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UTAH NATIONAL GUARD.

Two Companies Organized at Ogden Last Evening.

Governor West, Adjutant General Ottinger, General Fowler and Aide-de-camp Clayton, of the National Guard of Utah, and Territorial Secretary Richards, came to Ogden yesterday afternoon, and last evening, and with General Stevens and Colonel Loeb, held a very enthusiastic meeting in the Federal court room, at the organization of one company of cavalry and one of light artillery.

General Ottinger called the meeting to order and read the call to be submitted to the persons entitling in the respective companies; he also stated that the rolls were open for enrolment, and in less than an hour from the opening of the meeting sufficient names had been entered on the rolls for the company of cavalry which was sworn in by Gen. Ottinger.

Later names sufficient for the organization of the company of light artillery were submitted and the recruits sworn in by Governor West.

Suits Filed.

F. J. Kissel has filed suit in the Fourth district court against W. N. Shilling for $8,000 and costs on promissory note which he indorsed with Shilling and subsequently had to pay.

Suit has been brought by the Utah National bank in the Fourth district court against W. N. Shilling for $6,000 on a promissory note signed by L. F. Adams.

Whinfield B. Walker has filed a petition in the Fourth district court praying for a divorce from her husband on the grounds of cruelty.

Suit has been filed in the district court against W. N. Shilling by D. H. Peery to recover the sum of $10,000 on a promissory note made and delivered to plaintiff.

Notes.

Real estate transfers yesterday amounted to $3,271.55.

A. B. Putman was arrested last night for being drunk.

PROVO.

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VAN PATTEN MURDER TRIAL.

Getting Jurors in the Case.--Other Court Business.

The empaneling of a jury in the Van Patten murder case was the principal business transacted yesterday in the First district court.

The following jurors were empaneled: John Smith, John Nicholson, Brazeau Barnett, A. W. Mason, Joseph McDonald, S. W. Worsley, George A. Perry, James Campbell, Edward Ray, William H. Boyle and Henry Curtis.

This exhausted the panel and a venire for ten jurors, returnable this morning, was ordered. The following names were drawn from the box: Thos. M. Smith, Provo; John Cook, Cedar Fort; Louis L. Cleary, Star; Wm. Lee, Lehi; Leonard Barrows, Charleston; Jas. W. Preston Jr., American Fork; Ole Buren, Salem; Stephen Moyle, Highland; Samuel Carter Sr., Pleasant Grove; John Watson, Heber. In empaneling the ten jurors, ten were excused for cause; the defense exercised eleven peremptory challenge and the People six.

The defendant is rather a good-looking little woman about 35 years of age, with brown eyes and hair, delicate features and a firm mouth. She is very pale and has a somewhat careworn appearance. Her husband and his mother, who arrived yesterday, but her aged stepfather, Ammon Dame, of Spanish Fork, came in the court room in the morning, and at the noon hour he came up to the railing and greeted her affectionately. She burst into tears and was much affected at the meeting. Mr. Dabie had a seat near her, inside the railing, near the defendant, in the courtroom.

Mrs. Van Patten is staying at the home of Judge Dusenberry during the trial.

Mrs. Van Patten is defended by W. R. King, D. B. Roots and Judge Dusenberry, her attorneys were appointed by the court. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thurman and Judge Johnson, prosecuting attorney of Utah county, represent the people.

Civil Cases Set for Trial.

The following civil cases were set for trial:

April 10.—Territory of Utah vs A. O. Smoot Jr.; Harmel Pratt and King & Hoges attorneys.

April 11.—Alice Hardenwith vs John Bockhill et al; Thurman & Shellenbarg and King & Hoges attorneys.

April 11.—John B. Milner vs George W. Jasper; Thurman & Shellenbarg and Baker & Edwards attorneys.

April 11.—Hans Peter Hansen vs Joseph Adamson; Joseph E. Ursa and Thurman & Shellenbarg attorneys.

April 10.—John A. Mowie vs Rio Grande Western Railway Co.; King & Hoges and Bennett, Marshall & Bailey attorneys.

April 11.—Joyslove company vs C. Shoebridge; J. W. N. Walbenstein and A. D. Dees attorneys.

April 10.—Harriet Hogle vs W. J. Thomas; King & Hoges and Williams, Van Cott and Sheffield attorneys.

April 12.—Ella Demaris vs Union Pacific Railway company et al; King & Hoges and F. L. Williams attorneys.

April 10.—Central Building Co. vs A. O. Smoot et al; S. R. Destler, Loofbourow, Menzies and Kaighn and S. R. Thurman attorneys.

April 12.—Joseph Jenkins vs J. W. Dodge et al; S. A. King and J. W. N. Walbenstein attorneys.

April 10.—Amos B. Francis et al, Hoole & Co. et al; A. D. Dees and Thurman & Wedgwood attorneys.

