

A recent sample of ore from Deep Creek assayed by Mr. Kroups shows 187 ounces silver and \$47 gold. The mine in which this vein was struck sold recently for \$50 and not a cash transaction at that. The men who bought the mine are from American Fork and they gave a silver watch for the claim.

The case of Wm. L. Allen against Eliza Rausch has been settled at Helena, Mont., by Judge Buck rendering judgment in favor of defendant. The suit was over the possession of some town lots, that have been in litigation for twenty years, having gone to the Supreme court of the United States. The case possessed some fine legal points.

President Joseph F. Smith on Friday last addressed the students of the Brigham Young Academy. His subject was morality. He quoted from Christ's sermon on the Mount, and spoke in relation to the various ideas there brought forth. The students listened to his instructions very attentively. Among others who were present, than the teachers and students, were President David John and Dr. Karl G. Maeser.

Last Sunday about 7:30 a. m. John, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Ashman, of Nephi, was found dead in bed. The little fellow had been ill with diphtheria for some time past, but had become better and was thought to be out of danger. He awoke his father about 6 o'clock Sunday morning and they talked for some time. Both then fell asleep, but the boy, with his head resting on his father's arm, was soon afterwards found to be dead.

Orders have been sent to Camp Bettens, on Powder river, Wyoming, for the headquarters and four of the six troops of the Ninth cavalry, encamped there since the first part of last June, to return to their station at Fort Robinson. Two of the six troops of the Ninth will remain at Camp Bettens for the present and they will be designated by Col. Biddle. The headquarters and four of the six troops of the Sixth cavalry have been ordered from Camp Elkins to their station at Fort Niobrara. Camp Elkins was established near old Fort Fetterman about the 1st of June, and two troops of the Sixth are to remain for the present at that camp. Major Emil Adam, the commander, is ordered to return to his permanent station, Fort Washakie. The new colonel of the Sixth, Col. Gurden, will take command of the regiment.

A large number of the parties interested in La Plata mines recently had a survey made to ascertain whether or not the mines were located outside the Southern Pacific railroad land grant. It was thought by means of this survey, if it were found that the mineral hill lay beyond the railroad land grant it would stop all further litigation without taking the case to the land office for settlement by other methods. The survey was completed and the findings of the engineers were that the boundary line of section 11 was located about a mile and a half beyond the grant made to the railroad. As it now stands La Plata mine owners will need to prove that the land can be classed as mineral, which there is

not the least doubt they can do and unless the government has given the railroad company a patent to the land it is presumed the injunction will be dissolved.

John D. Draper, aged 15 years, came to an untimely end at Moroni a few evenings ago by the hand of his playmate, Levi Frandsen, aged 18. The two boys were walking along the street together, returning from an entertainment, when Draper insulted Frandsen and provoked him to retaliate by using a very hard name for his young friend, who in turn hurled Frandsen to the ground, then ran a few paces away from him. Frandsen in rising to his feet picked up a couple of cobble stones about the size of his fist. The first he threw missed its mark, but the second struck Draper on the left temple, crushing in the temple bone. The poor lad lived about four hours when he expired, probably from paralysis of the heart, caused by blood clotting. Dr. Woodring of this city went over and held an inquest, and the facts produced were substantially as above stated. County Attorney Erickson filed an information against Frandsen and had him arrested.—*Mount Pleasant Pyramid*.

The Brigham City Bugler of October 1st, says: This week, County Recorder Burrows received for record two important deeds from Nolan & Brady, Chicago attorneys. They cover the sale of the Sherwood and Iron Blossom mines situated near the old Garfield mine, four miles north of Brigham. The Utah Mining Co. are the purchasers and H. C. Baker the seller. The price paid for the property is \$500,000 for each of the two claims of 600x1500 feet. The deeds were of an iron-clad quit-claim order. A valuable limestone ledge showing iron oxide runs through both of the sold properties. Mr. Baker was in town a short time ago with one of these three-times-a-millionaire mining capitalists, who was here inspecting the property. He spoke of great pending improvements and developments on the property. The Garfield mine near by contains a 200-foot tunnel which shows fine prospects.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Friday night, during a terrific thunderstorm, flames were seen to shoot forth from Thomas H. Vincent's barn, located on E street, about two blocks below the railroad track. Mr. Vincent was aroused by his wife crying, "The barn is on fire." He immediately rushed to the barn and set loose a number of horses. The fire spread rapidly and soon the entire barn and sheds were a mass of fire. Guns were fired throughout the city; the firebell pealed forth its alarm. Citizens and the fire department rushed to the scene, only to discover that the nearest hydrant was a distance from the barn of three blocks, which could not be covered by the hose. The horses were rapidly driven back to the court house and the engine was brought. As the fire was a distance from the court house of over a mile, this required considerable time, and before a stream of water could be thrown it was too late to do much good. It is generally admitted that the fire was caused by lightning striking the barn, and it is believed that a mare was killed by the

shock. The property destroyed consisted of a barn and cattle sheds, a brood mare, forty tons of hay and a lot of straw, two or three Jersey calves and several chickens, valued in all at about \$3000. The insurance amounts to \$1500.—*Frovo Enquirer*.

The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Mabel Loomis, of this place, (says the Helena, Montana, *Daily Journal*), has created considerable excitement, and gossip is rife as to her destination and the circumstances surrounding the case. Last Tuesday morning a hack drove up to the house, shortly after Mr. Loomis had gone to work, and into it Mrs. Loomis loaded her trunk and bundles. A few minutes later it seems she went down Hoback as far as Ninth, disguised and heavily veiled, and at that point entered another hack, which is supposed to have conveyed her to the Montana Central depot just in time to catch the outgoing train. These facts are related by the neighbors who witnessed what went forward, but they attached no importance to it until it was definitely known that the lady had left the city. Investigation on the part of her husband, who is well enough distracted, has failed to reveal anything relative to her whereabouts or the motives that inspired her to leave him. They were married about fifteen months ago, Mrs. Loomis is but 17 years of age, and her husband fears that improper influences have been brought to bear to cause the separation. The idea that she has gone to her home in Spokane is not entertained by her friends, and the mystery deepens with the belief that she took the Montana Central for some point unknown. Mrs. Loomis apparently quit the house within ten minutes after her husband's departure, leaving a note telling him that she was going to leave him and that no one was to blame for her departure but herself. She enjoyed a wide acquaintance, and the confidence and respect of her friends.

#### TO TEST THE TAX RAISE.

The committee appointed to consult with property owners as to whether they would be willing to subscribe to the fund for testing in the courts the action of the Territorial Board of Equalization in raising the taxes in Salt Lake county, have met with success, as will be seen by the signatures attached to the following paper:

To defray the expenses of testing the legality of the increase in the Territorial school and county taxes for Salt Lake county, as made by the Territorial board of equalization, and in consideration of being made parties to an action to be commenced against the collector of Salt Lake county, restraining him from collecting said increased taxes, we each agree to pay 10 per cent. of the amount that our respective taxes are raised by such increased assessment, said payments to be made to William H. Sheurman, treasurer of the committee appointed to take charge of the litigation, upon demand, provided an amount is subscribed sufficient to pay the expense of such litigation, and any surplus to be returned pro rata to subscribers.

Signed, Harriet Partridge, M. H. Walker, Joseph R. Walker, Estate of S. S. Walker, F. Auerbach & Bros., S. P. Teasdel, Pixton Estate, Cohn Bros., George Arbogast, John A. Groesbeck, John W. Donnellan, Kelsey & Gillespie and S. W. Sears.