

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

President Moon, of the Salt Lake & Mercur railroad came in Wednesday. He states that at the end of the month he expects the road will be completed to the Mercur mine. It is now running from Fairfield to the Mercur mill.

On Saturday night at 8:30 a frame barn at the rear of 246 west First South street, the property of Angus M. Cannon, was found on fire. There were several animals in the building, but all were rescued without injury. The department was called out but the fire spread so rapidly that the barn was destroyed. It was insured for \$200. The fire is supposed to have started from a match thrown into the hay by a smoker. At 11 o'clock the fire blazed up a second time and was extinguished by Mr. Cannon and his sons.

A very interesting and remarkable feat was accomplished at the Z. C. M. I. shoe factory Thursday between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock.

The performance was the manufacture from the raw material of a pair of shoes polished and complete in one hour. Of course the work was all done by machinery and during the period in question many pairs were really made. The test was simply for the purpose of showing how perfect in all of its parts is the great shoe plant installed in that splendid institution which gives work to so many employees annually.

The Stake secretaries of the Relief society, and the secretary of each mission or branch, not yet included in a Stake, are hereby officially notified to carefully prepare correct statistical and financial reports for the current year, from January 1st to December 31st, 1894. These reports must be forwarded to the general secretary at the office of the *Woman's Exponent*, Salt Lake City, Utah, early in February, 1895, or not later than the 10th of that month so that a complete report of this important organization may be ready at least ten days before the general conference in April, 1895.

E. B. WELLS, Secretary.

BEAVER, Utah, Nov. 16.—A question involving the scope and consequence of President Cleveland's amnesty proclamation was raised in the Second district court this morning. The grand jury had indicted one W. P. Willis for unlawful cohabitation, alleged to have been committed one year ago and prior thereto. The attorneys for Willis presented a plea in bar, relying on the proclamation. A decision may be had sometime today and is looked for with considerable interest, as determining for the time at least whether the President restored offenders to legal and social as well as political rights and privileges. If the decision is adverse, it is probable that the case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

John Rubin, an old and somewhat decrepit cobbler, ambled into his room in the Kimball block Tuesday night in a maudlin condition and soon after laid down on the floor and fell asleep. The

door of his lodgings had been closed but a brief spell when smoke was seen issuing from the crevices. Forcible entrance was made to the place and the old man dragged out almost suffocated. It appears that he had dropped a match or a spark from a pipe into a pile of refuse and that it smoldered until he had fallen asleep. The fire department was called out but the flames were extinguished without its aid. The old man was taken to the police station and locked up for the night in order that he might sober up without danger to himself.

Governor West Friday issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation. The document is brief and to the point. Following is the full text of it:

PROCLAMATION.

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
Executive Office.

In the observance of a time honored and hallowed custom, the President has by proclamation set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer.

Therefore, I, Caleb W. West, Governor, do hereby earnestly request that upon said day all of our people do by appropriate religious services and willing deeds of charity, give honor and glory to God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused
[SEAL.] the great seal of the Territory to be affixed this 15th day of November, A. D. 1894.

CALEB W. WEST,

By the Governor:

CHARLES C. RICHARDS,
Secretary of Utah.

A large delegation of excited and angry sewer laborers called at the police station Thursday afternoon and demanded the arrest of Angus McDonald, the sub-contractor on the gravity sewer.

They alleged that he was owing them \$1,000 in sums ranging from \$10 to \$40 and that he had failed to pay them according to contract. They set up the claim that they were to receive their cash on Friday last, but up to date it was not forthcoming. The men also went to Mr. Hobson, the original contractor and appealed to him for help. Mr. Hobson they say informed them that he had settled with Mr. McDonald and that they must look to him and to him alone for their pay, whereupon they sought the police. Captain Donovan informed them that it was a civil case and that the men had better consult a lawyer. After a brief consultation they decided to do so and left the hall.

Sheriff Belnap of Weber county was in the city Thursday and to a NEWS reporter related how he captured the horsethieves Robertson and Welsh. It was a very clever catch and one that proves the statement to be true that the Weber county sheriff is one of the best in the Territory.

The men stole two horses in Davis county from a man named Egbert. They rode post haste to the Sand Ridge where they left one of the animals, taking with them a much better one belonging to Pete Terry. They then started for Weber canyon where they stole another horse from a farmer. The stolen animals were in their pos-

session when they rode up to the muzzle of the sheriff's gun unaware.

They were disarmed in a very diplomatic manner, and while being taken to Ogden, after having been searched once, a small pistol which discharges four shots at a time was found in Robertson's vest pocket. Both men refused to tell where they came from. Sanpete men who saw Robertson last night declare that he is not Kofford.

