

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The general merchandise store of M. J. Hardin, near the U. P. depot, took fire at about 8:30 p. m. Saturday.

The fire was in the attic, and proved difficult to extinguish. The whole place was saturated with water. The loss will be several thousand dollars.

The headquarters of the Eastern States Mission has been changed from 48 Sands street to 50 Concord street, Brooklyn, N. Y., three minutes walk from Brooklyn bridge.

B. W. RICHARDS,
President of mission.

Brother Anthon Pehrson has returned home from a twenty-seven months' mission to Sweden. He labored during the entire time in the Stockholm conference, part of the time in the extreme northern part, in the Norrland branch, and the remainder in Upsala.

Brigham City Bugler. The Bear River valley will in a few years be one vast orchard. Dr. Roche will set fifty acres to apple orchard next spring; the Corlune nurseries will furnish the trees. This nursery has the finest shaped trees we have seen. It is plain to be seen the next industry will be canning factories.

THISTLE JUNCTION,

Utah, July 14.

The worst rain and hail storm ever known visited Inulandola and the north end of Sanpete county yesterday afternoon, doing immense damage to grain and hay. Many farms are covered with sand and mud. A number of families had to move to higher ground to escape the flood. The railroad bed is damaged in places.

Two human skeletons have been unearthed by the grading contractors on the Western's extension. One was that of a white man four feet below the surface, near the mouth of Sevier canyon. The well-preserved bones of an Indian were discovered at a depth of seventeen feet near Eagle Rock tunnel, several miles up the same canyon. Stories of spooks among the rugged cliffs will soon be rife.—Richfield Advocate.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman: Governor McCennell is in receipt of a letter from Hon. H. R. Whitman, ex-president of the Transmississippi congress, asking his opinion as to the time best suited for holding the next session of the congress, which is to convene in Salt Lake. The Salt Lake people suggest September, but the governor has written advising that the meeting be postponed till after the election in November, suggesting Monday, the 16th of that month, as an appropriate time.

A number of the wards and a few of the Elders quorums in the Salt Lake Stake of Zion having failed to send in their reports, for the six months ending June 30th, 1896, they will please see that these reports, full and complete, are forthcoming as soon as possible.

The Stake secretaries of the different organizations are also reminded of their reports.

JAMES D. STIRLING,
Clerk of Stake.

About 8:30 Saturday Mr. Pollard, the gentleman who had charge of the construction of the floats at the recent carnival, was busy in the Continental market, where he took up a "sky" rocket and lighted it. While he held it in his right hand the rocket exploded, shattering the member badly. The hand was so severely mangled that it looked as though the whole member was torn to pieces to the wrist. Mr. Pollard was placed in a carriage and was immediately driven to a surgeon's office to receive the necessary attention.

Bountiful Clipper: As usual, Bishop Egan of South Bountiful has given considerable employment to the young folks of Bountiful picking straw berries. At one time when the season was at its best he had twenty-five hands employed who picked as high as 200 cases of fifteen cups each, a day, some of the pickers making as much as \$2 a day, getting a cent a cup for picking. Last year he picked on the 25th of May and this not until the middle of June; this together with the low price he says makes it so that he will not realize as much profit as some other years. He has about a three acre patch.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 9, 1896.

Will you please announce that Elders Karl S. Fackrell and Ezra Christiansen have been called to introduce the Gospel in this city? They would be pleased to receive the names and addresses of those here with whom any of your readers may be acquainted, with a view of making their mission known to them. If the people of Utah who have friends or relatives here will interest themselves in this matter much good may be the result.

In writing, address either of the Elders named above at St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,
EZRA CHRISTIANSEN.

Deputy Sheriff Guthrie Friday again arrested James H. Bacon, Harvey M. Bacon, Wm. B. Holland and Frank L. Holland, respectively banker, agent, teller and clerk of the Bank of Salt Lake, in criminal actions. One of the complaints is signed by Wm. B. Ford, who alleges that on June 20 the defendants accepted from him a deposit of \$800. The other is sworn to by C. C. Merritt and charges that the defendants, on June 22, 1896, accepted from the plaintiff a cash and check deposit of \$248.90.

It is alleged that on both occasions the defendants were aware of the fact that the bank was insolvent.

Justice Harvey will conduct the hearing.

The county surveyor is working on the plans for the drainage canal from the basin lakes near Granger to the Great Salt Lake. The canal will prove of inestimable value to farms in this valley. At present the irrigation waters from the higher ground drains the mineral from its surface and runs on to the lower farms, some of which have become mineralized to such an extent as to almost ruin them. A drainage canal from the lakes to the Jordan

river was surveyed, but people in the north end of the county objected to its construction on the grounds of mineralization, so it was abandoned. The present canal, however, drains the water immediately into the Great Salt Lake and will greatly enhance the value of bottom farms, some of which are now assessed at \$5 per acre.

On July 7th fifty years ago Joseph Stay and Sarah Pearce were made man and wife in merry old England.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., their children, grandchildren and friends, including Bishop Joseph Warburton, met at their residence No. 738 S. Wellington avenue, to celebrate the happy event, and congratulate them on their "golden wedding."

After the aged couple had received the congratulations and good wishes of their host of friends, the company of between thirty and forty did justice to a well filled table spread under the shade of some magnificent trees in front of their home. After partaking of refreshments the evening was spent in quiet enjoyment. Long life and happiness to the bashful groom and blushing bride!

Heber Randall, aged about 32, a resident of B street, was seriously injured about 10:30 Friday night. He was exhilarated by the silver prospect and something else, and indulged in the juvenile pastime of setting off fire crackers. These did not explode with sufficient rapidity to please his fancy, so he brought out a can of gun powder and threw a portion of the stuff on the ignited crackers. The flash from the loose powder caught that in the can. The result was a loud explosion, which brought the people of the neighborhood out on the street to see what was the matter. They found Randall on his back, and very badly injured. An examination by Dr. Bowers showed that his right wrist was fractured, and the thumb so shattered as to render amputation of that member probable. His arms and face were severely scorched, but as his eyes were closed for the time being, it was not ascertained whether they were detrimentally affected.

Thursday a man was found dead in a ditch alongside the Union Pacific track near Murray. He had apparently been killed by a moving train and was probably stealing a ride and fell off.

When found he was lying on his face, with his arms under his head, in a very small ditch full of water alongside the track. A few feet from where he lay was found a pool of blood, and the theory is that after falling from the train he crawled a few feet to where he was found.

There was only one wound which the coroner was able to find, and that was in the back of the head—a large gash revealing the brain through the crushed skull.

The dead man wore a pair of blue overalls, a blue shirt and dark vest. There was no coat or hat anywhere about the place where he was found and so far no papers or letters, or anything else to disclose his identity have been discovered.

He appeared to have been a working-man about 35 years old, 5 feet 9 inches in height and was of stout build, with sandy hair and mustache.