

president of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley railroad, admits that the placing of 18,000 or more shares of the company's stock in escrow, virtually means that the Santa Fe railroad is to be extended to that city. In an interview Mr. Watt said: "The stock has been placed in escrow with the Union Trust company and an option given, all for the purpose of enabling the Santa Fe to get into San Francisco. The newspapers have made one slight error. The option of the stock now in the possession of the Union Trust company has not been given to the Santa Fe, however, which amounts to practically the same thing. I do not care to say who holds the option." Another important fact which has just come to light is that the proposed extension of the valley road from Bakersfield to the nearest point on the line of the Santa Fe will be abandoned if negotiations which have been undertaken by the Santa Fe with the object of securing a trackage right over the tracks of the Southern Pacific between Bakersfield and Mojave result satisfactorily. Referring to this matter Vice President Watt said: "A new line from Bakersfield to Mojave would parallel the Southern Pacific in a region where not a dollar's worth of traffic is to be had. A line over the Tehachapi mountains simply severs the purpose of a bridge and might be used by several companies, to their mutual advantage, as is the bridge over the Missouri river at Omaha."

During the trial trip of the torpedo boat Davis Thursday an explosion occurred in one of the boilers. Seven men in the boiler room were scalded so badly that they died from their injuries. The accident occurred in the Columbia river about twenty miles above Astoria, while the boat was on her trial run. The nature of the explosion has not yet been made known, as an examination of the boilers will be required to determine exactly what portion of the boiler burst. One of the men on the Davis said: "It is impossible to tell whether the tubes in the boiler or a steam pipe burst. All we know is that an explosion occurred. The boiler room was filled with boiling water and steam and the men in the room was scalded to death." The Davis carried forty men all told. She was one of two torpedo boats recently built by Wolff & Sewicker at Portland, and was soon to have gone into commission. At the time of the accident the boat was in charge of the official trial board. The officers declined to make any statement as to the cause of the accident. The best theory obtainable is that some of the tubes in the forward boiler exploded, owing to a derangement of the automatic water-gauge which permitted the water to get too low. Excepting for the havoc naturally wrought in the fire room, the boat is uninjured, the hull and engines being in perfect condition. The Davis left up the river for the shipyard to-night in tow of the tug Harvest Queen.

#### OBITUARY NOTES.

##### LUELLA F. OAKDEN.

Irwin, Idaho, Oct. 5, 1898. The many friends and acquaintances of Sister Luella F. Oakden, beloved wife of Bishop Robert Oakden of this place, will regret to learn of the death of that estimable woman, which occurred at their family residence this morning at 3:30 o'clock. Sister Oakden has for a number of years been connected with the Relief Society and has always been highly esteemed by all who knew her. She is the daughter of the late A. B. Tanner; was born at Beaver City, Utah, Dec. 28th, 1861. Was

married to Robert Oakden July 6, 1882. She leaves a husband and six children and many friends to mourn her loss. She died in full faith of a glorious resurrection. M. D. Y.

##### MARTIN LENZI.

Elder Martin Lenzi, who died on the 18th of October, 1898, at 4:20 p. m., was born October 19th, 1815, in the town of Walbach, district of Rhinefelden, Canton Aargau, Switzerland. He was baptized and became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, September 8, 1840, in Philadelphia, under the administration of Elder Lorenzo D. Barnes.

From the time of Brother Lenzi's baptism into the Church unto the time he took to his bed of sickness that resulted in his death, he was a faithful, industrious, patient, loving and true disciple of Jesus. He was untiring in his labors as the many sick and afflicted people of this State have testified, having been raised up by the power of God under his ministrations. While living in Philadelphia his house was always open to the Elders who partook of his bounty and were never turned away.

He gathered to this city in 1857 and settled in the Thirteenth ward.

In 1858 he moved to Sanpete, with the Saints, in the general move, and located in the town of Ephraim, where he continued to reside for three years, conducting a mercantile business, in the interests of the people. He was a tobaccoconist by trade, but preferred doing anything of good, than to follow a business that would corrupt the people. It is a fact worthy of note, that he even discontinued the use of tobacco in every form so anxious was he to give his influence in support of the "Word of Wisdom." While residing there he was ordained a High Priest under the hands of Father James Allred, December 9, 1859.

