

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Judge Cherry has rendered a decision in the case of Mary Judva v. J. D. Spracer et al in which it is held that the taxation of mortgages is legal, and is not double taxation.

Mr. Peter Dinesen of Parkersburg, Iowa, is seeking information regarding his brother Jorgen, who came to Utah about thirty years ago, but is understood to have moved since to southern Idaho.

The Scientific American announces the issuance of a patent to Alexander H. Moyer, of Ogden, Utah, for a railroad screw jack. His invention is an improvement on a former invention by Mr. Moyer, and provides a jack more especially adapted for raising cars, engines, journal boxes, etc.

LAKE TOWN, Rich county, Utah, January 15th, 1897, 4:30 p. m.

Father Nebemlah Weston, one of our Pioneer brethren, known throughout our country for his honor, liberality to the poor, the Church, and every good and worthy cause, has just passed away at the good old age of nearly 77 years. Will send particulars later.

JOSEPH IRWIN.

John Rimmer, 48 Bewley street, Kirkdale, Lancashire, England, is very desirous of learning of a Mrs. Austin and family, who emigrated to Utah from Southport, Lancashire, England, about thirty years ago, and of William Howard, who emigrated from Skelmerdale, England, about six years ago. Any person knowing of the address of either of these persons will confer a favor by forwarding the same to Mr. Rimmer.

Thursday morning Mrs. Elizabeth Brown died at the home of her son, John A. Brown. She was born in Brighton, England, on the 15th of August, 1813, and became a member of the Church in 1841. In 1852 she, with her husband, George Brown, emigrated to America, and after living a short time in Warsaw and Macedonia, Illinois, came to Utah and has lived in Provo since her arrival. She leaves many relatives and friends, who will hold her in affectionate remembrance.

The State board of pardons on Saturday evening decided to commute the sentence of Harry Hayes, who was convicted of the murders at Indian Point and sentenced to suffer the death penalty.

The whole of Saturday was spent in presenting evidence, and affidavits before the board to show that Hayes was not guilty of the crime. The prosecution did not resist the application for commutation; not because of a belief that he was innocent, but because of the lack of evidence to show the method adopted and the motive for killing.

Elder Carl Edward Geratner of the Seventh ward of this city returned on January 5 from a mission to Switzerland. He left this city August 1, 1896, and on arrival at Bern was assigned to labor in Switzerland as a missionary. This he did, but after a few weeks it became evident that the

climate of that particular part of the country was affecting his health, and he was changed to another locality. His health continued to grow worse, however, and in December he was released to return home. His condition is steadily improving since he arrived here.

CANNONVILLE, Utah, Jan. 5, 1897.

"Admission Day," January 4th, 1897, was duly celebrated at this place. Company L, First Infantry, N. G. U., in command of Lieutenant Goulding, joined with the people of Cannonville, Henrieville and Georgetown, in helping to make the celebration a success. The grand ball in the evening was pronounced by all the best affair of the season. Speeches of a patriotic nature were delivered by Bishop W. W. Willis and Col. Dunlop of Cannonville, and Hon. Joseph Houston of Pangloss. A royal time was had, and all feel to remember the occasion with words of praise.

JMO. M. DUNNING.

Mrs. Christine Bonnerud Romish, born in Christiania, Norway, some 30 years ago, and who emigrated to Utah in 1875, died in Salt Lake City last Thursday. According to an expressed desire on the part of the deceased, Elder C. M. Nielsen delivered the funeral sermon and Bishop Taylor presided. The services were held in the Fourteenth ward meeting house on Sunday, Jan. 17th, and were largely attended. The ward choir was in attendance and the singing was very impressive. The sympathy and interest displayed by the Bishop and his counselor was much appreciated by the friends of the departed one.

The following letter from Topeka, Kan., has been received by the chief of police of this city and referred to the NEWS for publication:

Dear Sir—I have received information that my brother, J. W. McDonald, was killed about eighty miles from Salt Lake; he has lived for the last six years in Salt Lake. Would you find out for me where he lived, and the name of the people he lived with, and where he went when he was killed, and the cause of his death, and if he left anything in Salt Lake.

Yours truly,

MRS. FLORENCE McDOWELL,
511 Kansas avenue.

SCOTFIELD, Jan. 14, 1897.—George Martin, a miner working at No. 7 mine at Winter Quarters, was completely buried by falling coal at about 4:30 this afternoon. Dr. Smith started to take him to the hospital at Salt Lake by special train but only got as far as Scofield, two miles, when the injured man died. This was about two hours and a quarter from the time of the accident. Martin is about 35, and leaves a wife and two children.

The two weeks old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones died on the 13th inst. The wife of Richard D. Reese gave birth to twins on Tuesday night, the 12th, one of which died next day.

WM. HOWELLS.

Elder Joseph N. Morris of Hunter precinct, Salt Lake county, made a

call on the NEWS and reported his return from the mission field. Elder Morris left home April 11, 1896, and labored while absent in the West Virginia conference. He travelled among the people of Barber, Randolph and Goddard counties, where he met with many kind friends, who were ever ready to minister to the wants of the Elders. His early return was occasioned through sickness, but he is now convalescing slowly. He speaks highly of the people of West Virginia and states that the work there is progressing nicely.

In the report of the chief of police for the year 1896, as submitted to the fire and police board January 4th last, the following miscellaneous items of interest appear:

Arrests made: Males 2,020, females 476; lost children 59; lodgers 276; total number of persons handled 2,831; cash taken from and returned to prisoners, \$3,392.89; prisoners pardoned by Mayor, 86; prisoners in city jail December 31, 1896, 37; prisoners escaped during year, 3; trips made by patrol wagon, day 532 night 572, total 1,104; miles traveled by patrol wagon, day 941, night 976, total 1,917; stock placed in estray pound by mounted men, 310; crippled and sick animals killed by mounted men, 23; value of property reported lost and stolen, \$12,769.25; value of lost and stolen property recovered, \$10,174.25; days of officers absent on account of sickness, 204; days officers excused, 182; persons arrested and held for other jurisdictions, 15.

The NEWS had a call Thursday afternoon from Elders W. S. Tolton of Beaver city, and William F. Ogden of Morgan county, both having just returned from their missionary labors to be South. Elder Tolton left home April 9, 1896, and labored while absent in Northern Alabama and East Tennessee. He reports the work prospering there and the people kindly disposed toward the Elders laboring there.

Elder Ogden left home June 9, 1894. He was released Nov. 25th last, but remained in the field visiting different branches of the Middle Tennessee conference where he labored and assisted in organizing new branches. He states there is a wide field for good work there and the Elders are greatly encouraged in their labors. The people are kind, even beyond all expectation and the mode of traveling without purse and scrip is bringing its own reward. Elder Ogden has had splendid health and enjoyed his labors very much.

Provo, Utah, Jan. 16.—Your correspondent called on Hayes at the county jail this morning. He was reclining on a cot reading a magazine. He had read the ruling of the Supreme court on the application for habeas corpus. He was speaking of the case in a quiet, earnest but perfectly self-possession manner and exhibited no more feeling than almost any person might. The trial had been farcical though, he said. He was surprised the Supreme court should make him suffer because his attorney did not know enough to bring the point up on an appeal. He had not expected them to turn him loose, but he wanted another trial. He did not want annulment of the sentence to life imprisonment.