

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DECEMBER 15.

The "News" is requested to publish the following:

The address of Mrs. Lyrich, late Mrs. Bancroft, of Manchester, England. Her daughter Eliza needs her assistance.

Mail box 67 West Collingswood, New Jersey.

Monthly report for November, 1897, D. P. McCallum, section director, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Summary—The mean temperature for the state was 36.4 degrees, 7.0 degrees warmer than November of last year. The highest monthly mean temperature was 45.3 degrees, at Payette, and the lowest, 31.0 at Kootenai; the highest temperature reached during the month was 72 degrees, at Nampa and Payette, on the 1st and 3rd respectively, and the lowest, -6 degrees at Swan Valley, on the 8th, making an absolute range of 78 degrees for the month. The greatest local monthly range of temperature was at Swan Valley, 69 degrees, and the least at Gray, 41 degrees.

The average precipitation was 3.18 inches, a deficiency of .57 inches from November, 1896; the greatest amount was at Murray, 10.98 inches, and the least at Gray, 0.16 inch; the greatest in any 24 hour period was 2.61 inches at Lake View on the 19th. The average number of days with .01 inch or more of precipitation was 10.

Average number of clear days was 7, partly cloudy 9, cloudy 14.

Prevailing wind direction southwest; average hourly velocity (from records at Idaho Falls and Nampa) 9.3 miles; maximum wind velocity (at Idaho Falls) 41 miles per hour, from the south, on the 20th.

The attorney general transmitted replies to County Attorney H. L. Steed, of Brigham City today, on the questions of the jurisdiction of supervisors of county roads over the poll tax within incorporated towns and the right of married women to vote at an election held to levy a special school tax.

The first question Mr. Bishop answers by saying that the fact of an incorporated town failing to appoint a road supervisor did not give jurisdiction to a county officer holding that position.

To the second question Mr. Bishop gives his opinion that a married woman having no separate estate of her own and paying no taxes in her own name should not be permitted to vote at an election held to impose a special school tax. The fact that her husband had paid a property tax the year previous, Mr. Bishop says, would not make her a voter within the meaning of the law.

The opinions, in full, are as follows:

"Answering your favor of Dec. 11th, in which you ask 'Has the road supervisor of a county road district, jurisdiction over the poll tax of an incorporated city, included within said road district, when said city has failed to appoint a road supervisor as required by law?' permit me to say, that I am of opinion that he would not have. The fact that an incorporated town had failed to appoint anyone to act in that capacity would not change the rule."

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 8th inst. in which you ask whether a married woman, having no separate estate of her own and paying no taxes in her own name, should be regarded as a citizen 'who has paid a property tax in said district during the year next preceding,' by virtue of her husband having paid a tax the year previous upon property in the school

district where an election was being held to impose a special school tax. 'I am of the opinion that she would not be entitled to vote under the facts stated.'"

Ogden Standard: About 6 o'clock last evening, as S. A. Olsen was driving across the Oregon Short Line at the Harrisville crossing, the Cache valley passenger train No. 10 crashed into the horses and wagon, instantly killing Olsen and two horses, demolishing the wagon and fatally injuring a third horse.

Olsen and his partner, J. W. Sheffield, both of Brigham City, have been hauling freight from Ogden to Brigham about four years, and yesterday afternoon, loaded up with goods from Kiesel & Co. and Scowcroft Co. for a number of Brigham City merchants, and started home. They reached the Harrisville crossing, according to Mr. Sheffield's statement of the affair, about 6 o'clock and had made the first crossing, which placed them on the west side of the track. They saw no train and started to make the second crossing, leading toward the Pleasant view road. Olsen and his team were in the lead, and just as the horses and front wheels of the wagon were on the track, the train crashed into them. Mr. Sheffield insists that there was no whistle blown, or other indications of an approaching train, until just as the engine struck the wagon he heard the bell ring. He was driving the second wagon, and immediately after the crash, clambered down from the wagon and commenced hunting in the dark for Olsen. His body was found about two rods from the crossing lying in a ditch alongside the track, on the west side, and was lifeless. The train struck the wagon with such force and was running at such speed that it was not stopped until it had run about two-thirds of a mile. The merchandise was thrown in all directions, and two of the horses were found dead on the east side of the track, and the third afterward died.

