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## THE VIGILANT WINS!

### Away Sail the Swift International Yachts.

RACING FOR THE GREAT CUP.

A Favorable Day, a Fair Breeze, Good Seamanship, Much Enthusiasm, and a Great Race.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Thursday's attempted opening contest between the British yacht Valkyrie and the American yacht Vigilant having failed, owing to the inability of the yachts to cover the course within the stipulated six hours, because of the lack of wind, a renewed attempt was made today. Rain fell all night and the day broke misty. In spite of this unfavorable condition, great crowds headed for the wharfs and vantage points along the shores of the bay to witness the race. In fact there was a fleet of excursion steamers even greater than on Thursday, which was unprecedented in numbers up to that time.

By nine o'clock the sky had cleared, and a splendid day for the race seemed assured. The wind was also increasing in velocity and at Sandy Hook blowing at the rate of ten miles per hour, west southwest, increasing to thirteen miles half an hour later. About that time the Valkyrie and Vigilant came out from their anchorage in tow, hoisting their sails as they came. By half past ten both cast off the tow lines, half a mile apart near Scotland light-ship, and began maneuvering about the bay.

At ten o'clock the wind was northwest, blowing ten miles an hour. The flagboat signalled the course 15 miles northeast to windward or leeward, which with the wind west-northwest would make the course east-southeast to leeward and back to windward.

The yachts began making short tacks in their maneuvers for position and

THE PREPARATORY GUN

was fired at 11:15 a.m. The Vigilant came up and fell in astern of the Valkyrie. The latter immediately tacked and it became evident it was a game of skill on both sides. The Vigilant pulled up, the Valkyrie passed across her bow. The Vigilant broke out her balloon jib, and fell away astern of the Valkyrie. Both boats had their spinnakers to start with.

The starting gun was fired and at 11:20 the Valkyrie crossed the line first, the Vigilant close behind. The Valkyrie soon began to pull ahead of the Vigilant, both going dead to windward. The breeze had fallen somewhat and the sails of neither boat kept full.

THE VIGILANT LEADS.

The Valkyrie continued to draw ahead for a time but at 12:15 the Vigilant had evidently overhauled her opponent and at 12:20 had passed to the front and apparently had quite a lead.

Both yachts now headed to the southward. The Vigilant passed the Valkyrie as if the latter were anchored, and began speeding away from her.

At 12:25 the Vigilant had opened a clear lead of a hundred yards, showing the Britisher her heel in fine style, going at the rate of between six and seven knots an hour.

At 12:40 the boats were about half over the course sailing east southeast, the Vigilant still gaining wonderfully, half a mile ahead. The indications are the American will beat the Britisher to the stake boat by eight minutes or more.

THE BULLETINS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—It is a splendid day for the yacht race—bright, with a spanking breeze.

At 10 a.m. both yachts had cast off their tow lines near Scotland light ship, with sails hoisted. The race will probably be straight out to sea.

The race started at 11:20. The Vigilant was first over the line, after some sharp and pretty maneuvers for position.

At 11:25 the yachts were standing away to windward with the excursion fleet in full cry in pursuit. The Vigilant seems to be overhauling the Valkyrie.

At 11:30 the Valkyrie seemed to be opening the gap. They are going clear before wind.

11:52 a.m.—The Vigilant, it seems, might possibly have followed the Valkyrie and blanketed her. They are now running away on even terms. As it is, the Valkyrie is still holding the lead and the Vigilant heading to the eastward.

The Vigilant has passed the Valkyrie and apparently has quite a lead. They are now about half way over the course sailing east southeast. The Vigilant has been gaining wonderfully and is now fully half a mile ahead. The sloops ought to reach the turn in front in about 25 minutes.

LONG BRANCH, 12:50 p.m.—The life saving station reports that the Vigilant has a lead of over a mile.

NEW YORK, 12:53 p.m.—The Valkyrie is now seven minutes behind. The Vigilant seems to be footing it still faster.

The Vigilant appears to be increasing her lead and is probably two miles ahead. The boats are not making as good speed as at first and it is barely possible it will not be finished in time to be counted as a race.

