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DIED .- We have to record the demise of Professor Alexander Ott, who died this morning at his residence in the 14th Ward. Bro. Ott has been afflicted with sickness for a length of time, but he was able to be around until quite recently. He was, we believe a native of Hamburg. His literary labors in connection with the Mormon and the DESERET NEWS, have made his name familiar to thousands of the Saints. He has labored, quietly, unostentatiously and diligently to accomplish good; and his efforts wave been most appreciated by those who were best acquainted with him. As a citiwarm friends; whose sympathies will now be extended to the bereaved family.

MERCANTILE MEETING .- This morning there was a meeting of influential business men held in the City Hall, to consider matters with held in the City Hall, to consider matters with regard to carrying out the co-operative princi-ple, which has been the theme of numerous discourses and the subject of much thought for a short time past, Among those present we noticed Hon. W. H. Hooper, General H. S. El-dredge, Col. J. C. Little, Judge Stout, H. W Law-rence, C. H. Bassett, B. Roberts, Jeseph Wood-mansee, Wm. Clayton, F. A. Mitchell, Henry Sadler, [firm of Jennings & Co.] Henry Naisbitt, theo. Dunford, A. Miner, Esqrs., and others. During the progress of the meeting Presidents B. Young, Geo. A. Smith and D. H. Wells, Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, Elder Erastus Snow, and Bis-hop Edward Hunter came in and took seats. General H. S. Eldredge having been called to the chair, stated in a few brief remarks the ob-ject of the meeting,

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Secretary. Remarks were made by the Hon. W. H. Hoo-per, President G. A. Smith, Hon. Geo. Q. Can-non, H. W. Naisbitt, Esq., General Eldredge, Col. Little, Geo. Goddard, Esq., and others. Tresident Young offered a few suggestions and the meeting adjourned until to-morrow morn-ing at 10 o'clock, to re-assemble at the City Hall, when all those who have subsrribed for stock in the proposed Co-operative Association are requested to attend, that steps may be ta-ken for properly organizing.

LIFE AND TIMES ON THE WEBER,-Besides the digging and delving at the railroad work, there is no small degree of cabin building, especially in the region of the tunnels on Messrs. Sharp & Young's contract. The weather thus far in those narrow moun-tain gorges has been but slightly tinctured with the Icelandish, otherwise ice-in-tin-cups, pails, tubs, etc. The maxim, how-ever, is, "every tub must stand upon its own bottom," so, every pair or two of hu-mans called into requisition on those stu-pendous works have taken to walling themselves with boards against the chilling blasts of the mountain night air. Burrowing into a side hill for shelter has also become a popu-lar method of tabernacling in that vicinity. This latter is considerably less expensive, as the earth bank forms pretty good walls, and the river bottoms abound with small cottonwoods for rafters and roofing, with cottonwoods for rafters and roofing, with suitable proportions of sod and clay to fill up the interstices. Thus the men now gen-erally have comfortable lodgings and quiet resting places, where their evenings and be-tween hours may be spent somewhat sociably and profitably, taking away much that is so unlike "home, sweet home," in a grading camp. A goodly number of the "dear creatures" so essential to the home outfit also adorn with their sweetness the utfit also adorn with their sweetnes humble cots of the workmen. Altogether, the busy scene now observable any day at the upper tunnel is one that presents many attractions. Among others recently drawn thither by these attractions may be named Division Engineer Bates, who has become so enamored of the sequestered nature of the camp, and the quality of the society and surroundings in general, that he has re-moved his headquarters to that point. LARCENY .- It was yesterday merning, about 52 Miles north of Salt Lake City, one o'clock, that some sweet-toothed, but burglariously disposed individual, broke into the dwelling of J. P. Brown, next door to the Theatre, and stole some candles and cakes; and not being satisfied broke in next door and stole a few ples. Look alter loose characters around, they can bear it. September 17th, 1868, in the Seventh Ward, of childbirth, Jane, wile of Barnett Rigby, and daughter of William and Jane Giover, aged 30 years and 9 months: Also at the same place, on the 5th inst., Jose-ph, Infant son of deceased. Deceased lived and died a Saint and was be-loved by all who knew her.-Cox.