

and ran across lots to Benton's swamp. But the swamp proved too full of water to be penetrated, and the fugitive took up a position behind a stone wall and faced his pursuers. After some parley he surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Collins. He was taken back to Lyons and lodged in jail.

He gave the name of William Cross, and said he was from New Mexico and had been boarding in Syracuse some time. He admitted that he was the man who attempted the train robbing to Chief of Detectives Hayden of this city, who had been wired for. He is believed to be the much-wanted Oliver Curtis Perry, who robbed Express Messenger Moore near Utica last fall.

The story of what occurred in the express car, as far as it can be gathered, is: Cross boarded the train when it pulled out of Syracuse, climbing on top of the express car. He was provided with a hooked rope. Fastening the hook in the roof of the side of the car, he let himself down on the other side, resting his toes on the ledge that runs across the car, looked through the glass of the side door and saw the messenger in front of one of the safes, which was open. Smashing the glass with his revolver he covered the messenger, ordering him to hold up his hands. Instead, McNery reached for the signal cord with one hand and for his revolver with the other. A bullet smashed his hand, but not before the signal was given that aroused the conductor. Then McNery fired on the robber, putting a bullet through his coat. The robber shot the messenger twice, once in each leg, climbed into the car, and a desperate struggle took place, which did not end until the train was stopped for a time near Weedsport. It is evident that the robber then climbed out on top of the car, remaining there until the stop at Lyons.

So far as learned the robber secured absolutely nothing.

It is now learned the robber was formerly a cowboy and later worked as a railway brakeman.

WHO IS HE?

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb.—Sheriff Thornton today, in reply to a telegraphic request, forwarded a detailed description of the train robber in jail here to the St. Louis authorities. This afternoon he received an answer that it tallied with that of Orth Stein, whose career as a newspaper reporter, forger, confidence man, and robber is well remembered.

LETTER FROM MIDWAY.

In glowing contrast to the murky and gloomy weather of one year ago, the sky is beaming in the golden smiles of a spring promising sun, the genial rays of which are causing havoc among the snow piles that have long been weighing on the bosom of mother earth, fructifying it with the elements of the approaching summer's fertility.

This day has been worthy of the national occasion and of the local celebration. This forenoon there was an interesting and well-rendered programme of patriotic exercises in the appropriately decorated meeting house, where, following the loyal example first given last year, a large number of the townsfolk assembled

to be entertained with recitations, sentiment, and songs. The school children discharged their part well, and gave evidence of careful training as well as innate loyalty.

The mountain tops are rapidly changing color under the yet feeble influence of Old Sol. The ermine mantle that has so long robed the Wasatch range is being removed from day to day. Meanwhile the roads are being converted into mud channels and mire tracks, badly hampering locomotion. Notwithstanding the slushy condition of the roads, however, quite a number of our citizens accompanied, on the afternoon of Washington's birthday, the members of the brass band, when they went over to Heber City to assist in the day's celebration by the people of our capital, on which occasion Hon. Abram Hatch vied with the Rev. Mr. Iliff, of Salt Lake, in giving expression to loyal sentiment. The entire day has been a veritable holiday for Wasatch county, all secular occupations being suspended.

Our ward, ecclesiastically speaking, has been reconfirmed on its time-honored pristine footing, with David Van Wagenen (who is also postmaster) for Bishop, and John Watkins and Alva J. Alexander as his faithful counselors. The last named gentleman (besides being one of our selectmen) also presides over our town board, which has been exerting a wholesome influence since it became fairly "warmed up" to its duties and prerogatives as conservators of our municipal welfare. Of course they have to exercise the utmost economy to avoid the unpopular necessity of levying a tax.

In business affairs we are gaining just as fast and just as slowly as do our neighbors. We are conservative, as they of necessity and habit are. Four stores seem a good many for a place of less than 1000 people, especially considering the fact that a good deal of trading is done over at Heber and at Park City; still, our merchants are pegging along fairly and holding their own in the commercial world. Jas. B. Wilson does a great deal of freighting and trading between here and Park City. He has also put up a large, well stocked ice house. In fact, after last year's fire he seems to have arisen Phoenix-like from the ashes.

An important improvement has lately been taken in hand by a goodly number of our citizens, viz., the erection of a large amusement hall to keep pace with the steadily increasing demand for accommodation for social entertainment. The proposed building (90 by 30 feet) is to be of rock, and will cost in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars, a large portion of which amount has already been subscribed in material, labor and other stock prominently interested in this enterprise.

As to our health station, "no news is good news." True, there are a number of bad colds and more or less bad coughs, but nothing of a dangerous nature. The salubrity of this locality is such as to discourage any settlement, especially as we are within easy calling distance to Heber City.

Work is constantly being prosecuted at the big "Hot Pot," where Mr. Schneider, the proprietor, is causing a large tunnel to be run in. The great

health resort will open early in spring with greatly improved accommodations.

The death roll of 1892 shows only one victim, thus far. May it remain thus is the wish of L. H.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH.

A bill was introduced in the Senate of the United States yesterday by Senator Shoup, of Idaho. It provides for the granting to the Territory of Utah, or any State hereafter formed from the Territory, a tract of land containing not less than sixty acres, off the west side of the military reservation known as the Fort Douglas Reservation, which tract shall adjoin the east boundary line of Salt Lake City, the boundaries and extent to be hereafter agreed upon, for a site for the University of Utah, and for other purposes, and upon condition that such tract shall be occupied by the University within five years after the boundaries are determined, and perpetually thereafter. In case it is not so occupied or used it shall revert to the United States.

Section 2 of the bill provides that the Surveyor-General of Utah shall lay out the plat and fix the boundary lines thereof with reference to the government surveys, and such other natural and artificial monuments as may be suitable to define it, and to shape the location to have reference to the requirement for roads with convenience of access to Salt Lake City, and its streets, and as to travel between the latter place and military post. He shall submit the survey and plat to the commandant of the Fort Douglas military post, who, if satisfied with the location, shall approve the same, and upon filing said survey and plat with the approval thereof in the office of the commissioner of the General Land office the survey shall be noted on the public surveys, and the grant made by this act shall immediately attach thereto, and no further evidence of the grant shall be necessary.

The act is to take effect from and after its approval by the President.

The bill was introduced into the upper branch of the Territorial legislature during the first days of the present session of the assembly by Councillor Lund. It passed both houses and was sent to Governor Thomas for his approval, after which a certified copy was to be forwarded to Delegate Caine for introduction into the House of Representatives. A second copy was sent to Senator Shoup, of Idaho.

It was the intention that the bill should be introduced simultaneously in both branches of Congress. Governor Thomas, however, has not yet signed the bill, but will probably do so immediately.

The delay has not been because of any opposition that Governor Thomas manifested towards the bill, but was kept in his office unsigned pending the consideration of a proposition to ask Congress for a more extensive strip of land lying along the entire western border of the Military Reservation. The same bill will be introduced into the House of Representatives by Delegate Caine, in a few days.