

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, NOVEMBER 2.

The ninetieth anniversary of the birth of the late President John Taylor was elaborately celebrated last evening at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Hyde, No. 40 west North Temple street. The function was simply a repetition of what has become to be an annual gathering of the relatives of the deceased. Such an affair was held last year in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms. Prior to that it had been held at the residences of some of his sons and daughters, but on that occasion a diviation was made in order that all who were related in any way might be given the opportunity of attending.

The gathering last night comprised seventy-five adult members. An interesting program was carried out which included an address by George J. Taylor, the President's eldest son, a song by Miss Edna Hyde, and remarks by President Joseph F. Smith. Refreshments were also served. The gathering lasted from 7 until 11 o'clock and was a most pleasant affair in every particular.

This afternoon the children of the family met at the residence of Mrs. Nuttall, another daughter of the deceased, on West Temple street, and spent the time in youthful pleasure that had been provided for the occasion. Among those present who attended last evening's affair were Presidents Geo. Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith and Elder A. M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake and others.

"I wish we could impress on parents the necessity of guarding their daughters from the traps and snares set for them by the traveling gentry—those who dress well, are smooth tongued and polite, and generally appeal to the fancies of giddy and unwise girls."

So spoke Chief of Police Pratt in his office this morning to a "News" reporter. The remarks were brought out through reference to the case of Schuyler C. Constant, the swell gentleman who was arrested several days ago charged with vagrancy. His hearing had been set for 10 o'clock this morning before Justice Timmony, but when the time came, and the police court chamber had been filled with curious, inquisitive people, Mr. Constant was not est, and the court declared his bail of \$50 forfeited, at the same time ordering the issuance of a bench warrant for his arrest.

Constant is one of the class to which Chief Pratt had reference in his remarks given above. "He belongs to a fraternity that should be severely handled on entrance into any town," said the chief. They come in here, set their caps for the young girls, and in their persuasive, kind, affable way lure them on to distress and ruin. They dress well, sometimes have money and cut quite a dash among thoughtless young women. A man doesn't have to be without money to be convicted of vagrancy. No, that is a mistaken idea, and one which we will demonstrate before we get through with this class of people.

The chief then went on talking in a general way concerning the subject in hand and called attention to the arrest yesterday of Dan Quinlan as a case paralleling that of Constant. He said such men were a dangerous element in any community, and should be given a wide berth so that they would be led to seek pastures new, wherein they

could more easily accomplish their hearts' desires.

When Constant failed to appear, the impression became general that he had left the city, and doubtless this is the case as he has not been seen since last evening. Chris Diehl was on hand ready to prosecute him "to a finish," but the young attorney's ambition was demolished, and now he is trying to convince the officers that a mistake was made in allowing him out on such a light bail. "Why, it should have been at least \$150," said Mr. Diehl today, "and perhaps then we would have had a chance to do something with him." The defendant's attorneys, Powers, Straup and Lippman and Mr. Hall, were apparently as much disappointed as the prosecution, when the dashing dude failed to put in an appearance.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lieut. Andrew J. Burt, who for a considerable time was in charge of Troop I, Torrey's Rough Riders, at Jacksonville, Fla., returned from the South yesterday afternoon hale and hearty, and with a decided soldierly bearing. So far as health and appearance are concerned, it would seem that he is much better than when he went away with the troop in May last. He declares that he has enjoyed himself thoroughly while absent, and that the body of men from Utah, over whom he presided was the very best in the regiment.

John Steadlander, a carpenter in the employ of the Rio Grande Western, died very suddenly at his home, corner of Burton court and Second South street, this city, last evening. Deceased had been ailing for several days but his illness was not thought to be of a very serious nature, although he had had severe vomiting spells during that period.

Late last night Mr. Steadlander informed his wife that if she did not send for a doctor, and that immediately, he would die. His wife became alarmed and sent for Dr. Fowler, but he could not be secured. Then she summoned Dr. McAchram, but on his arrival the man was dead.

At first it was thought he had poisoned himself, but this theory was set at naught by Dr. McAchram, who stated that had the man taken poison he would not have been able to speak as he did such a short time before. The doctor, however, would not attach his signature to a death certificate as he was not satisfied as to the real cause of Mr. Steadlander's sudden taking off.

This has already proved itself to be the best beet sugar year in the history of Utah and the West. The product of the Lehi factory is, comparatively speaking, enormous; more than ten million pounds of the saccharine product will be turned out; about half of that amount has already been produced. The remainder will occupy the time of the factory until about the first of the year. The splendid crop and the very good showing made by the factory, together with the sale of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bonds taken by Zion's Savings bank, and the Deseret National bank, seventy-five thousand each, has greatly stiffened the price of the stock, there being daily demands for it upon the open market. The indications point to it becoming one of the best class of securities in the State within the near future.

The Ogden factory has done much

better this year, the first of its existence, than did the Lehi factory during its first year's run. The reason for this is that it has had the benefit of the former's experience when engaged practically in experimental work. Its product will be about four million pounds, or 40 per cent of that produced by the Lehi factory.

The Oregon factory, in which Ogden people and capitalists are largely interested, will turn out about two million pounds. It is also the first year of that institution. It has a good many obstacles of one character and another to contend against at the outset; but it is now in a fair way to become a heavy producer. It is expected to do much better next year than this.

Justice Miner delivered an opinion today, concurred in by Chief Justice Zane and Justice Barch, in the case of L. G. Heywood vs the board of county commissioners of Weber county, and Newton Farr, clerk, appellants, remanding the cause to the lower court with instructions to reverse and set aside the judgment, granting the peremptory writ of mandamus, and to enter judgment in favor of the defendants.

Proceedings in this case were commenced by Heywood against the defendants for the purpose of compelling them to execute and deliver to him a deed of conveyance to lots 16 and 17, block 1, Herriman addition to Ogden city and to accept the sum of \$10, offered by Heywood, therefor.

The board of county commissioners of Weber county, last May, advertised the property for sale under a tax deed. Plaintiff bid \$10 for the property and the board refused to tender. The taxes, interest and costs amounted to \$13.83, and the notice of sale contained a clause providing that no bid would be accepted for less than all taxes and costs.

Heywood brought a writ of mandamus to compel the board to accept the bid. Judge Rolapp overruled a demurrer of the defendants and granted the writ, when an appeal was taken.

The question presented to the Supreme court was whether upon the sale of real estate under section 2655, Revised Statutes 1898, the board of county commissioners is compelled to accept the highest responsible bid for the land offered for sale, or may it reject any bid for less than the amount due for taxes, interest and costs of sale, or does the statutes fix the sum of such bid.

The board of commissioners contended that they had the right to fix the minimum sum below which no bid would be accepted; while Heywood insisted that the highest responsible bid for the land must be accepted, whether it equals the taxes and costs or not.

The court holds that the commissioners were not compelled to sell the property under the section referred to, unless the amount of the taxes, interest, and costs were offered. A reversal is then ordered.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, NOVEMBER 4.

Isabelle Littlefair, mother of Mrs. Joseph William Taylor, died suddenly at her home in Logan this morning. The cause of death is not known. Deceased was 65 years of age and came from Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, England, many years ago.

Ogden, Utah, Nov. 4.—Ed Simpson of Hooper was brought in here this afternoon with his left hand and wrist blown off. He was out hunting near Hooper this morning, and while drawing his shotgun through the brush the weapon was discharged with the result above stated. Dr. Rich gave immediate attention to the injured member, which