THREE FIRES THIS MORNING

Two of Them Attended by Heavy Losses.

BARNS, HORSES AND BUGGIES

Destroyed Belonging to Ex-U. S. Marshal E. H. Parsons and Henry Cohn.

Between three and four o'clock this morning the handsome and large two story frame barn on Second South street, between Fifth and sixth East streets, belonging to Henry Cohn, the well known wool merchant, was found on fire. The policeman who was sleeping in the building was the first to discover that fact. He was awakened by the flames, which had spread a considerable distance towards his bed. Almost suffocated he sprang from his couch and only partially clad quickly mounted a horse and dashed down the street to the fire station, expecting in the excitement to go to the nearest fire alarm box, which was only a short distance away, to call out the fire department. Before the brigade could reach the scene of the fire the flames had spread with great rapidity and fury to Ex-U. S. Marshal Parsons' two story brick barn adjoining the Cohn building on the east. The firemen worked untiringly and persistently for two hours to extinguish the fire and until they were drenched with water and almost frozen by the piercing cold.

Just how the fire originated is a mystery. A statesman who is each of the barns and is is claimed that they were both sleeping soundly when the fire broke out and that they had been doing so all the night. Both deny that they had been smoking or that they had struck any matches on the premises last night.

Mr. Cohn's loss will probably reach $4,000, as two valuable horses and a number of expensive vehicles, sets of harness, saddles, bicycles, tricycles and other costly articles were burned with the building, on which there was only a slight insurance.

The damage to Mr. Parsons' barn and contents, it is estimated, will reach about $1,500; covered by insurance.

ANOTHER SMALL BLAZE.

About 9 o'clock this morning the department was called out to extinguish a small blaze, caused by a defective flue in a lath and plaster building at No. 202 south First West street, belonging to Henry Dinwoody and occupied by J. E. Williams. There was no loss and no service.

DR. MAESER'S RETURN.

He Gives an Assuring Account of Things in Old Mexico.

TRIP IN THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

What the Doctor Observed in the Course of His Travels.—The Indian Scare at an End.

On last evening's Rio Grand Western train, says the Provo evening Dispatch of Wednesday, Provo's honored citizen and stalwart in the cause of education, Dr. Carl O. Maeser, returned to his home, having completed his first circuit in the interest of the Latter-day Saints' schools. The veteran is looking hale and hearty and feeling as well as he looks, for his trip has been a most pleasant and successful one, and with him when the cause of education is progressing in the land all else is well.

Dr. Maeser visited the two Church schools in Emery county, and the one in Uintah, this Territory. He also visited the Church schools in the Snow Flake, Saint Joseph and Maricopa counties in Arizona. While at Mesa city in the last named county he met our old-time friend and fellow citizen of the Garden city, Henry Rogers, who is feeling and doing exceedingly well and desirous of being remembered to his many friends here. Mr. Rogers is first Counselor in the President of that Stake of Zion.

Leaving Arizona the doctor entered Mexico, going as far south as Juarez in Chihuahua. He found the Mormon settlers and all others in good and spirits with hopes renewed and buoyant, being assured of bountiful crops the coming season. For a long period of two or three seasons no rain had fallen in that country, and the great drought had caused much suffering. Just two days before Dr. Maeser arrived, the long wished for rains fell, flooding the whole district. Now the farmers are all plowing and sowing with great cheer. Added to this to make them more happy and cheerful is the fact that at last they have secured from the Mexicans permanent water rights, which will make them independent for all time to come.

Another great cause for rejoicing in that country is that the Indian scare is over, and the people again feel secure. Readers will remember the ravages and depredations by the renegade Indians there recently. These Indians had broken away from the reservation in Arizona. Upon hearing of the depredations the Mexican government sent troops of its men to protect the Mormon people and Hakmon Pratt was appointed to act as guide for them and to locate them to the best possible advantage. Mr. Pratt was up in the Mormon colonies attending to his duties under this appointment when Dr. Maeser was there, and as a consequence the two staunch and old time friends joined to meet. A most enjoyable and pleasing reception was tendered the doctor, however, by Mr. Pratt's family and it was highly appreciated by him. At Casablas he met the advance guard with captain and Mexican soldiers and was there informed that the troops would reach the invaded districts in a few days.

The people feeling safe, the boundless rains, water rights secured, bright prospects for rich crops and beautiful springtime weather will go to make them happy, hopeful and thankful. When the doctor was there the flowers and trees were all in bloom and verdure everywhere. The first crop in lucerne will come in the first week in February and they will cut six crops. The first harvest will begin in May or June. In that country they have two harvests each year, one the dangerous one and all the crops.

