

light on the identity of the unfortunate man who came to such an untimely death.

Mr. F. F. Noble, cashier of the banking house of Noble, Lane & Noble of this city, and brother of W. P. Noble, in a conversation this morning said that he was now entirely satisfied that the outfit found was not the one that belonged to his brother, as he had left Lander with a two horse rig and the vehicle he used did not resemble the one found. The reservoir where the find was made is one which was built by the Niobrara Transportation company to store water in for use of the many freight teams running between Lander and Casper, and is situated about midway between St. Stephens Mission and Wotton, the distance from Lander being about fifty miles. A more desolate spot and one better suited to the commission of a crime like that which is indicated would be hard to find anywhere.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 9.

On Sunday evening while a Mrs. Brown and her sister, of Lake Breeze, were driving along the roadway which parallels the Oregon Short Line railway going to Garfield, the train came along in the same direction as that in which the ladies were going. The horse started to run, and the road being enclosed by embankments, there was a lively race between horse and locomotive for a distance of about a mile, during which the ladies jointly exerted all their efforts to stop the animal. Finally the train went by, and by that time the horse had kicked himself and the harness and buggy all up into a knot. There were four children in the buggy with the ladies, and one of them, Romella Brown, aged five was severely kicked in the back of the head. The little one is not yet out of danger, and remains under the care of a physician. The wonder is that someone was not killed and more of them injured.

Two highwaymen, on Sunday night at Gregson Springs, near Butte, Montana, held up Jacob Schiffman's saloon and secured about \$1,300.

All difficulties in the way of a reorganization of the Montana Power company at Butte have been removed and work on the company's plant will be pushed with vigor.

Manse Coffin and two sons, and Howard Gravely, arrived at Boise on Sunday from Wood River. They were accompanied by Ed Coffin and family of Salt Lake.

The Statesman says a proposition has been received by the executive board of the intermountain fair to have the fair at Boise opened by telephone by the governor of California with speaking communications from the governors of Oregon, Washington and Montana. The long distance telephone will be completed in time to make this possible.

State Auditor Richards recently wrote Attorney General Bishop calling attention to section 2425, R. S., which provides a penalty of twenty-five per cent damages and ten per cent interest in case of delinquency on the part of persons entrusted with the handling of State funds and have failed to make settlement of the same, etc., and de this provision as to sureties upon the sired to know the force and effect of bond of a delinquent official, where the bond was executed prior to the enactment thereof.

"I am of opinion that where the bond was executed prior to the enactment of the penalty, the sureties upon said bond would not be liable for such penalty, it being the imposition of a condition which would operate to enlarge the liability beyond that assumed in

the first instance. To hold otherwise, would be to assume the law to be retroactive and to give it the force and effect of impairing the original contract. The rule would be different in respect to the principal, as the Legislature, unquestionably, has the right, at any time, to change the duties of or impose new and additional conditions upon a public officer."

President J. T. Kingsbury of the University, on behalf of the executive committee of the board of regents, recently enquired of Attorney General Bishop, as to whether any part of the funds, appropriated by the last Legislature, could be used for supplying a heating and ventilating plant for a State institution. Replying today, Mr. Bishop says:

"Under date of July 27th, an opinion was rendered by this office to the Hon. Morgan Richards Jr., State auditor, which answers, fully, the same question propounded by you. In that opinion it was stated that 'heating apparatus' would not come properly in the meaning of the word 'furnishing,' it being more in the nature of a permanent fixture, and, therefore, part of the original plant.

"I still adhere to that opinion and do not believe it would be a proper subject to which the appropriation in question could be applied."

Lieutenant Briant S. Wells, brother of Governor Wells, and an officer of the Second United States regiment of infantry returned home this morning on the 3:10 train and spent the greater part of the day with his family.

