

EDUCATIONAL.

UNIVERSITY.

Yesterday Prof. Coray delivered a special lecture before the history class on the subject, "Economic Motive in Social Life." His address was very interesting and instructive.

In the debate between the fourth and third year normals to occur after the holidays, Messrs. Carlson and Robinson have been chosen to represent the fourth year class.

Next Thursday night the sophomores and freshmen classes will give an invitation party at Landrum's.

Monday the students in civics divided on party lines, and held a conjoint rally in the assembly room of the west building. Spirited speeches were made by Miss Stay and Messrs. Claude Barnes, D. H. Lillywhite, Ezra Thomas and Ezra Robinson. A city election illustrating the use of the Australian ballot system was held yesterday and the Democrats carried the day.

Tuesday the students of second year English celebrated Whittier's birthday in a most appropriate manner. Mr. John E. Brown presided at the meeting. An interesting program was rendered.

"The Weaker Sex" was presented in the Murray Opera House Wednesday night. A large and enthusiastic audience was present and all seemed to be satisfied with the presentation.

The Delta Phi met on Tuesday and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: S. F. Hixby, president; E. D. LeCompte, secretary; W. L. Dunn and C. M. Morris were elected members of the standing committee.

The largest audience the University Dramatic club ever faced was at the presentation of "The Weaker Sex."

HIGH SCHOOL.

An excellent program was given in the assembly room yesterday afternoon, to leave the students with a good taste in their mouths, so to speak, with which to begin their Christmas vacation. After a short address by Principal Clark an extract from an oration of Chauncey Depew's was delivered in fine style by Abner Howell. Ray Williams then gave a violin solo exhibiting extraordinary skill. Miss Shepherd read an interesting essay on Christmas, which was followed by the girls' chorus, whose singing was very sweet.

The actors will give their annual banquet on Friday evening, February 2nd, at the Knutsford.

The work on the minstrel show is progressing nicely. The event is now an assured thing. Some of the boys met yesterday and elected Waldemar Young stage manager, and Winslow Smith business manager. Mr. Wetzel Smith has, for many years, taken a keen interest in educational

Miss Copperthwaite yesterday bid the students and teachers farewell, as she leaves for Helena, Montana, to take a position in the high school at that place. Her successor here has not yet been chosen.

The second football team is practicing vigorously, preparing for their battle with the deaf mutes at Ogden on Christmas day.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The fall term closed Thursday. The winter term will begin Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

New studies for next term, among others, are physics, argumentation, trigonometry, physiology, horticulture, zoology, political economy, advanced literature, agriculture, veterinary science, irrigation, cooking, geology, and commercial law.

The Athletic association gave the closing ball in the gymnasium Thursday evening. In spite of below-zero weather there was a good attendance, and a good time.

President Tanner went to the capital on Friday and will remain to attend the State Teachers' association.

Mrs. Tanner and her daughter will spend the holidays with Mrs. Harrington in American Fork.

Messrs. Fairs and Robinson expect to be present at the meeting of the State association. Mr. Fairs will spend most of his vacation looking over examination papers, and entertaining a brother from Ogden, and another from Idaho.

Prof. L. A. Merrill has been for several days confined to his bed from a relapse brought on by over-work.

Students going away for the vacation have been officially instructed that if they visit places infected with small-pox they will not be allowed to return to college.

Circulars describing the winter courses have been widely distributed, and from replies and inquiries it is expected that these lectures will be well attended.

Mr. Griffin is again at the college, after several weeks' illness.

Almost every student has, on the president's recommendation, and upon advice of some teachers taken a book from the library to read at his home during the vacation.

Miss Moench will spend the holidays at her father's in Ogden, among other pastimes, helping to make a cheerful wedding—not her own, however.

Prof. Langton will probably attend the State association, if his work as registrar can spare him long enough.

Prof. Thomas Jensen and Snow are expected to be in the capital city part of their vacation.

THE BRANCH NORMAL.

Most of the instructors intend to visit Salt Lake during the Christmas vacation to attend the teachers' convention.

Apostle Grant and Elders McMurrin and Grant visited school Monday morning and spoke during chapel exercises.

