

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Governor West and Territorial Secretary Richards will vacate their present quarters at the executive office, on West Temple street, at the end of the present month and transfer themselves and their belongings to rooms which have been provided for their reception at the Utah Commission building.

Lester Anderson, a fifteen-year-old boy who lives a few miles from Oxford, was brought to Logan on Tuesday morning, badly wounded. On Monday evening he and another young man were going swimming, and were riding on a wagon to reach the river. On arriving at the place Anderson's companion jumped out and a pistol he was carrying fell from its scabbard, struck the ground and was discharged. The ball struck Anderson on the right side of the chest near the armpit, and emerged by the shoulder blade. At present his recovery is uncertain, but Dr. Ormsby has hopes that he will live.

The Territorial Board of Equalization expects to complete its work of comparing the assessed valuation of the various counties for 1894 with the year preceding, with the object of equalizing the same where found necessary. All the counties but three have now sent in their corrected totals: these are Garfield, Kane and Millard. Chairman M. B. Sowles stated to a representative of the NEWS today that the total assessed valuation of the Territory would be this year about \$101,500,000, against about \$117,500,000 for 1893. Of this reduction Salt Lake county has contracted about one-half.

The Latter-day Saints have about completed their organization here and the outlook for a growing branch is very bright. The hall where the meetings are now held has proven to be too small for all who wish to attend, and the Opera House, on several occasions, had to be secured to accommodate the people. A consignment of chairs and tables for their meeting hall was received from Salt Lake during the week. Elder B. H. Roberts, it is announced, will be present during the meetings next Sunday, and the people, regardless of belief, are always glad to hear him.

OGDEN, Aug. 17.—The inquest held over the body of the unknown man found at the Rio Grande Western track has developed doubts as to its having been a case of suicide. The fact that his hair was so slightly singed that the bullet of a thirty-two caliber did not pass through his head, the position the body was found in and the pistol laying on the left hand side of the body, and the testimony of Dr. Conroy that death must have been instantaneous, has created a suspicion of foul play. The inquest was adjourned till such time as the train crew that discovered the body will return to give evidence.

Riverdale is unfortunate, for again its citizens are plunged in grief. This time it is caused by the unfortunate drowning of the 17-months-old daughter of Alfred Childs, at Coalville. Mrs.

Childs, with her daughter, was there on a visit, and the lady was just starting out to call upon a friend when a fruit peddler drove up to the house. While making a purchase of some fruit the little tot strayed from its mother's side just for a moment. The mother enquired of a little girl of the house where her baby was, but it was missing. After a few minutes' search the mother found her child drowned in a ditch close by. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

PROVO, Aug. 21.—Last Wednesday, Misses Louie and Lizzie Freece came here from Salina as students of the Brigham Young Academy. Friday morning they attended Dr. Hinsdale's lecture, where Miss Lizzie was seized with a violent headache. The pain increased until she became unconscious. Then she gradually sank into a stupor, which lasted until 8 p. m. (yesterday) Monday, when she died.

Inflammation of the brain is supposed to have caused death. The remains will be taken home today for burial. The young lady was 17 years of age and was considered a very bright and promising student. Dr. Allen, the professors from the academy and many friends rendered every aid that kindness and sympathy could suggest.

On Wednesday a special train of two coaches was brought into Park City under the direction of General Manager and Receiver McGregor, with Gen. Supt. Bancroft of the Union Pacific, Gen. Supt. Welby of the Rio Grande Western, Gen. Mgr. Bamberger of the Salt Lake and Hot Springs railway and a large number of other prominent railway men. The object of their trip was to witness the efficiency of the new air brake attachment, the invention of Mr. Herat, of Salt Lake. The Utah Central railway, having the steepest grade of any railroad in the country, was selected for the test, and in every respect the test was satisfactory and enthusiastically endorsed by the prominent men who witnessed the operation. The party returned to Salt Lake the same day.

The court martial proceedings in the case of Captains Lund and Grow, charged with disobedience of orders and disrespect to superior officers, was held behind closed doors in the Industrial Home building Aug. 20, beginning at 10 a. m. and extending into the middle of the afternoon.

The hearing took place before Colonels Fowler, Adams and Stevens, Lieutenant-Colonel Clayton, Captains Gibbs, Gilbert, Cannon and Colonel Gash acting as Judge Advocate.

Each of the accused was represented by counsel, and when an adjournment was taken each was in extreme suspense and profound ignorance as to the result. The court did not fix the time of rendering its decision. When the findings are reported it will most likely be in secret. So said Adjutant General Ottinger this afternoon.

A Silverton, Colorado, dispatch of the 14th inst. says:

Colonel M. Breen, one of the old timers of South-western Colorado, died today after an illness of twelve weeks. The deceased was born near Limerick in Ireland and enlisted in the regular army at Albany, N. Y., and was orderly sergeant when honorably discharged at Fort Garland, Colo. He served with distinction under General Johnson during the Mormon war. Afterwards he served under General Canby at Valverde, Pigeon ranch. After his discharge he settled at Fort Garland, where he married Tom Tobin's daughter and raised a family of four daughters and one son, who all survive him. He afterwards engaged in the mercantile business in Del Norte, and removed to Silverton in 1877, where he has resided since. He was a Knight Templar, a member of the San Juan lodge No. 33, A. F. and A. M., and also a member of Sedgwick G. A. R., of Durango.

A summary of Observer Salisbury's weather and crop report for the past week is as follows.

The weather of the week was warm and seasonable. In the northern counties somewhat more rain fell. According to the majority of reports the week was favorable for growing crops, as well as for haying and harvesting. The latter continues in progress, there being still much late wheat to cut. The early fall grain that has been threshed has given a very satisfactory yield, fifteen to twenty bushels per acre on dry land. Grain not yet ready for cutting appears to be filling well. The rains have improved corn, and the potato crop is very promising. Sugar beets are beginning to ripen in Utah county. The lucern crop this year appears to be about the average, although not uniform in yield. Generally the second crop has been cut; in some few places, only the first. There is a prospect of a good third crop in favorable sections. Wild hay has grown well this year, and considerable has been or will be cut. As a rule, only a small portion of the crop has been spoiled by rain.

Margaret Linden, administratrix of the estate of James Linden, deceased, Tuesday morning filed a damage suit in the Third district court against the Anchor Mining company, of Park City, demanding the sum of \$25,000 for the death of her husband, a former employe of the defendants.

In the month of October, 1892, the deceased was working in the [Anchor] mine, when, as plaintiff alleges, the defendants negligently and carelessly left unguarded and unprotected, and without any lights or other signal of danger, an ore chute located in the middle of one of the tracks. While passing along the track, Linden, not knowing of the existence of said chute, fell into the opening and was precipitated some distance, causing injuries from which he died some seven or eight days later. The deceased left two children aged at the time about two years and seven months respectively.

Powers and Straup and Attorney Shields are the plaintiff's attorneys.

Salt Lake was honored with the presence of Associate Justice Howell Jackson, of the Supreme court of the United States. He reached here Wed-