

of directors may decide upon. John W. Donnellan is president, W. H. Rowe vice president, George M. Cannon secretary, and George M. Downey treasurer.

The daring gang of burglars that has made this camp the scene of operations for several months, have not been idle this week, says the *Tintic Miner*. The other night they held a man up in the alley back of the Oxford saloon, and relieved him of an overcoat and some articles of value. On the following night several chicken roasts were "touched" for Thanksgiving treasures, and then wound up the night by breaking into the car on the sidetrack of the Rio Grande Western, which was almost filled with the merchandise from the Tucker & Wallace stock, and helped themselves quite liberally. Mr. Dunning estimates the loss at about \$1500, the burglars having made a careful selection from the finest shirts, underwear and clothing. They also took the contents of the jewelry case, and damaged some fine shirts by tramping upon them. Suspicion points to several parties, but as yet the officers have no positive clue to work upon. The loss will fall upon the railway company, and they will doubtless sift the matter thoroughly.

The city newsboys were guests of honor Thursday and enjoyed themselves as they never did before. The program outlined in Wednesday's NEWS was carried out with a number of additional interesting features.

The little fellows were up with early morn and commenced to throng the barber shop of James and Habbish as soon as it was open to have their hair trimmed and combed.

During the noon hour nearly one hundred of them sported in the waters of the Sanitarium. From one until two o'clock they were at Wonderland at the expense of the *Tribune*. Then followed the big turkey dinner with all of its elegant etceteras, at which speeches were made by Colonel Lett, who, with his son Will, gave the dinner, Judge Goodwin, Mayor Baskin and Dr. Utter.

After dinner the *Herald* sent the boys for a ride about the city in Grant Bros. splendid carriages. At night they attended May Blossom at the Theater as a compliment from the DESERET NEWS. They wore buttonhole bouquets gratuitously furnished by the Lafayette Floral establishment.

All things considered it was probably the happiest day in the lives of the youthful guests and will be long remembered by them.

Class Hite is again a free man, Governor West having granted him a free pardon on Wednesday evening, and his liberation followed Nov. 30. Hite was tried at Provo for the murder of Adolph Kohler at Green River, Emery county, on September 9, 1891. At the trial, the defense claimed that the killing was done in self-defense, and introduced very strong testimony to establish this. On October 13, 1892, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, and Judge Blackburn sentenced Hite to twelve years' imprisonment. The case was carried up on appeal, but the judgment of the lower court was affirmed and a movement to secure a pardon set on foot.

The petition to the governor was indorsed by Vice-President Stevenson, Senator Palmer, Senator Cullom and others, while the local signers were numerous and included nearly all of the jurors who found Hite guilty. Governor West has had the matter under close consideration for some time, but his decision was not made public until Wednesday night.

Charles F. Young has also been pardoned by the governor. He is a mere boy and was convicted on September 23 last in the Third District court of burglary and sent to the reform school until he attained his majority. The prosecuting attorney and others of standing endorsed the recommendation for pardon.

RIVERTON, Salt Lake County, Dec. 4.—The heavy windstorm of Friday night did considerable damage here in the way of scattering haystacks and moving loose articles generally. The disturbance was fully as great as the storm of last April, which came from the southwest and unroofed three houses. This time the wind was from the northeast.

The house of John Thorn was the only one unroofed on the present occasion. The family were absent at the time, so no one was injured. Mr. Thorn got his neighbors to assist him in re-covering his domicile.

The most serious affair was at a house a little farther on. The structure was a one-room brick. A lady and her little child were asleep at the time the wind came up. Shortly after 10 p. m. it struck the house with such force that the gable was blown in down to the eave. The mass of about 500 bricks and some timbers from the ceiling came in with a great crash and landed on the bed seven to ten feet below. The bed and its occupants were borne to the floor, the lady and child being completely buried under the bricks, mortar and timber. Fortunately the bedding and the crossing of the timbers afforded them partial protection. As it was, the lady received a severe gash four or five inches long on the head. She freed herself from the mass of debris, but could not remove the child, so hastened across the street for assistance, the blood streaming from the gaping wound. Help was quickly at hand, even in the midst of the gale, and the child was taken out comparatively uninjured. The mother also was properly taken care of and her injuries are not regarded as dangerous, though her system received a severe shock.

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A rather surprising discovering has just been made in regard to the returns of the recent election for superintendent of schools for Salt Lake county. According to the official canvass W. B. Ashton, the Republican nominee, was elected over D. R. Allen, his Democratic opponent for the same office by the small majority of two votes.

Mr. Ashton, on this showing, was given the certificate of election, filed his bond and duly qualified and has been receiving the congratulations of his friends on what seemed to be his certain success.

It appears that a gentleman living at Fort Herriman noticed that the official count of the ballots of that place gave Ashton 21 votes and Allen 7,

making a total of 28 when in fact it is shown that only 23 votes were cast in the precinct, 16 of which went for Ashton and 7 for Allen. If this proves to be true in every particular, as Republicans and Democrats alike concede it now without question, then Allen is elected. But Ashton has qualified and there is the trouble. The canvassing board has finished its labors and adjourned. The Utah commission has done likewise. Ashton, it is said, is willing to resign, having no desire to occupy an office to which he was not elected. But that attorneys on both sides say will simply leave the office vacant, to be filled by appointment. There is another solution suggested and an effectual one. That is to contest the matter in the courts. Allen, however, is loth to do this and manifests the same spirit of friendliness and good will as does Mr. Ashton. The young men were boys and students together and have no desire to antagonize each other. It is stated, though, that a friendly suit may be brought to give Allen legal possession of the office. Altogether it is the most interesting case with which this community has been confronted for a long time.

Upon the petition of both the candidate, the board of canvassers appointed by the Utah Commission made a re-canvass of the returns of Fort Herriman precinct, and on December 5th, as amended, they were received at the office of Territorial Secretary Richards, accompanied by the original list.

Appended to the returns is an explanatory note signed by the board of canvassers (Messrs. A. N. Cherry, W. H. Lett and Heber M. Wells) certifying that on a former canvass of the votes recorded at the general county election, held on November 7th, an error was made in recording the vote of Fort Herriman precinct for the office of county superintendent of district schools, for the reason that on the face of the returns, the figures as entered by the judges of election showed that B. W. Ashton received 21 votes and David R. Allen 7 votes, whereas the tally sheet showed that Ashton received 16 and Allen 7. They now found upon examination of the poll book that there were but 23 in all cast in the precinct, and therefore concluded that the tally list gives the correct number of votes recorded for each of the candidates.

Benny Birch met with a bad accident on Thanksgiving day, says the Summit county *Chronicle*. He was riding a fractious broncho up on the Court House hill when the animal took to bucking, throwing Benny high in the air, and when he struck the ground it was in such a position that his right leg was broken between the knee and hip. He will be laid up for some time.

One of the men employed in the round house, says the Tucson, Ariz., *Star*, made a startling discovery while under an engine which had a little time before come in from the east. He saw something hanging to the ash-pan and upon pulling the object down was horrified to find that it was a part of a human body. The unsightly mass was carried some distance from the round house and buried.