While on the way the doctor noticed that the new colonies which will penetrate Mexico for teachers are miles south of Deming. When the teachers the Mexican government has contracted with a syndicate of American capitalists, will receive from the Mexican government $1,000 for every mile of road built. It is giving employment to the laborers there and will give Mexico a better market and market increased prosperity for the country.

At Pachuca, away up in the mountains fourteen miles south of Juarez, Moses Thatcher and Heber J. Grant own and have in operation a modern and fully equipped saw mill and are supplying the people of the surrounding country with timber and lumber of the best quality and at very low prices, and as a result of this enterprise, the development of the country is being considerably hastened.

While in Mexico the doctor established three Church schools in Colonia Diaz, Dublan and Colonia Juarez in Chihuahua, and while on the return trip he attended Latter-day Saints' worship at Oakland and San Francisco, California. He found more interest in the cause of religion manifested by the people there, also all of the Saints in Mexico happy and enthusiastic and the schools flourishing and presenting far beyond his expectations, and taken altogether the Doctor has occasion to feel well over his successful and pleasant trip.

Trying to Help Him Out.

The petition for pardon presented to Governor Thomas a day or two since on behalf of the convict William Golden, has been followed by a letter from ex-Warden Sam Parsons of the Utah penitentiary, endorsed by ex-Marshal Parsons and Marshal Boston, in support of the prayer for executive clemency. After speaking in high terms of Golden's conduct, Mr. Parsons writes—"He has taught a class of scholars in the chapel with excellent success; he has prepared plans for a workshop which was accepted at Washington, and he has always worked for the benefit of the institution and his fellowprisoners."

TWO MINERS KILLED.

One in a Snowslide of Alta and Another by a Premature Blast at Ophir.

On Monday last Peter L. Mattson, a miner employed at the Greeley was carried away—when about 100 yards from the mine—by a snowslide down the mountain side at a terrific speed. His body was covered in the slide and has not yet been found though a diligent search has been kept up by a rescuing party.

The deceased was a Swede about 45 years of age. His only relative in the United States is a brother who lives in St. Louis, Mo.

KILLED AT OPHIR.

William Evans, a workman engaged at the Ophir Hill mine, Ophir, Tooele county, was also killed on Monday. An inquest was held which resulted in the jury returning a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by a premature explosion of dynamite powder while the same was being prepared by himself preliminary to charging a blast, in the regular course of his occupation, and that the said death was wholly accidental, and that no blame attaches to any person or persons.

A Failure in Education.

(Forum.)

When one reviews the course of instruction in schools and colleges with the intention of discovering how much of it contributes directly to the development of reasoning power, one cannot but be struck with the very small portion of time expressly devoted to this all-important object. No amount of successive study of languages or of the natural sciences and no attainments in arithmetic will protect a man or woman—except imperfectly through a certain indirect cultivation of general intelligence—from succumbing to the first plausible delusion or sophism he or she may encounter. No amount of such studies will protect one from believing in astrology, or theosophy, or free silver, or strikes, or boycotts, or in the persecution of Jews or Mormons, or in the violent exclusion of non-union men from employment. One is fortified against the acceptance of unreasonable propositions only by skill in determining facts through observation and experience, by practice in comparing facts or groups of facts, and by the conversing habit of questioning and verifying allegations, and of distinguishing between acts and inferences from facts, and between a true cause and an antecedent event. One must have direct training and practice in logical speech and writing before he can be quite safe against popular rhetoric and imaginative oratory. Many popular delusions are founded on the commission of fallacies—this proceeds that, therefore the cause of that, or, in shorter phrase, what preceded caused. For example I was sick; I took such and such a medicine and became well; therefore the medicine cured me. During the Civil War the government issued many millions of paper money, and some men became very rich; therefore the way to make all men richer must be to have from the government presses an indefinite amount of paper money. The wages of American workingmen are higher than those of English in the same trades; protection has been the policy of the United States and approximate free trade the policy of England; therefore high tariffs cause high wages. Remember that to meet cheaper now than it was twenty years ago; there has been a tariff tax on Bessemer steel in the United States for the past twenty years; therefore the tax checkmated the steel. England, France and Germany are civilized and prosperous nations; they have enormous public debts; therefore a public debt is a public blessing. He must carry Liberty's spear and wear about either who can always expose and resist fallacy. It is not only the uneducated or the little educated who are vulgarized by it. There are many educated people who have little better protection against fallacies and sophisms than the uneducated for the simple reason that their education, though prolonged and elaborate, was laid out of sight in trade that judgment and reasoning power.

