

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The salaries to be paid our city officials after January 1st will not be large enough to tempt the cupidity of the chronic office seeker. The mayor will receive \$400, attorney \$200, the auditor and chief of police \$840 each, water-master \$600, city justice \$250, and other officials in proportion. Not much room for a campaign tax here.

The Conbalm Clothing company has closed its doors under the pressure of clamoring creditors. The liabilities approach closely to \$20,000 with estimated assets considerably in excess of that amount. J. W. Houston, the real estate broker, is assignee. There are two classes of creditors as shown by the following articles filed last evening in the office of the county recorder.

Henry G. Carroll, father of the well known architect, Wm. Carroll, was found dead at his lodgings on South Temple between West Temple and First West streets, Tuesday afternoon, and was removed to the undertaking establishment of Joseph Wm. Taylor. The deceased had been ill for some time and life had probably been extinct for two or three days when found. Interment will occur at Provo tomorrow where his wife is buried. He was 73 years of age and was a native of England.

A special session of the Cache County Agricultural society has been called by its president, Prof. A. A. Mills, to meet on Saturday next. Delegates to the meeting of the State society will then be named, but the main object of the meeting is to study the "hog combine," which is at present controlling the price of pork, and has reduced it to a point never before reached. The Utah Slaughtering company is said to be the chief offender, and has agents at this and other points. The remedy proposed is to call the attention of the grand jury to the matter, with a view to having the chief offenders indicted.

Gottlieb Schwarz is the victim of a painful canyon accident. He was dragging mahogany down a steep hill in Logan canyon with two one-horse drags, when the rear horse became frightened, knocked him down and pulled the load over his prostrate body. Schwarz's left shoulder was dislocated and his nose and forehead badly scratched and filled with splinters. Dr. Parkinson attended him.

Dr. Snow was called to attend Thos. Muir Jr., of Mendon, who has a badly broken left leg, the fracture embracing the ankle joint. While riding at a rapid rate Muir's horse fell with, and rolled over him.

The inmates of the Keeley Institute, 166 west Second North street, were startled from their beds shortly before 1 o'clock Monday morning by the cry of fire. A similar alarm brought out the West Side department on a double quick shuffle, while Chief Devine went down to the scene of the blaze from station No. 1 at a speed that aroused sleeping citizens along the line of travel.

The fire, it appears, was caused by a crossing of electric wires in the basement of the building—or from improper

insulation. There was much smoke and a good deal of water was used. The building is the property of John E. Dooley and the loss will be about \$300.

Another mining fatality was recorded at Park City Wednesday. As a result the bodies of two young miners, Charles Provose and John O'Hogan, are waiting burial at the hands of their friends.

It appears that they had just finished firing a series of shots in the upper workings of the Crescent mine in the vicinity of Park City, and were endeavoring to make safe some timbers that had become loosened when a mass of earth and rocks came down burying them beneath its weight. O'Hogan died in ten minutes before his fellow workmen came to his rescue. Provose did not die until 10:30 last night. The latter was twenty-one years of age and his home was at Midway, Wasatch county. He was unmarried as was also O'Hogan, who was twenty-six years of age, a native of Ireland and without relations in this vicinity.

The catch-basin indictment lodged by the grand jury against Mayor Baskin, and which caused no small degree of excitement, was brought to a sudden termination and final wind-up Wednesday morning, when the Mayor with his counsel, W. H. Dickson, J. L. Rawlins, Judge McKay and J. A. Williams appeared before Judge Barch, waived all preliminary proceedings and demanded an immediate trial.

Judge Judd was taken greatly by surprise, and as he was not prepared for it, he asked for and was granted until 2 o'clock to look into the matter.

At the appointed hour the United States attorney, stood up before Judge Barch and asked for a dismissal, upon the ground that he did not believe the charge could be maintained by the prosecution.

An order of dismissal was accordingly entered, and Mayor Baskin left the court room.

The people of Utah are now assured almost beyond the possibility of failure and consequent disappointment, of being the recipients of the greatest New Year's gift that any power can confer upon them—that of Statehood.

A private telegram from Hon. Frank J. Cannon, now at the nation's capital received this afternoon, brought the welcome and highly satisfactory information that President Cleveland himself said today in discussing the question that is of so much importance and interest here, that he would in all probability issue his proclamation admitting Utah into the Union on New Year's Day.

This timely appraisal may be considered as definite and conclusive and that the President will so precisely what he intimated. Public officials will therefore be safe in the arrangement of their business accordingly and the people generally will make no mistakes in their anticipations and preparations to have January 1 the biggest double holiday that has ever been witnessed in Utah.

A very unfortunate accident occurred last Saturday during a game of football between a picked eleven and the Eleventh Ward Pliskins. During the progress of the game it became necessary to have a substitute to take the place of one of the eleven, when Earl Twitchell, of the Oquirrh school, son of Cyrus Twitchell, of the Salt Lake News company, came along and was selected to fill the absentee's place. It seems while running that his foot caught in some mysterious way, and he was thrown to the ground, and in the fall broke his leg just above the ankle. He was taken home by one of his class-mates. Dr. Jones was called in, and although he has suffered considerably, he is now resting easily, and has hopes of being able to attend school again in about ten days.

Selectman Geddes this morning, received a \$25 check on Wells, Fargo and Company's bank, from a very generous and well known mining man of this city, who, with his wife is at present at Bethel, Conn. The gentleman, whose name is not divulged, has been "guilty" of many such acts of philanthropy before, and his kindness in remembering the poor of this city and county, is something which will not soon be forgotten. If more of the well-to-do in this city were so thoughtful and generous as the gentleman referred to, many a home would be made cheerful and happy, where now perhaps they are gloomy and miserable. The letter accompanying the check is as follows:

BETHEL, Conn., Dec. 18, 1895.  
Mr. Geddes, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir—I enclose check for \$25 to be distributed as you may see fit among the needy ones in our city. Would like Mrs. Putnam to get a Christmas dinner out of it. I make this check payable to Selectman Geddes, as I have forgotten your initials. I felt very much hurt at the publicity of my little contribution to the list you furnished me some time ago, and trust that any future donations will simply be quietly digested by the subject who receives them. With best wishes of the season, I am, &c.

AMERICAN FORK, Dec. 18, 3:30 p.m.  
—A young drowning in Utah lake, near here at 1 o'clock this afternoon, caused great excitement and sincere sorrow. The victims are two boys, Oscar Smith and Daniel Peet Jr., aged respectively 15 and 17 years.

The lads were close companions and schoolmates and as the holiday vacation is already in effect here they put on their skates and went down to the lake for an afternoon's sport on the ice. When gliding over its smooth surface about a third of a mile from the shore, there was a crash and they disappeared only to come forth again when their dead bodies were recovered.

The news of the sad fatality quickly spread and in a short time more than one hundred men had gone to the rescue. Shortly after 3 o'clock they returned to the city hall with the rigid and frozen bodies of the hapless lads who left their homes in such a cheerful mood a few hours before. The drowning occurred near Geneva and in not more than six or seven feet of water. An inquest will be held tomorrow and the funerals will probably take place on Friday.