The train backed up and the dead man was placed in the baggage car and brought into the city. Mr. Sheffield sent his team and wagon into Brigham, and came in on the train with the remains of his friend.

The body was placed in the baggage room: Mrs. Olsen was telegraphed of the sad occurrence, and the sheriff's office and Acting Coroner Ternes notified. The body was then taken to Undertaker Larkins, where the coroner's jury composed of E. T. Morton, Stephen Coppinger and Thos. Ferrin, viewed it. The injuries are, skull crushed on left side, with scalp wound about four inches in length and the frontal bone crushed in. The left arm was broken in two places and the left leg was bruised.

The men in charge of the passenger train were Conductor W. C. Brown, Engineer John Lee, Fireman Payne and Brakeman Olsen. They were all notified last night to be present this morning and attend the inquest. They will arrive at Salt Lake at 9:05.

S. A. Olsen known as "August," was a man about 48 years of age; well known in Ogden and Bingham, where he had resided for a number of years. He has been freighting for about four years. He leaves a wife and three children in not very good circumstances. They are living at Brigham.

Mr. Sheffield, Olsen's freighting partner, is collector and treasurer of Brigham City. He says Olsen was one of the best hearted men he ever knew, and feels very deeply the sudden taking off of his friend.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DECEMBER 16.

Harriet Louisa Smith, the 15-year-old daughter of Manasseh and Mary Ann Smith, died at her parents' home, Granger, Salt Lake county, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, of heart failure. This is the second death in the family of Brother and Sister Smith during the absence of the father, who is now laboring as a missionary in England, their son Willie having departed this life a year and a half ago. Their present affliction has cast a shadow of gloom over the entire community in which they live, as Harriet Louisa was a bright, intelligent girl, and gave promise of a useful womanly career. May He who doeth all things well comfort the grief-stricken family in this their hour of bitter sorrow.

Yesterday afternoon Justice Ternes held an inquest at Ogden over the body of S. August Olsen, who was killed by an Oregon Short Line passenger train at the Harrisville crossing Tuesday night. No witnesses for the railroad were examined, the only ones heard being J. M. Sheffield, Olsen's partner, Henry and Robert McCulloch, and Flavel Guthrie of Harrisville. The train crew were not placed upon the stand, though they were present at the inquest. A large number of attorneys were also present. After hearing the evidence, the coroner's jury, consisting of E. T. Morton, Stephen Coppinger and James W. Ferrin, rendered a verdict that deceased, S. A. Olsen, came to his death by being struck by an engine on the Oregon Short Line railroad, at or near the Harrisville crossing. The jury made no effort whatever to place the blame.

From several private dispatches received in this city today the belief has been created in the minds of a number of persons that the Mary C. Clute named in today's "News" dispatches as having been murdered in San Francisco last night is none other than the wife of E. R. Clute, Salt Lake's assessor and collector from 1890 to 1892.

As a consequence the lady's friends are very much exercised. From the description given in the telegrams they say they are firmly of the opinion that she is the hapless victim of the horrible tragedy. Only one inaccuracy seems to be presented so far and that is in relation to the woman being wealthy. Mr. and Mrs. Clute are thought to be in moderate circumstances only. The irregularities connected with Mr. Clute's administration are generally believed to have rendered him practically penniless.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Although the police have been diligently working upon the mysterious murder of Mrs. Mary C. Clute, who was found weltering in her blood at 832 Guerrero street yesterday afternoon, they are as yet without any definite clue as to the identity of her assassin. This morning Albert Hoff, an upholsterer, aged 68, who resides at 202 Sixth street, was taken into custody on suspicion; but, after subjecting him to a severe examination, the authorities were unable to fix the crime upon him with any degree of certainty. Hoff's statements which are somewhat conflicting are to the effect that he was in the house laying carpets; but, left there before 5 o'clock, and while others were still working there. He was unable to satisfactorily explain several scratches and cut upon his hands, however, and this fact alone seems to be the only evidence upon which the police are detaining him.

An autopsy held this morning upon the body of Mrs. Clute revealed the fact that there were five wounds on the back and side of the woman's head.