"LAST CHANCE" SKELETONS

A Mining Romance of the Escalante Desert in Southern Utah.

Were the Dead Men Prospectors?—What of Their Reputed Hoard of Gold?

To the Editor:

I noticed in a late issue of the NEWS an article from Escalante respecting the discovery of human bones near the Last Chance country, and the following may be of interest in this connection:

During the autumn of 1894, Thomas Talbott, while hunting cattle in the Last Chance country, found the remains of an old encampment, in which were found parts of saddles, two or three cents and a blanket; among which were also human bones. The place was visited again during the cattle round-up last spring, and an accession of bones, etc., found.

Mr. Levi Stewart and the writer were also there about the 20th of June last, and endeavored to find more conclusive evidences of what had occurred. We found nothing more, however, excepting a few bones, which indicate by their decayed condition that they had lain there possibly twenty years.

Upon a previous visit parts of two envelopes were found in the pockets of one of the coats, bearing the names of "C. W. Powell" and "Thomas Chisholm," both having been addressed to Panguitch.

It has been generally understood in this vicinity that parties under the direction of a man by the name of Powell were in that country prospecting years ago, and that they were presumably killed by Indians. Verbal stories are current here to the effect that prospectors were through the country a number of years ago, found and extracted quite a quantity of gold, cached it for safe keeping and were either killed or driven out by Indians and their treasure never recovered, although several ineffectual attempts have been made to locate it.

The "camp" is located in the Last Chance canyon about two miles from the Colorado river. There is a total absence of wearing apparel (excepting coats) at the camp, a condition which we account for by the fact that it is (or was) a custom with the Indians to strip their victims of their clothing and possibly one of the same party located by our Escalante neighbor survived his friends long enough to reach camp, in a nude condition, as, if we remember rightly, your correspondent states that there was no clothing visible where the skeletons were found.

It may be possible that Powell or Chisholm are yet living, or this article may meet the eye of some of their relatives who may be able to assist in clearing up the mystery.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH HILTON.

TROPIC, Garfield Co., Utah, Sept. 17th, 1899.

Building Permits Issued.

Building permits have been issued this week by Inspector Folsom to the following persons:

To Robert McCall for a frame addition of two rooms at No. 9 Midway ave., on Tenth South, between Tenth and Eleventh West, costing $500.

To George Busby for a six-room brick house, at 817 E. Seventh South, costing $1,800.

To J. G. Anderson Jr. for a seven-room brick on corner of First and J streets, to cost $1,500.

To H. D. Winters for a seven-room brick at 355 Second street, to cost $1,600.

To R. Snowball for a two-room frame addition at 36 K street, to cost $200.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

Date Set for Settlement of Account in the Estates of Bolivar and Emma Roberts—Other Orders.

Geo. A. Lowe and Melvin R. Sawtes, executors of the estate of Bolivar Roberts, deceased, represented that they had sold from time to time, personal property of the estate amounting to $950, and also a second account of the receipts and expenditures of said estate extending to Aug. 31, and Monday, the fourteenth day of October, was set as the time for confirmation and settlement of said account.

In the matter of the estate of Emma F. Roberts, deceased, M. R. Sawtes and Geo. A. Lowe as administrators filed their final account, and Monday, the fourteenth day of October was set for the hearing of same.

In the estate of Emma Blandish the will was allowed and an order made admitting it to probate.

In the estate of Frank H. Dyer, deceased, an order was made denying the extra family allowance.

OGDEN.

OGDEN, UTAH, SEPT. 21, 1899.

Divorce and $20,000.

In the Fourth district court suit has been filed by Minnie Woodmansee for a divorce from her husband, Porter Woodmansee. The cause alleged as failure to provide the necessaries of life, and choking her and threatening to kill her; also since their marriage plaintiff's attention has been given to other women, and that for the space of their two children and $20,000 of defendant's property, and $100 per month during the progress of the suit. The property owned by defendant is estimated at $20,000.

Notes.

Tobias Furnise, a man employed by the street car company was severely injured last night by being struck on the head by a spike. He was riding on the side of the repair car when he reached over for fare and was struck on the right temple, the blow knocking him senseless and cutting a gash in his head.

Charles Monroe has been playing a sharp game on some of our grocers, stealing some tobacco from La Grange & Williams and also from Jones (Lowe) part of which he managed to sell to Tyndale & Sons. He worked a same store out of $5 worth of cartridges. Mr. Tyndale beating that some tobacco had been stolen took his delivery wagon and went hunting after his man, suspecting that it was the one that had sold him tobacco. Mr. Tyndale got track of his man on Twenty-first street. Monroe struck out when he saw that long wagon after him, and a lively race was engaged in, but Mr. Tyndale proved the best man and Monroe was invited to take a ride in the delivery wagon and was driven in the jail. Justice Bagley gave him seventy-five days. The cartridges were recovered and returned to the gun store.

PROVO.

