

of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations met with the city officers last evening (Wednesday) in the lecture rooms of the Latter-day Saints' Business College. Roll call showed representatives from every city association excepting the Sixth, Twelfth, Nineteenth, Twenty-third, Brighton, Cannon, Farmers and Sugar House wards.

The opening prayer was offered by John E. Openshaw of the Sixteenth ward. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, the secretary read the list of lecturers for March 8th and 15th. The question of roll call in large associations was discussed, together with other questions of similar importance.

Upon motion of D. R. Lyon of the Twentieth ward the time of meeting was changed from the first Wednesday to the second Wednesday of each month.

J. B. Higgs, F. M. Lyman Jr. and D. J. Lang each conducted a five minutes' exercise upon the rules of catechization, after which George M. Cannon of Forest Dale explained his method of conducting an exercise, and took the class through a portion of lesson ten from the Manual.

At the close of the exercise a lively discussion of methods took place and timely remarks were made by Superintendent Lyman.

Lesson thirteen was decided upon to be taken up at next meeting and after benediction by Charles F. Stillman of East Mill Creek, the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday evening, April 13th.

J. B. HIGGS, Secretary.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 4.

D. C. Wilson, who resides at 428 north Third West street and who is engaged as gardener on the Temple block, met with a serious accident between 4 and 5 o'clock last evening while trimming shade trees for Bishop Burton at the corner of First South and Second West streets. Mr. Wilson was sawing the top off a large tree while Mr. Will Burton stood on the sidewalk below with a long rope in his hand ready to pull the sawed-off part to the ground in a manner that would not damage the fence. But when about half sawed the trunk of the tree suddenly split, striking Wilson under the chin, inflicting an ugly gash which was subsequently sewed up by the doctors, rendering him unconscious and precipitating him to the ground, thirty feet below. When he was picked up, blood was oozing from his mouth and ears, and he appeared to be more nearly dead than alive. He was carried into Mr. Burton's and Dr. Ed. Wilcox and another physician summoned. Gradually he was restored to sensibility, and today he was resting as comfortably as could be expected.

The following extracts are taken from a letter dated Germantown, Pa., Feb. 27, 1898, written by State Senator Mattie H. Cannon to Mrs. E. B. Wells of this city:

"The woman's great convention at the capital is over. It was the fiftieth anniversary of the movement at Seneca Falls, and pronounced by the leaders to be the most successful convention ever held. I enjoyed every minute of it. Papers were read and speeches made by some of the most noted men and women of the United States, and everything was conducted in a business-like and masterly manner. Interest rose so to enthusiasm on the last night when the enfranchised states were represented by the lady legislators and superintendents of public instruction from their respective states. Utah received her full share of honor and recognition, and was acknowledged to be in the vanguard of prog-

ress. On every occasion was her representative treated in the most courteous and considerate manner. Six receptions were tendered the leaders and delegates during the six days' session, but all could not attend all of them, as there was much business on hand.

The most noted reception of the week was tendered by President McKinley at the White House. All the delegates availed themselves of the hospitality of the President. As I shook hands with him and looked into his noble face, I felt him to be a great man, notwithstanding he is not a Democrat.

Dear Sister Wells how I do wish you had been at the convention. The recognition that our fair young state received would have been a solace and satisfaction to one who has labored so long and earnestly for the welfare of its daughters as you have. But let me assure you that though absent you were not forgotten. Your good work went before you, and many kind inquiries were made concerning you. The noble Miss Anthony, the Rev. Anna Shaw, Rachel Foster Avery and a host of presidents and delegates from states desired to be remembered to the faithful worker of the distant West.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 5.

Bear Lake conference will be held at Paris, Idaho, on Saturday and Sunday, 19th and 20th inst., instead of 12th and 13th inst.

F. D. RICHARDS,
J. F. SMITH,
Committee.

Mrs. J. Wood of Westfield Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England, would like to hear of the whereabouts of her brother, Geo. Hurt, who emigrated to Utah from Kiveton Park, near Sheffield, some fifteen years ago. He was last heard from six years ago; he then being in Sale Lake City.

