A FABULOUS FORTUNE.

How a Salt Lakerman Boat from "Bug Driver" to Millionaire.

STRANGE STORY OF ROBERT BRUCE.

Died One Week Ago with Visions of Wealth Dazzling His Eyes—He was Robert the Seal Hoax.

Just a week ago under there passed away a well known figure upon the thoroughfares of Salt Lake City.

Anyone who knew Robert Bruce, in days gone by, could not help but remark that he was the most busy bee to perpetrate mischief, nevertheless he could not be, he was so jolly. Ever since he commenced begging for stamps at your tenement, all in the pleasantest way imaginable, he has been a society factor in the family, or at least in the kitchen. Robert Bruce, the man who at present drives his own hack in the busy hours of the day, and who in the last half of the nineteenth century was the great mover in Bannockburn, Scotland, some thirty years ago.

Bruce, years ago, was an operative man and consequently kept the wolf from the door by constantly working for pay. In fact, even when he undertook a trip to Glasgow last year he family were kept by poverty as he had to supplement or his subscription with the pleasant payment. All that his family knew of war was that, some time or other, eight years ago Robert Bruce was arrested for in the Chicago and Salt Lake papers appeared the picture of a well known firm of attorneys. The same advertisement has appeared at varied intervals in the newspapers ever since, and some six years ago.

It appears that the old Scotch dyer was the favorite and confidant of two or three nephews of another Robert Bruce, a wealthy old bachelor and retired farmer in the Bannockburn, Scotland, Bannockburn. At the death of the wealthy old factory owner his nephews were aware of a will that, some time or other, had been made, and which had been lost sight of and had actually been the trade of a dyer and cleaner in Uncle Sam's domains, who little dreaming of the good fortune that awaited him was working at his peaceful occupation.

In the year 1894, Robert Bruce, whose remained were laid away in their final resting place a few days ago, left Scotland, with his wife, and leaving the terrors of the Plains, came out to Salt Lake City. He remained here for a year and then removed his plant to Ogden where he worked at his business for twenty-six months. Becoming somewhat disheartened he once more removed his residence, this time to Chicago, where business prospered with him. It was while there that his attention was called to the advertisement in the papers, but as he was doing well and a trip across the ocean was no small matter in those days, he filed it for future reference. Strange to say he, with his family, subsequently returned to Scotland where he spent five years, apparently oblivious to his good fortune. Subsequently he returned to Chicago and worked for Messrs. Cook and McLaine—the latter member of the firm was in Chicago some months ago making serious inquiries for his late employee—but the young disposition seized him again and he went off to Canada. Ultimately settle down in Salt Lake City, where he bought the property upon which the Bruce saloon in Main street now stands which he at a later date sold for $7,000. Business depression overtook him, however, and in those years his thoughts turned to the long forgotten advertisement. He instituted inquiries and wrote to the lawyers, the welcome being that he crossed the ocean once again leaving Salt Lake in 1897, but was compelled to return in a couple of months. After that he received letters from the attorneys who have the case in hand. It was his intention to sell out and take his wife back to Perth as soon as spring opened up and claim his own but the Grim Reaper stepped in and decreed otherwise.

Mrs. Bruce, who resides at 375 West Second South, where she rents furnished rooms, is naturally suffering from the shock of her husband's death and in her present state of mind sees no in it disposed to let the matter rest for a few months. From a cursory glance at the papers in her possession the property can be conservatively estimated at from four to five million dollars and a significant and hopeful sign of it is the whole case is that it is not in chancery and that according to the Scotch law the present holders of the estate are advertised to appear at a stated period for one whom they hope and believe is long since dead.

The surviving family of the deceased dyer consists of one son and three daughters.

DECORATIVE ART.

Theme Considered at Meeting of County Teachers Today—High School Concert.

Decorative art was the subject for consideration before the county teachers this forenoon at University building. Mrs. Hills, instructor in the Salt Lake city and county schools, spoke at length upon the subject, with illustrations of blackboard and colored pencils and models. All the teachers present were required to make some drawings from models which brought forth many questions and some discussion. Mr. Tyndale, an instructor at the University, made a few conversations and criticisms. The attendance was unusually large this morning.

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The High School concert to be given this evening, in meeting with unprecedented financial success. Several hundred tickets have been sold in advance, and it is expected that the large assembly room will be filled to the utmost capacity tonight, when the entertainment will be given at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the High School library, which is now barely a library at all. There will be the following:

Twenty-fourth Infantry band.
Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edward, soprano.
Professor V. R. De Joint, violin.
Mr. John Robinson, baritone.
Miss Nettie Raleigh, contralto.
Mrs. E. R. Ballard, piano accompanist.
Kelly sisters, duet.
Mr. C. D. Schettler, guitar.
Mr. H. J. Ross, high school.
Miss Jane Mahan, contralto.
Winnie Smith, baritone.

