

A well attended meeting of Mutual Improvement association officers of the Salt Lake Stake was held in the Assembly Hall at 11 a. m. Sunday, at which time Elder James E. Talmage delivered an address bearing mainly upon the duties of officers in the associations, to members. The address was replete with telling points and greatly appreciated by all present.

In the evening at 8:15, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, an audience of no small proportions assembled in the Tabernacle. After singing by the choir and prayer by Elder B. H. Roberts, Elder Talmage arose and for the space of one hour held his hearers greatly interested in the delivery of a lecture on educational duties.

These addresses are but the beginning of a series to be delivered monthly to the young people during the winter, and the interest taken in the initial numbers say the M. I. A. officers, proves conclusively that knowledge is being eagerly sought after, and that the lectures given will redound with great benefit to those especially who ally themselves with the mutual improvement associations. The speaker next month will be Elder B. H. Roberts.

"There is no danger whatever—absolutely none." Such was the emphatic and unmistakable answer of Captain Willard Young, present city engineer, when questioned by a NEWS representative this afternoon with reference to the marching of organizations of the national guard in the joint building.

Continuing, Mr. Young said, "There isn't even the remotest possibility of anything out of the ordinary happening. It is true that there may be the vibration complained of but there will be vibration in any building even with the tramping across the floor of one man. Without any disrespect to the grand jury I will say it didn't know what it was talking about when it raised this scare."

Other well informed persons, including a number of architects declare that the marching of the militia may be continued with the utmost safety. The point that the grand jury lays so much stress on, that soldiers in crossing a bridge are required to break step in order that the strain may be lessened, is held to be no argument at all, for the reason that they proceed in a continuous column making the vibration incessant, whereas the marches in the joint building are short and the halts frequent.

FOOFIELD, Utah,
December 12th, 1895.

Brother John H. Davis met with a serious accident on Monday evening. As he went into the barn to get his mule to go to work on the night shift in No. 1 mine at Winter Quarters, one of the mules in the barn kicked him in the face, cutting a large gash under the left eye. He was unconscious for some time, and Dr. Smith was summoned, who found it necessary to put in several stitches to close the wound. Though it came near causing his death, he is now improving nicely.

Brother and Sister Richard T. Evans had the misfortune to bury their baby last week.

The Winter Quarters mine has been

working pretty steady of late. The Scofield mine is not doing so well.

Assistant General Superintendent George L. Black, of the U. P. Coal Co., paid a visit to the Scofield mine yesterday.

The leading topic about the mines the last day or two is as to who will be our next State mine inspector. Among those mentioned as being aspirants for the office are Wm. Parmaley and Gomer Thomas, of Coalville; W. Carr and Alex McLean, of Castle Gate, and Thomas Lloyd of Scofield.

A MORMON FOY.

The people of West Jordan convened at 10 o'clock Sunday, Dec. 15th, 1895, in Goff's hall, on the east side of the Jordan river, when a new ward was organized, to be known as the East Jordan ward, the boundaries of which are as follows: On the east by the State road, on the north by the south line of South Cottonwood ward, on the south by the north line of Sandy ward, and on the west by the river Jordan.

The Saints were addressed by Elder Abraham H. Cannon, of the council of the Twelve, and Elders Angus M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor, of the presidency of the Stake.

A spirit of union prevailed, and Elders Hyrum Goff, John P. Pearson and Joseph B. Wright were ordained to the bishopric of said ward, under the hands of Elders Abraham H. Cannon, Angus M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor.

At 2 o'clock, the Saints assembled in the West Jordan meeting house, when Bishop John A. Egbert selected Daniel R. Bateman as his first counselor, to fill the place made vacant by Brother Hyrum Goff, who was ordained Bishop of the East Jordan ward in the morning. Elder Bateman was set apart under the hands of Elder Abraham H. Cannon, assisted by the presidency of the Stake and Bishop Egbert.

Valuable instructions were imparted by Elders Abraham H. Cannon and Angus M. Cannon.

The esteem and respect in which the late Joseph M. Watson, councilman from the Third precinct, was held by the public, was made manifest in high degree Dec. 17 when all that was mortal of him was tenderly laid away in the city cemetery awaiting the resurrection.

In recognition of his memory and sterling worth the city offices, by executive order, were closed from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. Among those who attended the funeral were all the members of the incoming and outgoing Councils, including Mayor Baskin, President McCornick and Mayor-Elect Glendinning, besides heads of municipal departments and other city employes.

The funeral services were held in the Nineteenth ward meeting house, beginning at 11 o'clock. The interior of the building about the speakers' stand was a veritable hower of floral beauty, while the casket in which the body of the departed councilman peacefully reposed was almost hidden from view by beautiful floral emblems. The services were conducted by Bishop Bartoo, Charley Pike, the boy soprano, assisted by the choir, sang with much feeling the ever popular hymn, "O, My Father." Prayer was offered by Bishop W. B. Preston, after which

the choir sang, "Where the Voice of Friendship's Heard."

The speakers were Elders George G. Bywater, Abraham H. Cannon, Heber J. Grant, Mayor Baskin, Elders Angus M. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith. All spoke in terms of the highest praise of the dead, affirming that he was a citizen of the most sterling character; a man who under no circumstances would intentionally wrong any person and a man whose honor and integrity could never be impeached; one whose generous acts were well known in the community—whose desires were ever to assist those in need, and who could always be trusted in private or public place.

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas-Edward, accompanied by the choir, rendered beautifully "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" after which the services at the meeting house were brought to a close by Elder George D. Romney, of the Twentieth ward, pronouncing the benediction.

There is no longer any doubt as to the proposition to properly observe the admission of Utah into the sisterhood of states. That important event will be attended by elaborate inaugural ceremonies to be held in the Tabernacle, and a grand inaugural ball to be given in the Salt Lake theater or other suitable building.

These are matters that were fully discussed and definitely decided upon at a meeting of the State chairmen of the political parties of the State, held Tuesday forenoon. It was also decided that there should be no partisanship in the celebration, but that it should partake of the nature of an event, the culmination of which should be cause for rejecting of Republican, Democrat and Populist alike. When the committee arose it was after having promulgated the following:

George M. Cannon, chairman of the Republican State Central committee, Chairman O. W. Powers of the Democratic State committee, and Dr. R. A. Hasbrouck, chairman of the People's Party State Central committee, met at Mr. George M. Cannon's office at 11:30 a. m., December 17th, 1895, and organized by electing George M. Cannon, chairman of the committee appointed by the Republican State committee, to arrange for proper inaugural ceremonies of the State officers-elect.

It was unanimously determined by the committee to place the matter of inaugural ball in charge of the Utah National Guard and thereupon selected Adjutant General John Q. Cannon, chairman, Lieutenant F. G. Palmer and Captain W. W. Hall, members of the committee having the same in charge. It was also determined to give to this committee full charge of the parade and the arrangement thereof.

The committee waited upon President Woodruff, and stated that owing to the inclement season of the year, it is desirous to hold the ceremonies in some building having adequate seating capacity. That for this reason the committee desire to obtain the use of the large Tabernacle. In reply President Woodruff stated that he deemed the occasion one of deep interest to every citizen of Utah, and that the Tabernacle will be at the disposal of the committee in accordance with the wish expressed.