

west corner of the intersection of Ninth East street and Roper street, in said territory proposed to be annexed, be designated by this Council as the place at which the poll will be opened for the holding of such election.

The district proposed to be annexed comprises East and West Grand View and Lincoln Park and Perkins and other minor subdivisions.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL QUESTION.

THE public school system is becoming a vexed question in many of the Eastern States and cities. In Wisconsin almost a revolution was effected on this issue. In Illinois, at one time, it threatened to provoke a bitter fight but the trouble was temporarily settled by compromise. In Minnesota there has been much agitation for a year or more over this question. The Roman Catholic church, though not as strong numerically in that region as in other places, yet commands close attention by reason of the prominent part one of its greatest dignitaries, Archbishop Ireland, plays in public affairs. In educational matters he is regarded as an authority even by his Protestant fellow citizens. In the liquor question he stands on a platform with most of the extreme temperance advocates. He co-operates in a general way with Protestant reformers on this line, though such a course is contrary to the discipline of his church.

Last August the parochial schools of Fairbault, Minn., were turned over to the Board of Education. The transfer was made in due legal form. Father Conry, in whose name the school property was registered, made the following offer: "In consideration of \$1 I agree to place under the management and control of the Board of Education of the city of Fairbault, the school building and all its equipments, at present known as the parish school of the Immaculate Conception church, with the grounds upon which the school building is located, the same to be used by said board for educational purposes under such conditions as that board may determine to be for the best interests of all concerned."

The Board of Education accepted the proposition. The schools, however, were left in charge of former teachers, but under the control of the public school superintendent. Catholic children exclusively continued to use them. This led to further agitation. It was stated that the transaction was not in good faith; that the whole thing was a scheme to get even the public schools under priestly domination.

Recently the Protestants deputed one of their number, a Mr. Mott, to investigate the situation. He did so, and in his report says that no change was made last August because it was then too late in the season to introduce

reforms. But since then the parochial schools have been regraded, State textbooks introduced, and in many instances the teachers changed. He says, however, that among the teachers employed and paid by the city are a few sisters of the church, but they have been relieved from giving any religious teaching during their connection with their public school work.

If everything is as reported, the public school problem, in Fairbault, is settled for the present. But if sisters of the church living in convents be employed as teachers, the influence of that church would certainly be exerted and trouble would be sure to arise from Protestant objectors.

The root of the difficulty is the necessity of excluding religion entirely from the public schools. While the State takes charge of public education it is certain to continue to bear bitter fruit. A large number of religious people desire their children to be trained religiously in schools. This can only be done fairly and consistently by leaving each denomination to regulate education for the children of its members. But this would work a revolution in the common school system, and as the prevailing sentiment of the country is against such a change, we may look for more or less agitation on the subject. In Utah the wisest policy is to encourage and support the public schools for children until they acquire a common education, then let the Church provide for a higher education by its own means for advanced scholars, and teach its tenets therein, as other denominations may do in their academies.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The Church Case.

At the head of the list was that of the United States vs. the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints et al., and upon its being mentioned Mr. Varian said—There is nothing ready now; therefore it had better be passed.

Judge Judd—I applied to Judge Loufborrow this morning to know when he would file his report in this matter. His reply was that he was working on it, and would be able to get it in in three or four days. I would like to have the case set down for argument towards the end of the month. I can accommodate myself, however, to a date that would suit others.

Mr. Varian—I do not think it should be set until we see what the report is.

Hon. F. S. Richards—We would rather not have the case set today; not until we have seen the report.

Judge Zane—Let it be passed for the present.

A Miraculous Escape.

On the morning of Jan. 6th., a loud report was heard in the settlement, proceeding from a dwelling owned by a family by the name of Julius Crouse. "It seems that Mr. Crouse was thawing some giant powder near the stove, and all of a sudden it exploded and burst the stove into pieces, destroyed the doors and windows and broke some of the ceiling joists. The cupboard was demolished with all the

crockery. The family consisted of 6 persons. The father was sitting on a box near the stove. The box was burst into fragments, and he was lifted up. The mother and children were finishing their breakfast and escaped without receiving any injury. If it had happened a little later the children would have been warming themselves at the fire and would have been seriously injured, if not killed; as it was they received a violent shock, and for some time were deprived of the sense of hearing. It was a most remarkable escape, considering the amount of damage, which is estimated to amount to about \$200. It is a serious loss, as the family are poor.

J. F. MADDISON.

PROVIDENCE, Cache County,
Jan. 8th, 1892.

Death of Mrs. Zula Kimball.

A sad case of bereavement has occurred in the household of Brother Solomon F. Kimball. On New Year's day gladness was brought to the family by the advent of two little strangers, a boy and a girl, to whom Mrs. Kimball gave birth. One weighed ten and the other eleven pounds, and both were sound and healthy. The mother appeared for some time to be doing well, but in a few days a change for the worse set in from which she never rallied. On Saturday (Jan. 9th) this estimable woman and faithful Latter-day Saint breathed her last at her residence in the Eighteenth Ward. The many friends of the deceased and of Brother Kimball will be greatly shocked at this news. The sorrowing husband is left with five young children on his hands, two of whom are but a few days old. This is indeed a case that attracts a depth of sympathy for the bereaved family, that cannot be expressed in words. On account of the relatives living in Arizona and Idaho, the funeral has been set for Thursday, Jan. 14th, at 2 p. m. Services will be held in the Eighteenth Ward chapel.

Ironwood, Mich., Jan. 12.—An explosion at the Pobst mine wrecked the hoisting plant of the engine house and the mine office. John Hughes was killed and two other men seriously injured. The damage to the mine cannot be estimated yet.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The steamship "Australia" arrived this morning seven days from Honolulu. The whaling bark "Jobu P. West" was burned to the water's edge five miles off Diamond Head, January 5th. The crew were saved.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—The Academy St. Louis De Gonsaga, conducted by the Providence nuns, in which there are over three hundred children, burned today. The nuns had the greatest difficulty in preventing a panic among the children, but all were rescued safely by the firemen. The loss will be heavy.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—A paper states that J. Malcomb Forbes, has agreed to pay Senator Stanford \$160,000 for Arion K. the two-year-old Electioneer colt who made the world's record of 2:10 1/2 on the Stockton kite-shaped track a few months ago.