The lieutenant's many friends will be pleased to know that he is looking and feeling well. Although quite severely wounded he has not been ill a day or a moment since he left home. His wound was in the hip and was produced by a Mauser bullet which had first passed through the leg of a private of his own company, who was fighting bravely at his side. This was on the second day's siege against Santiago when Lieut. Wells says bullets flew and whistled about with the frequency of hailstones in a violent storm. He says the men, regulars, rough riders and volunteers fought like tigers in what was possibly one of the sharpest battles in history.

Lieutenant Wells gives a different portrayal of the care and treatment bestowed upon the wounded from that of others. He says that within five minutes of the time that he fell he was carried away in a blanket and taken to the hospital ship, where his wound was dressed and where he was made as easy as possible under the circumstances. What was true in this particular of himself was also true of others. Nothing that could be done seemed to be neglected.

Lieutenant Wells tells a modest but graphic story of the whole engagement and is sorry that he has been taken from his regiment. He expected that when he was conveyed to Fort Monroe, Va., he would be permitted to do this, but the surgeon general said he could not do so as the wound was of too dangerous a character. The bullet, the surgeon said, was still imbedded near the thigh bone, but Lieutenant Wells is of the opinion that it plowed its way out again at the time he was wounded, notwithstanding the diagnosis and report of the surgeon general. The lieutenant thought he would be able to go to Porto Rico and made an earnest appeal to that and but in this case his request was denied just as it was when he wanted to go back to Cuba, where the yellow fever was decimating the ranks of the country's soldiery. Now that he has been detailed to do light duty with the National Guard of Utah he is not sorry.

A noteworthy fact is that had he left home on any train leaving Salt Lake subsequent to his departure or stopped over en route to get a sleeper, he would have been left behind in starting for Cuba, as his ship sailed in one hour and a half after his arrival. On it were two companies of his own men and Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The monthly Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was held in the Assembly Hall at 11 a.m., on Saturday, August 6th, Elders Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor and Chas. W. Penrose, the Stake presidency, presiding. There were present in addition to these brethren, four Patriarchs, Elders Geo. B. Wallace and N. V. Jones of the presidency of the High Priests' quorum, ten presidents of Seventies, and eight home missionaries; representatives of the wards excepting the Fourth, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth city wards, and Brighton, Hunter and Pleasant Green of the country; presiding officers of the First, Second, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth quorums of Elders; a representative of the Stake superintendency of Sunday schools, and a number of holders of the Lesser Priesthood from various wards. On the recommendation of their Bishops seven brethren were authorized, on covenant, to be ordained to the office of Elder.

Brother Cannon referred to the custom of spending the summer Sabbaths in the canyons, and in similar forms of recreation, condemning it, and emphasizing the commandment of the Lord that the Sabbath should be spent in serving Him in the house of prayer, and partaking of the Sacrament. Nothing should be allowed to interfere with this. An exception might be made when found necessary under extraordinary conditions such as illness, etc.

Brother Penrose endorsed these remarks and advocated the obedience to the spirit of the law as well as the letter. He presented the claims of the Latter-day Saints' College for the patronage of the people, advocating it as an institution to which the young people should, if possible, be sent for their high school training. He spoke of the excellent influence of the institution, and the training there given in the principles of the Gospel, in addition to the thorough work done in the ordinary branches of a high school or a normal course. The regulations were spoken of as being such as to keep the young people from evil, and in the line of their duty, and the importance of giving as many of the young people as possible a four years' training above the eighth grade, in a Church school, was emphasized.

Brother Penrose spoke of the necessity of ward records being kept in perfect order, all items being fully recorded, so that reports may be made up at any time.

Brother Taylor spoke of the subject of Sabbath-breaking, stating that he had observed a strong tendency in that direction, notwithstanding the strong admonitions being continually given against it. He regretted that secular affairs interfered so much with the performance of necessary Church duties on week days, but stated that they should under no condition, be allowed to interfere with these duties on the Sabbath. Laxity of discipline over the young people at night, leading to great wrongs, was severely condemned.

Brother Cannon endorsed the remarks made by the other brethren and urged all to attend the meetings of the Stake conference to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10th and 11th.