

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The district school at Kamas, Summit county, has been closed for lack of funds.

The directors of the Deseret National bank held their regular meeting Tuesday and declared a quarterly dividend of three per cent.

The Lehi Banuer says it is more than likely that the schools of that place will have to close at the end of five weeks of the present term, for the want of funds.

The Deseret Woolen mills, as announced in the News would be the case, have started up. A portion of the plant is now being operated, and the whole will be working at as early a date as practicable.

J. McCulloch, Logan, was assisting in the performance of a surgical operation on a colt on Tuesday, when a sudden lunge or kick drove the knife into one of his wrists. Four large arteries were severed, and it took blue stitches to sew the gaping wound. ]

A Weiser, Idaho, dispatch says that W. O. Hemlow, of Payson, Utah, has entered into a contract with prominent fruit growers in the locality of Weiser, to establish there a canning and pickle factory with a capacity of 1,000 cans daily. The machinery is to be shipped from Chicago.

The old settler A. S. Warren was a visitor, on Tuesday, says the Springville (Utah) Independent. He is engaged in attending to the honey bee and expects fairly good results this season. Amos drove one of the first wagons on the present site of Springville, Sept. 18th, 1850.

The sugar factory directors announce that on May 1st the factory will start up on a special run of sugar, the material for which it was thought to hold till the opening of the next season's run. This special run will last nearly a month, and produce about 300,000 pounds of sugar.

The directors of the Provo Woolen Mills have made an important order for the enlargement of the plant at Provo, in order to meet the demand for a greater variety of goods. The order consists of several thousand dollars' worth of machinery for the finishing department of the mills, wool scourers, etc., which will be placed in operation as soon as it can be set up. The mills are now working to their full capacity.

Mr. John Callis on Wednesday was exhibiting a specimen of copper ore that was literally filled with virgin copper, says the Coalville Times, fully one-fourth of the piece shown being pure metal, and the specimen was as large as a hen's egg. Mr. Callis informs us that he discovered this rock within ten miles of Coalville, by accident, the specimen he brought being knocked off with a shovel and was less than eighteen inches from the surface.

Between fifty and seventy-five persons are at present busily at work at Swan Lake, "the coming capital of Millard county and possibly of Utah

Territory," as Superintendent Aldrich enthusiastically puts it. Upward of 1000 acres of wheat, barley and oats have been planted, besides a large tract of land seeded to lucern. The grain is looking well, and there is no danger of floods or bursting of reservoirs. Some building is also going on.—Fillmore Progress.

Mr. Joseph Huff, a merchant of Oasis, is in town, and was circulating freely among his friends. Mr. Huff is also interested in gold mining properties in Osceola and reports that camp to be brightening up with signs of increased activity. He states that he is here principally to lay in a stock of supplies with which to begin operations on his property, and as soon as the weather breaks up in that district he anticipates quite a number of men being put to work.

A warrant has been issued by Commissioner Greenman for the arrest of one H. C. Webb, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, the complaining witness being W. B. Preston. It is claimed that the defendant secured \$50 on a horse and wagon, of which he falsely represented himself to be the owner.

The sheriff's officers are searching for Webb, but it is believed that he has left the city, as he has been in trouble in another quarter in the city, and the police would also like to hear of him.

Messrs. William Redden, John Spriggs, Charles and Cap Morby went down to Henefer this week to explore the bottomless pit about three miles from Henefer, says the Coalville Times. Parties have been down in this pit 280 feet, and were unable to go further, but they say there is a hole from that depth in which they dropped rocks, and were unable to hear them when they struck bottom. The party were unable to make any explorations of the immense cave on account of the water which is now running in, but will make another visit at an early date.

Word of the sudden death of Amelia Christiansen at the Templeton hotel in Salt Lake City reached Logan by telegraph on Tuesday morning. The young lady, who was 22 years of age, was in Logan last week for the purpose of attending the funeral of her foster mother, and appeared to be enjoying robust health. She returned to Salt Lake on Saturday, and her sudden death determined her relatives to have a post-mortem examination made to ascertain the cause. The examination was made by four physicians, who discovered a large tumor in the neighborhood of the kidneys which undoubtedly caused her death.

Henry W. Hooton, of the Cottonwood Gold and Reservoir Discovery Mining company which filed its articles of incorporation with the county clerk on the 23rd inst., says the newly discovered natural reservoir above Dry Creek canyon has an area of from 600 to 700 acres, and has been sounded to a depth of 275 feet. The water is beautiful, clear and fresh from the mountain snows. The face of the tunnel which is being driven is to the west, directly

on this valley. The nearest route to the place is a bridle path up the other side of the canyon from the wagon road, meeting the latter beyond the reservoir. In addition to the ledge location, the company has forty acres of placer claims. The ground is granite and gravel, carrying free gold at \$8 to \$10 to the ton.

Elder Edward Stevenson, who has recently returned from a trip to California, where he has enjoyed the sights at the Fair and the pleasure of a walk in orange groves, and under olive trees and palms, favored the News with a pleasant call Tuesday morning. The gentleman celebrates the 74th anniversary of his birthday that day and has the congratulations of a host of friends, including the News. Elder Stevenson was born at Gibraltar, Spain, May 1, 1820. He joined the Saints in the state of Michigan in 1833 and has passed through the various experiences of the Church both in the states and this Territory, where he arrived in 1848. He looks hale and hearty and capable of weathering many a storm yet in the cause so dear to his heart.

In addition to the many applicants for pugilistic distinction with which this city is graced (?) there is now another advent in the shape of a potato-eating freak. This man comes from Seattle, Washington, and has a reputation in that city for doing what he claims, at least, causing potatoes to disappear by the wholesale. He wants to be allowed the opportunity of disposing of internally 100 lbs of potatoes daily, \$3 1-3 lbs to each meal, or 700 lbs a week, and he is willing to make a bet of 10 to 1 that he can do the trick.

It has been suggested, however, that if he will go to the "industrial army" camp, he is more than likely to meet many who can go him one better, if he is willing to skirmish around and furnish the potatoes.

The nightwatchman at the Provo woolen mills at 10 o'clock on Saturday night discovered the wool room, which occupies the fourth story of the stone building, to be full of smoke. He searched for the fire, but was unable to locate it. A further search in connection with the electrician revealed nothing. Policeman Buckley was next called upon. He sprang open the door of the caring room office on the third floor and some papers and pieces of hurlap were found in a red smouldering mass emitting a great deal of smoke, which ascended through the elevator shaft to the fourth story. The fire was extinguished without any excitement being caused. No damage of any consequence was done. Investigations are being made by the city marshal and the manager and superintendent of the mills as to the origin of the blaze.

Spencer Clawson Jr., the 15-year-old son of Councilman Clawson, was the victim of a serious accident about 5 o'clock Sunday evening.

The young man was returning from the city cemetery where he had been strewing his mother's grave with a collection of beautiful flowers. As he was driving along the incline of First Street where that thoroughfare intersects with Canyon Road his horse took fright and dashed down the steep grade at a terrific rate.