Changes in the Sixteenth.

Official information from the war department is indicative of a number of changes in the Sixteenth Twenty Eighth Infantry. By these Lieutenant W. K. Wright is made a captain and vice commissary of subsistence of volunteers is to be mustered out of service. Omar McGregor Angenon, Twenty-Ninth Lieutenant H. H. Beck, who has been away on special recruiting duty, will resume his duties with the regiment, acting assistant quartermaster, acting commissary of subsistence and acting ordnance officer of the army of Texas, has been ordered to report for duty to Captain Lauffer has been acting as recruiting officer in New York.

Inches Title to Land.

John Marshall today is taking testimony in the suit to quietus of the Silver Hatch company against Hugh Sam City, involving land in and near Brigham City, upon some of which the city reservoir has been constructed, and to which the ranch company claims title. The testimony today was mostly as to the value of the improvements made upon the property.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

They Crowd the Thoroughfares and Besiege the Gaily-Trimmed Toy Shops.

LITTLE ONES SELECTING THEIR PRESENTS

Santa Claus Still in a Hesitancy, Judging from the Presence of Thousands of Good Children.

Christmas shoppers were greatly in evidence on the streets yesterday. They were in the stores, and in the pedestrian throngs on Salt Lake City streets. Yet there were more than the usual Saturday crowds from the noise. The people gazing at the decorated windows of the numerous stores, the little folks, accompanying their parents or "big sisters," constituted a kaleidoscopic picture of happy expectancy.

The little ones expressively conveyed their little "pathing" hands, while for the most part they were quiet, standing out in a cold, cold window, calculated to try compatriots. Mr. Tremble, look at Fat Mamma! I wonder what it is?"

A little chap with a face that looked like a fat dumpling with a nose on it, pulled his mother's sleeve and pointed at a few bolts-some and garment set, saying:

"Ma, those pretty little dolls, little boy-sisters, doll carriages, washing, ironing, and little boxes, pretty story books, jumping jacks, little tea sets, goes and swords, cannons, pistols, the grandmother jack-in-the-box and whatever of Santa Claus." Thus he proceed with spelling expressions by the little ones to be mentioned to the Santa Claus, "when he arrives in Santa Claus."

In order to deliver all the "things," including large sums of money, which are for distribution little boys and girls, Santa Claus will be compelled to use a very large sleigh and an much larger door to draw it that the moors of the bells may hear with fill the whole world, and "angels and seraphs and heavenly bears will leap for joy at the ringing happiness of their little ones. And ever all the Great Heavenly Good Father will bless the beautiful message. Peace on earth, good-will to men.

WHO CORPORAL LARSON WAS.

A Patriotic Lad Who Left School for Army Life and Met Death.

Was Only Eighteen Years of Age—Came from Sanpete, where His Mother is Now Living.

Corporal George O. Larson, who, according to a dispatch received from the Philippines by the "News" today, died at Manila of typhoid fever, he was a Sanpete county boy who left school when the President made the first call for troops. He was among the first to enlist in the Utah company, and officer went north. His home was at Dover, Utah, and he gave the name of his mother, Mrs. M. P. Larson, as the one with whom, in case of accident or death, the government could communicate. He was a mere boy in point of years, being only 18 years old at the time of enlistment.

Utah volunteers have been very fortunate, the death being but the fifth that has occurred since the battery reached Manila. Yet all will mourn the death of this brave young soldier, for it was freely placed his life upon the altar of his country.

The thought of friends will turn naturally to that country home where the mother has waited and longed for the return of her boy. It will be a sad Christmas in that home, but if the gratitude and sympathy of the people of Utah can lighten the burden so suddenly come upon her the bereavement will be less heavy, the sorrow less keen.

Names of High Priests.

In order that the High Priests' records of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion be as complete as possible at the end of the year, the Bishops will be asked to see that the names of all the High Priests in their wards, according to the records, are properly reported to their Stake Clerks, so that the Stake Clerks will please see that the proper corrections are forthcoming immediately. Let no one be left at the office of the presidency of the Stake.

Your brother,
GEORGE H. WALLACE,
President of Quorum.

BROWN TALKED WITH HIM.

Attorney for Jones Had a Conference with the Lochrie Lad.

