

DESERT EVENING NEWS WEATHER REPORT.

Record at the local office of the weather bureau for the 24 hours ending 6 a. m. today:
Barometer reading at 6 a. m., 30.04 inches. Temperature at 6 a. m., 35 degrees; maximum, 48; minimum, 23; wind, S; which is 3 degrees above normal.

Excess of daily mean temperature since the first of the month, 17 degrees. Precipitation since the first of the month, .07 inch, which is .15 inch below normal.

FORECASTS TILL 6 P. M. TUESDAY. Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday. For Utah: Forecasts taken at Denver, Colo. Fair tonight and Tuesday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. An area of decidedly high pressure has its crest over the Great Basin. An area of low pressure is apparently centered over Alberta. Precipitation has occurred over Washington, northern Oregon, the lower Missouri and Mississippi valleys. Normal temperature conditions generally prevail.

L. H. MURDOCH, Section Director.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 6 a. m., 7 a. m., 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 m., 1 p. m., 2 p. m.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS.

THE GREAT COUNTRY PAPER OF THE WEST. is issued Mondays and Thursdays and contains all the cream of the Daily and Saturday News.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

The meeting of the Ladies Aid society of the First Congregational church has been postponed to Jan. 13.

Wednesday morning the Shakespeare society of the University club will meet to continue the study of Henry V.

Alfred Kent of this city has just returned from the Hilliard, Wyo., oil fields, where he says there is much trouble among claim owners and invading outsiders.

A story in a morning paper concerning the waning shooting of quail by inmates of the post house, is characterized by those in charge there as a fabrication out of whole cloth.

Instructor James Larson of the L. D. S. University is at the quarantine hospital suffering from a severe case of smallpox. Yesterday he was very low and this morning his condition was reported unchanged.

The fifth ward relief society will give a character ball in the Ward hall Thursday night. The prizes will be awarded the best sustained characters. The same evening the good people of the Twenty-third ward will enjoy themselves in the dance.

James Graham and Andrew Christensen, miners, are at St. Mark's hospital suffering from broken limbs as a result of a cave-in which occurred in one of the mines at Sunnyside. Graham's right leg is broken, while Christensen has both knees fractured.

County Recorder Alston received a pleasant surprise Saturday evening from the employee of his office who presented him with a fine silver-handled umbrella as a token of esteem. Chief Deputy John Holt made the presentation speech which was responded to by Mr. Alston in a fitting manner. Mr. Alston's initials are engraved on the handle of the umbrella.

Writing from Oakley, Idaho, Elder W. E. T. Jack, president of the Cassia Stake, says that the Christmas 'News' is 'just a word of personal appreciation to you for the magnificent and literary success of your Christmas edition. It is certainly one of the wonderful newspaper achievements of the age. I know of nothing that will do more to advance the growth and development of Idaho than the 'News'. We feel that the 'News' is our friend. May its future be successful.'

The Press club quarters were dedicated on Saturday night with appropriate song and story, billiards, ping pong and light refreshments. Among those who were present in addition to the members of the club were the members of the Harvard minaret, the Champion James J. Jeffries and others. Everybody assisted in the entertainment and altogether it was a joyous occasion. Invitations are now being issued for another good time next Saturday night, which will take the form of a banquet in the Commercial club. The amusement committee is working hard on the proposition and many unique surprises are promised in the way of entertainment of those who will be present.

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COMMISSIONERS WENT THEIR SPLEEN

Harker and Horne Display More of Their Power.

AND OUST WM. R. JONES.

Superintendent of County Infirmary Is Removed for No Cause Whatsoever—Anderson Objects.

At a very stormy meeting of the board of county commissioners held Saturday afternoon the despatchment of William R. Jones, Jr., superintendent of the county infirmary, took place, and Ben. T. Harman, of Mill Creek, was appointed in his stead. Ever since the removal of pauper clerk, James Sabins, it has been rumored that other removals would follow before the expiration of the terms of the outgoing commissioners, Horne and Harker, and their action in removing Mr. Jones was not a surprise to those familiar with public affairs.

The motion for the removal of Supt. Jones and the appointment of Mr. Harman, as his successor, was made by Harker and seconded by Horne. It is as follows:

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 3.—As a member of the board of county commissioners I received for a report of cows, pigs and produce sold, and not having received any reply to the same, only a letter, I voted to receive \$100 a month salary, to take effect Jan. 3, 1903. HENRY HARKER, Chairman.

Chairman Anderson strongly opposed the motion and declared the action of his colleagues as unfair and unjust to himself and Mr. Jones and illegal. He contended that an investigation should have been made, and that Mr. Jones' removal without such investigation was illegal. He voted against the removal and against the appointment of Harman.

Mr. Harker stated that his reason for removing Supt. Jones was because he failed to comply with his request for a report of certain funds received through the sale of county property, consisting of pigs, cows and farm produce. No irregularity is charged by the commissioners in the removal of Mr. Jones. They both declare that if the report asked for had been submitted the superintendent would not have been molested. On its face it looks like a case of petty spite directed against commissioner Anderson, perhaps, than anyone else.

In reply to Commissioner Harker's request to furnish a report, Supt. Jones submitted the following communication, which was read at the meeting:

Salt Lake City, Dec. 24, 1902. Hon. Henry Harker, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners. Dear Sir:—I received a message on Monday evening last to render you a financial report of the infirmary. I have complied with the request, and have submitted the same to you. I have no other financial accounts, since by law the county auditor has possession and control of the same. I spoke to Auditor Jones and he informed me that he would forward the report from the office at any time for any month, or any period of months, since my appointment. The month of December was reported, and it is impossible to report it until the bills are received. Immediately upon receiving those bills the report for that month will be ready for your consideration. Hoping this will prove satisfactory, I remain, yours truly, WILLIAM R. JONES, JR.

