

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PAROWAN, Utah, Nov. 8.—A fire broke out in a barn belonging to Wm. Hunt of Paragonah last night, destroying the barn, hay, harness and grain to the value of \$400. No clue as to how the fire started.

The claim of Contractor J. H. Bowman in the sum of \$27,927.78 for breach of contract, extras, etc., on the joint city and county building has been thrown out by the county court. The next thing will, it is believed, be the filing of a suit against the city and county.

The legal arguments by counsel on the demurrer to indictment charging Private Edward C. Sheffield, a soldier stationed at Fort Douglas, Lieut. Buck and Sergeant Linze with murder in the second degree—namely, the killing of Joe Leonard—were made before Judge Zane this week.

A letter from the Letter-day Saints' European publishing office, 42 Islington, Liverpool, addressed to "Mr. Matthew Reynolds, Hooper, Weber Co., Utah," has been forwarded to this office for the owner, who is not known at Hooper. Does anybody know where the letter will find him?

Thursday Sheriff Loveland of Box Elder county brought to Ogden a man named William Brown, who is charged with the very serious offense of robbing the United States mail at Brigham City. The prisoner was arraigned before Commissioner Coburn, where he waived examination. He was turned over to Marshal Exum and was next night taken to the penitentiary, where he will await the action of the grand jury.

The people of Huntsville and Eden have lately missed a number of cattle which they could not account for. Last Wednesday Sheriff Belnap set out for that locality with a view of determining the cause. Suspicion had rested on one Hyrum Farrell, and the sheriff, accompanied by the constable of Eden, went to Farrell's ranch where they discovered in the brush near by over twenty hides with the brands cut out. Farrell was immediately arrested and will probably have a hearing today.

Annie E. Evans, some few years since, was granted a divorce from her husband, Howell Evans, by the Probate court of Weber county; alimony to be paid monthly, was also allowed. Mr. Evans continued paying the stipulated alimony until about two months ago when he married again and the income to the lady stopped. She has now petitioned the probate court for an order requiring her former husband to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt in refusing to pay the money. The hearing of the petition was set for Nov. 23, when the question will probably be raised as to whether the probate court has jurisdiction in divorce proceedings.

The register and receiver of the local land office have received from the general land office at Washington news of an interesting and important

nature to settlers in the neighborhood of Rush Lake valley, southwest of the Oquirrh range. The acting commissioner says:

"The Rush Lake Valley Military reservation, Utah, has been relinquished by the war department, and transferred to the interior department, for disposal under the act of July 5, 1884."

Under the instructions given, all settlers who occupied any portion of the reservation prior to January 1, 1884, now have the opportunity of making homestead entries thereon.

At Gosben, Utah, yesterday, Nov. 13, there occurred the funeral services over the remains of the late Eleazar Edwards, who died on Saturday, of pneumonia, after a few days' illness. The remarks of the speakers were of a nature very consoling to the relatives of the deceased from the fact that so much that was good could be said of him. Elder Edwards was an unassuming man, yet one who was possessed of great earnestness and energy in whatever he undertook. He was one of the early missionaries to Wales, and while there labored with great assiduity and untiring zeal to spread a knowledge of the Gospel. He was in the 70th year of his age at the time of his death.

Mrs. William N. Byers, president of the Working Boys' Home at Denver, makes a strong appeal to the charitable people of that city and vicinity to assist in maintaining the Home by substantial gifts. Here is a sample paragraph reproduced for the reason it shows that some good Samaritan from Utah is not forgetful of the institution:

"Will not our friends in Greeley send us some potatoes? We see such fine ones from there, in the markets, and cannot some large-hearted farmer bring us a load of alfalfa for our cow? All these things are of great help to us. We regard very highly the gentleman in Utah (a stranger to us), who sends us \$5 a month, for use in buying bread for our boys. There is but little money subscribed, and it is difficult to collect even that, times are so hard, but we dare make this appeal, feeling that it would be a crime indeed, to close this home, and return these helpless kids into misery, want and crime from which they were rescued."

Wm. W. Wilson was injured in an altercation with James G. Jack, and his death occurred about a week ago in Salt Lake City from inflammation of the bowels, caused by a dislocation of the intestines, resulting from a kick or fall while in a row, says the *Manti Messenger*. Dr. W. H. Olsten, of Ephraim, was called and apparently had the patient in a fair way toward recovery when a relapse necessitated a surgical operation being performed. Dr. W. J. Hosford took him to Salt Lake City on Saturday, where the operation was performed. He continued to get worse till Saturday morning, when he died.

James G. Jack had a hearing before Justice Joseph Judd on Thursday, on the charge of voluntary manslaughter. The charge was made because of the

unfortunate trouble that occasioned the death of Wallace Wilson. After an examination of a few witnesses the justice held Jack in \$1500 bonds for his appearance before the grand jury. The bonds were furnished. J. W. Hogan, O. F. Coolidge and John Reinhart being the bondsmen, Jack was set at liberty pending the action of the grand jury.

No cross-examination of witnesses was made by the defense in the case of Oscar E. Hill, indicted for embezzlement. When the prosecution rested the defendant's attorneys said: "We have no evidence to put in."

The case was thereupon submitted to the jury after the charge had been made by Judge Miner. An agreement was entered into that a verdict on each of the two indictments should be brought in and the jury retired. In fifteen minutes they returned with the verdict according to the instruction. After this announcement had been made Judge Judd, who had appeared in the case in connection with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Maginnis, recommended the defendant to the mercy of the court, and suggested that five years, the lowest possible punishment, on each count be given.

The statutory time for sentence was waived and the judgment of five years in the Territorial penitentiary on each of the two counts was rendered, the sentences to run concurrently.

Mrs. Hill, who had been by her husband's side during the trying ordeal, now completely broke down, and was led to the marshal's office. Hill was taken to the penitentiary.

There was a terrific explosion at the Electric Light Works on Saturday evening a few minutes after the last edition of the News went to press, and as a result the entire city was in darkness until an early hour yesterday morning. The explosion was caused, by the bursting of a defective boiler connection, something that surprised and mystified the chief engineer who says there was only the ordinary amount of steam on when the accident occurred.

For a time the greatest excitement prevailed, as there were many who feared that some of the other boilers might burst. The fire department was called out and soon had several streams playing on the furnace fires. After they were extinguished it was discovered that an immense hole had been blown in the roof. Great volumes of steam rushed through the opening, and drops of water in the form of a miniature rainstorm were precipitated on persons a block away. These were astonished beyond measure until the cause was learned. The damage to the works will reach several hundred dollars. That the engineers and machinists escaped unharmed is marvelous.

Deputy Marshal Fowler, of Provo, arrived in the city Saturday, Nov. 11, having in his late keeping Puit Foote, the notorious gambler and hold-up, whose achievements in that direction are doubtless still fresh in the minds of the public. Among his acts while in Salt Lake, it will be remembered that one night, some two years ago, stole quietly into a gambling room over an East Temple street saloon and while the "company" were seated,