

the doctor's stepdaughter and he was sure the doctor was taking her away without her mother's knowledge or consent.

Carrington was taken to Salt Lake on this morning's 10:55 R. G. W. train.

The R. G. W. train arrived in Salt Lake at a few minutes after 12, and Sheriff Wright escorted his charge to U. S. Marshal Brigham's office, turning him over to the officials there. A few minutes later he was permitted to go out with an officer to get a meal and to "get cleaned up," as he expressed it.

A matter of grave importance to county officers and to the public generally received the attention of Chief Justice Merritt in the Third district court Saturday. While the case of Salt Lake county officers was specially under consideration, the subject relates to all the counties of the Territory. The particularly important feature is a decision as to what fees the probate judges, county selectmen and county clerks are entitled to in certain cases, and the decision overturns a practice that has been in vogue a long time in many counties.

Judge Merritt decides that probate judges and county selectmen are entitled to per diem for regular sessions and committee work, or all time spent in the county's service. He holds that they cannot charge for mileage each day, but only once to each regular session of the court required by law, or four times a year. The residents at the county seat cannot charge mileage at all, because they are already there.

This is a great change from the prevailing practice, in which, it was stated in court, there was no question but that the officers believed they had been following the law, but were mistaken.

Judge Merritt also holds that the county clerk can charge only \$1 for a deed where property sold for taxes has been repurchased by its original owner. Clerk Stanton's interpretation of the law has been different, and charges have ranged from \$8.50 to \$10.

The most shocking affair that has marred the peace and quiet of Murray since the atrocious Thiede murder, occurred at that place a few minutes before ten a. m. Tuesday and as a result the dead and shapeless remains of Mrs. N. P. Thompson, the devoted wife of a Germania smelter hand are now in the custody of the coroner who has inaugurated an inquiry into the cause of death.

Particulars of the case are as follows: The husband of the unfortunate woman is one of the wheelers at the Germania smelter. His family lives in the immediate vicinity of the smelter. It has been the custom of his wife to prepare and take his dinner to him. This forenoon there was no exception to the established rule. Shortly before 10 o'clock she cheerfully set out on her errand entirely oblivious to the fact that it would be the last ministering act of kindness she would bestow upon the father and protector of her children. Her journey lay across the Rio Grande Western Railway track and just as she stepped on to the rails she was struck by the pilot of the 9:55 incoming passenger train and hurled to instantaneous death. The collision was a terrific one

and her body was badly mangled; although it was not run over one arm was almost severed.

The train which usually passes that point without stopping, was quickly brought to a standstill, and a hurried investigation of the accident made. It appears that a covered wagon was between Mrs. Thompson and the train and that she was entirely ignorant of its approach. She leaves a husband and six children and many friends to mourn her sad and unexpected departure from earthly life.

Major G. S. Erb, the well known hotel man who for so many years presided over the Walker house in this city was suddenly and unexpectedly stricken down with apoplexy at Mercur on Saturday evening last, whither he had gone on business, and in a few hours he had breathed his last, notwithstanding that physicians and friends did all in their power to revive him.

Major Erb was a Pennsylvanian by birth and made his advent into mortality on January 8, 1843. He entered the army as a private and for meritorious conduct came out with the rank of major. His army life was an exciting one and included a trying period of imprisonment at Andersonville. When the great civil strife was over and peace proclaimed Major Erb went to Illinois and embarked in the hotel business. From there he went to Omaha and from Omaha to Ogden where he has charge of the Union Pacific railway eating house.

On the first of January, 1877, Major Erb became the host of the Walker House which he successfully conducted for many years. He also leased the Townsend House and changed its name to the Continental and for a time presided over both houses. He made considerable money but lost it in unfortunate Pacific coast investments and finally closed out his hotel business here and went in turn to Omaha and St. Louis, but drifted back to Salt Lake a year or so ago, and last season conducted the hotel at Brighton, the famous local summer resort of that name.

The news of his death was a great blow to his wife and daughter in this city and his friends throughout the Territory.

Elder John A. Olsen of Salem, Utah county, returned from Copenhagen Sunday, where he has been for the past two years, preaching and disseminating the principles of the Gospel. He left this city on December 21, 1898, and going direct to his field of labor, was assigned to the office of the Scandinavian Star, where he remained until released, bearing his testimony to the work in which he was engaged, whenever opportunity afforded.

The work in the Scandinavian countries, is reported by Elder Olsen, as being in a flourishing condition, especially in Denmark, Sweden and Norway where many honest souls are being added to the Church membership. The cry in that country is raised for more Elders, as there are not sufficient there at present, to assist in the good work that is going on. The health of the Elders is generally good and the treatment that is meted out to them by the people among

whom they visit, is of the very best, as far as their means will permit.

Elder Olsen was in charge of a company of forty-nine Saints and fourteen returned missionaries who arrived in this city at 4 a. m. yesterday. The company left Copenhagen on November 14th last and Glasgow on the 22nd. The trip was greatly enjoyed by all, and the ship and train crews are reported as having been very courteous. No accident occurred to mar the pleasure of the voyage, and but one death was recorded, that being the child of Sister Hindberg who died and was buried at New York. The regards of the Elders and Saints in the Scandinavian countries are sent to their friends in Utah and surrounding vicinity.

The I. X. L. second-hand store at 48 east Second South street was the scene of what proved to be a very disastrous fire, which was discovered by a passer-by, about 10 o'clock Monday night. An alarm was quickly turned in to the fire department and the boys were soon on the scene using every effort to subdue the flames, which were accompanied by a blinding and suffocating smoke.

Despite the disadvantage to which the men were subjected, they fought their way into the burning building with heroic perseverance, although great damage to the stock of furniture, carpets and household goods, was done by water, before the flames were extinguished. The establishment, of which Mr. P. A. Sorenson is the proprietor, was one of the most extensive concerns of its kind in this city, and it is estimated that his stock of goods would aggregate in value about \$12,000, of which the approximate loss will be nearly ten thousand.

The fire was mainly confined to the basement where it had originated somewhat mysteriously, but some damage was done to the first floor by the streams of water which were turned in from the front and rear. The butcher shop of Bang and Mayers, situated next door, was also damaged to an extent. The upper rooms of the building were occupied by a Mrs. Dow, as a lodging house, and while the flames did not reach them, the lodging apartments suffered materially from the water which literally soaked the building.

A News reporter visited the building today, and the scene which presented itself proved beyond a doubt that it had been in reality a disastrous fire, and one in which the firemen had done good work. The first floor of the store had been burned out, precipitating goods of all descriptions to the floor below, while Mrs. Dow's house, in which was valuable furniture, carpets and curtains, had undergone a severe drenching and had taken on an aroma which denoted the unqualified presence of smoke.

A talk with Mr. Sorenson revealed the fact that he was insured for \$4,000. Of this \$1,000 is with Windsor & Hudson; \$1,500 with Harris & Wilson, and \$1,500 with F. E. McGurkin. "Had I known what I know now," said he, "I would have had double the insurance."

Pomona, Cal., is greatly afflicted with tramps and burglars.