PROVO, UTAH, SEPT. 21, 1899.

First District Court.

The grand jury reported yesterday that they had ignored the following cases: The People vs Knox Talbot, resisting an officer; The People vs W. C. Burrows, assault with a deadly weapon; The People vs David Jenkins and J. H. Simmons, bad breaking. The indictment under the laws of the United States was reported. The grand jury was then excused. Till November 15. No indictments have as yet been found against the murderers of the young man who were so brutally slain at Pelican Point last winter.

Norman Bean, previously arraigned, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of forfeiture. His trial was set for September 28.

Notes and Personals.

Hon. A. C. Hatch, the Republican nominee for judge of the Fourth district, is in the city.

The parties who own coal claims in Rock canyon are all working their properties and are greatly encouraged over the outlook, the quality of the coal improving as the work progresses.

A marriage license has been issued to John Smith and Emerette E. Cutler, both of Lehi and both aged 23.

Joseph Arrowsmith has come in from White river, where has been logging. He received a severe injury a few days ago, his right hand being crushed by a log, and he has come home to have it treated.

H. F. Kincaid, of the Utah Soap company, is at the Hotel Roberts.

John C. Edwards is in the city selling E. C. M. L. home made shoes.

Joseph Hatch, of Heber, is at the Hotel Roberts.

French Road.

There are five classes of roads, known as national, departmental, grand main, municipalities, common interest, and ordinary vicinal. The first are those magnificent broad highways, made and kept in order by the central government. Most of them are old, some more ancient than the monarchy itself. They were the great military and diplomatic routes before the creation of railroads. They are of little account in this study, both because of their antiquity and because the people of the Czar had scarcely anything to do with their construction. Only five of them cross the department, two hundred miles of this sort of road lying within its boundaries.

The next most important category of highways are the departmental roads, which are to the Czar what the national roads are to France. There are thirty-three of them, five hundred and sixty miles in length, and they were built and kept in order with the funds of the whole department.

The three remaining classes—grand communication, common interest, and ordinary vicinal, whose nature is pretty well explained by their nomenclature—are today officially designated by the one name, vicinal roads. They are to be counted by score and measured by hundreds of miles. They are chiefly the work of the communes, or towns and villages, and so are more interesting to us.—Theodore Stanton, in October Lippincott's.

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MARSHAL'S SALE.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF SALE and decree of foreclosure to me directed by the Third Judicial District Court of the Territory of Utah, I shall sell at public auction, at the west door of the county court house (the place where the District Court of said Third Judicial District of the Territory of Utah, in and for said county, holds its terms of court), in said Salt Lake City, on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1899, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. of said day, all the right, title and interest of the defendants, William H. McGhie, Amanda McGhie, William H. McGhie, guardian of Ella Clarence A. McGhie, and Alfred Thompson, all in and to the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of section 14, township 1 south, range 1 west, of the Salt Lake meridian, thence south 40 chains; thence west 20 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 20 chains to the place of beginning. Together with all water rights thereto belonging or appertaining.

To be sold to the property of the above named defendants, William H. McGhie, Amanda McGhie et al. at the suit of John Barr.

Terms of sale, cash.

SAT M. BURGHAM, U. S. Marshal.

By L. L. ANDERS, Deputy Marshal.

Dated this 1st day of September, 1899.

C. W. SCOTT, Attorney for plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the Territory of Utah, County of Weber.

Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, a Corporation, Thomas S. Weaver, Charles H. Brough, J. Cornelius Adams, Charles Henry, Thomas P. Ross, George J. Marsh, John Henry Smith, Joseph F. Smith, Henry Watts, and Richard R. Woodmansee and Charles H. Brough, executors of the estate of and successors of Charles Woodmansee, deceased, plaintiffs,

vs.

Catherine T. Schweitzer, Amelia T. Schweitzer, Mary E. Schweitzer, Lena Christensen Young, Lester S. Young, Joseph A. Young, Leigh S. Young, Lorenzo S. Young, Mary Young Merrill, guardian of said Leigh S. Young, Joseph Young, Mary Young, Ann H. Young, Louie Wilson Clawson, Archie L. Clawson, Clara Morris Clawson, Joseph F. Taylor, John W. Taylor, Joseph F. Young, Isaac M. Young, Lucy Hamilton Young, Frank Thatcher, a minor, and George W. Thatcher, guardian of said minor, Frank Thatcher, Lawrence Thatcher, Grace I. Young, Tyler Young, a minor, Lucy Young, as executrix of said person, and trustee in Christen, guardian of said Tyler Young and Lucy H. Young, and unknown heirs of the estate of Brigham Y. Young, deceased; Phoebe Young Dowdle, Mary E. Young, Lucy Young Ellis, Lewis S. Young, Ruth F. Young, Emily T. Young, Annie Young, Joseph Young, Jr., Lucy Young, Alice L. Young, Silvera Y. Harris