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# DESERT NEWS.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1904. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.

## POLICE RAID A ROBBERS' ROOST.

Also Capture Holdups and Find Complete Kit of Burglars' Tools.

## LAND BIG GANG IN JAIL.

Two of the Men Are Positively Identified by Victim Whom they Held Up This Morning.

## OTHERS HAVE BAD RECORDS.

In Their Room Was a Regular Safe-Cracker's Outfit, Including Drills, Nitro-Glycerine and Caps.

The police performed an excellent piece of work between 2:30 and 4 o'clock this morning, when they captured two holdups and a gang of burglars and safe crackers.

At 2:30 Charles Hansen of 223 West First South was held up by two men within a few feet from his home. He was relieved of a \$50 watch and chain and \$1.50 in cash.

Hansen notified the police, and Patrol Driver Seager and Sergeant Roberts with Officers Carlson and Johnson, started out to look for the robbers. The officers saw the robbers coming toward West Temple on South Temple street. When placed under arrest one of the men tried to pull a gun, but was quickly disarmed. The men were taken to the station and locked up. They gave their names as Frank Collier and William Murphy.

They had thrown away the watch and cash and nothing was found on them. Within a few minutes of their arrest, Hansen saw the men and positively identified them as the holdups.

The officers then learned where the rest of the gang were hanging out in a room on South Temple and First West. The place was quickly raided and nine tough looking citizens were captured and locked up.

The prisoners gave their names as Joe Wilson, B. C. Hiley, Fred Arnes, James Atwell, George Ryman, a dead man, whose name could not be learned, Tim Sullivan and Tom Hughes. The last named two are old jailbirds and are regarded as tough men. They served time recently for petty larceny.

In the room occupied by the men, the officers found a whole kit of burglar tools, including drills, ruse, nitro-glycerine, punches and caps, used for safe blowing.

Officers are working diligently on the case and hope to be able to prove the men guilty of recent safe blowing jobs. All are in jail.

## STATE POULTRY SHOW.

Seventeenth Exhibit to Begin Here on January 17 Next.

The premium list of the Utah Poultry association for the 17th annual exhibition has been published. All entries for competition must be in the hands of the secretary not later than Friday, Jan. 15, and all birds for competition must be in the show room by noon on Monday, Jan. 18. All birds from outside the state will be entered free of charge. Birds will be weighed on receipt of name, and any bird coming a distance of 100 miles or more will be allowed one-half pound. Birds competing as a pen can also compete as single birds, one male and four females constituting a pen. Birds to secure first premium must score 80 points, second premium 85 points, third, 88, and fourth, 87 points. The local newspapers are offering special premiums, as does also the secretary in the shape of a silver cup, and there are nearly 50 other special premiums. Food, egg and incubating and other prizes in the state are similarly offered. The exhibition promises to be an unusually interesting affair.

## UTOPIA OF THE PRESS.

E. A. Mann Tells of What Spokane Thinks of Her Representatives.

E. A. Mann, an old time Salt Lake, is spending a few days here prior to returning to Spokane where he has pitched his tent with his family. According to the erstwhile amusement man Spokane is the newspaperman's Utopia and in that city the representatives of the press "out some ice." In proof of this assertion the mayor of the city and one of the councilmen are newspapermen and he has just severed his connection with the Chronicle in order to accept the position of police court clerk for the next two years. After spending a few days in this city Mr. Mann will proceed home and commence doctoring the John Does and Richard Rees of the state of Washington.

## ALL BUSINESS SUSPENDED

Christmas is Being Generally Observed Over the City Today.

The banks, stores and postoffice were closed today, it being a public holiday, seeing that Christmas day fell on Sunday. A number of grocery stores and markets were opened for a short time, but after 10 a. m. only the drug and clear stores and the saloons remained open. Travel is very light today, and the hotels have but few guests, but there are a good many people on the streets, and hundreds of young people are enjoying the good skating that has come with the cold weather. The cold also has saved enough of the snow to make fair sleighing, and a number of cutters are out today, with the jingling sleighbells.

## MORE RAILROAD CHANGES JAN. 1.

Chicago & Northwestern Force at Spokane to Move to Salt Lake.

## B. D. BEARDSLEY COMING BACK.

J. F. Hug of the D. & R. G. Secures a Government Appointment With Department of Interior.

The Chicago & Northwestern general agency at Spokane is to be closed and moved to Salt Lake on the first of the year, which means that B. D. Beardsley and his son, W. A., will return to this city, the first named in the capacity of traveling agent under General Agent C. A. Walker, and the latter as chief clerk to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations that have struck that office lately.

Mr. Beardsley will be welcomed here as for years prior to his promotion as general agent at Spokane he was traveling freight and passenger agent for the C. & N. W. in this territory with headquarters in Salt Lake.

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## MOROCCO WANTS AMERICAN TRADE.

Sultan's Personal Representative Says There Never Was Such An Opportunity.

## SULTAN ADMIRES RESIDENT.

His Subjects Realize That Americans Will Treat Them Fairly and Do Not Want to Seize Their Country.

New York, Dec. 25.—James Langerman, formerly United States vice consul general at Tangier, Morocco, is in New York on his way to report to the sultan of Morocco, whose personal representative he was at the St. Louis exposition.

Speaking of Morocco and its desire for American trade, Mr. Langerman said:

"Never before was such an opportunity presented to American industries to secure a foothold in Morocco. It seems strange, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that in this country, where about 15,000,000 people live there is but one big American industry doing business, and that is the Standard Oil company."

"The sultan and in fact all his subjects want to trade with Americans. They realize that the American people in business will treat them fairly and will not try to seize the country. I know personally that the sultan is one of the most ardent admirers of President Roosevelt."

"It is impossible for French troops to make any progress in Morocco, especially at this time of the year. They have a difficult task before them. It is now the rainy season. It is impossible for them to transport troops, as there are no highways. Ferrying is their most modern method of crossing rivers. There is not a telegraph or telephone line or railway in the country."

Mr. Langerman recently discussed the Moroccan situation with the president, but he refused to say whether he visited President Roosevelt on any particular mission.

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## PREBYTERIAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Plan to Bring All Religious Bodies Having It Into One Organization.

## WOULD UNITE TWO MILLIONS.

Details to be Made Public This Week—Individuality of Creeds to Be Preserved.

New York, Dec. 25.—Official announcement is expected this week, according to the Times, of the details of the plan whereby it is hoped to bring all the religious bodies of the United States having a presbyterian form of government into one organization, which, while not providing organized union, shall afford a basis for co-operative work that has not before existed. The plan provides for the organization of a federal council of the reformed churches in the United States of America, holding the presbyterian system.

The plan of federation, it carried out, would bring into one organization the two million or more members of Presbyterian and reformed churches, and will be made public this week in order that it may be thoroughly discussed and may be acted upon in the synods and assemblies of the various bodies next spring. The aim is to secure the approval of the various supreme judicaries to a general plan and have the committees continued and instructed to prepare a definite plan for adoption a year hence.

It is provided in the plan, continues the Times, that the churches of the federation shall preserve the individuality of their creeds, forms of government and worship, and every right, power and jurisdiction not specifically conferred on the federal council.

The representation of the various churches in the council shall be regulated by the number of communicants in the several bodies, on the basis of four representatives for each 100,000 communicants up to 300,000, and four additional representatives for each additional 200,000 communicants.

On this basis the Presbyterian church (north) with its 1,099,089 members would have 24 representatives in the council of the federation, and the German reformed churches would have eight representatives each and of the other bodies officially represented at the Pittsburgh meeting the Dutch reformed, the Reformed Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian would have four representatives each, making in all a membership of 56 in the council. Other Presbyterian bodies believed likely to join include the Christian Reformed, the Associate Reformed Synod of the south, the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, and the Welsh Calvinistic.

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## SHOOTING AT FORT DOUGLAS.

Drunken Brawl Christmas Eve Results in the Death of Private Albert Hackett.

## WAS KILLED BY SILAS SMITH.

Sergeant Riley Interfered and is Wounded, But Not Seriously—Smith in Custody.

There was a terrible tragedy at Fort Douglas Saturday night, for which whisky was responsible, and the alleged murderer is now in the guardhouse, awaiting the action of the federal authorities. The parties to the affray were Private Albert Hackett of Company, Twenty-ninth Infantry, Sergeant William Riley of H. company, same regiment, and Silas Smith, a teamster in the employ of the quartermaster.

Smith and Hackett had been having trouble in the afternoon. Both men lay hold of a whisky bottle, and the men who helped across the track until their comrades picked them up and carried them to the hospital, while Smith endeavored to escape. He was unsuccessful, however, as the guard caught him and the other of the day, shut him up in the guardhouse. Riley's wound was found to be not dangerous and he will recover; but Hackett's wounds were perforated, and he lingered until last night, when he died. Both Hackett and Riley enlisted last fall in the Twenty-ninth Infantry from the Fifteenth regiment where they had good records. Smith, the prisoner, was only recently discharged from the Twelfth light battery, but remained as a civil employee of the quartermaster.

Smith claims he acted in self-defense, and that as the car stopped at the terminus, Hackett threw him to the door and was pointing him with his hands when he shot. Smith managed to get out his gun and fired; also, that Riley was shot by the gun's being discharged while Riley was endeavoring to get it away from Smith.

It is argued that Judge Marshall will have to try Smith, in the United States court on account of the affray happening on government territory. A similar question arose some years ago in Denver, where a man was killed in the postoffice, and Judge Hallett of the federal court tried the accused. The local courts ruled that the postoffice was government territory and the state courts had no jurisdiction.

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