

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Captain Ransford Smith died at his residence on Jefferson avenue Saturday evening at 8:20. He was a Democrat and took a leading part in local politics; in 1876 he was a candidate for delegate to Congress. Arrangements for the funeral have not been announced.

Joseph, a sixteen-year-old son of Elder C. D. Fjeldsted, died of rheumatism of the heart on Tuesday last, and was buried on Thursday, the funeral services being held at the Sixth ward meeting house. He had been ill for a long time, as a result of too frequent bathing and getting wet through while fishing, during the summer. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community.

Wm. Harrison, formerly of Salt Lake City, died Sunday morning. He has been ailing for some time, and since Christmas day has been confined to his bed. Brother Harrison was past 66 years of age and leaves a large family. He conducted a large hardware business on East Temple street, in Salt Lake City, many years ago; but business reverses came and caused him to suspend. Since that time he has lived in Provo, and has been engaged in a tinware and store business on a small scale.

On Monday evening two little girls, aged 10 and 5 years respectively, daughters of W. Watson of the Fourth ward, Provo, and a little boy, four years old, son of James Simmons, were coasting near the factory race in the north part of town. They were all on one sled and accidentally ran into the race. The largest girl succeeded in getting out unaided, and called for help to rescue the smaller children, who had drifted some distance. They were rescued just in time to save their lives, and have fully recovered from their unpleasant experience.

In the Fourth district court Judge Smith gave a decision in the case of the Commercial National Bank vs Ogden City. His honor held that where property upon which taxes was due, both county and city, was sold for taxes and bid in by the county, the collector could only collect cost for a certificate of sale to the county and not from the city also. It has been the custom to make out a certificate to the county and also a certificate of sale to the city, making double costs. The judge's decision is that the certificate of sale given to the city is void, the county holding the city's share of the taxes in trust.

Mr. C. J. Lambert, of Granger, this county, tells of a very remarkable discovery which he made a few days since. A cow of his took sick several months ago and continued falling ever since, until she got so weak she could not get up without assistance.

Being curious to know what was the cause of the sickness, and realizing that the animal could not recover, Mr. Lambert killed her and made an examination. As a result he found a piece of wire about four inches long had penetrated the heart to the center. The heart was cut open and it was

found that the hole on the inside was about as large as a lead pencil, and on the outside where the wire had entered the hole was over an inch in diameter.

It is expected that the Sugar Works at Lehi will close about the 10th of the month; all the beets on hand will be cut by Saturday, the 5th, and the output of the factory for the season will be nearly 5,500,000 pounds of sugar; 32,390 tons of beets have been used, shipped from the following places:

Lehi	8,270 tons
Spanish Fork	5,760 "
Springville	5,180 "
Mapleton	2,220 "
Benjamin	2,180 "
Bingham Junction	2,140 "
Atwood's Switch	1,540 "
Payson	1,420 "
Provo	1,000 "
Draper	700 "
Lake View	620 "
Syracuse	540 "
Pleasant Grove	390 "
American Fork and Alpine	140 "
Geneva	140 "
Farmers Ward	100 "
Colorado	80 "

The great pumpkin which has been exhibited in the show window of Z. C. M. I. for thirty days, and upon which great numbers have exhibited their powers of guessing at the number of seeds therein, was decided on New Year's Eve, before a large number of interested persons, with the following result:

Ladies' guess.—Mrs Pearl Richards, Ogden, guessed 576; Miss Dorothy Orin, 827 Second street, Salt Lake City, 577; Mrs. A. J. Davis, Center Ward, Salt Lake City, 567.

Gentlemen's guess.—Prof. F. W. Metcalf, Salt Lake City, 575; Mr. David Carlson, 540 north First West street, Salt Lake City, 590; Mr. Thos. Winters, 576 west Second South street, Salt Lake City, 556.

The pumpkin contained 574 seeds. The first prize was fifteen dollars in cash, the second, ten dollars, cash, the third, one pair fine patent leather shoes for gentlemen, and for the ladies' third, one pair finest French kid shoes. The winners are invited to call for their respective prizes.

MOAB, Utah,

December 30, 1894.

In the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS of December 25th a statement is made that "W. E. Davis is serving a term of eight months in the county jail for the murder of Brock."

Davis is not in jail but boards at a hotel when he is in town. There is no doubt but he killed Brock, Duce and Miller at or near their places. I approved bills to the amount of \$100 to pay for coffins for their bodies. Can any one say some people are not born lucky when a man can kill three men and only get a sentence of eight months in jail, and serve it out by boarding at a hotel at the county's expense while others have to occupy the cells when there is nothing proved against them?

JEFFERSON A. HUFF,

Probate Judge.

P. S.—I have written this because I presume you want the truth to prevail.

J. A. H.

Friday afternoon Aleck Jennings

and Al Davis concluded to go duck hunting, and went to the residence of John Davis to get a gun and a horse and buggy. The loaded gun was placed against the side of the box stall and Mr. Davis began to harness the horse. He heard the report of a gun, and when he turned around he saw Mr. Jennings with his arm raised and the blood streaming from a wound in his left wrist. Mr. Davis wrapped a muffler around the wounded arm and they set out for Dr. McCuslain's office where it was found that a charge of duck shot had passed through the wrist inflicting so serious a wound that amputation of the hand was necessary. Mr. Jennings declares that he does not know how the gun went off, and the only theory is that he accidentally touched it and it was discharged in falling. The gun was a hammerless Mallard gun and a light jar is said to be sufficient to discharge it, if left in a position ready to be fired.

A gang of city prisoners, desperate and determined, made a partially successful attempt to secure their liberty last night and thus evade the necessity of facing the grand jury, to whom they have been held for serious offenses.

It was as early as seven o'clock in the evening that the department was made aware of the attempted delivery. The discovery was made by Officer Sheets and Patrolman Carey. As they were passing along State street they heard a constant hammering in the southwest corner of the jail and at once reported the matter to Chief Pratt, who gave directions that the jail be surrounded, an order that was quickly and quietly carried out. Then ensued a period of waiting for the prisoners to finish their work and get out. Soon a large stone fell from the wall, revealing an opening amply large enough to admit of a man's body to pass through. Then came two of the jail breakers, J. W. Russell and "Tom" Brown, both of whom were gathered in without delay by the officers.

The NEWS learns from Mr. L. A. Bailey, its Nephi correspondent who is now in this city, of an unfortunate and fatal accident at that place Friday.

The information received by him is to the effect that Peter Norton, a well-known and highly respected Nephi citizen was out sleigh riding at the time of the fatality. He had occasion to leave the sleigh for a few minutes in charge of his little boy. Suddenly the team took fright and started to run. He called to the little boy to jump but the little fellow did not seem able to do so. Mr. Norton started in pursuit but was unable to overtake his horses. Gradually he slackened his pace and was seen by Joseph W. Vickers to fall to the ground. When he had reached him he had breathed his last. The doctor said he died of heart failure.

The deceased was 33 years of age and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his death. His oldest brother fell from a horse some years ago and was killed.

The following resolution was adopted January 7th, by the Salt Lake County Court:

Whereas, In the construction of the joint city and county building ample room has been provided for Federal and