

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PAYSON, Utah, Dec. 16. Special to the NEWS.—Robert Winmer died last night, aged 88, worn out with old age. He was one of Utah's old settlers and resided here about thirty years.

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The latest word from the bedside of Prest. W. R. Smith of Davis stake, received late this afternoon is to the effect that his condition is much worse, and there seems scarcely any human chance for his recovery.

Miss Sophia Hartvigsen, of Hyrum, who was so badly injured by being thrown and dragged by a horse on Monday last, died on Tuesday afternoon and was buried on Thursday. The majority of the population of Hyrum was in attendance.

The land office in this city is about to be moved to more convenient and commodious buildings. The change will be made about January 1st. The location selected is the B. Y. Trust Company's building, on First South street west. The rooms to be occupied are on the third floor.

On Monday a fire broke out in the law office of Attorney Hunsaker, at Brigham City, and before the firemen got the blaze under control that gentleman's extensive library was destroyed. The loss, altogether, is estimated at about \$2,500; insurance \$1,500. It is not known how the fire originated.

BEAVER, Utah, Dec. 14.—The jury in the case of Emerson for embezzlement, came into court shortly after 11 p.m. last night, and returned a verdict of "not guilty." It meets with approval in a majority of instances, but is strongly denounced in others. Kenyon, the prosecuting witness and loser of \$1000 and expenses, left for Salt Lake today.

Word has reached here that a young man named Harmon Smith was caught out in a heavy rain and snow storm between Woolley's ranch at the head of Blackfoot river and Auburn in Star valley, and had to camp out two nights, without bedding, food or fire, during the continuance of the storm, and for several days after it ceased. His hands and feet will probably have to be amputated.

John Gilman, of Worcester, Mass., is in town. He is running a big exhibition of domestic animals and farm produce all over the United States, circus like, and wants to gain possession of the Utah Midwinter Fair exhibit. He promises to carry it not less than 25,000 miles and show it in all the cities and towns en route, if at the end of six months the display be turned over to him permanently.

Rexburg Silver Hammer: Frank, the little son of Bishop T. J. Winters, had the misfortune of getting his finger in the wringer of his mother's washing machine last week. The result was that Dr. Rivers was called in to fix up the badly broken finger. He is doing well, and says in the future the family can attend to their own washing. He won't be "in it" any more.

Brigham City Bugler: William Riggs got shot at Collinston Saturday. He was handling a 44-caliber revolver, when one of the cartridges was accidentally exploded. The bullet passed clean through the upper large muscles of the arm, fracturing the bone and terribly lacerating the flesh. The patient is now under treatment in Brigham City. It is thought the arm will be saved.

Harry Hammond was brought down from the penitentiary December 15, to sign his depositions, which were taken last week, to be used on the trial of George Gaylor at the February term of the Third district court. On Sunday morning next Harry will start on his journey for the Columbia Reform school, whence he will be accompanied by Mr. Bailey, U. S. Marshal Brigham's corresponding clerk and secretary.

The West Side Fire department was called out at 10:20 Wednesday, Dec. 14 to extinguish a blaze in the residence of John Barker, an employe of Walker Bros., at the corner of Ninth West and Sixth South streets. Their services, however, were not needed, as the neighbors had put the fire out with a few buckets of water. The blaze originated from burning soot falling on the floor from a defective flue. The loss is very small. The department made a good run.

Information has been received in this city from Alta by H. C. Wallace to the effect that John Destifain, a miner, has likely met death in that vicinity, probably in some old abandoned shaft into which it is believed he accidentally fell during a violent snow storm a couple of weeks ago while on the way to the Prince of Wales mine to work. A searching party was organized and worked diligently in the hope of finding the missing man, but were obliged to desist.

A young woman residing with Mrs. Slawson, the spiritualistic medium, on Washington avenue, Ogden, attempted suicide Wednesday night, December 14th, by swallowing seven grains of morphine. The cause is said to be that her husband some weeks ago deserted her, taking all their money, several thousand dollars, with him. He is understood to be a former resident of Logan who met and married the young woman in Chicago. Through the prompt treatment of physicians the woman will recover.

Will Dyer, a young man employed as clerk by the Godbe-Pitts Drug company was the victim of a serious accident Dec. 15, and one that will result in him being disabled for a considerable time. While closing a heavy iron door over one of the openings leading from the sidewalk to the basement under the store, he had the misfortune to drop it on his right foot mashing and badly bruising three toes.

Drs. McAchran and Cantwell attended to the young man's injuries, after which he was removed home.

The S. S. Walker estate has commenced suit in the Third district court against the city of Bountiful et al de-

manding to be decreed the owner of a primary right to the waters of Mill Creek in Davis county, to the extent of one-fourth of the stream for fifty-one hours from April 1st to October 1st in each year. The plaintiff also asks that the defendants be enjoined from interfering with its use of the water or from in any way obstructing the flow. The plaintiff owns 105 acres of land near Bountiful and has used the waters in dispute for the past fifteen years.

A meeting of the Ogden school board was held Friday night, December 15. From the superintendent's report it appears that during the past month there were 1506 boys and 1418 girls enrolled, a total of 2924, which is the largest monthly enrollment ever recorded in this city. In 1891 the enrollment for November was 2,763; in 1892, 2,511; in 1893, 2,924. The percentage of attendance is lower this year, which appears from comparison: In 1891, 93 per cent; in 1892, 93 per cent; in 1893, 91.2. The reduction is due to sickness at present prevailing.

On Saturday evening Union Pacific coal mine No. 7, seven miles from Evanston, Wyoming, was discovered to be on fire, and there is danger that the mine will have to be closed for a considerable time and perhaps permanently. Efforts to put out the fire with water failed, so all vent holes are to be closed up in the hope of extinguishing the flames. A large force of men will be thrown out of work by the disaster. There are fears that the fire cannot be put out, and that No. 7 will become like No. 4, which has been on fire for ten years. The flames broke out on the fifth level, 900 feet below the level of the ground.

A large number of the younger employes of the Provo Woolen Mills walked into the office Dec. 14 and demanded a part of their pay in cash, they having recently received their pay in cloth and produce. In the event of a refusal to comply with their demands, they threatened to strike. Mr. Reed Smoot addressed the employes, representing that the institution was running at a loss, and could not pay cash. If the employes could better their circumstances by leaving their looms and spindles, they were invited to do so. After considering the matter, they concluded the better plan would be to continue at work.

The good people of Hinckley will celebrate the anniversary of the Prophet Joseph Smith at the meeting house on Saturday, December 23rd, says the Millard county *Blade*. The exercises of the reunion will commence at 10:30 in the morning with music by the Hinckley brass band. Robert W. Reese will be master of ceremonies. Elaborate programs have been arranged for both morning and afternoon exercises, and there will be an intermission of half an hour, interspersed with music by the band, and a picnic. The citizens of Deseret, Oasis and vicinity are cordially invited to attend and participate.

The question of removing the county seat of Sanpete from Manti is again being agitated. The proposition to change it to Mt. Pleasant was defeated by a vote of the people some time since,