The Vigilant turned the stake boat at the outer mark at 1:59 p.m., heading to windward on the starboard tack. The Valkyrie turned the stake at 2:03.

2:25 p.m.—The yachts are still on the port tack. The Vigilant maintains her lead and is outfooting the Valkyrie.

The Vigilant has increased her lead rapidly and now seems two miles ahead. The Valkyrie is hopelessly beaten.

The Vigilant is now only ten miles from the finish, coming on in fine style. Steam whistles are already beginning to toot in anticipation of the victory.

CORRECT TIME OF THE RACE.

Correct official start: Valkyrie 11:25:12, Vigilant 11:25:27. At the stake boat, Vigilant 1:59, Valkyrie 2:03.

THE VIGILANT WINS.

The Vigilant finished at 3:33:36.

The Valkyrie crossed the line at 3:39:30, six minutes after the Vigilant. The Valkyrie made a magnificent run the latter part of the journey home, and closed up much of the water at one time between them.

### DISTURBANCES IN AFGHANISTAN.

Mutinous Sepoys Blown From the Mouths of Cannon.

CALCUTTA, Oct. 5.—There has been a serious disturbance at Cabul, the capital of Afghanistan. The assistant commander-in-chief slapped a Sepoy of one of the regiments whereupon the regiment fired a volley killing the assistant commander-in-chief and then fled from the city but were pursued and captured by the Ameer's troops. Eleven of the mutinous Sepoys were convicted and blown from the mouths of cannon. All the troops at Cabul were thrown into intense excitement by the execution and it was found necessary to swear them on the Koran to loyalty. The disturbance appears not yet ended. Further arrests were ordered.

### TO SAVE RIO.

An Agreement Between Peixoto and de Mello.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—President Peixoto of Brazil has consented to dismount the guns in Rio Janeiro and Admiral De Mello, leader of the insurgents, has agreed not to fire on the city as long as the guns remain dismounted. This word was received from Commander Picking of the cruiser Charleston, now in Rio harbor, last night. This arrangement is believed to have been brought about through the efforts of the foreign representatives at Rio, in order to prevent the destruction of the city.

## WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

### Voorhees Gives Notice That He Will Ask a Continuous Session.

Peffer Introduces a Bill for the Increase of the Currency to Six Billion Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Voorhees gave definite notice in the Senate this morning that he would ask the Senate to sit continuously, commencing Wednesday until a vote was reached on the Sherman silver repeal bill.

Roach (Dem. North Dakota) then addressed the Senate in favor of repeal.

Peffer introduced by request a bill providing for the coinage of all gold and silver in the treasury and all that shall be offered, and for the issuing of enough paper money to bring the volume of currency to six billion dollars. Of this six hundred millions shall be distributed to the states and territories pro rata according to population, and be expended on public improvements. The bill further provides that all citizens of the United States offering their labor shall be employed under the conditions of the bill. Peffer said he did not consider the country ripe for such legislation yet.

Either Compromise or Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Senator Manderson authorizes the statement as his opinion that the test of physical endurance to be applied in the Senate next week will result either in a compromise or the adjournment of Congress.

### MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS.

Greenhalge Nominated for Governor by Acclamation.

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—The Republican state convention met here this morning. W. A. Bancroft was chosen chairman. The platform favors the unconditional repeal of the silver purchasing clause of the Sherman act; recommends that the gold reserve be strengthened; commends the course of the Republicans in Congress on money questions; holds the Democratic party largely responsible for the financial depression; declares for protection and against free trade under any guise; favors national banks; opposes state bank currency; criticises the administration on its attitude toward the pensioners, for the violation of the civil service law, and for conferring high offices for campaign contributions.

Frederick T. Greenhalge was nominated for governor by acclamation; Lieut. Gov. Wolcott was renominated; Secretary of State Wm. M. Olin was renominated, also J. W. Kimball for auditor, all by acclamation.