Arthur Brown, Esq., who has been retained by Mr. A. H. Jones to defend him in the Shoaff shooting case, today had a talk with the Lochrie boy who was near the scene of the shooting on the memorable night. The two were closeted together for a considerable time.

A Tumor Formed

Finally It Broke Inwardly and Discharged

Trouble Began With Dyspepsia and Impure Blood

Thorough Course of Hood's Sarsaparilla Completely Cures.

There is danger in impure blood. Disease and suffering are surely coming to those who neglect this threatening symptom. Read this:

"Gilliam, Missouri.

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.:

"Gentlemen:—My trouble began with nervous headaches, which would last me for two or three days. The doctors pronounced my trouble dyspepsia, but they could not do anything for me, and advised a change of location. At the age of 35 a tumor formed on my spine, which Was Very Painful but did not rise or discharge. The doctor thought best to cut it out, but I objected. It finally broke and discharged a great deal. The doctors said they could do nothing for it. Then the tumor began to rise inwardly and discharge. I read much about cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla and thought I would try it. Before I had finished taking one bottle I was much relieved. I continued the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking 12 bottles I was entirely cured. I am now well, have a good appetite and feel that I owe my life to Hood's Sarsaparilla." W. D. FOX.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. $1; six for $5.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. 25c.

DENNISON IS PARDONED IN RAILWAY CIRCLES.

Action of the State Board of Pardons in the Salter Burglary Case.

PRISONER RELEASED FROM COUNTY JAIL.

Numerous Petitions Denied—Peter Elliott Is Contempt of Court—George E. Blair Appointed.

Jack Dennison, the young fellow who with Frank Brown burglarized Charles Ancre's saloon at Salter last August, and was Thursday afternoon released from the county jail, where he has been confined for the past four months.

Both Dennison and Brown were in the employ of the Salter Beach company, serving in the capacity of waiters, on the night of the robbery of August last. They smashed the two rear lights leading the pavilion for the city, and jumped off on the switch and returned to the beach. They then, some few hours later, entered the saloon through a window and got away with upwards of $50 in gross money, silver and gold. They were shortly afterwards suspected, and a day or so later were arrested by Detectives Shows and Gillespie. A large portion of the money was recovered. At the trial in the district court last September, both the men pleaded guilty. Brown was sentenced to three years in the State prison, and Dennison to four months in the county jail. It was believed by the officers that Dennison was drawn into the affair by Brown, who has an unenvied record.

Since Dennison's confinement in the county jail he has shown an exemplary record, in fact, that had much to do with the board's action. He was first informed of the pardon's decision by a "News" reporter, and was much pleased with the result. He said it was the first scrape he had ever got into and vowed it would be the last.

Other cases were decided as follows:

Robert Boardman, sentenced at Provo for having carnal knowledge of a female of fourteen years of age, to eight years in the state prison; pardon denied.

Hyrum spencer, convicted of grand larceny in Beaver county August 28, 1894, and sentenced to one year; pardon denied.

Henry Leuhmann, sentenced by Judge Norrell on October 2nd, 1897, to two and a half years' imprisonment for homicide; pardon denied.

Peter R. Wesley, contractor of military at Provo, by Judge Dunsdery and sentenced to two years' imprisonment; pardon denied.

Al Shavers, sentenced on April 20, 1894, to one year in the county jail for misdemeanor manslaughter; pardon denied.

Joseph Davis, sentenced to four months in the county jail October 17, 1898, for petit larceny; pardon denied.

The board was in executive session all day, and in the case of Peter Elliott, for perjury were being duly considered.

CITED FOR CONTEMPT.

Peter Elliott Fails To Pay His Wife Alimony and is Ordered to Show Cause.

Judge Hiles signed an order today, on motion of Attorney Ray Van Cott, citing Peter Elliott to appear before him and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court. The defendant's wife, Margaret Elliott, obtained a divorce in July, 1897. The judgment provided that he should pay her with alimony amounting to $500, and $150 for the support of three minor children. In an affidavit filed today, Mrs. Elliott set forth that all the money she has received since the judgment was rendered is $20, she also says that she is in indigent circumstances, and is dependent upon her own labor and the charity of friends for support.

GEORGE E. BLAIR IS APPOINTED.

Judge Hiles Names the Successor to George D. Lowrie in the Utah Central Case.

Deputy Clerk George E. Blair was this morning appointed special master in the Utah Central Stage or mining railroad case, to succeed Geo. D. Lowrie, whose whereabouts is at present unknown. Judge Hiles made the appointment on motion of W. C. Hall, one of the counsel for the bond holders. Frank Pierce, an attorney for the purchasers of the Utah Central, offered no objection to the appointee.

