

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

Lars P. Johnson, of Hooper, was arrested on the charge of unlawful cohabitation, and was required to give \$1000 bail.

Mr. Erickson, of Gunnison, was arrested on a similar charge, made before the same commissioner. He, too, will await the investigation by the grand jury.

Mr. David Candland, of Chester, Sanpete County, has been arrested on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, and is to appear for preliminary examination at Salina, Sevier County, on May 15th.

On April 29, George Hales, proprietor of the *Richfield Advocate*, was arrested on a charge of violating the Edmunds-Tucker law, by living with his plural wife. He was taken before Commissioner Leonard, at Salina, and required to give bonds to await the grand jury's action.

David J. Evans, of Pleasant View, Weber County, was arrested on May 1st by Deputy Marshals Brown and McLellan on the charge of unlawful cohabitation. He was taken before Commissioner Perrin, who bound him over in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury. The alleged second wife, Emma Lawson, was bound over in the sum of \$100.

On April 30th, Deputy Marshal Bush and others made a raid on the premises of Jens Larsen, near Market Row, with the intention of arresting him on a charge of living with his plural wife. Mr. Larsen was not at home when the officers came, and was therefore not arrested. The alleged plural wife was taken into custody, and was required to give bonds as a witness. She was also ushered into the grand jury's presence.

H. W. Nalsbitt, Esq., was called for sentence on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, to which he had pleaded guilty. He stated in reply to the judge that he had made the plea rather than bring his family into court, but he had not lived with more than one wife. He had three wives, and would not repudiate any of them. He had fifteen children. The court remarked that he should not have burdened himself with such a large family, and sentenced him to imprisonment in the penitentiary for six months, and to pay the costs of the prosecution.

Released From Prison.

Tuesday, May 6, Brother John T. R. Hicks, of South Cottonwood, emerged from the penitentiary, where he has been imprisoned for living with his wives. He was sentenced to the full term, and was detained 30 days for the fine of \$300 and costs. His health has not been good during his incarceration, but he has felt considerably better the last three weeks.

There are now in the penitentiary forty-three "Mormons," under sen-

tence for living with their wives. All of them are in fair health except two, Brothers Franks and Mullenstein, of Provo, who are ailing slightly, but there is nothing in their condition to cause apprehension.

Given to an Outside Party.

The mayor has awarded the street sprinkling contract to Mount & Griffin, an Omaha firm, for \$2000 per month, or about \$15,000. Mr. A. L. Williams' bid was \$17,500 for the full season. These bids were for twenty teams and sprinklers. The bid of Watson Brothers was \$14,430 for nineteen teams for the season.

Bishop's Counselor.

At the Ward Conference held in the Tenth Ward on Sunday evening, May 4, 1890, Brother Joseph Keddington was unanimously sustained as second Counselor to Bishop Adam Speirs, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Brother William Griffin from the ward. Brother Keddington was ordained as High Priest and set apart to act in the position named. Brother Griffin has acted for many years, and is highly esteemed by the people. His new home is in the Eleventh Ward.

Warden Amos Retires.

Shortly after U. S. Marshal Parsons assumed the duties of his office, he placed Captain Amos, of Ohio, in charge of the penitentiary as warden, and he has since occupied that position. May 10th, however, Mr. Amos tendered his resignation as warden to the marshal, and it was accepted. If there were reasons other than a desire on the part of Captain Amos to return to his old home in Ohio, they have not been made public. The marshal has made Emery Ward, a guard, acting warden, till it is decided who shall occupy the position.

Y. M. M. I. A. Conference.

The general annual Conference of the Young Men's Improvement Associations will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, June 1, 1890. Three meetings will be held on that day, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 and 7 p. m. On Monday meetings will be held for the officers and members of the association, the first beginning at 10 a. m. The attendance of all the officers is particularly desired.

The general and local authorities are requested to promote the interests of this conference and encourage a large attendance.

W. WOODRUFF,
JOS. F. SMITH,
MOSES THATCHER.

Two Wards Re-organized.

At the Ward conference held at Draperville Sunday afternoon, May 11th, the following named brethren were nominated and unanimously sustained as the presiding officers of the ward: Brother William C. Allen, Bishop; Heber Ah-

salom Smith and Lauritz H. Smith, Counselors.

On May 11th the ward conference of the Fifteenth Ward of this city was held in the meeting house. Apostle John W. Taylor and Counselors Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, of the Stake Presidency, were present. Owing to the demise of the late Bishop Joseph Pollard, it was necessary to reorganize the Bishopric, and this was done by the selection and ordination of Brother Elias Morris as Bishop and Brothers Joseph R. Morgan and Rodney C. Badger as his counselors.

A Brigham City Improvement.

The Box Elder Stake Tabernacle is undergoing changes by which its appearance will be greatly enhanced while its seating capacity will be increased probably one-third. A gallery that will circumscribe the interior with the exception of the east end, where the stand is located, is nearly finished. The stand has been enlarged and its height increased. The whole interior is being painted and calcimined, all of which will make it attractive to the eye.

The exterior of the structure is also in process of change. The pilasters are being carried to a greater height and suitably capped, and the stone and brick work is being neatly painted. The tower, which has never been completed, is now nearly finished. The additions and improvements generally will cost in the neighborhood of six thousand dollars.

A Shower of Ashes.

A rain of ashes fell a few days ago at Guannajuata, Mexico. The *Two Republics*, of the City of Mexico, says:

"It commenced about 10:30 o'clock in the morning, when ashes started to fall in the city from a cloudless sky, and when there was no wind prevailing near the earth. The lower classes were badly frightened, thinking that the strange phenomenon was the precursor of some dire event. The churches were sought by them, where they offered up prayers to the Creator to save them from destruction. At times the fall of the gray material was very thick, resembling materially a snowstorm. Buildings, streets, trees and people were covered with ashes at the conclusion of the peculiar storm.

The ashstorm was very general in the State of Guanajuata. It is the general opinion that the ashes were wafted by a northeasterly current of air across hundreds of miles of country from the active crater of the Columbia volcano. Similar ashfalls have recently been noted in the State of Jalisco and near the base of the Columbia volcano.

CHICAGO, May 12.—General Julius White, ex-minister of the Argentine republic, died at South Evanston this morning of dropsy. General White rendered conspicuous service to the Union army during the late war.