

Mapleson Opera Company thirteen years ago, making her debut in Dublin. While in Europe she married Mr. E. I. Wetherell, who acted as her manager in partnership with Mr. Pratt until two years ago, when he died in Denver, of pneumonia, and on the same week of the year that Miss Abbott died.

Her career on the American stage is well known to every lover of music, and therefore little need be said of it. Her appearance in any city or hamlet from the Atlantic to the Pacific was regarded by the opera going public as a musical festival; and many a tongue will this evening utter a fervent prayer that peace will be the heritage of her soul in the vast beyond.

When Miss Abbott came to this city on Wednesday last she was then suffering from a severe cold. She consulted Dr. Pinkerton of this city. On Wednesday night Dr. Pinkerton went to the Theatre and saw her, and tried to induce her not to appear that evening but to return to her hotel. She would not abide by the doctor's advice, but took some tonics and went on with her work. On the following day, though growing still worse, she wanted to appear again on the stage, but the doctor positively forbade her, telling her that her trouble had developed into a bad case of pneumonia. Finally she conformed to medical advice, but she grew worse, and on Saturday Dr. Pinkerton pronounced her case hopeless. This morning at 7:40, in the Templeton Hotel, she breathed her last. The sorrow-stricken members of her company feel as if they had lost a dear sister or fond parent, and the face of each bears marks of many a tear and heartfelt sigh.

The body will be embalmed and forwarded to Chicago for interment.

EDWIN SOLOMON SHOOT'S HIMSELF

On Sunday, January 4th about 4 o'clock, Edwin Solomon, an old resident of this city, was found dead, by his eldest son, E. J. Solomon, on the kitchen floor of the family residence at 120 Oak Street.

The deceased was lying face downward in a large pool of blood, with a ghastly wound in the right side of the head just above the ear. The brains of the dead man together, with pieces of his skull, were scattered about the room in all directions. At his side and partly under the lower limbs of the body was a single barreled shot gun, through which Mr. Solomon met his tragic death. Attached to the trigger of the fowling piece was a heavy cord, tied so as to form a loop, and into this, it is supposed, the unfortunate man put his foot, thus discharging the weapon while reaching for his ram-rod on a table near by.

Mr. Solomon was alone in the house at the time of the fearful fatality. On finding his father in the condition described, young Mr. Solomon at once gave the alarm, and in a few minutes the house was filled with neigh-

bors anxious to lend any assistance within their power; but all to no avail; the leaden messengers had done their work by removing the side and upper part of the head and embedding themselves in the joists of the ceiling, almost directly above where the dead man lay. Mr. Solomon was the father of six children, ranging from four to twenty-one years of age. His wife died about two years ago, and since that time it is said that Mr. Solomon has been inclined to seek solitude. It was rumored that his death was due to self-destruction, while in a fit of despondency. This theory, however is contradicted by his relatives and those who knew him best.

Coroner Harris was summoned to the scene of the fatal shooting, and gave notice of the inquest, which was held at the undertaking establishment of Joseph E. Taylor, at 10 o'clock today.

E. J. Solomon, son of the deceased, testified—I was absent from home yesterday afternoon; shortly after 4 o'clock, when I returned, I found my father lying on the kitchen floor, dead, in a pool of blood, with a shotgun pointing towards his head; there was a ghastly wound on the right side of the head. Never heard my father express his intention to commit suicide; he was not that kind of a man; I placed the string on the gun a few days before while out hunting; the string formed a loop through which I put my right arm and carried the gun with the muzzle downward, with my hands in my pocket; forgot to remove the string on coming home. Do not know what my father was doing with the gun when he met with the accident. If he intended to go hunting I was not aware of it.

E. Allcock testified—I have known the deceased for six months; he was always jovial and good natured when I met him. Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock I went to Mr. Solomon's house on Oak Street, in company with his son who has just testified. Young Mr. Solomon went into the house and rushed out immediately afterwards, saying that his father was dead; I entered the house and found the deceased with a gunshot wound in his head, from which blood and brains were flowing; at his side was a shotgun with a string on the trigger; the string was thus attached, two or three days before, by E. J. Solomon, son of the dead man, while we were out hunting together.

James Solomon, brother of the deceased, testified—The deceased has always been very careless in handling fire arms. On several occasions in years past the deceased has had narrow escapes from death by the accidental discharge of his gun; in fact he was so criminally careless in this respect that myself and other brothers refused to allow him to accompany us on our sporting expeditions. In my opinion he met his death by the accidental discharge of his gun while endeavoring to extract a cartridge and clean the gun preparatory to go hunting ducks today. I

do not think he has had any intention of committing suicide at any time; he has always been an easy going fellow, never troubling himself about anything.

A. E. Solomon, a nephew of the deceased, testified—According to the position of my uncle's body and the apparatus belonging to the gun, I am of the opinion that he came to his death while cleaning his gun preparatory to going duck hunting; he informed me on Saturday last that it was his intention to go shooting today, providing that he could get a pair of rubber boots.

This closed the taking of testimony and the jury rendered the following verdict:

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
County of Salt Lake. }

At an inquest held at 253 east First South Street, in the City of Salt Lake, on the 5th day of January, 1891, before T. E. Harris, Coroner of said county, upon the body of Edwin Solomon, then and there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed. The jurors on their oaths do say, from the evidence presented, that we the jury do find the deceased, Edwin Solomon, came to his death on the 4th day of January, 1891, at No. 120 Oak Street, in Salt Lake City, Utah, from a gunshot wound in the right side of the head, accidentally inflicted by himself while in the act of preparing his gun for shooting. In testimony whereof the said jurors, as well as the said coroner, have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

T. E. HARRIS,
CORONER.
C. H. BANKS,
GEO. WISEMAN,
J. C. ROSS,
Jurors.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

At a special meeting of the City Board of Education December 30th, trustees Young, Pyper, Johnson, Snow, Nelson, Armstrong, Newman, Colbath and Mitchener were present. In the absence of Mayor Scott, Vice-President Nelson presided. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the recent school tax levy made by the Board.

W. M. Stewart, County Superintendent of schools, was present and stated that the new school law prohibited districts from levying special taxes; that the school revenues should be confined to the territorial apportionment; that the law compelled him to certify to the County Court the amount of money necessary to support the County schools. The sum of \$78,000 was raised by the levy of 1½ mills made by the Board, but this was incomplete, inasmuch as it would not give the County sufficient funds to run the schools. The county would be compelled to make another tax levy, but under the law the city would have to pay the same percentage as the county, thus imposing on the city a heavy and unnecessary tax. To run the schools required \$75,000, \$65,000 of which the city furnished, while only \$10,000 was collected from the County. But the County schools required \$26,250 for their support, while \$48,750 went to the city.

The total number of children of