Senator Teller and His Party.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 7.—According to the Rocky Mountain News Judge A. W. Rucker, who has just returned from Washington says Senator Teller said to him: "I don't know where my head may fall, but you have heard me raise my voice in behalf of the Republican party the last time."

A Times dispatch from Washington denies that Teller made the statement and quotes him as saying, if it was necessary for him to leave the Republican party, he would make the announcement himself.

Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The President has nominated as postmaster, Andrew J. Halbert, Tempe, Ariz.; John E. Murray, Lewiston, Mont.; Oliver P. Hokes, Sheridan, Wyo.; as melter at the U. S. assay office at Helena, Mont., Charles Rumley of Montana.

### COAL, COKE, PETROLEUM.

Awards of Prizes for Utah Products Among Others.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The following awards of prizes were made for coal, coke, petroleum, natural gas, and soda.

NEVADA.

State of Nevada collection of soda, salt, etc., natural soda crystal; Carson Inyo Development Co., natural soda water, bicarbonate of soda; Occidental Alkali Co., Hawthorne, soda ash, Underground; Columbus Borax Co., Columbus, borax, crystals, clear; Conn & Trude, Saline valley, (Inyo) Alexander Wise, Humboldt Co., sulphur (native); Silex Mfg. Co., Hawthorne, aluminum, bottle of [illegible]; Southern Development Co., Rhyolite, borax, refined; E. Bonnelle, [illegible] county, rock salt; Conn & Trude, [illegible] borax from [illegible]; Occidental Alkali Co., Hawthorne, soda, native, and soda refined; California San Bernardino Co., rock salt borate and carbonate of soda.

UTAH.

N. Treweek, Salt Lake, Treweek sulphur mine; Cove Creek, Cove Creek sulphur; Dairy Devil Creek, Salt Lake, calcite.

WYOMING.

S. W. Downey, Laramie, sulphate of sodium (natural) and of magnesia; Wyoming Syndicate Improvement Co., Johnstown, sulphate of [illegible]; Cheyenne, D. W. Gill and E. S. N. Morgan, sulphate of sodium. Building stones, marbles, ornamental stones and quarry products.

ARIZONA.

T. R. Sarin, Tombstone, sandstone, onyx and lithograph stone.

CALIFORNIA.

J. and F. Kesner, San Francisco, onyx; state of California, collection of building stone, sandstone, limestone and marble; mining bureau of the state of California, limestone (collective exhibit); Colton Marble company, Colton, marble, mottled, white, black, and yellow; Inyo Marble company, San Francisco, marble, mottled, white, black, and yellow; Bryant's quarry, Amador county, marble, serpentine.

NEVADA.

W. E. Linney, Carson, sky blue marble.

OREGON.

Variety Marble company, Roseburg, marble.

WYOMING.

Cheyenne, S. W. Dailey, granite; Wyoming state board and twenty others, red sandstone.

UTAH.

Pelican point mine and two others, collective exhibit of onyx; Prof. Cederstrom, Lehi, granite, graphite, clays, asbestos, etc.

IDAHO.

Albany Falls, Albany Falls Co., pyramids of pressed brick.

MONTANA.

State of Montana, collection of Montana building stone.

WYOMING.

Laramie glass works, collective exhibit of glass materials and glass, iron and zinc.

CALIFORNIA.

Clipper gap furnace, Placer county, pig iron, antimony and other metals; California Manganese Smelting Co., San Francisco, star antimony, metallic apparatus used in mining, California; California state mining bureau, rocker with sieves and pan for washing and testing gold.

A Serious Smashup.

CLAY CENTER, Kans., Oct. 7.—A collision between a freight and passenger train on the Rock Island road at Keats resulted in a big smashup, killing the mail clerk and seriously injuring the engineer and fireman of the passenger train, and the burning of the mail car.

Peixoto Must Withdraw.

BUENOS AYRES, Oct. 7.—It is reported that the diplomatic corps at Rio Janeiro has informed President Peixoto that they would recognize the insurgents as belligerents, unless he withdraws his forces from the Brazilian capital by Sunday.