IN JUDICIAL CIRCLES.

The Hearing of Points in and Around the Several Courts.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING.

Action by a Livery Stable-keeper.—A Situation for Ex-Warden Sam Parsons.—Other News.

There has been nothing to excite particular attention in the courts today. In Judge Zane's department the first matter called up was that of the American Publishing Co. vs. the Pilsner Brewing Co., which yesterday looked like going over for the term. This morning, however, rather than risk so great a delay, Attorney Hawkins consented to the case being finished before eleven jurors, as there was not the least prospect of the sick juryman returning. Therefore the trial went on with the taking of further testimony. The arguments may finish today; at all events, the case should go to the jury not later than Friday, if no more unforeseen obstacles block the way.

CANNOT PROCEED TODAY.

The case mentioned in yesterday's NEWS as having begun before Judge Anderson, we believe, had to be continued until tomorrow (or longer if need be) in consequence of counsel engaged in it being occupied in Judge Zane's court today.

A RELEASE FROM THE "PEN."

A convict whose term in the penitentiary has expired was set free this morning. He was Michael Murphy, convicted at Ogden of housebreaking, and sentenced, on December 5th, 1890, to two years and six months' imprisonment.

IN A NEW CHARACTER.

Ex-Warden Sam Parsons has not been long out of a job. He left the penitentiary last week to make room for his successor there. Now he has received the appointment of a deputy marshal, at the hands of Marshal Boston, and will take up his abode at Provo. Sam is no stranger there, and his return will be welcomed by a host of old friends.

THE ALLEGED HORSETHIEVES.

An account was given in Monday's NEWS of the chase after two alleged horsethieves, and their subsequent capture by Deputy Marshal Will Goodsell and a man in the employ of Messrs. Mount and Griffin, coal dealers of this city. The accused men are William Golden and James T. McMurray. They were brought down from the penitentiary this morning to have a hearing before Commissioner Greenman; but, waiving examination, they were held to answer to the grand jury in a bond of $500 each. Golden's relatives live somewhere in Iowa, and his greatest anxiety appears to be to keep from them the tidings of his present trouble. It is evident, however, that he is a man possessed of considerable gall, as he begged of Mr. Mount, one of the prosecutors, to "go his bond." But Mr. Mount couldn't see the force of it, and in default of finding sureties the defendants will have to spend Christmas and New Years in the penitentiary.

THE HORSE WAS SHOT.

A short time ago J. H. Carbonelle and E. V. Hart hired a horse and cutter from Thos. McEvoy's livery stables. It is alleged that while they had the animal out it got so badly injured that the owner was obliged to have it shot; and he now claims $200 as damages in Commissioner Greenman's court. The case was set for hearing today.

SUITS FILED.

W. S. McCormick brought suit today in the Third District court against John G. Morrison to recover $684.89 with interest at the rate of 1 per cent, money lent.

Francis Frilsch and M. B. Wyker are plaintiffs and Jennie Holcomb, J. F. Pender and G. C. Sheffer the defendants in a suit to recover about $160 on a promissory note, with interest.

Abraham Jeffs and Elmer E. Merritt today filed an action against John B. Hansen and wife in the Third District court. The suit is brought to have a certain conveyance made by Howard to his wife set aside upon the ground that the transfer was made to prevent the property from being applied upon a judgment which the plaintiffs have heretofore secured against the first named defendant for $250.

Peter Boscard has also entered a suit in the Third District Court against George W. Gill and demands judgment against the defendant for $2000. Boscard alleges that he was employed by Gill as a mining expert to examine and report in the French language upon the Northern Chief mining property, and in the event that the property was sold he was to receive $5000 as his compensation. He alleges that the mine has been sold but that he has not received his money. The remaining $1500 is alleged to be due for similar services on the Centennial Eureka mine.

A LEGAL VISITOR.

Judge Macmillan, county attorney of Ogden, was a visitor at the Third District court this morning.

Quality of iron in new pipe urgent is superb. Hear it at recital Tuesday. (Ex.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Robert Rodgers, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, Elizabeth Jane Thornton, executrix of the last will and testament of Robert Rodgers, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said executrix at the office of her attorneys, Dwyer, Rich & Van Cott, in the Dwyer Block, Salt Lake City and Logan, Utah Territory.

Dated December 1, A.D. 1892.

ELIZABETH JANE THORNTON, Executrix of the last will and testament of Robert Rodgers, deceased.

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