It will be remembered that there was an Old Folks' day during the continuance of the Territorial Fair last month, and that a feature of the day was the awarding of a gold medal to the oldest Pioneer on the grounds. President Wilford Woodruff was present and to him the prize was awarded. The workmanship of the medal was not at the time completed, but it has been finished and the souvenir was seen by a NEWS reporter today in the hands of Col. John R. Winder, president of the society.

It consists of two parts; one is an arched scroll bearing the inscription, "D. A. and Mfg. Society." To this is suspended, by two chains, a disk about the size of a ten dollar gold piece, on the obverse of which is the following inscription: "Presented to President Wilford Woodruff, one of the first of the Pioneers to enter Salt Lake Valley." On the reverse is the legend: "Entered Salt Lake City July 22nd, 1847—1894."

The medal is a rich and beautiful thing. The material is solid gold, and the workmanship is very fine. The aged and honored veteran will no doubt prize it highly.

J. M. Buzzo, whose farm and home are nine miles this side of Park City in Summit county, was in Salt Lake Thursday. To a NEWS reporter he gave an account of the destruction by fire of a large amount of personal property.

On Friday night last, or rather early Saturday morning—for it was after midnight—he was awakened by the cracking of flames in his barn yard. In a comparatively short time his barn, twenty tons of hay, a harvester, mower and other farming machinery had been completely destroyed. A short distance from this property was sixty-five tons of hay and twenty of straw which escaped from the incendiary's torch. This fact was a matter of congratulation on the part of Mr. Buzzo who felt with that much feed on hand he could winter his stock all right although they had just been deprived of the shelter he had hoped to give them. But even this expectation was short lived, for on Monday morning last the remaining stacks of hay and straw were also fired by some miscreant whose identity is not even suspected by Mr. Buzzo, who estimates his loss at \$1,700. He feels keenly the trouble that has overtaken him and as he carried but \$250 insurance on his barn his monetary recompense is very small.

This morning (Nov. 16th) Heber Nicholson, son of John and Miranda C. Nicholson, departed this life, after a brief illness. The exciting cause of his trouble was an injury he received two weeks ago last Tuesday, while playing foot-ball. It resulted in blood-poisoning, which passed beyond the control of the surgeons who attended him, and the end came at 9:40 today.

The deceased was born in Salt Lake City, August 23, 1877, and he wa

therefore in his eighteenth year. He was honest, truthful and intelligent, always manifesting a strong repugnance to anything in the nature of falsehood or deceit. His faith in the Gospel was unqualified. His departure is deeply mourned by the bereaved family and friends.

There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends at the funeral of the late Elder Heber Nicholson, which was held at the residence, No. 352 west, North Temple street, on Sunday, commencing at 12 o'clock, noon. Bishop Orson F. Whitney conducted the services. After singing, the opening prayer was offered by Elder George Romney, Bishop of the Twentieth ward. The speakers on the occasion were Elders Robert Patrick, Charles W. Penrose and George Teasdale, and President Joseph F. Smith. The remarks made were of a consolatory and instructive character, dwelling upon the exemplary conduct of the deceased, who had been called to the spirit world just as he was merging into manhood, and upon the assurances and testimony in the Gospel of Christ regarding the resurrection from death, and the reunion in the family relationship in immortality; suggestions were offered also as to the advisability of the community generally taking a decided stand against that class of games and sports among young people which rendered them liable to accident and injury. The closing prayer was offered by President Lorenzo Snow.

At the close of the services the remains of the deceased were conveyed to the city cemetery, followed by a long cortege. There the body of young Brother Nicholson was laid to rest, the dedicatory prayer being offered by Bishop Whitney.

Elder John Nicholson and family desire to express through the NEWS their deep gratitude to the many friends whose kindly feelings have been manifested freely during the illness and in connection with the demise of the beloved son and brother, whose career in mortality has drawn to a close.

Today, Nov. 20, was the date set for beginning the canvass of the returns of the election of Nov. 6th last, and the Utah Commission opened the work by commencing on the vote for Delegate to Congress. It took the greater part of the session today to arrange the returns in form for easy handling, so that by the time the NEWS went to press this afternoon the Commission had reached only the first county to be taken up, Beaver, and were commencing to review the sheets sent in by the judges of election.

The canvassing board appointed to handle the returns for county officers progressed to the same point as the Commission, so that no figures were available from that source up to the time of going to press. When the board convened today, the resignation of Mr. W. H. Dale was received, and the Utah Commission appointed Judge C. E. Dye, of this city, to fill the vacancy thus created at the head of the canvassing board.

It is probable that several counties will be completed tomorrow, but the work of canvassing the entire returns is not likely to be finished until the end of the week.

Saturday afternoon closed the course of lectures on cooking by Mrs. Ewing, and it was devoted principally to delicate deserts.