Immediately after qualifying, Mr. Blair entered upon his duties. His bond was fixed at $10,000.

Probate Matters.

Estate of James T. Lewis, deceased; order to compromise claim of Walter Lewis; for $275.

Estate of Stephen Newman, deceased; order to make sheriff's deed to purchaser, Osman Russel, the sum of $75, per month.

Estate of Morris Livingston, deceased; leave granted to file objections to accounts and the matter referred to Probate Judge Hiles.

Estate of Robert McKelvey, deceased; order made setting final account for hearing and settlement.

Estate of John Ringwood, deceased; sale of real estate ordered.

Estate of Robert Dalgleish, deceased; same order.

Estate of Thomas M. McFarlane, deceased; order made discharging administrator.

Estate of Charles Brown, deceased; final account approved.

Judgment for $1,000.

In the case of Rocky Savings Bank & Trust Company against John Hook et al, Judge Hiles rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff for $1,000 and eight per cent interest from the 16th of November, 1896; also $200 attorney's fees.

In Favor of Plaintiff.

Judge Hiles today rendered judgment for the plaintiff in the case of W. S. McCornick vs F. A. Manson.

Orders by Judge Hiles.

Judge Hiles made the following orders today:

Dockwell vs Jones; motion for new trial overruled.

Jenkins & Harrison vs John H. Jones; motion to dismiss cause as to Thomas's Bros argued and taken under advisement.

S. H. Andrews vs Salt Lake City; motion to strike out argued and taken under advisement.

S. K. Cavanaugh vs William N. Jones et al; motion to set aside judgment and appointment of a receiver taken under advisement.

Thos. Hickman vs William M. Finch; motion for nonsuit argued.

George A. Lowe vs C. L. Hanneman; case for filing briefs extended to Saturday, December 24.

Judgment Set Aside.

Judge Hiles today made an order setting aside a former judgment and execution upon him and his amiable wife, against the Silver Mining company vs the Cleveland Mining company, and quieting possessory title to disputed ground in Brown district and made in the case of the Uintah mining district.

HELLO CENTRAL, HELLO!

Tingle-a-Ling Talk to Take Time of Town Trustees Tuesday Night.

CAUSE—SPECIAL LICENSE DISCUSSION.

Majority Report Favors a 50-Cent Tax on Each Instrument and Minority Favors it at a Dollar.

"Hello, Central, Hello! Is that you? Say, just tell Manager Wallace that there will be a net wire in the Council on Tuesday night when the Council Chamber opens up and respectfully ask he had better be there accompanied by a few legal companies to look after the company's interests. That man Callister, together with his colleague Fitzsimon and Waller, are bent on taking you to the school, and have proposed a minority report, to place a tax of a dollar a year on each instrument in use within the city. At least the company will have to stand a good stiff siege, as the majority report, signed by Morris, Allen, Wallace, Hillstrom and Dodd, provides for a tax of 50 cents per instrument, meaning, of course, an outlay of one kiss a year—something we can't afford to pay if we can get out of it.

"The above concerning company heard by a "News" reporter today, tells in brief the status of the telephone question to be discussed in the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday night. As it is well known by citizens generally, there are a few men in the Council who maintain that corporations with municipal bank accounts should be forced to pay a license along with their more fortunate brothers, the hand-to-mouth vendor, the peddler and express runner. Acting on their convictions they have already raised considerable ado over one or two items in the city's exchequer, and they propose, it seems, to carry the campaign into other fields, keeping it up until every corporation operating in this section will be compelled, however much against its will, to drop in its mite to assist in maintaining the city government.

Despite the great hardship the mode of procedure will be upon such institutions, the Council seems determined to carry to the war, and has now in its grasp the telephone company, which operates but a few thousand miles of wire in this section and does only commercial instruments working in this city, from each of which it realizes but one a year, being dictated thereto, and at the modest sum of $42 per annum, four on a circuit. That these figures are wrong as at present is because of the fact that the city cannot get the permit of an advance. And now that the city has them "dead to rights," it proposes to apply the screws to them and force the payment of a tax that has not been collected for eight years past, and at present amounts to an aggregate sum of $700 for the operation of the entire local system.

No wonder the Tingle-a-ling trust is kicking against such unjust discrimination, and he wonder they propose to fight it to the bitter end before being forced into humble submission. The company, it is understood, wants a Council committee to come to its aid in fixing the majority report, are averse to working such hardships on corporations, but when the matter is put before them, impressive committees, and believe that those kind of talking machines should be taxed the same as peddlers, which weekly do congregate in the Council chamber. They argue that the company has as great a monopoly as the Council, as such business, and that this being the case, they should be made to help pay the fiddler.