Since the cold weather began, the young men have taken physical exercise indoors. They are now learning to swing Indian clubs.

At a general meeting held Tuesday afternoon, the instructors advised the students on matters of deportment at school and home.

Nearly all the district school teachers of Iron county are now visiting the Salt Lake City schools. They will remain in the city till after the State convention.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Examinations have been held during the week in all the classes. Last evening the students were entertained by the faculty at Christensen's hall.

The students were not permitted to take their friends to the reception on account of there being so many students.

President Paul announced to the students that if any one of them should go into a settlement where the small-pox is or may be before January 5th that he must not come back to the college until the quarantine is raised from that place.

After the vacation, several new

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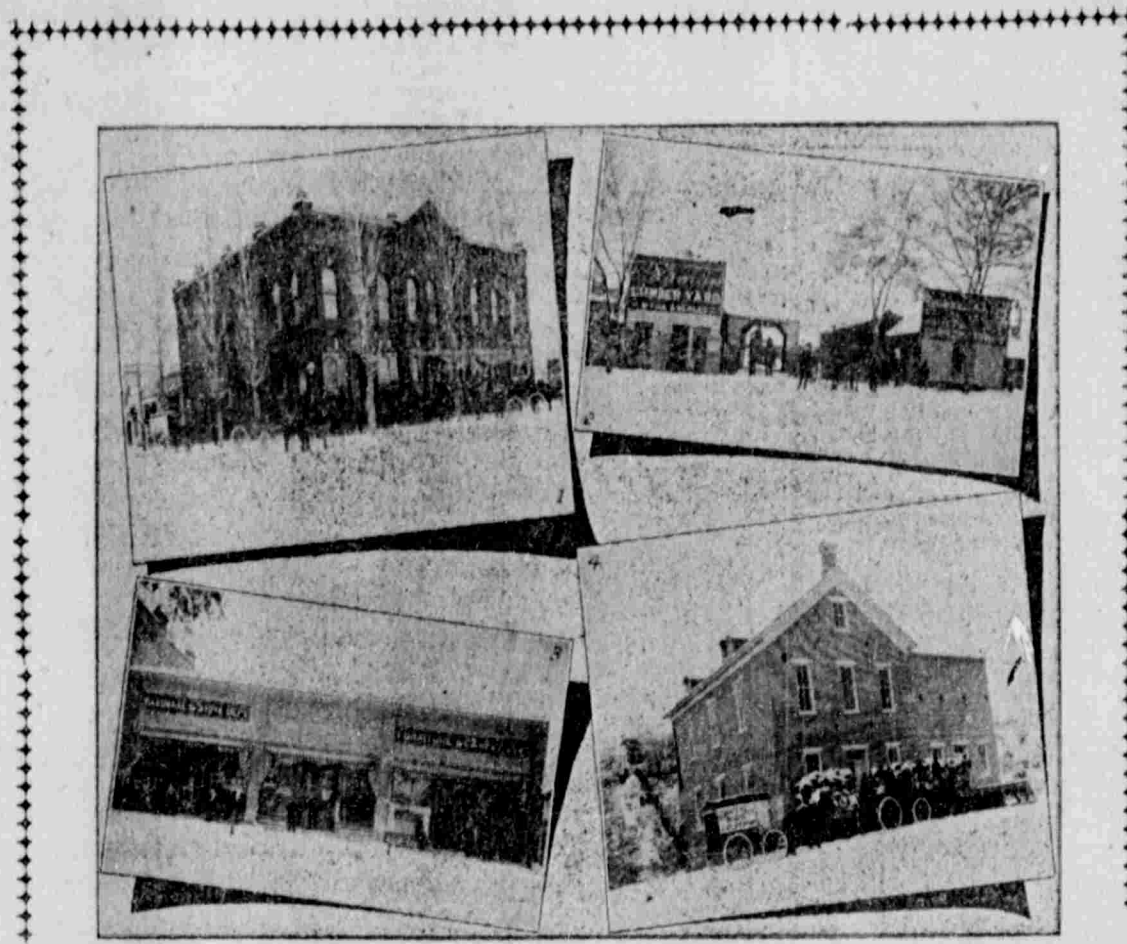
One of the most extensive mercantile concerns in Utah county is the Chipman Mercantile Company, of American Fork. Its growth has been so closely allied with that of the city itself, that a history of one would not be complete without the other.