Polish Day at the Fair.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—This is Polish day at the Fair. The weather is bright and beautiful. The proceedings at the Fair were preceded by a parade of 25,000 Poles down town, the organizations going in a body afterward to the Fair, where the celebration in honor of Kosiuski were continued. Addresses were made by Mayor Harrison and others; singing by United Polish singers of America. The new liberty bell rang at noon in honor of Massachusetts' independence, by the house of representatives of that state sitting at Salem this date 1774 with John Hancock in the chair. The bell rang again in honor of the anniversary of Kings Mountain, 1780, and again for Kosiuski and Pulaski.

Bismarck Looks Fairly Well.

BERLIN, Oct. 7.—Bismarck left Kissingen for Friedrichsruhe shortly before eleven o'clock this morning, evidently greatly moved by the warm greetings of the people. Considering his long illness he looked fairly well.

### WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING.

Talk About Donating It to Chicago for a Museum.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Concerning the report that the Washington state building has been donated to Chicago, Executive Commissioner Calhoun says: "There has been some talk among the commissioners in regard to making an offer of the building on condition that it be made a permanent museum of botany and forestry, but to my knowledge no such offer has been made. In fact no individual member of the board could make it. According to the state law, at the end of the Fair the governor and commissioners are authorized to dispose of the building in the manner which may seem to them conducive to the best interests of the state. You can plainly see from this that until the close of the Exposition nothing can be done."

Hanging in the Rigging.

LEAMINGTON, Ont., Oct. 7.—The schooner David Stewart is ashore off here. Her people are hanging to the rigging in momentary peril of being washed off. Another schooner, name unknown, has gone down with all on board.

The unfortunates were finally rescued when almost exhausted, and consisted of five men and one woman.

Receivers for Branch Lines.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 7.—Judge Hanford, of the United States circuit court, granted the application of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company for receivers for the four branch lines of the Northern Pacific road in this state. The step was necessary to protect the lenders from foreclosure since the Northern Pacific went into the hands of a receiver.

## THE MURDER TRIAL.

### Mrs. Benson Testified This Morning on Behalf of Her Husband.

AN UNUSUAL SCENE IN COURT.

The Case for the Defense Nearing a Close.—Public Interest in the Inquiry Continues Unabated.

When the NEWS went to press yesterday Wilford F. Holmes was on the witness stand testifying on behalf of the prosecution in the Elliott murder case. When his evidence had concluded the letter written by Mrs. Benson, wife of the prisoner John Benson, to Dr. Elliott was submitted in evidence, and a lively passage occurred between Prosecuting Attorney Howat and Col. Montgomery. The latter objected to the envelope being admitted as evidence, because the words "The People vs. John Benson and Hyrum McBride" were written on it, and this was not originally there. His honor overruled the objection.

The letter read as follows:

"Dr. Elliott: Please meet me this evening at 9 o'clock. I want a private conversation with you. Meet me at the east fence opposite the house. John has gone to meet the sheep and will not be home tonight.

MRS. MELINDA BENSON."

At the top were the words, "Send me an answer by the carrier if you will come or not."

W. H. Randethoof having testified, the prosecution rested and Colonel Montgomery made his opening statement to the jury on behalf of the defendant. He denounced Dr. Elliott as a confirmed libertine and a bad man, whose actions were worthy of the condemnation of all right-minded people. The colonel declared that he would show this was not the first time the deceased doctor had been charged with an offense of this kind, and that he should have been under arrest constantly. He also said, "I don't know whether the deceased is witnessing this hearing or not, but if he is he should blush for shame at the reputation he has left behind him."

A strange scene followed. Mrs. Elliott burst into a paroxysm of grief, sobbed violently, and had to be conducted from the courtroom. Other interested persons present also gave vent to tears. District Attorney Judd jumped up and declared that Colonel Montgomery's remarks were scandalous and outrageous, and that he had never heard anything like it in the court before. Judge Zane requested the colonel to confine himself to what he expected to prove, and the latter proceeded with his statement. The opening on the side of the defense occupied over an hour, counsel attacking the conduct of Dr. Elliott in unmeasured terms. It was contended that Benson was not accountable for his acts at the time he took the doctor's life, and that the killing was justifiable. Colonel Montgomery wanted to read from the statutes with reference to justification in acts of the character named, but Judge Judd objected to this and the court sustained the objection. Colonel Montgomery stated that he believed he knew the law and quoted it to the jury from memory.