Mrs. Ewing prefaced the lecture by a very few pertinent remarks about the interest she always felt in her class and how sorry she is when the last lesson comes, as it means a separation. She expressed her thanks to the people of Salt Lake, who had been so very kind to her, especially the members of the Woman's Club, those firms who had loaned dishes, stove and utensils, and most of all the newspapers for their excellent notices.

Mrs. Ewing then proceeded to make an orange jelly, informing her class that after this lesson any one who would give strict attention would become an independent worker in gelatine. One-third of a box of gelatine soaked for an hour in half a pint of cold water, and one cup of orange juice, one teaspoonful of orange extract (for the sake of the flavor, because the specific flavor of the orange is in the peel), set on the stove, stir until the gelatine is all dissolved, remove from the stove, strain in a bowl, add a cup of sugar, if not acid enough add the juice of half a lemon and if necessary more sugar. The more acid and sugar you have to use the richer your jelly will be. Then give it a generous pinch of salt, it will give a finer flavor; packed in ice to set, and you have a perfect orange jelly, which can be turned into orange pudding if when it first begins to jelly you beat it; when it looks white add the whites of three eggs beaten to a stiff froth, beat a small portion of the sugar with the eggs to make it fast, last of all add whipped cream. This poured into a frame of angel cake makes a lovely desert. For peach jelly, if canned peaches, use the juice; but if fresh peaches, make a caramel in the following manner: One cup of sugar, one-half cup of water, cook until it begins to turn yellow, stir with a wooden spoon and cook slowly; when sufficiently brown, add a half cup of hot water. The object of this caramel is to get the delicious flavor and perfect color. Soften the gelatine in right quantity of water add enough caramel to get the color of peach juice, sweeten to taste, add four drops of almond extracts and pour over the sliced peaches. This desert can stand for hours without the peach discoloring.

Grape jelly was made and served in a bed of whipped cream, chocolate cream and charlotte russe were also made, the latter being a very fine desert made from slices of stale sponge cake set in moulds and the jellies or creams poured in them. Mrs. Ewing claims that light deserts such as these, made from fruit juices and gelatine, should be preferred with heavy dinners, while the pies and puddings should be served with light dinners.

An expose has just been made of an alleged conspiracy in the police department of this city, which for disgusting details and anticipated results is perhaps the most infamous plot ever brought to light in that branch of the municipal government, and in recent years sensational and unsavory cases have not been wanting.

For five or six weeks past the heads of the department have had information that a certain element in the Liquor Dealers' association were, in

police parlance, "laying for them." It was learned also that some one on the force was "leaking" to the saloon men. One of the suspected recreant officers was City Detective Rhodes, who was promptly put under a surveillance of which he himself knew nothing. He was constantly shadowed and his movements reported to headquarters. All of the time he was doing duty for the city and, it would seem, according to the charges he will be called upon to face before the fire and police commission, gradually weaving a web around himself from which escape seems well nigh impossible.

On Friday night James Hilton, proprietor of the Continental Hotel saloon, and Rhodes were found in close communion. On Saturday night they were traced to an infamous resort on Franklin avenue where it is claimed and in part admitted, that a plot was evolved or rather made known which had for its end the downfall of Patrolmen Gillespie and Roberts, two men who have made the greatest onslaught, says Chief Pratt, on lawless characters of any men on the force—men whom he says he can trust anywhere and under all circumstances and whom he knows to be above reproach or purchase.

The story is that a certain "aristocratic, well-educated and has-known-better-days-English woman" was offered \$1,000 to accomplish the ruin and disgrace of these two officers. The woman was confronted almost immediately afterwards with officers who are said to be true to the department and the reputation of the city. She was asked for particulars but was loth to give them.

The culmination and exposure came on Saturday night. Rhodes and Hilton were ordered into Chief Pratt's office, the young English woman and the madame of the establishment of which she was an inmate were sent for. Commissioners Jennings and Empey were present. The women identified Rhodes and Hilton as the men who sought to bribe them. Both men acknowledge visiting the women. Rhodes said he had just "dropped", in without any design of evil and Hilton says he was so drunk he didn't know what he was doing, but he conceded that he had done wrong and almost on his knees quaking with fear he begged Chief Pratt's forgiveness. But the chief does not propose to let the matter pass by so easily, and interesting developments are scheduled to appear from time to time. Of course, Detective Rhodes's star was taken from him and his suspension ordered until official investigation can be made.

In connection with this the affidavit of a notorious woman was to be obtained from Denver compromising Chief Pratt and information of the most sensational character was to be sprung on Captain Donovan. Chief Pratt says the whole affair is designed to cast discredit and infamy upon his administration for the reason that he has persistently refused to cater to or allow the gamblers and saloon men to run their business in violation of the law on Sundays. He says further that a large sum of money has been raised for the purpose and that there are men behind the movement whose names, if published in this connection at this time, would startle the community from center to circumference.