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METAL MARKET.

Saturday.—Silver, 60 1/2; copper, 16; Lead, 33.50.

LOCAL STOCKS IN THE MARKET.

Con. Mercur at Home.

Saturday.—Bid, 5 3/4; asked, 5 1/2.

At Boston.

Saturday.—Quoted at 58 cents; 200 shares sold.

Sacramento at Home.

Saturday.—Bid, 9 1/4; asked, 10; 100 shares sold at 9 1/2 cents.

Ingot at Home.

Saturday.—Bid, 1 1/4; asked, 1 1/2 cents.

EDITORIALS.

ONE OF THE TRIBUNE'S COMPETITIVE POEMS.

Fair Utah's heaven-springing peaks
With fertile valleys at their base
And resources rich within their hearts
All typify the noble race
Which came and gained, through
strife and stress,
A state born of the wilderness.

Their hearts made brave with thrilling
hope
And foreheads lifted to the skies,
Our hero victors gave them strength
And bade a nation's home arise;
Through long, dark days, with danger
filled,
They did the work that God had
willed.

Where oases the sterile plain lay dead,
The mighty hand of labor wrought;
Down from the barren mountain
slopes
The crystal floods of life were
brought;
All Nature smiled, her power freed,
And spread her joy o'er field and
mead.

As now to Utah—glorious State—
Our voices ring with words of praise,
Oh, may we not, in present pride,
Forget the men of other days;
And thus our prayer: that God may
bless
Whom in shape our destiny.

THE CITY CONTEST.

The nomination for officers of the different cities, are pretty much all made now, and the work of the various conventions is before the public for approval or disapproval. Of course the greatest interest centres in Salt Lake City, where there is a four-sided fight—the two national organizations, the American party and the Socialists making up the quartette which will contend from now on for the mastery. The election occurs uniformly in the cities and towns of the state on Tuesday, November 7, so there is abundant time for each voter to print himself thoroughly as to the merits and demerits of the parties and the candidates representing them; it is to be hoped each will do so and then act intelligently and independently in accordance with his convictions.

In the capital city the American party which made its trial trip in November last, was first in the field this fall and is the subject of no little speculation as to its strength and prospects at the present time. That it has grown considerably since it was launched upon the turbulent sea of politics, will scarcely be disputed by

even its most virulent opponents, because the fact is self-evident. The only question is as to what extent it has grown: At the election spoken of the Republicans polled in round numbers nearly 30,000 votes in this city, while the Democrats and Americans each secured around 6,000. It therefore follows that to win—if anything near as follows a vote as that instanced shall be polled—the Americans would have to draw something over 2,000 votes from the Republicans alone unless there should be unlooked-for defections from them to the Democrats also, each of which would amount to a negative gain on half a vote for the Americans while each vote going to them from the Democrats would be a full vote gained, and each Republican vote would amount to two votes gained. It is in this connection, to be noted that to all appearance the greater number of accessions to the Americans of late have been from the Democrats, though previously they were almost entirely from Republicans, and among these the desertions are continuously occurring, though not, as stated, to the same extent as is the case with the Democrats, so far as can be determined.

The situation is a very interesting one viewed from any standpoint, and if the Americans get as much as one-third of the votes of the municipality they stand a good show to win, unless there should be a slump from one to the other of the old parties, as was the case last fall. It is not likely that more than 20,000 votes will be cast and it is morally certain that the Americans have gained at least a thousand votes since last November. This would give them about 7,000, a clear majority with the situation as it stands, otherwise as it was then and not counting the negative assistance of the Socialists, which party ought to be good for fully 1,000 votes. We shall soon know all about it.

THE DRAMA.

Last Week, This Week, and What is Coming.

Every reader of American literature is familiar with the great novel, "The Pit," and ever since it was announced to appear at the Salt Lake theatre on Thursday night of this week all the theatre-going people have been looking forward with pleasure for the event.

"The Ideal Burlesquers" appear this week at Lyric in "Every Day Life," which same life is full of comedy, catchy music, dancing, and electrical effects. In addition to the chorus of this, the company includes the four Livingstons, said to be wonderful comedians. Others in the company are Miss Katherine Claire, Frye & Allen, Gruet & Gruet, and Frank O'Brien, with little Carrie Franklin in the scoubrette part.

At the Grand theatre "Wyoming," a new play by E. Allan Martin, will be given. It is a comedy drama of the Western type, as its name indicates. In stating his reasons for presenting the play here first, the manager says: "My associates urged me to take 'Wyoming' to Chicago or New York for its initial performance. I said no, that if 'Wyoming' will go in Salt Lake, it will go in any city in the country. I remember ten years ago, when I was in Salt Lake with the original production of 'Puddin' Head Wilson' received equally as strong a reception as we did in any city in the country, and again three years later I came here with Clay Clement, a new star, and a new play, and the 'indulgence' of people that witnessed our performance was indeed grateful. When I returned in September of the same year the approval of Mr. Clement and his play can be found in the box office receipts at the Salt Lake theatre, and I told my associates and the people that it is as artistic as though it had been built in New York. We carry every piece of scenery for this production, including a stage coach, two horses and a steer, and there are twenty-two people required to produce the play."