Witnesses for the defense were then sworn, D. T. Hedges, prosecuting attorney for Tooele county, first taking the stand. His examination was in progress when the court adjourned.

TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning Judge Zane's division of the Third district court was called to order. The court room was again thronged with attorneys, witnesses and interested spectators. The twelve "good men and true" all answering to their names, the Benson case was at once proceeded with.

Mr. D. T. Hedges was recalled by Judge Howat and said he had an interview with Mrs. Benson; she told witness Elliott had made an assault upon her on the 20th of March, the interview took place in April; witness had asked to see Mrs. Elliott privately, and told her that Mrs. Benson told the doctor's wife that Mrs. Benson said the doctor did not do anything more than any other doctor would in a professional way; witness said his business was to investigate the killing; there were a number of other persons in the house which was the reason he asked a private interview with Mrs. Elliott; remembered saying in the private conversation with Mrs. Elliott that he had come to enquire into the killing of the doctor; Mrs. Elliott said she proposed to let the law take its course; witness told Mrs. Elliott that letters had been written from Fairview, Sanpete county, stating that the doctor had been arrested there for indecent conduct with a woman, did not remember saying any more at that time; remembered being at Mrs. Benson's the day before, had no other conversation with Mrs. Elliott; did not say he had advised Mr. and Mrs. Benson they had no case.

By Col. Montgomery—What did you say to Mrs. Elliott on that day.

Objected to by prosecution and objection sustained by the court.

At the request of Col. Montgomery witness again repeated the conversation he had with Mrs. Elliott; also said he had spoken about the reports concerning the conduct of the doctor with other women at Fairview.

Col. Montgomery here asked that certain conversation be allowed in evidence. The prosecution objected, and the court sustained the objection.

In reply to further questions witness said he did not state to Mrs. Elliott that he had investigated the case.

In answer to a question by Col. Montgomery witness said he had had a conversation with Dr. Elliott on the day of the homicide regarding the charges against him with regard to Mrs. Benson. Objected to by Judge Howat.

Col. Montgomery argued in favor of the propriety of the line of examination, claiming that it was competent to prove certain facts relative to the guilt of the doctor in relation to the assault on Mrs. Benson. He desired to prove by this witness the assault upon Mrs. Benson.

The court ruled that the evidence was incompetent.

Col. Montgomery here asked the witness: Did the doctor in that interview on Monday ask you what Mrs. Benson said?

Objected to, and objection sustained. Other questions of a similar character were also ruled out of order.

Witness was then excused till Monday morning.

Col. Montgomery called Dr. Asa L. Davidson—Witness resided in Sanpete county; was a physician; was not acquainted with Dr. Elliott, knew him only by sight; was acquainted with Mary Jane Painter, of Fairview.

Col. Montgomery—Did you attend her professionally?

Objected to by the prosecution and objection sustained.

Col. Montgomery—Was Mrs. Painter incapacitated by an overdose of some opiate?

Objected to and sustained.

Witness was here excused.

Mrs. John Benson, wife of the prisoner, was here called to the witness stand. She seemed greatly distressed and wept bitterly.

