack McAuliffe and his company will play in Logan on the 27th. The attendance will doubtless be large, as a prize ring scene will be introduced.

Four and a half feet is the depth of snow in the streets of the La Plata mining camp.

A. Ewing, manager of the Phœnix Pharmacy, was fined $100 on Thursday morning for selling liquor without a license. This is the second case against him. On the first he was fined $50.

We are having the ideal Utah weather at present.

As Henry Rogers, one of the B. Y. college students, was returning home at about 10:30 the other night, while passing the Lindquist building on the corner of Fourth and H streets, he was held up by a couple of footpads, who told him to throw up his hands. Rogers jumped backward and told the men that he had no money on his person. It seems evident that they supposed he drew a gun as he jumped back, as they did not make any further attempt to molest him when he walked around them and resumed his journey. The police were not notified, therefore the men had plenty of time to escape.

The body of an elderly lady named Hansen was brought from Ogden on Thursday, for burial at Hyrum.

Hasmus Nelson's team ran away on Friday in the Fifth ward. One horse was badly cut on a wire fence.

The city authorities have a number of men at work hauling willows and rock to strengthen the river bank in many places. The river is rapidly rising and much valuable property is endangered.

Poor "Dusty."

"Dusty Bob," the brightest of all the coterie of newsboys is reported as dying of dropsy. "Dusty" is not more than thirteen years of age though he has seen more of life than many men. He is a strange character and has had a wonderfully chequered career. Yet with all his failings he has a generous heart and has rendered the police valuable assistance many times.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 12, 1893.—The most important event of the week was the arguments made before the United States supreme court in a case involving the constitutionality of the new Chinese exclusion law, although to have listened to the hubbub raised early in the week over President Cleveland's notice that no more personal interviews would be granted candidates for appointment to office a person not acquainted with the blustering methods of small-fry politicians might have considered that the most important happening of the age. In the opinion of a number of the able lawyers with whom your correspondent has talked, the lawyers representing the Chinese in this country and the emperor of China had the best of the argument from a legal standpoint, and that, of course, is the standpoint from which the court will make its decision, which is expected to be handed down some time next week. If the court should uphold the constitutionality of the law it is not believed here that any steps will be taken to send the unregistered Chinese home, until Congress appropriates the money to pay the expenses.

Mr. Cleveland's decision to hear no more personal appeals from place seekers is not of the slightest public importance, nor is it the first time that he has taken the same step. He issued a similar notice in 1885. In this case, to use a little slang, it is believed to be a "put-up job" between the President and senators and representatives of his party to "freeze out" the large number of office-seekers who have come to Washington on their own hook, and were acting entirely independent of the aforesaid senators and representatives. It acted all right so far as the White House is concerned, but the crowd has swooped down upon the members of the cabinet to such an extent that they are considering the advisability of also refusing personal interview to office-seekers.

Administrations may change, but the department money-lenders, or "shylocks," as they are best known, are always with us. The case of a colored man employed as a laborer in the interior department is just now making a small scandal. The average department "shylock" has been content to loan the employes money at five per cent a month, but this fellow has been getting twenty per cent a month for his money and has been making, it is said, something like $250 a month, in addition to his modest salary of $43. Secretary Smith has been asked to investigate this Napoleon of finance.

President Cleveland is understood to be half persuaded to call the proposed extra session of Congress to meet in June, instead of in September. If this program is carried out it is expected that Congress will remain in session until late in July and then take a recess until October, escaping the months of August and September, which are usually the most disagreeable and unhealthy months in Washington.

The long drawn out investigation of the weather bureau has come to an end, but owing to the mass of testimony taken no report will be made for some days.

Secretary Herbert has in a single week received the praise and the censure of many disinterested people, something that rarely happens in so short a time to an executive officer of the government. The official act that brought out the praise was his decision that no more naval officers would be allowed while on leave of absence and drawing twenty-thirds pay to enter the employ of private persons or firms. This is a real reform, for the practice was a bad one from every point of view, and has been growing at an alarming rate. The act for which he was censured was the appointment of Medical Inspector J. Rufus Tryon to be surgeon general of the navy, vice Browne, this week retired, over the heads of 28 inspectors who are his seniors in service. Dr. Tryon has a splendid reputation as a surgeon and will doubtless make a good record as surgeon general, but the same is true of a number of those over whose heads he was promoted. It was simply a case of "pull," and Tryon had a stronger one than the other fellows.

That the investigation of the New York Custom house is considered of great importance was shown by the selection of a man as prominent as ex-Secretary Fairchild, who was secretary of the treasury during the greater part of President Cleveland's first administration, as a chairman of the committee charged with making it. Mr. Fairchild's assistants are Hon. Daniel Magone, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and ex-Congressman Poindexter Dunn, of Arkansas.

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