

defendant, payment of which was refused and for which the plaintiff now prays for judgment.

W. R. Hutchinson is Mr. Cummings's attorney. The case promises to be a bitterly contested one.

A NEWS man received information to the effect that the Deseret Woolen mills of this city had been ordered to be sold and moved from the State into the new town of Orchard, Ada county, Idaho, about thirty miles from Boise. The report appears to be well grounded, as will be seen from the following interview with Mr. C. E. Wantland, who is responsible for the negotiations. In answer to questions the gentleman said:

"I am sorry you heard of this matter today as I intended to keep it quiet for a week or so as certain details have not been completed yet, but the negotiations have progressed so far that the removal of the Deseret mill machinery is practically assured.

"The facts are these: An experience of ten years in land work in several states has convinced me that a large factory is the best thing to start with in building up a town and when I undertook to handle the town of Orchard, Idaho, I naturally began to look around for a factory. The Deseret mill has been closed most of the time for a few years and I suppose the company has been paying about \$1,000 a year taxes for the privilege of owning the property. The machinery is as good as any in the West and the plant is complete but it is practically a duplicate of the Provo mill, which can now supply the present and prospective demand for staple goods.

"By disposing of the Deseret Mill machinery the Provo Woolen Mills company will be enabled to put in new machinery to manufacture different classes of goods whenever the outside demand justifies such an expenditure until which time the mill will of course remain closed. Careful investigation has proved that southwestern Idaho is a first class field for a woolen mill and many enterprising Idaho people have assured us of their sympathy and support.

"The owners of the townsite of Orchard have agreed to render substantial assistance, and at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the woolen mills company I secured a contract on the Deseret mill machinery which I think will enable us to complete the work as proposed. That's all there is to it at present, except that the town of Orchard is going to be one of the best towns in Idaho."

LAKE WHITE FISH.

The following letter was received Monday by Fish Commissioner Musser, who is seeking to put a supply of white fish in Utah water:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1896.

Mr. A. M. Musser, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir—Replying to your letter of the 8th inst., I desire to say that fry can be hauled any reasonable distance with safety, though I believe that better results will always be secured if they can be planted without any transportation. Please bear in mind the necessity for the car to lie at a point where it can receive an abundant supply of cool fresh water for hatching the eggs. This car will

probably start from Sandusky, Ohio, instead of Alpena, and if practicable, I shall be glad for you to arrange for free transportation from Sandusky to Chicago over the Lake Shore. If you cannot do this, we can furnish it from Detroit to Chicago. The lake white fish, *Coregonus Clupeiformis*, spawn in November and December and yield approximately from 15,000 to 75,000 eggs each. The length of time the eggs take to hatch depends entirely upon the temperature of the water. At our great lake stations they are collected in November and December and hatch in March and April, the exact period being affected by the severity or mildness of the water. You are correct in your understanding as regards their spawning habits, also as to their food.

The flesh of the white fish is considered the finest of the fresh water fishes. They do not take the hook, and it will be necessary to take them with seines or deep water gill nets, such as are used in the great lakes. I have sent you under separate cover, a pamphlet on the fisheries of the great lakes, which describes in detail the various forms of apparatus used in their captures. Mr. Herschel Whitaker, in an article delivered before the American Fisheries society in 1895, states that the white fish does not spawn until it attains a weight of two pounds. Years ago the average white fish weighed three pounds or more; today, owing to the effects of over-fishing on the lakes, the size has decreased so that the average white fish weighs less than two pounds.

Yours truly,

W. DE C. RAVENEL,

Ass't in Charge Division of Fish Culture.

Transportation should be arranged at once as the car will be ready to start within ten days. W. DE C. R.

SUMMIT STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Summit Stake quarterly conference convened in the Stake tavern, commencing Sunday, February 9, 1896, at 10 a.m., President W. W. Cluff presiding. Opening remarks were offered by Elder Alma Eldredge, and Kansas and Coalville East wards were then reported. President George Q. Cannon was present and addressed the Saints very interestingly at four of the meetings on various subjects, missionary labor, iron ore, the Ward of Wisdom, clothing, providing for the poor, the love of God, and obeying His laws and commandments. The Stake presidency, W. W. Cluff, Alma E. Eldredge and W. E. Pack, addressed the Saints in an interesting manner, and gave some good instruction. The various Stake wards were reported by their Bishops as being in good conditions.

Appointments made: Brother John Booth, second counselor, in the first Elders' quorum; Brother Charles A. Callie, president of the Y. M. M. I. A., to succeed Brother W. F. Smith, removed from the Stake.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the conference. Adjourned for three months. J. B., Coalville.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

The Moroni co-operative store at Moroni, Sanpete county, has re-incorporated for a period of twenty-five years, and has raised the capital stock from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

St. George city is securing a water

supply from Cottonwood creek, Washington county. More than \$5,000 has been spent already, and the stream must be brought several miles yet. The creek is eighteen miles from the city.

Coalville Times: George and Ted Wilde on Wednesday succeeded in killing another cougar near Hoytsville that has been committing such depredations around that neighborhood as running off with sheep and like animals for some time past. While the animal killed was not unusually large for a cougar, it was a very strong and handsome specimen, and was sold to a party in Salt Lake.

Epbraim Enterprise: Just as people were going to church on Sunday afternoon, P. T. Pouison and James Connors got into their semi-occasional drunken brawl on Main street. They were promptly taken in charge by Marshal Beal, who incarcerated them in the city bastille. At 10 o'clock on Monday morning they appeared before Justice Christensen, who promptly fined them \$40 each. In default of payment of the fine they will board at the city's expense and probably be made to put in their leisure time working off the street.

Brigham City Bugler: Miss Isabelle Forrest, a lady about nineteen years of age, the oldest daughter of John Forrest, came near losing her life Thursday. She and her sister Lizzie went over to their uncle's (James Forrest) place to gather some parsley. Seeing some chocolate drops in the window she picked them up and ate them. In a short time she grew deathly ill and was attacked by severe cramps. The doctor was called and found the young lady in imminent danger. She had been poisoned by eating chocolates which contained strychnine that had been set for mice. Friday Miss Isabelle was out of danger and rapidly improving.

Fillmore Progress: What might have proved a disastrous fire occurred at the Fillmore dairy early Monday morning. The stovepipe evidently became red hot at the place where it passes through the ceiling, and when Niels Iversen, the operative, arrived, quite a little blaze had started. Fortunately, very little damage was done. Some of the Millard young men feel all torn up. Here is January and part of February gone, and not one pretty girl has popped the question. The situation is discouraging and the fellows begin to wonder whether the new woman is not growing independent, and able to take care of herself.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid: John Coates arrived home Monday evening from the sheep herds in Millard county, where he has spent the winter so far. He reports sheep in fine condition, much better than for several seasons past at this time of year, the winter having been very favorable. Feed out on the deserts is first-class, but is unavailable at present on account of lack of moisture. If a good heavy snow fall would come it would prove a boon to the flocks. A number are already beginning to follow the snow limit northward. Mr. Coates says the season is unusually advanced in southern Utah, farmers being now engaged in putting in grain as far north as Sevier county.