April 12.—J. W. N. Walbenstein vs D. H. Dees; S. R. Thurman and A. D. Dees attorneys.

April 17—Lizzie McCartney vs Stephen L. Vickers; J. W. N. Walbenstein attorney.

Henry Gentz vs Samuel McFee; Evans & Hopkinson Thurman & Wedgwood attorneys.

W. H. Pike vs Provo City; Williams, Van Cott & Sutherland and Whitemarsh & Jones attorneys.

April 13—Anna Maiks vs John T. Sullivan et al.

April 13—Malmsten & Higbee vs Malmsten.

April 13—J. H. Lee vs The Continental Insurance Co.

April 13—The First National Bank of Provo vs N. Williams et al.

April 13—W. H. Smith vs The National Bank of Commerce et al.

Other Business.

In the case of Wm. Ferguson et al vs Salt Lake City and one case against Salt Lake county the defendants interposed a demurrer to the complaint. The demurrer was overruled as to the first cause of action and sustained as to the remaining causes of action. Plaintiffs were given two days to amend, and the defendants eight days to answer from service of amended complaint.

In the case of the People vs C. H. Hallet and Jno. H. Smith accused of killing Ray Grant near Worcester, an order was made for his witnesses for defendants to be summoned at the expense of the Territory.

Farrel Leech was arraigned on a charge of grand larceny, stealing a sheep from James Sharp in the fall of December last. He entered a plea of not guilty.

Caroline Turpin was granted a divorce from John Turpin. The parties are from Fairfield. Mrs. Turpin charged desertion and failure to support. The decree awarded the plaintiff $15, attorney's fee and costs. E. A. Wilson appeared for Mrs. Turpin.

W. H. King asked to be made, yesterday, that he would present a statement, on motion for a new trial in the Byron Stephens rape case, from the complaining witness, Miss Stella Potts, that will entirely exonerate someone. The motion will be heard on the 21st of April.

Motions Set for Hearing.

The following motions were set for hearing March 31st:

William H. Pallen vs Thomas T. Topham. Hearing on demurrer. Kellogg & Curtesan and Wm. H. King attorneys.

Jos. Mason vs Jas. Thompson et al. Motion to strike costs. King & Hoges and Baker & Edwards attorneys.

J. C. McCune vs Walter Moore. Demurrer. Ira W. Howard attorney.

C. E. Malmsten et al vs Ammon Mercer. Demurrer. Booth & Wilson and Thurman & Wedgwood attorneys.

Samuel Curtis vs R. G. W. Ry. Co. Demurrer. W. H. King and Bennett, Marshall & Bailey attorneys.

B. Y. A. Training School.

A move is on foot among leading citizens of Provo for the building of an annex to the B. Y. academy to be used as a normal training school.

While there is not a superabundance of cash in the Garden City, there is an abundance of rock, sand, brick and lumber, and a considerable amount of hope and muscle. Why should the addition not be built?

Lamp Explosion.

A lamp exploded Sunday evening at the residence of W. J. Ross, manager of the Provo City Lumber company. The fire was put out before much damage was done.

The Impossibility of Exterminating Poisonous Snakes From India.

The British government does what it can to get rid of poisonous snakes. Large rewards are annually paid for their heads, and in this way great numbers are destroyed. Attempts are occasionally being made to tear away the rubbish which accumulates around village sites, and thus to reduce the shelter in which these creatures teem. As yet, however, hardly any appreciable effect has been produced. Year after year the tale of deaths remains unmitigated, and fresh snakes appear as fast as their predecessors are killed off. For a long time the supposition was widely entertained that the professional native snake killers regularly bred the creatures for the sake of the reward; but, as scientific men have quite failed in their efforts to persuade poisonous snakes to multiply in confinement, the idea has lost some of its currency.

If the people themselves would only cooperate vigorously with the authorities in this matter, the task of dealing with the problem would be greatly facilitated. Strangely enough, however, snakes in general, and the deadly cobras in particular, are popularly regarded in India with a superstitious reverence akin almost to worship. Comparatively few natives of India, in spite of the temptation of the reward, will kill a snake willingly. On the contrary, it is no uncommon thing for them to encourage the creatures about their houses by feeding them with milk and eggs. In this way villages are to be found where poisonous snakes fairly swarm. A curious superstition is said to prevail in some districts, to the effect that an intended murder is not likely to be taken, and when a death occurs from the bite of some snake which has been nourished in the house, it is said to be the intended murder of the family who is in question responsible for the dangerous reptile driving a tenderly away. Even where this is not the case, the general care is usually taken that no harm shall happen to the tenant from its neighbors.—"The Poisonous Snakes of India," by E. C. Cotes, in *McClure's Magazine* for April.

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