Witness said—My name is Malinda Benson; am the wife of John Benson; am 27 years of age, was married on the 22nd of December, 1886, at Logan; have lived at Grantsville since; was born at Grantsville and had always lived there, except one year when I lived at Bear Lake; my maiden name was McBride; have three children; knew Dr. Elliott in his lifetime; my husband was engaged in the sheep business; had known him one year prior to our marriage; their domestic relations had been good. Became acquainted with Dr. Elliott about the first week in January; he was called to our home to treat her for a disease; he took her in charge as physician, and treated her from Jan. 7 till March 20; had been treated by Dr. Dodds; changed physicians because Dr. Elliott lived in Grantsville and Dr. Dodds at Tooele; Dr. Elliott treated her twice a week and made personal examinations at each treatment; on the 20th of February the doctor came in the afternoon; witness was alone, her husband being absent; extracted a tooth for witness; the doctor had also attended her children; after the examination on this occasion the doctor took both her hands and put his arms around her and held her fast; kissed her while in this position; witness resented this advance; the doctor was pale and very much excited, but apologized when he was quieted down; told her not to tell her husband, which she promised not to do; the doctor came in a few days again and told witness not to tell her husband, and he would cure her; spoke frequently of the incident above related; on the 23rd of March the doctor came to her house in the absence of her husband, and after the examination he pulled her on to his lap, and asked her to consent to his purposes; she refused and he then, against her will, by force, accomplished his purpose; she could never forget the horrid look on his face at the time; witness cried for help and begged for mercy; but the doctor accomplished his purpose; witness was weak and offered all the resistance she could.

Mrs. Benson was on the witness stand when court adjourned. One of her little boys stood by her side during the examination.

At 2 o'clock p.m., when the court reconvened, every seat in the court room was occupied and many people were standing. Mrs. Benson was again placed on the witness stand and was still testifying when the NEWS man left.

### Today's Probate.

The following business was done in the probate court before Judge Blair today:

Estate of Axel Anderson, deceased. Hearing on petition for letter of administration; proof of posting notice approved. Mrs. Josephine Anderson sworn and examined. Order made appointing Mrs. Josephine Anderson administratrix upon filing a bond in the sum of $1500 and taking the necessary oath. Order appointing appraisers.

Estate of Frank E. Crocker, deceased. Continued to Wednesday, October 11, 1893, at 10 o'clock a.m.

### Pleads Not Guilty.

Nelson Curtis was arraigned before Chief Justice Zane this morning to answer to two indictments, charging him with burglary. The first charge was for breaking into the store of Richard Brimley, in the Fifth ward; the second for a similar offense committed at the store of Dorse & Chase. He pleaded not guilty to each charge.

## DIED IN FAST MEETING.

Abraham Hillam Falls Dead While Relating a Dream.

Abraham Hillam, one of the oldest residents of Brigham City, died in an unusual manner Thursday. While in the midst of the relation of a dream he suddenly fell prostrate upon the floor, gasped a few times and expired. In falling, the old gentleman cut a gash in his head and bruised one hand. The dream, which he had the previous night, was to the effect that he was starting on a journey in a sleigh. Several persons who had gone to the spiritland years before were with him. He gave their names. He was distressed because his wife was missing from the party. At this juncture in the iteration of his dream the old gentleman dropped dead.

### Died of Heart Failure.

Miss Eva C. Taylor, of the Tenth ward of this city, passed from mortality yesterday. She has been in poor health for some time and at last succumbed to the assault of the grim reaper. The deceased was a most estimable young lady, and her presence will be greatly missed in the Tenth ward, especially by the young ladies, among whom she was an earnest, effective worker for good. She has been a faithful member of the Young Ladies' association, and in this capacity her labors were chiefly directed for the benefit of her sex. Her loving disposition, gentle manners and firm devotion to that which is pure and ennobling won for her the admiration and love of her associates, who speak of her in terms of highest praise. Her parents and family have the sympathy of many friends and the comfort that in the few years allotted to their daughter for her life's work she did her duty well. The funeral will take place from the Tenth Ward meeting house tomorrow, Sunday, morning, the services commencing at 10 o'clock.

### Mons. Arnold's Concert.

The testimonial concert to be tendered to Mons. Arnold has been definitely announced for Wednesday evening next. It will be seen by the advertising columns of this paper that Mons. Arnold will be assisted by a number of the leading musicians of the city. This distinguished young violinist has made many friends during his sojourn in Salt Lake.

Those who attend the concert may be assured of a delightful evening.

Professor Arnold will leave for New York within a few days and this will be the last opportunity to hear a young man whose talents and industry give promise of a brilliant future.