On Sunday next (the 22nd), the Grand will offer its patrons the melo-

drama, "Uncle Josh Perkins." This will be followed on Thursday by the comedy drama, "Sweet Clover."

Maro the musician and artist, and his company, will give a performance at the Salt Lake theatre Monday, October 23, under Y. M. C. A. auspices of amusement were of the best and were well patronized.

Last week's bills at all the places were well patronized.

We can say to our readers that they will be repaid by noting our columns of the attractions in the metropolises if they contemplate a visit there.

Local & News Items

OUR NEIGHBORS AND OURSELVES

There has been a quite a number of births in Mercur recently increasing our census for 1905.

A good showing of ore is reported at the Stockton G. M. and Milling Company's properties.

The recent rain storms were an all around blessing in these parts. More would have been appreciated.

Perfect as a beverage or medicine is L. W. Harper Whiskey, the kind your grandfather used. Sold by Adams & Co.

Mr. Thos. Bebb, who left Stockton on September 27 in search of work has secured employment at Bingham City.

J. M. Powell and family of Stockton have gone to pastures new. The former to Indianapolis, Ind., and the latter to Gilroy, Cal.

Mr. Oscar Anderson of Stockton has been unable to work for the last week in account of sickness, but his condition is improving.

Mrs. J. C. Brown of Stockton spent several days in Salt Lake last week getting relatives. She also visited the fair and paid her tithing.

There is considerable activity in the old mining camp of Dry Canyon and here now operating there look forward to a "boom" next summer.

Mr. D. W. Crut of Stockton, who left here some time ago in search of work, is now located in Eureka, where he has found lucrative employment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson have returned home to Stockton from their wedding tour and are now domiciled in their new home in Stockton.

Mrs. D. R. Williams of Stockton who has been confined to her bed for the past seven weeks, is beginning to improve. We hope her recovery will be rapid.

Mrs. M. A. Walquist, daughter of Mrs. George Denton, came out to Stockton from Salt Lake City Wednesday morning and expects to remain several days.

The bottom of the incline shaft of the Cyclone property is now in a good body of lead ore. The shaft is down 300 feet, the last ten of which have been in the vein.

The members of the Methodist choir at Mercur gave a surprise on Mrs. Eyer, Friday evening. The evening was spent in games and conversation. Refreshments were served.

Considerable wheat is being sown in Parowan this season as it has been demonstrated that it can be raised successfully and with considerable less irrigation than spring sown crops.

The Fremen of Mercur, of whom there are no better volunteers to be found, had a great time at their dance, Friday evening, and, as is, and should always be the case, a financial success was scored.

Mr. E. R. Mackinson of Stockton succeeded in bagging twelve fine sage hens while on a hunting expedition last Sunday. He prefers to hunt deer (deer), but claims not to be as successful in that line.

Mr. Jas. McKendrick of Stockton was badly burned last week and was taken to the L. D. S. hospital in Salt Lake City, where all that medical aid can do is being done for him. His condition is reported as improved.

A great many in American Fork are looking for a "Citizens' Ticket" and it is noted that a majority of the principal movers in the call for a citizens' ticket are Republicans, and the leaders of that party are very much

alarmed over the move and are doing all in their power to discourage it, as they are afraid that such a move will disrupt their ranks to such an extent as to mean a complete victory for the Democrats.

Both the old party tickets will soon be in the field in American Fork and in the real tussle will be on. With a "Citizens' Ticket," also, adding for the franchise of the voter, politics will indeed be "hotting" in great shape.

"The Master of Mercur" is doing good work these days. Last week Mrs. Clara Sidwell gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on Faust. She handled her subject in such a way as to show that she is master of Goethe's great work.

A Republican primary will be held in the Stockton schoolhouse, Monday evening, October 16th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of president and trustees of the town of Stockton, same to be elected November 7th, 1905.

Joseph Bithel of Ophir says the camp is gradually picking up and the outlook is that good times are ahead. More work is going on than for a long time past. The mill of the Ophir Hill company has just been placed in shape to handle a larger tonnage by the addition of several Wilbey tables. Superintendent E. W. Clark has just completed a new and cozy home, and everything, so far as the Ophir Hill is concerned, is suggestive of a long career of successful operation.

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Hard on the Widow.

In 1801 the population of England and Wales a square mile was 558. In 1900 the population of the United States was 21.4 a square mile; so England is comparatively crowded. Yet in Lincolnshire a widow had to travel thirty-nine miles on her husband's death. Thus: For a doctor's certificate, 7 miles; to register the death, 5 miles; return home, 9 miles; to the grave and back, 13 miles; total, 39 miles.

Approach of the Dawn.

"When you get into a tight place and everything else against you and you see that you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."—Herbert Spencer.

And Chain the Mat.

A Brooklyn minister of a pious material turn of mind has his front parlor chained to his house, and to incite to the right spirit in the assembly has had the motto "Trust in God" worked in scarlet letters of large size in the middle of the mat.

SALT LAKE & MERCUR RAILROAD CO. TIME TABLE.

Effective May 1st, 1905.

Westward.	Eastward.
No. 1.	No. 2.
A. M.	P. M.
11:15 Ar. Mercur	LY 2:00
11:00 Ar. Summit	LY 2:15
10:30 Ar. Bannock	LY 2:52
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