In Ogden City the tax for each instrument is but $1 per annum, and why should Salt Lake make a $50-cent or dollar charge, when such magnificent precedent is so adhering at our door? The telephone company is now making money "hand over fist," and can afford to pay such an exorbitant tax. Nor do they propose to do it, as witness the struggle in the City Council chamber on Tuesday next.

McCloney Still a Prisoner.

Answering a dispatch sent to Helena yesterday relating to McCloney's capture here, the authorities of that city stated that they would be pleased to receive at all honorably, but inquire would be pleased to receive at all honorably, but inquire would be pleased to receive at all honorably, and that an officer would immediately arrive here for the prisoner or McCloney would be turned over to the sheriff here of Lewis and Clark county, Montana, to be held at the city jail, and the department is also keeping a close watch on the prisoner, which he is said to have stolen from the Lewis and Clark county jail in the northern city. The Helena officers are thankful for his apprehension, and have left no effort unsent that they can do at Salt Lake's secure whenever in need of assistance.

DIED.

December 15, 1898, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Rowland, 17 south Fourth West street, Sarah Williams, aged 81 years, 7 months and 21 days; deceased was born in Brixton, Cardiganshire, South Wales, joined the Church in 1842, emigrated to Utah in 1852, and was a member of the Ward for twenty two years; deceased leaves two daughters, one grandchildren and one great grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at the Fifteenth ward meeting house on Sunday, December 18th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The remains can be viewed from 10 to 12 o'clock the morning at 17 south Fourth West street.

Wanted.

In the next three days, to exchange Merchandise for 100 worth of Tickets. NEW YORK CASH STORE.

Chrisrmas Richness.

In preparing for the good things for Christmas dinner forget that a necessary feature is a good quality of baking powder. When you have an article of quality as the U. S. you are all right. No other baking powder of equal quality with the U. S. is sold at as low price. Why you think of all the quantity and quality combined for a quarter when you buy U. S. you can readily see that it is better value than any other baking powder sold.

YOUR GROCER SELLS

U. S. BAKING POWDER

at following prices:

5 OUNCE CAN..... 10c.
8 OUNCE CAN..... 15c.
16 OUNCE CAN..... 25c.

Remember, every one guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. You take no risk. Why not give it a trial?

LIVE SANTA CLAUS.

at J. G. McDonald's, 44 Main.

Disease is cured not by magical incantations but by natural means. Below it is that Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures, and that it proves so completely successful, it is a scientific preparation and strictly scientific made from the best medicinal ingredients and was awarded the World's Fair.

LIVE SANTA CLAUS

at J. G. McDonald's, 44 Main.

Holiday Presents at Bargain Prices.

The unparalleled Bargain Offers of F. C. M. I. are now coming the whole week before Christmas.

HAVE YOU A COAT? A few of Sale LADIES HORSEHOUND STOUT at half-time will remain in Ogden, Provo and 30 min.—E. C. M. I. Department.

SALT LAKE BUSINESS COLLEGE

70 West Second south Street.

Best Equipment, Experienced Teachers, Superior Facilities, Expenses Moderate. Catalogue Free. Address, Sheldon Jepson, President.

FURNISHED ROOMS AND BOARD.

LARGE FRONT ROOM, SUITABLE FOR TWO, WITH BOARD. ONE FRONT ROOM, WITH BOARD. COMFORTABLE HOME, NEAR TEMPLE. Mrs. W. M. Morris, 15 E. South.

TRY A GOOD MEAL AT THE CITY CAFE, 164 MAIN STREET. Regular Meals, 25c. Special Meals, 35c. Ladies' Dining Room, 50 South Temple Street.

NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS WITH BOARD, board, $4 per week. 150 East South Temple.

ELEGANT ROOMS AND THE BEST board in the city, $4 per week. Day board, $3. 300 E. South Temple Street.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In the matter of the Estate of John Bowden, deceased.

The undersigned will sell at private sale to-wit:

Beginning north Northeastern 20 rods from the Southeast corner of Lot Three (3) Block Forty (40) Plat "A" Twenty-five (25) rods west, Salt Lake City Survey; thence 10 rods west, thence 10 rods north, thence 10 rods east, thence 10 rods south, thence 10 rods west to the place of beginning, being the south half of the Northeast Quarter of Lot Three (3) Block Forty (40) Plat "A" Salt Lake City Survey, subject to the rights of the heirs of said John Bowden, deceased, to the use of said premises for a period of one year from the date of the sale, and also the right of said heirs