

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

A special meeting of the Relief society of East Mill Creek ward was held Wednesday, Oct. 25. Addressees were made by Mesdames E. B. Wells and E. S. Taylor. On Tuesday the same ladies assisted in the reorganization of the Relief society of the Eighth ward, this city, caused by the death of the president, Mrs. Catherine K. Palmer was chosen to fill the vacancy.

William Thorn, Bishop of the Seventh ward, celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth Oct. 26. Elder Thorn is still full of physical and mental vigor and is easily taken for a much younger man. The News extends happy returns and trusts that Elder Thorn may not only outlive the present century, but that he may continue his earthly existence as far into the next as his heart may desire.

Thomas Powers, eldest son of Dr. H. J. Powers of Ogden, died very suddenly Tuesday, October 24 after an illness of less than twenty-four hours. The young man took sick about 6 o'clock in the evening, after having employed himself during the day at his father's office, and at 9 o'clock next morning death had claimed him for its own. The parents and family very keenly feel their loss, and the sympathy of the people go out to them in their great bereavement.

Today, Oct. 27th, the family of the late General Wells are commemorating the anniversary of his birth by holding a family reunion at the residence of one of his children in the Twelfth ward. It is a custom that was instituted many years before his death and was always observed whether the general was at home or not. These affairs have ever been pleasant ones and the News trusts that the present may prove no less so than the many that have preceded it.

Married at the Salt Lake Temple on Friday last, Oct. 27th, Bishop John R. Winder and Miss Minna Burnham of Fruitland, Rio Arriba Co., New Mexico. In the evening a family gathering was held at the home of Poplar Farm. Besides the immediate families there were present Presidents Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith and Lorenzo Snow and a few other friends. The News tenders to Bishop Winder and wife its sincerest congratulations and wishes them much joy and happiness.

The following is self-explanatory:

The following named prisoners will be released during the month of November on dates named:

Nov. 1st, Wm. Avery, from the First district, for housebreaking and grand larceny, two years and six months from Dec. 1st, 1891.

Nov. 17th, Chas. Just, from the Third district, adultery, two months, from Sept. 27th, 1893. Yours truly,

FELIX J. STARK,  
Acting Warden.

Tuesday, Mary Johnson, an old woman of the Fourth ward, says the Brigham City Bugler of the 28th inst. committed suicide. She was past seventy years of age and is said to

have not been right in her mind for sometime. She went out in the garden placed a noose around her neck, tied the other end to a strong peach limb and swung herself off into eternity. She had been living alone and the children who brought her dinner discovered her hanging to the tree.

The East Bench Street Railway company, by J. S. Cameron, president, has made a mortgage on all its property, present and prospective, to George M. Downey, trustee, for \$10,000, with which to begin the construction of its road.

The Popperton Place and Fort Douglas Rapid Transit company has also signed a mortgage, by Edward F. Colborn, president, to Mr. Downey, for a similar amount and purpose.

The bonds are of the denomination of \$1000 each, and are issued on July 1, 1893, and payable July 1, 1903, with interest at six per cent per annum.

Through the instrumentality of Attorney Hempstead—one of the latest accessions to the Salt Lake bar—Ammon P. Pitkin, who in May, 1880, was sentenced, at Ogden, to twenty years' imprisonment, for rape, will emerge from the penitentiary now. The convict is now between fifty and sixty years of age and has only just heard of his impending release. Mr. Hempstead on learning of the case, hunted through the old Utah laws and discovered a Copper act passed February 18th, 1880. He has induced District Attorney Judah to consent to apply this to the case of Pitkin; and hence the man's release after serving thirteen years of his sentence.

"Hurrah for Utah silk" enthusiastically writes Mrs. Blaine Salisbury to Mrs. E. B. Wells of this city from Chicago. The writer has good cause to be gratified, as Utah has taken three medals for the best exhibit of silk.

Mrs. Salisbury speaks in the highest terms of praise of Mrs. Margaret A. Caine and her untiring efforts in giving information to visitors on the silk industry in Utah. Mrs. Caine will speak on sericulture in Utah before a large audience in the Woman's building on Exhibitors' day at the Columbian Exhibition.

The beautiful little work entitled Charities and Philanthropies in Utah is highly spoken of by World's Fair visitors and is being widely circulated.

There was a bold attempt made Oct. 25th between 9 and 10 o'clock to hold up the Lake Breeze car of the City Railroad company. At the time named the car was proceeding along near the driving park, when three men suddenly rushed out of the darkness and sprang upon it, one taking the front platform and the others the rear. They covered the astonished motorman and conductor with revolvers, but had not the opportunity to get any further. Up to this time the desperadoes were not aware that any other persons were near, but upon observing three duck hunters inside the car, each in possession of a double-barrelled gun, they bolted off as fast

as their legs could carry them. Before the duck hunters could catch up they had vanished.

The last few months have witnessed a number of serious shooting accidents in the neighboring canyons and while in no case has the victim been killed but in all injuries have been sustained that will maim for life. In two or three cases arms have been either blown off or reduced to fragments. In as many more the lead pellets have perforated the lower limbs of the victim.

Yesterday afternoon A. W. Countryman who resides at No. 534 west Fourth North street, was similarly hurt while on a hunting expedition in Emigration Canyon. He had gone into the mountains earlier in the day with an acquaintance named Keene. They were walking along a trail "single file," the latter some distance behind.

Elders Wm. C. Winder, of Farmers ward, Salt Lake county, and N. P. Lee, of Farr-West, Weber county, have returned from a mission to the Southern States. Elder Winder left home on Dec. 1, 1891, and was assigned to labor in the North Carolina conference. He met with good treatment and success. During the second year his health was somewhat impaired but not sufficiently so to disqualify him from his labors. He had some experience with mobs, but received no injury. Upon one occasion he was arrested, but when the case came up in court next day it was dismissed.

Elder Lee also labored in the North Carolina conference, but not in the same section as Elder Winder. He left on his mission September 14, 1891. His health was good, and the success he met with was encouraging. He was well treated by the people. On a few occasions he was threatened by mobs, but was never molested. Elders Lee and Winder speak highly of the hospitality of the Southern people.

While Judge Zaue on Saturday, Oct. 28 was passing sentence of ten years' imprisonment on John Benson for the killing of Dr. C. O. Elliott at Grantsville the prisoner's wife moaned piteously and very nearly fainted. She fell upon her knees, clasped her hands together and essayed to beg for mercy on behalf of her husband. His honor eventually directed that she be taken from the courtroom. Again she wrung her hands, and again she tried to speak. The prisoner himself appeared greatly moved and big tears coursed down his cheeks. The defendants' attorney and court bailiff gently took hold of the unfortunate woman and assisted her from the court into the witnesses' waiting room, where, after receiving sentence, her husband joined her for a short time. The scene between them was quite an affecting one, Mrs. Benson refusing to be consoled. When the prisoner was taken away in the wagon to the penitentiary later, she completely broke down and was an object of commiseration among the bystanders.

Benson's brother had an interview with him before his removal from the marshal's quarters.

A Utah mineral has taken another of the World's Fair prizes. Dr. J. E. Talmage, president of the Deseret Museum, has received official notice that the Utah selenite has been awarded