

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

On Monday afternoon Wm. Steele, a respected resident of Smithfield, 88 years of age, died of general debility.

Peter Hokansen, a Hyrum carpenter, fell from the roof of a house he was working on at that place and was badly bruised and shaken.

A little son of Orson and Mary Neeley, of Franklin, was drowned one day last week by falling into a large ditch or canal that flowed near the family residence.

Logan Temple will close for renovation and repair on Friday, July 13, and open again on Tuesday, the 21st of August, 1894.

M. W. MERRILL, President.

On Saturday night Deputy Smith arrested John Johnson, of Rexburg, at the residence of his alleged plural wife, Catharina Mortensen. They appeared before Commissioner Fletcher on Monday and gave bonds for their appearance before the grand jury.

Mr. PLEASANT, June 5th.—Henry Olsten, aged nineteen, was drowned in the reservoir here last evening at 6 o'clock. Olsten was under the water 15 minutes. Drs. Davidson and Winters worked for two hours to resuscitate him without avail.

The returns made by the assessor to the county court places the assessed valuation of property in Cache county, exclusive of railroad, telegraph, telephone and palace car companies, at \$4,909,536. The county tax for this year will be five mills. The salary of the assessor is fixed at \$1,300, and that of the collector at \$2,000.

During the thunderstorm between four and five o'clock Thursday afternoon a Rapid Transit car on its journey to Murray was struck by lightning when on the south side of Fourteenth South street. Some of the copper wires were melted, and the traffic was interrupted for nearly an hour. The disabled car was eventually drawn back into the city and another car took its place.

A petition addressed to the postmaster general at Washington, asking for the establishment of a postoffice at Brighton, Silver Lake, was being circulated for signatures among the prominent business and professional men of the city June 12. The request is also made that the new postoffice be named Granite Cliff, and that an appropriation be made to the amount of \$1,000 to construct a mail route to the mountain resort. The petition will be forwarded to Delegate Rawlins for presentation.

Sister R. M. Stevens, wife of the late president of the Samoan mission, whose death was recorded in Saturday's NEWS, reached Ogden from San Francisco Sunday, and was met at the depot by President Joseph F. Smith and Elder F. D. Richards. She remained at the residence of Elder George E. Browning until next morning, when she came on to this city, and had an interview with the First Presidency. Elder Stevens's body was interred in Samoa. Sister Stevens

continued her journey south Monday afternoon to her home in Fairview, Sanpete county.

Saturday morning the body of John Destissey, an Italian miner, was brought to this city and taken to Skewee's undertaking establishment, where Coroner Taylor held an inquest in the afternoon.

Destissey perished in the snow in the Cottonwoods last November. His body lay buried during the entire winter, and was only found a few days ago when the warm summer sun melted the great bank of snow that enveloped it.

BEAVER, Utah, June 9.—A smashup on the Union Pacific railway between Black Rock and Milford, Thursday afternoon, was sufficient to keep the Salt Lake papers and mail there for the night. The stage came in here at noon today with two days mail from Salt Lake and the East, but it is understood the mails from Beaver city and Southern Utah will be delayed in getting to Salt Lake accordingly. Whether cattle or sheep on the track caused the smashup, or the lack of the section hands to keep the road in repair cannot be ascertained, nor the extent of the damage.

Word came from Tooele June 9 to the effect that the condition of Judge Lysander Gee is gradually growing worse. That morning he appeared very near the end of his long and patiently borne affliction which, as News readers will remember, is in the shape of a cancerous growth of the throat similar to that which caused the death of President Grant.

When the trouble first developed it was not thought to be very serious. But later stages of the disease proved that the contrary was true. All that surgical and medical skill could do has been done the past year, but without avail. It is now a question of a short time only until the veteran patient must obey the summons that will call his spirit into the unseen world.

Now that the war in Colorado seems to be begun in earnest, and the state troops are likely to be called into action, it may be interesting to know who will command them. While the nominal head will be General Tarsney, the commander in case of actual field service will be General Ed Brooks, who has seen much service. An old army officer here says Brooks was adjutant of the Seventh U. S. infantry when it came to Utah with Johnston's army in 1867. At the breaking out of the civil war he espoused the cause of the Confederacy, and did some hard fighting. At the time of the Baxter-Brooks embroglio in Arkansas, after the Rebellion, the Brooks troops were commanded by Gen. Ed. Brooks, though he was not the man who claimed the gubernatorial office. Later the general became clerk in the surveyor general's office in Denver.

A fire broke out in some unaccountable manner at 2.30 Monday morning in the row of tenement and business apartments owned by Midgely & Sons company at 507 and 513 east Third

South street. An alarm was sent in from box 25 and the main fire brigade responded to the call.

On arriving at the scene of conflagration they found the building almost enveloped but set to work quickly and effectually and soon had the flames extinguished. The greater part of the building was unoccupied and a fire broke out in a portion of it about a month ago. The latest blaze is supposed to have been the work of a fire bug who probably slept in the premises.

The loss is variously estimated at from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The building was insured for \$1,000, Fuller & Young having issued the policy.

Adjutant General Ottinger left for Moreni on Saturday evening's train to muster in a company of militia at that place on Monday. He has just returned from Tooele where he went a few days ago on a similar mission. The new company there, he says, will be a first class one. It is officered as follows: Captain, William Stephens; first lieutenant, R. Shields; second lieutenant, Charles Fritsche. The non-commissioned officers are yet to be named.

General Ottinger also went over to Grantsville while in Tooele county, and says the martial spirit has taken hold of the young men of that town and they are talking of forming a company of infantry.

On Saturday next the general will organize a company at Morgan and he contemplates paying a visit to Cannonville, Garfield county, where a good company has already been formed and is now waiting to be mustered in.

Under the military code of the Territory, thirty-six companies of infantry, (three regiments) may be organized. Only eight have thus far been formed. They are divided as follows: Salt Lake, three; Ogden, one; Brigham City, one; Mount Pleasant, one; Tooele, one; Cannonville, (not mustered in) one. The full quota of cavalry troops and artillery companies have been organized.

TOOELE, June 6.—It is so seldom we see anything in your paper from our thriving little town, while other cities of the same population are constantly being heard from, that I thought perhaps a few lines would not be amiss.

Decoration Day was duly observed here. At 1 p. m. the citizens assembled in the meeting house and marched in a body to the cemetery headed by the Tooele brass band. Arriving there, half an hour was devoted to the decoration of graves, after which speeches were made, hymns and songs sang until 5 p. m., when most of the people dispersed to their homes. In the evening a ball was given in the social hall. It was well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Jerome Smith was before Judge Marshall on Saturday, May 2, charged with burglarizing the saloon of Moses Bruneau. He plead not guilty but could not convince Judge Marshall that he was innocent and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

It is with sorrow I report the deaths of two of our oldest citizens. Brother S. F. Lee passed peacefully away on Thursday morning, May 31st, after a long painful illness.

On Tuesday Sister Smith, another of Tooele's pioneers, was laid away; both