

## BRIEF LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

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Elder John V. Bluth has been honorably released from his labors in this office. Brother Bluth arrived in Eng- and July 24, 1893, and was appointed to the editorial department of the *Star*. His health has not been good, yet he has performed his labors faithfully and efficiently. Owing to the effect of the damp climate on his system it was not deemed wise for him to remain during another winter. Our best wishes go with him for his safe return to Zion, and a speedy recovery after arriving there.

The north end of Cache county is becoming noted for its gas wells. A short distance below Smithfield there are two or three families who utilize natural gas for lighting and heating purposes, and last week another flow of gas was struck by Reese Clawson, who was boring an artesian well on John Bingham's farm near Trenton. On reaching a depth of 468 feet a flow of gas was struck, which when ignited, shot a flame fifteen feet into the air. It is believed that gas abounds in that region, and further attempts will be made to secure it.

Collector Leonard has made the following distribution of taxes paid in during October: To the credit of the Territory, \$16,426.67; Territorial school fund, \$20,187.51; city school fund, \$20,233.81; city treasurer, \$34,682.12; total, \$91,530.11.

In addition to these amounts Mr. Leonard has made a payment of nearly \$7,000 to the county and several small sums to the thirty school districts in the county on account of their apical levies. The total tax collections up to date are about \$200,000, and are greater by \$20,000 than the aggregate collections up to October 31, 1893.

J. C. Manning, on behalf of himself and fifteen others, has begun proceedings in Justice Lochrie's court against O. P. Woods, sheriff of Davis county, individually, to recover \$177 for wages earned by the plaintiffs while they served as a sheriff's posse last May in stopping the march of the Industrial Army through Davis county. The county court of Davis county rejected the claims when presented by the sheriff, and the parties now sue the sheriff as an individual. When the case comes to trial a question of the jurisdiction of a Salt Lake justice to pass on a Davis county case will be raised.

Jane McCall has filed a \$14,000 damage suit against the Rio Grande Western Railway company in the Third district court. She sets forth that her husband, John McCall, was run over and killed by a switch engine on defendant's line of road on Sixth West street between First and Second South streets, on October 31, 1892, his death being caused by negligence. This is Mrs. McCall's second suit against the company. The first was filed on November 3, 1892, and when it came up for hearing on May 2nd of the present year the defendant's were granted a non-suit. Now her counsel will endeavor to present her case in such a way that a motion for a non-suit will not prevail and thus get the matter before the jury.

Gov. West has appointed the following gentlemen as delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Congress to be held in St. Louis on Monday, November 26th: George Q. Cannon, George M. Scott, Moses Thatcher, Richard McIntosh, L. W. Shurtliff, C. C. Goodwin, John Henry Smith, Will G. Sharp, J. D. Jones and W. H. Culmer.

Mayor Baskin has named Hon. George Q. Cannon, W. S. McCornick, Hadley D. Johnson and A. Milton Musser as delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Congress, which will be held at St. Louis on November 26th, and to the South and West Trades congress to be held at New Orleans on November 21st.

OGDEN, Oct. 31.—Wm. Glasmann, editor and manager of the *Ogden Standard*, was arrested three times this afternoon for criminal libel, at the instance of L. R. Rogers, a prominent Ogden attorney. He was taken before Judge Smith and required to give \$3,000 bonds, which was afterwards reduced to \$1,000, and this was secured, his bondsmen being Samuel Burt, Dr. Conway, W. W. Miller and F. F. Fife.

The cause of the arrest doubtless grows out of the publication of articles in the *Standard* bitterly opposing Rogers's candidacy as delegate to the Constitutional Convention; this morning's issues particularly severe and personal in its attack, referring to what it calls Rogers's "record" as attorney, agent and county prosecutor, and calling upon the people of the county to defeat him.

There was a most unfortunate and lamentable fatality at Langton's lime quarry, north of and above the Warm Springs between nine and ten o'clock Saturday. The victim was Carl F. Bergstrom, a resident of Superior addition in North Salt Lake.

It appears that Bergstrom and a fellow workman named Keiser were engaged in overturning a big rock when suddenly a boulder, weighing half a ton or more, was loosened about 30 feet above them. It fell with tremendous force striking Bergstrom squarely on the upper part of his body killing him instantly and continuing its course to the bottom of the mountains.

Bergstrom's head, face and shoulders were crushed to an unrecognizable and horrible mass. Coroner Taylor was notified and had the body removed to Skewes's undertaking establishment where an inquest will be held on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The deceased was a native of Sweden and came to Utah about seven years ago. During his residence here he proved himself to be an honest, earnest and industrious man and was universally respected by all who knew him. He was about 28 years old and leaves a wife and three small children to mourn his untimely death.

PROVO, Nov. 3.—Deputy Marshal Norrell has returned from a two weeks' hunt in the San Raphael country, for Kofford and Mickel, the murderers of Sheriff Burns. He is satisfied that they are still in that country, and has information which makes him certain that the rumors in regard to the escape of the criminals to Wyoming or Mexico are entirely unfounded.

While he did not succeed in locating

their hiding place he learned that they have been in communication with a Provo attorney, through the brother of Kofford. Deputy Marshal Fowler had received confirmation from the sheriff of Sanpete county previous to the return of Mr. Norrell that he (Norrell) had discovered the hiding place of the fugitives, and wanted Mr. Fowler to come or send officers to his aid. This advice, however, proves to be wrong.

There is no doubt about Kofford and Mickel having communicated with an attorney in Provo, as he has told Marshal Fowler that such is the case. He has advised the murderers to give themselves up, and claims that they have a good defense. Believing that his advice will be followed he has requested the marshal to take no action in regard to their capture, till his negotiations with his clients are closed or declared off. These facts render extremely probable Marshal Fowler's predictions, which he has made all along since his return from the unsuccessful trip after the murderers, that the officers would yet capture the murderers.

Torrents of rain, peals of thunder and flashes of lightning did not October 31st prevent hoodlums all over the city from "celebrating" Halloween in a manner that seems to have grown characteristic of the occasion here as well as elsewhere.

An encyclopaedic definition of Halloween is that "it is a night when witches, devils and other mischief-making beings are all abroad on their baneful midnight errands; particularly those aerial people, fairies, are said on that night to hold a grand anniversary."

Such a night did the sport-loving youths of this city make of Halloween last night. It is not suspected for a moment that there were any fanciful creatures such as fairies abroad in this community, for there is nothing fanciful, shadowy or unreal about the boys of Salt Lake. On the contrary they are painfully real as shown by some of their work last night and attested to today by citizens from the four extremes of the municipality. Gates were broken from their hinges and carried in some instances, blocks away and hung on the tops of electric light and telephone poles, hidden in cellars, ditches and other places; footbridges were torn up and destroyed, wagons were run off the owner's premises, his horses were placed in his neighbor's barn and vice versa. Windows were demolished by stones and everywhere are numerous evidences of vandalism and lawlessness.

The wine producers of California says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, have joined in an organization for their "mutual benefit." This has been brought about only after many months of planning and attempts to form different organizations. First the attempt was made to combine grape-growers, wine-makers and wine-dealers, but a failure resulted on account of one or two large dealers who refused to enter into the combine. Then an attempt was made to get together all the grape-growers and wine-makers, but this also failed, principally because it was impossible to satisfy such a large number of men with partially conflicting interest.