

Agnes is the child of a neighbor's, so John states. These letters, if written by John's wife and Ritter would seem to indicate that John had reasons for his angry feelings towards Ritter. John says, this morning that he dropped his pistol when he asked Ritter to come off the wagon and fight and that David picked it up.

Both of the Rockwell boys attended the Brigham Young academy here about sixteen years ago, and many Provo citizens remember the boys; they were rather wild, but not in any way vicious. John was a lively, good-natured boy, while David was very quiet and inclined to be morose. Ritter was originally from Salt Lake, but has been living for years in Rush Valley with his mother. Sheriff Brown has sworn to a complaint against John Rockwell charging him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Some of Rockwell's friends came down from Salt Lake this morning and will try to have an early examination of the case so that John can be admitted to bail and David removed from the jail. Complaints will also be made against Ritter, and David if he lives. The officers are interviewing the relations of Mrs. Rockwell to see Mrs. Rockwell. Last evening they were not able to see her, as her mother insisted that she was too much excited to see any one.

This afternoon Doctors Allen, Richards and Taylor probed the wound in Rockwell's head, trying to locate the bullet, but failed, and are now of the opinion that the bullet shattered. Sheriff Brown had an interview with Mrs. John Rockwell and she denies positively having written the letters found on Ritter and insists that no improper relations existed between them.

Ritter was a resident of Salt Lake until some time ago. He was a member of Troop C, National Guard of Utah, until his removal to Tooele.

John Rockwell was taken before Justice De Moley Friday afternoon for a preliminary examination on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder on the person of William Ritter, committed to Provo on June 11th. Judge W. N. Dusenberry appeared as attorney for Rockwell and waived examination. Rockwell was then bound over to await the action of the court in \$2,500 bail. His brother-in-law, Mr. E. M. Stowell, of Salt Lake, became one of his sureties and will procure another surety who will justify before Justice Harvey in Salt Lake today. As soon as the bond was signed David Rockwell was removed from the jail to Judge Dusenberry's residence where he will be attended by John and his sister, Mrs. Stowell.

He was as well this morning as at any time after the shooting, if not better. The doctors have no hopes of his recovery, but say he may linger for several days.

William Ritter, the other wounded man, is doing nicely; the bullet, it appears, did not pass through his body, but followed a rib under the flesh and came out under and back of the armpit; the wound is said to be almost identical with the one received by Soren Nielson, the Mt. Pleasant banker who was shot some years ago. He died several weeks after the shoot-

ing from pneumonia. That is the danger that confronts Ritter, as he is almost certain to have an attack of pneumonia produced by the inflammation which will be the natural result of his wound. His mother and his half brother, S. J. Cooroff, came in from Vernon last evening and are waiting on him. They will make an effort to remove him to some more convenient place than the county jail today. He will be arraigned on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder, and if David Rockwell dies the charge will be changed to murder. Sheriff Brown had not decided this afternoon whether to permit Ritter to be removed before his examination; if he does not allow this the examination will be held in jail.

NO POLITICS IN SCHOOL.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Cache County Teachers' Institute, at the meeting held June 6:

Whereas it has been customary since the division on party lines in Utah, for each party to nominate and sustain candidates for school officers, and

Whereas, the election of partisan school officers, in our opinion, is detrimental to the educational interests of the State in so much as it places the control of the schools in the hands of one or the other of the political parties thereby having a tendency to make a position in our educational institutions a reward for party effort, and

Whereas, the election and appointment of school officers on party lines diminishes the amount of available material for educational positions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the best interests of the people of Utah educationally will be better subserved and advanced by making the election and appointment of all school officers without reference to their political faith or party affiliation.

The above resolutions were presented to the Democratic county convention, held at Logan June 1, 1896, and unanimously adopted by them, after which the following was adopted by the same body:

Whereas, the above resolutions having been unanimously adopted, be it resolved by this convention, that the precinct organizations be instructed to confer with the other political parties of their respective precincts, and take such action as shall bring about harmony in the election of the school officers of their respective districts.

Ephraim Enterprise: The railroad construction now going on is proving of great benefit to workmen in this county. All of the saw mills are busily engaged in getting out ties and are giving employment to a great many men.....Chicken thieves have been at work lately depopulating numerous chicken coops in the vicinity of Main street.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid: Last Monday great excitement was caused in Spring City. Men, women and children dropped everything and ran to doors and windows to see—what?—a lady in bloomers on a bicycle. Our attention was next called to a collision of the same lady and escort. The latter broke some spokes in his wheel, but no bones were broken.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

John Waters, a logger, was fatally injured at Fort Bragg, Cal., Monday. A steam donkey pulling stumps loosened a large piece of wood, which struck him on the back of the head.

Lonis Fesalar, a rancher, was found dead near his home near Cholame, Cal., Friday morning. The coroner's jury found that death resulted from hemorrhage of the lungs.

The banner carried by the California delegates to the St. Louis convention bore the motto "Protection to American Industries and Workmen." There was no reference to silver. The banner is bordered by gold lace on both sides, mounted on a heavy gold rod, and surmounted by a gold eagle. Heavy bullion fringe and gold tassels hang from the lower edge.

Mabel Simmonds, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Francis N. Simmonds, a machinist in the employ of the Market Street Railway company, San Francisco, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing several grains of strychnia on Saturday evening. While the girl's parents decline to make any statement concerning the matter and refuse to allow her to be interviewed, their neighbors are more communicative, and assert that the girl was driven to attempt self-destruction on account of cruel treatment by her parents.

There is great excitement among the Portuguese people of Fresno, Cal., on account of the rumor that one of their number had been murdered at Big Creek, near Short Hair valley, about 100 miles northeast of Fresno, in the Sierra Nevada mountains. There is no further evidence of murder than that the young man is missing and that his disappearance is hard to be accounted for on any other hypothesis than that he was murdered. His name is Charles White. It is supposed that two escaped train robbers met and killed him, as the fugitives went in the direction he was last seen.

The heat on the California desert has been intense on Saturday. It was 1.22 at 11 a. m., and the mercury rose steadily to 128 at 2 p. m. Then the sky clouded over and a drop of 5 degrees resulted. The thermometer was kept in the coolest place, both at the depot and the salt company's houses at Salton. At Volcano Springs the agent reported 129 as the highest point reached. The heat was so intense that a Mexican working on the section between Salton and Durmid had to be brought in. His tongue was black and swollen, and he vomited considerably.

Billy Hunter, a half-breed Indian employed by Jose Rosasco, a cattleman, has just brought to town news of the finding of a man's body on Bear creek, thirty miles east of Sonora, Cal. The odor attracted the attention of Hunter and his Indian companions, and they began removing the leaves and earth. One of the boys uncovered a man's arm. They then uncovered the rest of the body, which was entirely naked, and had been buried about a week. The body is supposed to be that of a man named Burns. The coroner is investigating to determine whether or not there has been foul play.

The six-year-old daughter of William Young, residing near Lockeford, Cal.