On returning to this city he settled in the Fourteenth ward and was set apart as counselor to Bishop Abraham Hoagland, in 1861, and continued in said office during Brother Hoagland's life. It had been predicted by the late President George A. Smith, who blessed Brother Lenzi, in the year 1840, that he should go on a mission to his native country, and although Elder Lenzi was only 5 years old when he left that land and had forgotten much of his mother tongue, he was called and started upon a mission Oct. 21, 1875, at the advanced age of 60 years. He was very successful in his labors as a missionary in his native land and presided over the Zurich conference. He was absent until the fall of 1877. During his absence his wife, Mary Ann Lutz, died, leaving three sons and two daughters.

After his return he married the widow of Charles Lutz, and purchased property and removed to Twelfth ward of this city, where he died. On April 3, 1880, he was set apart as counselor to the late Bishop Alexander C. Pyper, of Twelfth ward, and afterwards became counselor to Bishop H. B. Clawson of the same ward, in which office he continued to act until chosen to be a Patriarch, when he was ordained under the hands of President George Q. Cannon, Sept. 28th, 1897.

While conducting his business as a tobaccoconist in Philadelphia, he demonstrated a great taste for painting, and in his practice derived as much profit from the sale of his works of art as he did from the sale of his goods as a tobaccoconist. A coincident is worth mentioning, as recorded by his own hand before his death. It is as follows: "I carried on the business for three Jews, in my early life, as a tobaccoconist, and in 1856 I dreamed that I was sent on a mission to my native country, and encountered these three men,

who embraced and kissed me affectionately and wept. The remarkable part of it is, that when I arrived in Philadelphia, 19 years afterwards, as I passed through upon my mission, these men did as I had been shown they would do."

The talent Brother Lenzi exhibited in painting was of great good to him in that it enabled him to exercise his taste in painting in the different Temples, and to furnish specimens of art, very highly prized by his friends, and for which he was awarded diplomas and gold and silver medals. Among other things he produced a splendid likeness of himself.

Brother Lenzi, during his life, married five wives (the last of whom survived him). They have borne him fifteen children; four sons and three daughters are now living. Had Brother Lenzi lived one day longer, he would have been 83 years old.

His funeral was conducted from the Twelfth ward chapel, at 2 p. m., 21st inst., under direction of Bishop H. B. Clawson and was numerously attended.

Remarks were made by Bishop H. B. Clawson, Elder John D. T. McAllister, president of Mantle Temple; Elders John Beers, Henry Reiser, T. V. Williams, Angus M. Cannon, Geo. H. Taylor, Bishop of the Fourteenth ward.

Those who spoke manifested much feeling and gave a brief recital of his life's labors, bearing testimony to his faithfulness and untiring efforts to bless mankind. Beautiful selections were effectively rendered by the choir, and a special quartet. Elder H. P. Richards, a High Councillor, opened the services by prayer and Bishop George Romney of the Twentieth ward pronounced the benediction.

The grave was dedicated by President Angus M. Cannon, which closed the ceremonies that were attended throughout by a most heavenly influence. [Com.]

## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be Their Rest.

LENZI.—In Salt Lake City, of general debility. Oct. 18th, 1898, Martin Lenzi, aged 83 years.

SCHULTZ.—In Salt Lake City, October 24, 1898, of spinal meningitis. Andrew J. Schultz, in the fifth year of his age.

ROBERTS.—Elizabeth Violet, infant daughter of Henry and Elizabeth R. Roberts, of cholera infantum, aged 4 months, 28 days.

STEADMAN.—In Salt Lake City, October 24, 1898, of typhoid fever, Mary Ann Rose Steadman, aged 12 years, 4 months and 13 days.

WORLEY.—In this city, late of the Seventh ward, October 22, 1898, of old age, Ann Elizabeth Worley; born September 12, 1811, in Yonkers, New York.

MARSHALL.—In the Twentieth ward, this city, Friday, October 21st, 1898, of pneumonia, Robert Marshall, born February 14, 1831, at Kilbride, County Antrim, Ireland.

SPRAGUE.—At Junction, Piute county, Utah, Oct. 13, 1898, Edma M. Sprague, daughter of David T. and later Ester M. LeBaron, and wife of Edwin E. Sprague, bore June 2, 1871; died Oct. 13, 1898. She was an affectionate wife and mother, and leaves a husband and four small children, the youngest being only two weeks old at the time of death, besides many relatives and friends, the most of whom are in Arizona. She died in the faith of the Gospel, and with the assurance of a resurrection with the just.