### American Fork Mines.

American Fork Item: Mr. F. C. Raale informs us that the ore from the prospect belonging to him and Mr. Kit Robinson assays $20 in gold to the ton. Mr. Robinson says if the assay is correct they will begin making shipments in the near future. Their claim is situated about six miles north of here in the low hills. They have named it "The Gold Dollar." Ned Wild and Harry Lee have a lead near with them. They have a claim joining on to that of F. C. Raale and Kit Robinson. The ore looks to be the same as that belonging to the last named gentlemen. Jack Devalin is making steady shipments of ore from the "Dutchman" mine in the canyon. We understand there are several other mines being worked in the canyon besides the "Dutchman."

Colonel T. W. Brooks, of Pomona, Cal., who is now at the Keystone mine in Nevada, on the proposed railroad between Los Angeles and Salt Lake, writes the San Francisco Examiner that the completion of the Nevada Southern railway between the two cities has been decided upon. He says: "As an item of information supporting the above statement, and a pleasing reception of news by the struggling miners and farmers of North San Bernardino county, California, southeast Nevada and southern Utah, who have so long toiled under the heretofore insurmountable difficulties of wagon transportation at the cost of $50 to $100 per ton freightage, the following facts may be of interest: At the present time Mr. Dower, chief engineer of the Nevada Southern Railroad company, accompanied by Mr. Fitzallbey, an English gentleman, who, in the interest of an immense capital, is reviewing the survey from Vanderbilt and Milford, the terminus or connecting point with the Utah Southern Railroad company. Mr. Fitzallbey's examination is carefully made that his company may intelligently bid on the bonds of the road when offered; and those who are familiar with the enormous coal fields and iron deposits and the large extent of mineral and agricultural territories, have no questions in regard to Mr. Fitzallbey's favorable report to his company. The party will go on over the whole route to Salt Lake City."

### WITHIN OUR GATES.

W. H. Seegmiller, one of the public citizens of Sevier county, is an arrival from that prosperous district of the Territory.

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H. C. Johnston, representing S. C. Davis & Co. of St. Louis, an active, enterprising and popular business man, is in our midst for a short time.

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H. S. Woolacott, formerly an attorney and a U. S. Commissioner in this city, is here again as a visitor from his present home in Los Angeles, Cal.

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George Hales, the founder of the Richfield Advocate, was in our midst today and made a fraternal call on the NEWS. He is ruddy, healthy and in general good trim.

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Gabriel Huntsman, a prominent citizen of Fillmore for a period long antedating the railroad, the telegraph and the daily mail, was seen today and appeared not much older than formerly.

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R. R. Tanner, superintendent of the Beaver co-op. and a leader in the forces of the Democracy in that region, came in yesterday and was circling round today, intending to leave for the mammoth show at Chicago right away.

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J. F. Pritzl of the Logan Nation came in last evening on his return trip from the great fair. H. C. Barton the silver-voiced singer of the same place that the former works at, came down about the same time that the other arrived.

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Albert Dewey, formerly a well known resident of Salt Lake, but now running a ranch in Idaho, is among the scenes of other days and greener years again, looking none the worse for wear. He says the Cariboo gold mines are coming out grandly and everything looks better there than for twenty years. He claims it to be the best country for stock in the world, and says everybody is healthy and hopeful. Mr. Dewey will be here all winter.

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Ben E. Rich, with the breezes of Rexburg, Idaho, lingering in his raiment, a glow of rural health in his countenance and an air of perfect satisfaction such as cannot be acquired but is born in and to the person also inheriting a tranquil mind, dropped in this afternoon. The duties pertaining to the sanctum do not seem to weigh heavily upon him and his paper, the Press, is undoubtedly getting along excellently, else he could not afford to be here.

The Metropolitan Arena club, of Vicksburg, Miss., has telegraphed Corbett and Mitchell an offer of $25,000 to fight in the Arena, which will seat 12,000 people.

## SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

### Star Valley Being Steadily Opened Up to Settlement.

BANK STATEMENT CALLED FOR.

Home Industry Window — Nevada Southern Railway.—Notes.