Midway, South Carolina.

February 26, 1898.

Mrs. A. M. Day of Florence, Florence county, South Carolina, will be pleased to hear from Mercy Day Narrimore or any of her descendants. She emigrated from Connecticut to Utah many years ago. She afterwards married a man by the name of Thoms.

ELDER H. E. SMYTH.

Elder Ernest M. Boyer of Springville returned home from a mission on the 4th inst. Elder Boyer labored in Northern Indiana and Illinois, in the Northern States mission and was president of the conference. He enjoyed good health and received kind treatment at the hands of the people. He says there have been many changes favorable to the Latter-day Saints during the last two years.

Elder A. B. Neff, of East Mill Creek, called on the "News" today, having just returned from the Eastern States mission. Elder Neff left home on the 8th of July, 1897, and was recently released on account of the death of a nine-year-old son and the continued sickness of his wife. He reports the mission in a prosperous condition and regrets that circumstances forced his return home, before completing his labors.

Attorney General Bishop transmitted to the State board of equalization today a reply to the following question:

"The Echo and Park City railroad has been assessed in the past as a separate corporation, but was reported to the board by the Union Pacific system tax agent and taxes paid by that system. It is now controlled, operated and managed by the Union Pacific Railroad Co., as the board is informed in one county, Summit. Should this property be assessed by the State board of equalization or by the county assessor of Summit county?"

After referring to sections 2613, 2559

and 2560, and commenting thereon, Mr. Bishop says:

"In the case you suggest, I assume from your statement of fact that the 'Echo and Park City railroad' is a separate and distinct corporation. It does not appear from your statement whether it is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Co. or not. It may be assumed, however, from common knowledge, based upon judicial proceedings in relation thereto, that it is not owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Co. The fact that it may be operated by that company and be considered a part of what is called the Union Pacific system, could not, in my judgment, affect the question of its assessment, provided it is a distinct corporation and operated wholly within Summit county. True, it may be and perhaps should be assessed in the name of the Union Pacific Railroad company if it is being operated by it, but it should be designated as the 'Echo and Park City Railroad company.'

"Applying the law to the facts stated in your communication, I am of opinion that the State board of equalization has no jurisdiction to assess the property in question, but that the assessment and equalization thereof properly belongs to the local authorities of Summit county."

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 7.

Brigham Bugler: Judging from what we can learn by interviewing fruit growers from various parts of the city, the loss to the Brigham peach crop this season will be considerable. The buds seem to be nipped in streaks, running east to west, through the town. Here you find an orchard that will produce hardly a peach, while along side of it is another orchard that will yield a full crop. Wm. Craghead says there will be few peaches raised in the western part of the city, and A. H. Snow finds most of the buds blighted in his large orchard in the southern part of town. Others find more favorable conditions. But as a rule it is a good thing for the peach crop to have many of the buds nipped; it makes the remaining fruit of a larger and better variety. In spite of these adverse reports, we believe there will be a fairly good peach crop in Brigham this season. It never yet has failed.

The board of directors of the Grand Valley Sugar Beet company met after the public meeting in Grand Junction Thursday, and selected Orson Adams, Jr., as treasurer. They instructed the secretary to prepare a prospectus so that it can be seen what the advantages are for the erection of a beet sugar factory. The railroads will be asked for rates and the different coal mines for their prices of coal. The various ledges of lime rock up and down the valley are to be analyzed and a computation made of all the facts bearing on this industry.

The county commissioners of Mesa, Garfield, Eagle and Pitkin, will be asked to pay some of the expenses of this undertaking. It is evident that the organization is in earnest. They are proceeding in the right direction to attract capital to the Grand valley. The information they will get together on this matter will be so arranged that men with money to invest will see a grand proposition laid before them.

There is just one element that can forestall the erection of a beet sugar factory in the Grand valley, and that is the railroads. If they do not give rates the farmers to the distance of 100 miles from the factory the work of this organization might as well stop right now.—Glenwood Springs Advocate.

The Rio Grande excursion party which left for Tintic yesterday morning on a special train of five cars had a rather lively experience at Eureka.