

and saved their lives. The engine of the second section was not injured materially, though it stand in need of some repairs.

On Wednesday night W. T. Washburn, a switchman in the depot yards, was seriously hurt. While riding on a car which he was switching he was struck on the head by something, he can't tell what, which almost knocked him senseless. He crawled up on the car in order to escape further injury, and there he was found by his companions unable to get down. They helped him down and found a large scalp wound on the top of his head, which was bleeding freely. For three hours he was out of his mind, but he was finally brought to and soon after went to work.

The same evening Robert Fields, while coupling, had his fingers caught between the bumpers and mashed. The flesh was peeled off the fingers, but strange to say an examination revealed the fact that no bones were broken, though the fingers had been right between the irons when they came together. He received medical attendance and is now doing as well as can be expected.

OUR PROVO LETTER.

As the jury in the Wright murder case filed out of court this morning, Mr. A. Saxey, attorney for Dudley in the incest case, arose and, holding a morning paper in his hand, stated that, according to the proclamation of Governor Thomas, of Wednesday, Judge Blackburn, having duly qualified, and having been assigned by him to the southern portion of the First Judicial District, the doings of the Court since Judge Blackburn's assignment would be illegal; and that inasmuch as the Court had fixed today for the sentencing of Dudley, he would suggest that there be no action taken in the premises until Judge Blackburn's arrival.

Judge Judd remarked that, if the proclamation were genuine, the action of Governor Thomas was a little too previous; that he had taken the precaution of arranging with Judge Blackburn not to qualify while the Wright murder trial was in progress, and he did not believe he had done so. "Proclamations," said Judge Judd, "do not always proclaimate." The Judge further stated that Judge Blackburn had promised that he would come to Provo and qualify before me. "But," added he, "if Governor Thomas and Judge Blackburn had got together and decided to rob me of my judgeship, why they can have it. But the people have some rights that ought to be respected. If I thought, however, that the Judge had qualified, I would adjourn this court mighty quick." To allay all doubts, Deputy Marshal Bachman was dispatched to the telephone to find out the real situation. When he returned he bore the information that Judge Blackburn had not qualified, but that he was on the R. G. W. train,

and would be in Provo in the afternoon.

The time for the sentencing of Kelsey Berg, for unlawful cohabitation, has been set for Saturday. This will be Judge Blackburn's first sentence of a "Mormon."

Judge Blackburn was installed on the bench in place of Judge Judd this afternoon, with all the ceremonies, the members of the bar standing during the time. The following resolutions were presented by George Sutherland:

Whereas, The Hon. John W. Judd has retired from the bench of this district, and is now about to take his place among us as a member of the bar, it is

Resolved That in his retirement the bench loses an able, upright and efficient judge, who has sought at all times to perform his whole duty. While regretting his retirement from the bench we cordially welcome him to our ranks as a practicing attorney at this bar.

Justin M. Dudley was sentenced by Judge Judd this afternoon to fifteen years imprisonment for incest with his daughter. Dudley protested his innocence before sentence, but his honor stated that the evidence was most certainly against him. Dudley said after leaving the court room that he would "as leave be shot as go to the penitentiary."

At 10:30 p. m. the jury reported having agreed upon a verdict, which they stated to be voluntary manslaughter. The defendant was given 30 days to file a motion for a new trial.

It was a quarter past 10 o'clock last night when the jury in the Wright murder case announced that they were ready to render their verdict. Judge Blackburn and the officers of the court were sent for and the jury announced that they had agreed to return a verdict of voluntary manslaughter. They stated that this verdict was given, but not as the unanimous opinion of the jury. One of their number had been very sick, suffering from the heart disease, and had fainted several times during their deliberations, and in consequence of this they had decided to bring in their verdict. The clerk read the return, and asked them if that was their true verdict. One of the jurors replied: "I cannot say on my conscience that it is." He said, however, that he had agreed to it. The jury were then discharged. Mr. W. H. King asked for thirty days in which to prepare a motion for a new trial.

NOTES.

Parley Hindmarsh's basket store is nearing completion.

Centre Street needs fixing up. There are holes in it that should at once be filled.

Reed Smoot has bought the property on Centre Street known as the Church lots, on which he intends putting a handsome three-story brick business block.

The franchises granted the Provo Electric Light Company and the Provo Street Railroad Company will soon expire, as the terms have not been complied with. We need both enterprises badly.

The City Council meets on Monday, when it is expected some action will be taken on the petition of the taxpayers in the west end of town who pray to be released from paying taxes as they don't get any benefit from the city. This is the result of the Territorial Supreme Court decision in the Daniels tax suit against Moroni City.

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STAKE CONFERENCES.

Appointments for Quarterly Conferences until April, 1890.

Weber, Juab and Cassia Stakes—Sunday and Monday, October 20th and 21st, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, January 19th and 20th, 1890.

Box Elder, Tooele and Oneida Stakes—Sunday and Monday, October 27th and 28th, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, January 26th and 27th, 1890.

Wasatch Stake—Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd and 3rd, 1889; and Saturday and Sunday, February 1st and 2nd, 1890.

Cache Stake—Sunday and Monday, November 3rd and 4th, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, February 2nd and 3rd, 1890.

Summit Stake—Saturday and Sunday, November 9th and 10th, 1889; and Saturday and Sunday, February 8th and 9th, 1890.

Bear Lake, Emery and Uintah Stakes—Sunday and Monday, November 10th and 11th, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, February 9th and 10th, 1890.

Sanpete Stake—Saturday and Sunday, November 16th and 17th, 1889; and Saturday and Sunday, February 15th and 16th, 1890.

San Luis, Morgan and Bannock Stakes—Sunday and Monday, November 17th and 18th, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, February 16th and 17th, 1890.

San Juan Stake—Saturday and Sunday, November 23rd and 24th, 1889; and Saturday and Sunday, February 22nd and 23rd, 1890.

Millard and Sevier Stakes—Sunday and Monday, November 24th and 25th, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, February 23rd and 24th, 1890.

Panguitch Stake—Saturday and Sunday, November 30th and December 1st, 1889; and Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd, 1890.

Utah and Snowflake Stakes—Sunday and Monday, December 1st and 2nd, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, March 2nd and 3rd, 1890.

Davis, Kanab, and St. John Stakes—Sunday and Monday, December 8th and 9th, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, March 9th and 10th, 1890.

St. George, Malad, and St. Joseph Stakes—Sunday and Monday, December 15th and 16th, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, March 16th and 17th, 1890.

Parowan, Beaver, and Maricopa Stakes—Sunday and Monday, December 22nd and 23rd, 1889; and Sunday and Monday, March 23rd and 24th, 1890.

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