

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

At 4:20 Friday afternoon the jury in the bribery case against Joseph R. Morris returned a verdict of "Not Guilty." Morris is the last of the ex-selectmen of Salt Lake county tried on the charge in connection with the furniture scandal.

A cablegram from Liverpool announces the arrival there, as well, of the American line steamship Belgerland, which left Philadelphia on May 9, with a party of Utah people on board. The vessel reached Liverpool Wednesday afternoon.

The painful spell of judicial appointment expectancy—on the part of some, was broken Thursday afternoon by Governor Wells when he named Hon. Morris L. Ritchie to the judgeship in the Third district court made vacant by the resignation of Hon. Le Grand Young.

PLEASANT GROVE, May 14.—Leon, aged eight years, son of S. H. Smith, was thrown from a horse here yesterday striking upon his head. The little fellow remained unconscious for twelve hours when he rallied somewhat although he still remains in a precarious condition.

A telegram received Monday by Elder Franklin D. Richards, from Elder Fred W. Ellis, and sent from Portland, Oregon, announced the departure today of Salt Lake City of thirty-two Elders and Saints from Australia. The party will reach this city on Wednesday morning.

BOISE, Idaho, May 23, 1896.

The Idaho land contest, in which the Peoples' Canal company protested against the withdrawal of certain lands covered by their canal in favor of the American Falls company, has been settled today. All the lands under the Peoples' canal or that can be watered by said canal are thrown open to the public. Intending settlers would do well to come at once to Blackfoot, Idaho, and make selections of their lands. Water right in the Peoples' canal can be worked out during the summer.

Very respectfully,
B. CLOFF, President.

Dr. H. S. Hicks, a well known physician of this city, died Friday evening shortly after six o'clock. He had suffered for many years from tuberculosis. His death occurred just one hour before he was to have been wedded to Miss Eva Jennings, a young woman who had been his constant and devoted companion for many months.

The doctor was born at Mt. Sterling, Ohio, thirty-three years ago and graduated at Bellevue; from there he went to the Island hospital in New York. His mother is at present in Paris, and his brother and sister are somewhere in the East. He was a man of high medical attainments and was esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Leonard, the two-year-old son of Philip Dickson residing on Seventeenth street, was seriously poisoned with carbolic acid Friday. His mother, when troubled with toothache, is in the habit of using carbolic acid to deaden the pain. She had

been using some when she laid the bottle on the bureau and left the room a short time, when she heard screams coming therefrom. Running to she found Leonard, her youngest son, laying on the floor writhing in agony having drunk a quantity of the carbolic acid. When the doctor arrived the boy was in convulsions but the use of the stomach pump soon had him out of immediate danger. He is badly burned.

At our recent Stake Sunday School conference much interest was manifested in the exercises presented by members of our Deaf Mute Sunday school. It is only just to state that the expressive rendition by signs of the "Lord's Prayer," "Nearer my God to Thee," and "Utah We Love Thee," as given by them, is the result of the training imparted to them by the principal of the Utah State School for the Deaf and Dumb, Frank W. Metcalf Esq., and his able assistants. In this connection I will add that all the pupils receive from Prof. Metcalf and his aids such instruction and training in moral precepts and duties as are in harmony with the State school laws.

Respectfully yours,

T. C. GRIGGS,

Superintendent of Sunday Schools of Salt Lake Stake.

COALVILLE, May 23rd, 1896.

Though Coalville is but forty-five miles by wagon road and about eighty-five miles by rail distant from Salt Lake City, it is seldom we see any item in your paper from this place. This fact leads us to exclaim, "How near and yet so far." An occurrence of yesterday induces me to pen you the following. Yesterday, while working in one of the side canyons of Echo, called "Mill Fork" engaged in felling trees, in the employ of Hon. W. W. Cluff on a tie contract, Ellis Reese of this place was caught by a falling tree and instantly killed, the tree striking him on the head. He was brought home by his friends, and the funeral services will doubtless be held tomorrow, at the Stake house. His wife, who has recently given birth to a boy, is still in bed; and it is feared when the sad news is broken to her it will give her to distraction.

The whole community deeply feels the bereavement of the family and sincerely condole with them in their great loss.

E. H. RHEAD.

Robert Youngblood, a boy aged 14 years, who resides near the corner of Eighth South and Eleventh West streets, while performing his duty, viz., that of a messenger boy in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph service, had occasion to take a message to an office on the second floor of the Walker bank building at 1:20 Friday. Contrary to the accepted propensities of the average messenger boy, Robert was in a hurry, and strove to make time by sliding down the smooth balustrade of the staircase, but had hardly commenced to descend when it is supposed he lost his balance and fell into the paved hallway below; the thud of the fall being distinctly heard by Mr. Pendergast, the broker, in an adjoining office,

Mr. Pendergast started to investigate and found poor Youngblood lying in- visible in the hallway; a superficial examination revealed the fact that the boy's hip and arm were broken, also that he had received a terrible gash under the chin, together with several teeth having been knocked out. The patrol wagon was summoned and the boy was carefully removed to the St. Mark's hospital, where he is resting as well as can be expected. It is understood that Youngblood is the sole support of his mother who is in somewhat reduced circumstances. His injuries are very severe.

Albion, Idaho, Times: James Campbell, a miner who has been engaged for several months in the Comora mine, is supposed to have been frozen to death in Saturday night's storm while on his way back from Albion to the mine. He came to town Saturday forenoon and was around town with friends for several hours and was drinking quite freely as was his custom when he came to town, but was not supposed to be very drunk when he started for the mine about 3 o'clock or a little later. He borrowed a horse of Mr. Brim to ride to town, and when he started back he had a shovel, a sack and a bottle of alcohol. He arrived at Mr. Brim's about 5 o'clock on his return to the mountains and has not been seen or heard of since. The horse came home during the night some time. Tuesday morning it being learned that he had not been to the mine a number of the people living near the mountain went up into the mountains to search for him, but all they could find was his tracks going toward the mine. On Wednesday a crowd went out from town to search for the lost man, but the result was fruitless as all that was found was his tracks and the marks of the shovel where he had used it as a support in going through the deep snow. The supposition is that he became exhausted and lay down, and as it was bitter cold in the mountains, froze to death and the snow has drifted and covered him up.

Secretary J. J. Thomas, acting under instructions of the State board of equalization, is sending out information to the county assessors to guide them in their work for 1896. It includes taxpayers' statements of the net proceeds of mines for the present year; assessment blanks on the same question and lists of all patented mining claims and coal lands in the State. Altogether three circulars have been issued. No. 1 says:

Under subdivision 12, section 82, of the Revenue act, the State board of equalization is required to report to the Legislature information as follows:

1. The acreage of each county in the State, that is assessed.
2. The amount assessed per acre.
3. The aggregate value of all town and city lots.
4. The aggregate value of all real estate and mining claims, stating each separately.
5. The kinds of personal property in each county, and the value of each kind.
6. The aggregate value of all personal property in the State.

The board will also report to the Legislature such information as can be obtained from the "Assessment Book of the Net Proceeds of Mines." You are therefore requested, while making