

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The explosion of a gasoline stove caused the fire department to make a run to No. 55 north State street Friday evening. The blaze, however, was not of much magnitude, and apart from burning a few yards of linoleum, no damage was done.

A painful accident was that which occurred to Mr. McLaughlin of Farmington Friday. The gentleman was out shooting when his gun was in some way accidentally discharged, the bullet cutting a hole through his foot between the fourth and little toes. Medical attention was at once applied.

It was Bishop Wm. Thorn's birthday Friday and his family gave him a fine party at the residence that night. There were many friends of the Bishop present as guests, among whom were Presidents George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith and Bishop Wm. B. Preston. Bishop Thorn is now 80 years old.

John Forker, of the Tenth ward, was called to rest Friday morning at fifteen minutes past nine, after a lingering illness of some months. He was a native of England and came to this country seven years ago. He was father-in-law of Bro. Hyrum A. Reeves, superintendent of the Tenth ward Co-op., and was highly esteemed.

Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. Samuel J. Burt, Ogden, died of typhoid fever. Deceased was a well known merchant of this city. He was born in Ogden city, August, 1858, and was very highly respected. His death came as a shock to the community, his sickness not being considered serious until the day before his death, when a sudden change for the worse took place.

Richfield, Sevier county, Advocate.—A large percent of the water used in Richfield is unfit for domestic use. No water could be purer than that which bubbles forth from the warm spring above town, but running in open ditches it becomes foul before it reaches the center of the city. A reservoir and pipes would remedy the evil, economize the supply, prove a much needed safeguard against fire and enhance the value of property ten fold.

A miner named Tom Fowler, employed at the Morgan company's mines in Hardscrabble met with an accident which will deprive him of his left hand for the rest of life. On Tuesday Mr. Fowler was walking up the hill to the mine, carrying a stick of giant powder, when he fell with such force as to cause an explosion of the powder. The left hand, in which the explosive was held, was practically blown off and Dr. Richards of this city amputated the remaining fragments. Otherwise the man was uninjured.

John Hart, a conductor on the Rio Grande between Helper and Grand Junction, and well known in that part of the country, shot himself through the head while in his caboose which was standing on a siding in the yards at Grand Junction on Saturday. The unfaithfulness of his wife, who is supposed to be now in Salt Lake, is said to have been the cause of the fatal action.

Mr. Hart had been ill for the last few weeks, and not being at work during that time his mind was continually occupied with his domestic troubles and he became so despondent at his wife's latest cruelty that he sought peace in death.

Wednesday night the Citizens' Electric Light company started its works in operation, with contracts for 80 arc and 3,000 incandescent lights. The machinery is all new and of the latest approved type consisting of four Erie boilers of 100 horse-power each, two 300 horse-power cross compound Buckeye engines, built at Salem, O., two 3,000 capacity incandescent monocyelic alternating dynamos, and one 100 arc lamp Brush machine of the latest type, which was first seen at the World's Fair.

The light furnished by the new company is very clear and brilliant and it is said a reduction of at least twenty per cent will be made in the cost to consumers.

Monday's eastbound Rio Grande Western train had among its passengers, Elder W. D. Bowring, returning to the Indian Territory mission, whence he came a short time ago, in company with Elder John H. Vincent, who had to be brought home on account of severe illness, from which he has not yet fully recovered. Elder Bowring also had been ill, but not so seriously as to have caused his return, which was chiefly due to the necessity of someone accompanying Elder Vincent on the homeward journey. Elder Bowring feels himself about fully recovered from his recent attack, and returns to his present headquarters, St. John, Kansas, to complete the mission on which he left this city early in September, 1894. He has been home nearly three weeks.

Mr. Wm. C. Clark, aged 47 years, of 112 South First West street, has been figuring on going a-bunting on Sunday next, and with that purpose in mind took his shotgun, a double-barrelled one, into the back yard at his residence this afternoon and proceeded to clean it. As has been done so many hundreds of times, and will probably occur tomorrow and every day thereafter, a shell was left in one of the barrels and while Mr. Clark was cleaning the gun the cartridge was discharged and practically blew off the left hand of the unsuspecting man. The hand is so badly mutilated as to make amputation of the few remaining fragments a necessity. Dr. Fisher was called in and made the patient as comfortable as possible.

Monday, while at work on the Branch school house at Murray, Henry Scofield, of this city, a carpenter, about 35 years of age, fell from the scaffold to the ground, a distance of about twenty feet. The Branch school house, which is in course of erection, is situated about half a mile west of the Rapid Transit line, on the lands of the Germania smelter, and from there the unfortunate man was brought on a litter, in a buggy, to the drug store of Dr. Parmelee, at Murray, about half past eight, some fifteen minutes after

the accident happened. The doctor stated in answer to a hasty inquiry, it was his opinion the right leg was broken just above the knee, but no further examination had been made when the reporter left. Persons outside the drug store, who had assisted in bringing the injured man in, stated that he was hurt internally, as he complained of severe pains in the chest.

Mrs. H. M. Dinwoodey and her 4-year-old-niece were riding along Sixth street in a phaeton Wednesday forenoon when the horse became frightened and ran away. The animal dashed south on B Street at a high rate of speed and continue on its mad way for three blocks when it collided with a telephone post and threw the occupants of the buggy out. The little girl had one leg broken and was otherwise very badly bruised, and although not fatally hurt her condition is very serious. Mrs. Dinwoodey was so badly injured about the body as to be unable to walk and it was found necessary to carry her to her home, where she is likely to be confined for several days. After throwing out the occupants of the buggy the horse kept going south until South Temple street was reached. Here he jumped the high embankment and was stopped, the buggy being a shapeless wreck.

Residents of the First and Tenth wards are after the Salt Lake Brewing company and have demanded the health department to take action against the brewery. The people residing in the vicinity claim that the presence of the brewing company's sewage is largely responsible for the disease now so prevalent in the wards mentioned. The brewery, however, has no way of permanently disposing of its sewage until the sewer system is extended in that direction. The cost of extending the sewer to the Fort Douglas reservation, where the government has expressed a willingness to join the city, will be from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and this is thought to be about the only remedy which can be applied to the permanent settlement of the brewery trouble. The brewing company has already paid fines and costs amounting to \$450, with no real good having been accomplished.

Messrs. Ricker and Willard, two young men having charge of the Morgan hotel, and rooming in the building, had a startling experience Monday night. Mr. Ricker, who is a well known insurance man doing business in the Commercial block, had complained of a severe headache and concluded to try some morphine pills to allay the pain and induce sleep. Being unaccustomed to the use of the drug the young man evidently took an overdose, for at midnight Doctor Dalby was called in to resuscitate the patient, who was in a precarious condition. Dr. T. B. Beatty was also called in and the physicians concluded to remove the young man to St. Mark's Hospital, and at 2 a. m. Mr. Ricker was taken up in the ambulance and at last accounts was in a very serious condition. The young man is well known and very much liked by friends and business acquaintances, who are much shocked at the accident.

The following letter comes to the News from Cambridgehire, England, under date of October 17, 1895: