

conditions are imposed by the home-stead act. The public lands are parceled out at from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per acre in tracts of from forty to 160 acres. The good, well located farm land has, however, all been taken up, and of the millions of acres remaining to be disposed of, but a small portion can be made productive except through the aid of expensive irrigation.—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Southern Pacific railway, against which many harsh things have been said, through its officials have sent a communication to the chairman of the Utah Semi-Centennial commission, which has touched a sympathetic chord in that body and one the sentiments of which will not soon be forgotten by the Pioneer portion of the State's population.

It will be remembered that the Southern Pacific in connection with the local railroads granted a request to furnish free transportation to the Jubilee and return to their homes of all Pioneers living on or contiguous to its line. The names and addresses of all Pioneers so far as obtainable up to the 10th day of July were furnished by the commission to the railroads and free transportation mailed to them as indicated. Some, however, did not receive their tickets in time and were obliged to pay their own fare. The whereabouts of others were discovered too late, and their fare had also to be paid. The money thus paid (in both cases) the railroads offered to refund upon proper showing, and that is what the Southern Pacific is now proposing to do. In the case of this road the refund means upwards of \$500 to the commission, which is duly grateful on account of the expressed desire to comply with the request made upon it.

In view of the fact that the Southern Pacific received comparatively small benefits from the big celebration, its action is all the more commendable and shows a disposition to do the right thing in the right way.

The great success that has attended the Utah exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition has suggested the idea to some of Salt Lake's prominent and enterprising citizens, that it would be a good thing to keep the exhibit moving—that is, when the exposition at Nashville closes, take the display made by this State and "put it on the road"—and show it in the chief cities of the United States between now and the time of opening the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition at Omaha next year.

It is argued that the expense would be comparatively small inasmuch as the railroads would in all probability transport the exhibit without cost to the State. General Passenger and Ticket Agent Lomax of the Union Pacific has been consulted regarding the matter and thinks it a good stroke of enterprise, and to a "News" man he said today that should sentiment crystallize to the extent that the exhibit is started going as indicated, his road stood willing to assist in every possible way by transporting over its system free of charge. The fact that Utah was the only western state that made a display at the Tennessee exposition, and that the display was a very excellent one, had already done Utah a vast amount of good. To take that exhibit and display it elsewhere as well would be a most valuable investment.

Judge Judd, chairman of the Utah Tennessee commission, was seen regarding the matter but was not prepared to say whether the idea would assume tangible shape or not. He did know, however, that the showing made by the State at Nashville had resulted and would continue to result in great good. The Utah exhibit was not large but it was compact and beautiful. Its artistic arrangement and real worth

were matters of current comment among exposition visitors. As a citizen of Utah, Judge Judd said he would be glad to co-operate with persons anxious to promote the States welfare in any way. Of course, he said, the consent of individual exhibitors would have to be obtained in order to give the idea force and effect. The question of disposing of that part of the display which did not belong to individuals was a matter already under consideration. That portion at least and perhaps all the remainder would be shown at Omaha next year.

And thus the matter rests. Whether it shall be allowed to remain quiescent or whether a sufficient number of influential citizens will take hold of the matter and make it a success remains to be seen.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 23.

Tooele Transcript: Professor E. Beesley, who has been the leader of the Tooele choir for about four years past, has moved his family to Lehi, where he will make his home in the future.

During his brief stay with us the professor has made many friends, who were sorry to have him leave here, but all wish him success in his new field. On Sunday it was announced in meeting that a farewell party would be given Professor Beesley in Droubay's hall on Monday night, and everybody was invited to attend, and although the party was not decided upon until Saturday, it was a royal success, and much credit is due those who had it in charge. After an excellent program had been rendered in a manner that brought out much applause, a lunch, consisting of cakes, pies, etc., was served, and dancing was indulged in until a late hour, when everybody went home wishing Professor Beesley success and prosperity in his business in Lehi, and long life to enjoy the same.

Elder J. M. Sjodahl, of the "News" editorial staff, arrived in the city Friday afternoon after a ten weeks' trip to Sweden, where he went for the purpose of presenting to King Oscar an elegantly bound volume of the Book of Mormon, enclosed in a nicely polished case made of Utah onyx—a gift from the Scandinavian people of Utah, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of King Oscar's accession to the throne of Sweden and Norway.

Elder Sjodahl left this city on his special mission Aug. 14th, 1897, and after a journey of 7,000 miles arrived at his destination and was granted an audience by and delivered his precious gift to King Oscar in person, on the 22nd day of September—the 70th anniversary of the day upon which the Prophet Joseph Smith received the Book of Mormon plates from the Angel Moroni. After discharging the duty imposed upon him, Elder Sjodahl visited his aged mother in the southern part of Sweden and then embarked for home, arriving here at the time stated. He enjoyed the journey quite well and returns in good health and spirits.

A most shocking fatality occurred at the power house of the Salt Lake City Railroad company at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The victim was little Willie Riley, who lived with Mrs. Carrol, his grandmother, at 522 State street. It appears that he, with two or three other small boys, entered the power house unobserved and commenced playing with the cars. The presumption is that they got on the construction car, but on the trolley, turned on the current, and started. The car ran about forty feet. Willie either jumped off or was thrown off and caught beneath the wheels where he was crushed to death. The other lads ran away and have not been seen or heard of since.

The employees of the power house were speedily attracted to the car which they had to lift from the boy's body by means of mechanical contrivances. The little chap lived long enough to give his name and address. His father is dead and his mother is in California. His body taken to Evans's undertaking establishment where an inquest will doubtless be held.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 25.

Mrs. William Mann of Arlington, Reno, Co., Kansas, desires to know of the whereabouts of William Miller, who emigrated to Utah some time in the 60's from Bristol, England, also Eliza Harding, who emigrated to Utah, with two children, Frederick and Eliza Ann, about twenty years ago. Any relatives or friends knowing of the whereabouts of these people will confer a great favor by sending information to Office Indian Territory Mission, St. John, Kansas, William T. Jack, President.

The quarterly conferences of Emery, Summit and Wasatch Stakes, heretofore advertised to come off on the 6th and 7th of November next, will be held next Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st; and Uintah Stake conference, advertised to come off on the 7th and 8th of November, will be held next Sunday and Monday, October 31st and November 1st instead.

These changes are made to avoid interfering with the holding of the regular fast day. Those interested, please take notice.

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Committee.

The jury in the Hamilton murder trial after fourteen hours and three-quarters deliberation came into court at 11 o'clock yesterday (Sunday) morning with a verdict of not guilty, and in less than thirty minutes afterwards Lou Hamilton left the court room with her father, sister and friends a free woman. Thus fell the curtain on the last act of one of the most noted murder trials in the history of Utah.

When the words of "not guilty" as they came from the lips of Clerk Little fell upon the ears of Mrs. Hamilton she fainted away, and the rush of friends to her side endeavoring to revive her, mingled with the demonstrations of the crowd, made a scene intensely dramatic and realistic.

Elder John D. Irvine of Payson called at the "News" office on Saturday afternoon and reported his return from a mission to California. He left home Nov. 15, 1895, and labored exclusively in the southeastern part of the Golden Gate state, principally in Los Angeles and San Diego, where branches of the Church have been established. Elder Irvine, who filled the position of president for the past six months, had good health during his missionary work and returns home in excellent health and spirits.

Elder Joseph Larsen of Big Cottonwood, this county, also reported his return from a mission. Elder Larsen's field of labor was in Scandinavia. The first eighteen months were spent in the Copenhagen conference and the remainder in Sweden, where the Elders are meeting with very satisfactory success. Elder Larsen left home Aug. 3, 1895, and returned on Friday last.

At the meeting of the Saints of the First ward, Salt Lake City, on Sunday evening, October 24, 1897, Brother John T. Thorup, formerly second counselor in the Bishopric, was unanimously sustained as first counselor to Bishop Joseph Warburton, and Brother Niels Rasmussen as second counselor. These brethren were set apart to act in the calling named under the hands of the presidency of the Stake, assisted by