George Osmond, of Star valley Wyoming, is attending Conference. His residence in the newly opened section of country which he now makes his home extends only a little over a year, but that has been sufficient to imbue him with a perfect confidence in the coming bright future of the locality. He has had a broad experience in Cache and Bear Lake valleys, and is in a situation to speak knowingly upon the prospects and conditions of a newly-settled country.

Star valley is the third and most northeasterly valley of a series of three that lie parallel with each other—Cache, Bear Lake and Star—ranging toward the northwest. Beyond this is a broad range of mountainous country. Star valley consists of two basins, the upper and the lower. The upper valley is about the same altitude as Bear Lake valley, and is some ten miles wide and 25 to 30 miles long, and contains all the settlements yet made, which have a population of about 1500 persons. The lower valley is about the same in extent as the upper basin, but most of the land is withdrawn from market, though there is a good prospect of its restoration in a short time.

In speaking of the condition and outlook for Star valley today, Mr. Osmond said: "We have got a fine prospect up there, and our valley will be one of the best places for homes and farms that there is north of here. This year has been unusual for late and early frosts, and as a consequence the wheat crop is not as good as it is generally. But oats, vegetables, hay, etc., have done well. It is a splendid stock country, and while there are no winter ranges for sheep, which would have to be fed during the very cold weather, there is an abundance of good hay land to raise the feed, and there are good ranges for cattle and horses, both winter and summer.

"Star valley is not so cold now as Cache Valley was when it was first settled, and it is much warmer than Bear Lake valley. We are free from those piercing winds which come in Bear Lake in winter. In Star valley last winter we did what could not be done in Bear Lake. We were able to work out of doors all winter, and can do so much more so.

"Our chief town is Afton, which is very prettily located. One of our leading men from Utah was up there a short time since and gave it as his opinion that within the next ten years Afton would have a population of 5000 people. We are building up fast, but there is abundance of room for good settlers. Of course it is not a place for those who expect to get along without work. Our nearest outlet to a more thickly settled region is over to Bear Lake. We are well satisfied with our condition and prospects, and there is excellent opportunity all around us for good people to come in and enjoy similar blessings. As Bishop Preston said to the NEWS a short time ago, we've got a country which intelligent workers can make a good thing out of."

HOME INDUSTRY WINDOW.

C. R. Savage has thrown open one of the large windows of his art bazar for the use of home manufacturers during conference, for the display of their wares. The kind offer has been taken advantage of, and the list of articles on exhibition there is increasing daily. There are now exhibits of home-made woolen goods, soap, crackers, boots and shoes, baskets, sugar, etc., that make the window quite attractive.

BANK STATEMENT WANTED.

Secretary C. C. Richards is, under the statutes of the Territory, bank examiner for Utah. Today he issued a call, directed to the various incorporated banks in the Territory, for a statement of the condition of their business for the week ending October 4. This statement is to be published for the information of the public. The call affects six of the banking institutions of this city, national and private banks not being within its scope. The national banks, however, have been called upon from Washington, to publish their statements for the same date. When the call on national banks was made last July, the territorial banks were passed. Their showing at this time, therefore, will be all the more interesting because of the financial depression which has existed the past few months.

NOTES.

A general meeting of members of the Real Estate exchange is called for Monday next, at the usual hour.

John B. Roots, of Denver, who was given the post of manager for the Douglas Consolidated placer mining company of Wyoming, has been deposed from the position. The reason for his removal was his failure to meet his obligations with the company, owing to financial embarrassments.

Los Angeles Express: The program of the irrigation congress is now assuming definite shape. Hon. John P. Irish will deliver the opening address on the evening of October 10th. Information has been received from the state department that France has appointed the following gentlemen as her representatives to the congress: M. Leon Phillippe, director of agriculture and hydraulics, and M. Lefevre, inspector general and reporter of agriculture and hydraulic commissioner. W. E. Smythe, editor of the Irrigation Age, will present a paper entitled, What Shall Be Done With the People's Heritage?

A newly built house has collapsed in the town of Rustoff, Russia, killing twenty persons.