The Chipman Mercantile Company, of American Fork City, Utah, is a corporation organized in 1892 succeeding

James Chipman in business. The firm is the outgrowth of many years' tolling by James Chipman, its president, who commenced business away back in the early period of the city and who successfully conducted the general line of merchandising for many years until, as above stated, in 1892, he

took in as his partners his sons, James Chipman, Jr., S. L. Chipman, W. S. Chipman, William Chipman, A. Chipman and some few of his daughters. These persons now composing the firm capitalized at \$75,000, fully paid up with the surplus added.

The business has grown from a small room to a large business block, covering ground to the amount of \$2,122, comprising a fine brick building. It



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classes will be organized for the benefit of beginners.

Last Monday evening the Book of Mormon class concluded its course. Prof. Mills lectured on the last day of the Nephites.

BEAVER BRANCH B. Y. A.

Stake conference at Beaver was well attended by the students, Saturday and Sunday.

Monday morning the theology hour was occupied by Apostle Smith and Bro. J. G. Kimball of Salt Lake, Bro.

B. M. CUNNINGHAM.

The Coming "Wizard"—A Provo Boy Leads Out in the Black Art.

The subject of this sketch is a Provo youth although his fame in the "black art" reaches far beyond the confines of the State of Utah. Having been on a number of professional trips through Montana, Oregon, Idaho and California, where he met with unqualified success.

"Bob" as he is familiarly called and "Zante" in professional circles, was born at Provo, April, 1873, of parents who name the late John A. Logan as a

Jensen, of Spanish Fork, and Bro. C. D. White, of Beaver.

"The Merry Milk-Maid," a musical operetta, will be presented by the musical department, Wednesday night in the Concert hall, Thursday night it will be given in Beaver, and Friday night the "Merry Milk-Maid and Jolly Farmers" will give the Christmas ball.

The fast meeting that was held Friday was for the financial welfare of the school, and for the purpose of asking for special blessings.

The Chipman Mercantile company are at present employing 45 hands in the various enterprises under their management. In the mercantile department they have recently instituted a department system whereby saving much time, both for patrons and themselves, realizing as they did the modern system of conducting business. Heads of departments have been instituted in the Dry Goods, Grocery, Hardware, Furniture, Carpets, Harness and Lumber Yard.

The officers of the firm are Jas. Chipman, president; James Chipman, Jr., vice president; W. S. Chipman, secretary; S. L. Chipman, treasurer. The latter being also general manager. And it is entirely due to his steady and devoted attention that the firm has grown to so large an extent in the last 6 or 7 years. The motto of the firm is low prices and fair treatment, and by strictly following this out they have gained a reputation that commands a trade from outside points. And being able to fill all orders when sent in it has established and commands a standing as one of the first institutions in the State of Utah. One of the leading features connected with the institution is the fair and respectful way of treating its employees. Allowing them a vacation each year, and dividing the profits on the merchandise bought by them.

lighted stage void of furniture except one chair in the center of the stage; the operator makes a few explanatory remarks and seats himself in the chair; he moves his hands slowly before him and gradually is transformed into his wife who gets up and walks to the front of the stage—utters a few sentences and she again resumes her seat, after which the same pantomime is repeated and the change back to the operator is effected and the entertainment is proceeded with as if nothing unusual had transpired.

FLY AWAY.

Mr. Cunningham's trick with a little girl is one of the most mystifying. The



B. M. CUNNINGHAM.

relative, Mrs. Cunningham being a niece to this illustrious gentleman.

What has been said of the late Mr. Eliason may, to a great extent, be also said of Mr. Cunningham. From his very early years he showed a taste for sleight of hand performances, and while other boys of his age made actors their heroes, no one equalled in his eyes such men as Harriman and Keller. He practiced constantly at home, experimenting on tricks he had seen performed and inventing many of his own, and before he had any public reputation, he gave many private exhibitions at the houses of his friends. His skill then became so generally recognized that he was encouraged to appear in a more public way, in ward halls, and from thence it was but a short step to the stage. He made one or two trial tours of the State, and meeting with steady encouragement, decided on regularly entering the profession. He then went west and made a tour, covering points as far as San Francisco, and was everywhere recognized as an expert in legere-dmain.