A demand was made by Commissioner Horne for an accounting of the \$100 given in fund. Supt. Jones' reply is as follows:

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 23, 1902. Hon. W. J. Horne, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners. Dear Sir:—In response to your request for a report of the funds placed in my hands, I have the honor to inform you that in June, 1901, I received \$50 from you, and in October of the same year \$50 more, by commission direction of you. In June, 1901, I proceeded to give you an account of the \$100, and sell some extra stock of vegetables and some animals and made purchases of fruit, vegetables, animals and supplies. This has gone on up to date as I have been directed by the board, every item of supplies, etc., disposed of to you, except \$1 cents on a disputed bill, and every item purchased is also paid for. There now remains on hand, in cash, a balance of \$80.55. Besides this I have on hand the \$100, subject to your committee's order. There were occasions when I had to draw on it, as authorized by you, and also on the interest funds, but all such drafts have been paid, and the sum advanced from your contingent fund is now intact. Trusting that this report will give you the information required, I am, yours truly, WM. R. JONES, JR.

Anticipating the action of the board in removing Supt. Jones, the steward of the infirmary, J. H. Hayford, sent in his resignation. He was mistaken, however, as to the new superintendent. His resignation was tabled, Horne and Harker voting in favor of tabling it. The resignation follows in full:

Salt Lake City, Dec. 24, 1902. 'Commissioner Harker and Horne, Dear Sirs:—Foreseeing that in your desire for petty revenge you would remove Mr. W. R. Jones from a position which he has held with credit for many years, and in which position Mrs. Sarah Jane Rice Miller, I hereby resign my place as steward and insist that it be accepted at once. I am not ashamed of my record while serving in the capacity of steward, and do not care to mar that record by serving under a person who is not only notorious for his ill will toward me, but ignorant and unfit for any position of trust or responsibility. As about two-thirds of the people here depend on the steward for medicine and would suffer greatly should they not receive it, I would suggest that the place be filled at once. It will probably, though, be as easy for you to get competent men on short notice as it is for you to discharge them without either reason or warning. Yours respectfully, J. H. HAYFORD.

The new commissioners, Wilson and Stranahan, were interested spectators during the session and probably got some pointers on the duties of their office.

MORAL STATUS OF SALT LAKE.

This the Theme in City Churches On Sunday.

MRS. SHEPARD'S REMARKS.

The Lux Manner in Which City Ordinances Are Enforced—Other Speakers.

A number of the city pastors spoke fervently and forcibly yesterday on the subject of vice in this city, and Mrs. E. K. Shepard also spoke on the current theme, and in a number of the ward meetings, the speakers referred to local conditions. And it was held forth in the churches that efforts would be continuous and persistent in the line of reform until something effective was accomplished. Mrs. Shepard spoke in the morning at the First Methodist church, and in the evening occupied the East Side Baptist pulpit. She set forth that the city officials are permitting certain laws to be broken daily, and property owners to become criminals in renting property for immoral purposes. She said the W. C. T. U. would labor zealously to compel the servants of the law to enforce the statutes, and force property owners not to thus rent their properties. Mrs. Shepard also raked parents over the coals for remissness and urged reclamation and conversion of the women of the red light district and of the men who frequented such places.

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PASSING OF GEORGE A. LOWE.

Sudden and Unexpected Demise of One of Salt Lake's Leading Business Men, Who Passed Away at His Home Sunday, A Victim of Heart Failure.

By the death of George A. Lowe yesterday, Salt Lake lost one of her most valued and most honored citizens. His unexpected and sudden demise from heart disease at his residence, 295 East First South street, caused a shock to the community, and was the subject most discussed yesterday in the hotels and on the street corners. From the universal expressions of sympathy and regret the deceased left behind him a heritage of which his family may well be proud.

He died, or rather went to sleep, surrounded by his family. He was lying on the sofa in the parlor of his home, resting after his accustomed morning bath. His wife, daughter and servants were with him. While Mrs. Lowe was aiding him in removing his smoking jacket, she noticed that her father's face possessed an unnatural pallor. She asked him if he felt ill and he replied that he felt a slight nausea and would lie down a little while.

Mrs. Lowe a few moments afterward entered a room and learning that her husband fell ill, suggested that a physician be telephoned for. She called, as he declined, saying he did not feel so ill as that. These were the last words he ever uttered. A few moments later he showed signs of distress in breathing, which alarmed Mrs. Lowe, who telephoned for Dr. J. M. Dart, but before he arrived Mr. Lowe had breathed his last.

Mr. Lowe leaves a wife, Mrs. Anna Lowe, a daughter, Miss Catherine Lowe, two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Nye and Mrs. Susan B. Lowe of De White, Ia., besides a number of relatives, including City Atty. George L. Nye of this city. The deceased gentleman did much to the upbuilding of the city and state and he did it without any publicity or flourish of trumpets. He was connected with the construction of some of the railroads and founded the George A. Lowe implement company of Ogden, which he did make his headquarters. Of a retiring disposition he preferred the comforts of a pleasant and congenial home to the pleasures of society.

BIOGRAPHICAL. Mr. Lowe came of Puritanical ancestors. He was born in Ashburnham, Mass., May 13, 1836. At the time of his death he was 66 years of age. When quite a young man, before the outbreak of the civil war, Mr. Lowe came west, settling in Iowa, where he resided for many years. When the Chicago & Northwestern railroad was being built he was employed as an operator. The construction of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, to which he lent the employ of those who had the work in charge. For a number of years he was a resident of Boone, Ia. He was also in the same business here at the time of about 1870 Mr. Lowe came to Utah from Denver, where he lived for a while settling in Corinne. While a resident of that city he was engaged in the hardware and implement business. He joined the Masonic order in Corinne.

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