Mr. Cunningham is a very popular and genial young man, sunny in his disposition, bright and witty in his conversation, and with a natural polish and humor about him which qualifies him for his chosen vocation—that of a public entertainer.

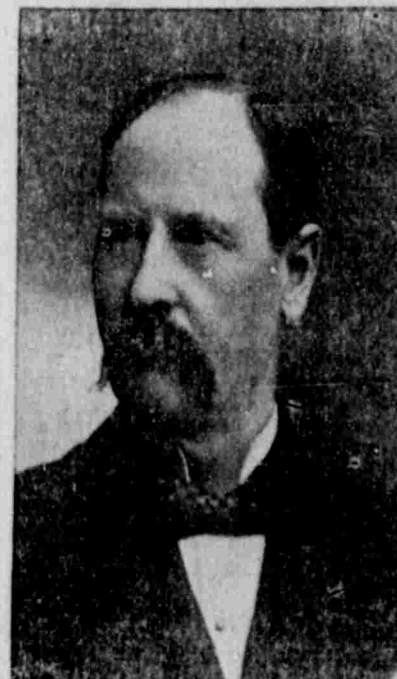
THE VANISHING LADY.

Among his chief illusions is the "blue room" which is seen as the curtain rises and discloses a plain but fully

child is introduced and placed in a swing at the rear of the stage after which the swing and child are raised up about four feet from the floor, being in full view of the audience. An empty trunk is brought in and presented to the audience showing the inside and out to be entirely empty and to be apparently a genuine, every day trunk, which is placed full thirty feet away from the child and swing. The trunk is locked securely and three shots are fired with a revolver and the little girl vanishes from the swing to instantly arise and leap from the trunk.

THE BULLET TRICK.

The bullet trick is also among his illusions, as performed by Mr. Cunningham, it is a marvelous and thrilling one, dangerous in the extreme. Many will recall how Eliason performed it in the Salt Lake theatre to the complete mystification of his spectators. Six soldiers from Fort Douglas loaded their guns in the presence of the audience and then fired them, as they thought, point blank at the young wizard. When the sharp crack of the rifles was over and the smoke from their muzzles had cleared away Eliason held the bullets in his hand. How he received them was a mystery to all but himself. This trick, with the many others performed by the youthful artist, will undoubtedly insure him a prominent place in public favor. He is now preparing for an extended professional trip with a repertoire that will surprise his many friends.



JAMES CHIPMAN.

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Mr. James Chipman, who is president of the Chipman Mercantile Company, is also the State treasurer. He has been a resident of this State since 1847. In 1862 he moved to American Fork, in Utah county, where he resided until elected treasurer when he removed to Salt Lake City in 1885. Mr. Chipman has had more than the ordinary experience as coming to the west when it was very young he had of necessity to partake of hardships totally unknown to-day. At American Fork he has been engaged in merchandising and banking, which he has followed for many years. He is also president of the Utah National bank, and is also owner of the Bank of American Fork.

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THERE WAS NO MARKED CHANGE IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

NEW GAS PLANT.

In the gas department there has been much activity. Last year the company thoroughly investigated the natural gas situation, and demonstrated that there was practically no more gas at the wells at the present depth, what ever further development might show, and the uncertainty of the service when the natural product was relied upon had caused so much annoyance "to consumers that it was decided to rehabilitate the coal gas plant. During this year, the company has purchased and erected a modern oil gas plant of 200,000 feet capacity per day, and by January 1st will have completed a new coal gas plant of a capacity of four Mitchell benches of six retorts each. It is estimated that each bench will produce 225,000 cubic feet of gas in twenty-four hours. Under the present schedule reduced from the old coal gas schedule, the use of gas for fuel purposes has been demonstrated to be a economical heating agency. It now seems assured that the gas will again come into popularity and wide use in homes, where its cleanliness, reliability and comparative economy commend it.

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