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Expenditures in the War Department PERCESSION OF -Grout, Vermont. Expenditures in the Navy Depart-ment-Stewart, New Jersey. Expenditures in Postoffice Depart-ment-Wanger, Pennsylvania. Expenditures in the Interior Depart-CEN. BULLER. Expenditures in the Interior Depart-ment--C. C. Curtis, Kansas, Expenditures in the Department of Justice--Dolliver, Iowa. Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture--Gillett, N. Y. Expenditures on Public Buildings--Carable S. D. grious Exertions to Crush the Gamble, S. D. Accounts-M. Bull, Rhode Island. Select Committee on Census-Hopkins, Ills.

BEHIND METHUEN

Two Boer Republics.

cyclone Boes Great Damage a Delagon Bay-Cable 1s Interrupted.

to, Dec. 18 .- "Bobs," as Lord rs of Kandahar is familiarly a s a name to conjure with in and that Lord Roberts and Kitchener are considered the men to retrieve the disastrous on in South Africa is amply evis by the more cheery tone of all ar discussion this morning.

gile of the attempts of the auus to gloss over the supercession in Buller, the fact remains that er appointments cannot be reotherwise than as a penalty for here, A semi-official communica-

sisposition to regard the change tection on General Buller is enmoneous. As the forces engaged at Africa increase, officers of rank are naturally appointed to

preme command." ommunication then instances ssive steps from General Syenerals White and Buller, and General Roberts. In spite of sibility of the argument, evrecognizes that it is not the The friends of General see in the headlong plunge of net a suspicious panic, and they rehasty conclaves and the ministh blanched faces telegraphing erts and Kitchener to come and empire. While, perhaps, these drawn, there is no denying that

digious exertion which the govisiders necessary to crush little republics shows that even ord Salisbury sees the extreme the present aspect of affairs. the ministers remembered the which the public seem to have an of a possible rising of the Indeed, unpleasant rumors are current in this direction, which e infinitely more serious than

Library-Harmon, Penna. Printing-Heatwole, Minnesota. Enrolled Bills-Baker, Maryland. Increase in Wages. Boston, Dec. 18.—An advance of 10 per cent in wages went into effect to-day in many of the cotton manufactur. ing cities and towns of New England. This increase affects from 70,000 to 75,000 persons. In addition, an advance goes into effect in a number of the cotton mills of central and western Massa-chusetts. Some of the woolen mills also increased wages 10 per cent this morning. These are outside the Ameri-

can Woolen Co., which will make a gen-eral advance January 1. Currency Bill Passed.

Washington, Dec. 18,-The currency bill passed the House by a vote of 190

The following Democrats voted for the bill: Clayton (N. Y.), Denny (Ma-ryland), Driggs (N. Y.), Fitzgerald (N. Y.), Ruppert (N. Y.), Scudder (N. Y.), Thayer (Mass.), Wilson (N. Y.).

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Temple Workers Celebrate Bishop Winder's Seventy-Ninth.

All the workers in the Salt Lake Temple this afternoon gathered around Bishop John R. Winder and treated him to a nice program in honor of the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth. It was a very enjoyable affair and was much appreciated by the bishop and

all who were present. Miss Mabelle Snow made the presen-

tation address as follows: "I have been requested by the of-ficers and workers of the Salt Lake Temple, to say to you that they heartily congratulate you on your entrance upon the seventy-ninth year of your age. The anniversary of your natal day was one week ago (December 11th, 1899). one week ago (December 11th, 1899), but this expression of our esteem for you was delayed until now owing to the demise of President Franklin D. Richards, a noble and highly esteemed servant of the Lord. "The sentiment of appreciation which your brethren and sisters wish me to convey to you is because of the many estimable qualities you have exhibited

settled. estimable qualities you have exhibited in the performance of your duties as first assistant to President Lorenzo Snow, in the Presidency of the Salt Lake Temple. You are not only es-Says: teemed because of your efficiency and faithfulness in your labors in the house Lord, but also for your untiring activity in connection with the establishment of His kingdom, during your long career in the Church of Christ. "You have reached an advanced age and yet are still in a wonderful state of preservation, and we trust you will live many more years and continue to exhibit the ripe judgment of age combined with the activity of youth. You are requested to do the Temple workers and others the favor to accept of this bouquet, which is accompanied by the cordial congratulations and best wishes of the donors. The number of India flowers is uniform with that of your well-spent years to this point. It is the desire of those who present this simple gift that, should you desire it and the Lord be willing you should live until, at a future anniversary of the same character as this, it would be appropriate to increase the number of blossoms by an addition of twenty-Bishop Winder responded very happily and the following program was its ports closed. Our market is in north China, and Singing by the choir and congregation, if Russia extends her possessions there it would be a problem whether or not we are to be excluded. We should pre-Arise O Glorious Zion. Prayer.....W. C. Dunbar Singing by the choir, O Praise the Lord. fer to have the influence of England RemarksPrest. Snow SoloH. S. Ensign and this country thrown in the direc-tion of open markets. China is in just Remarks Prest. Geo. Q. Cannon the position that Turkey was. If it had not been for the great powers, Tur-key would have been carved up long 3.20 The great powers may go on just as they have, if the government at Pekin can hold on, but that government is s The closing was made by all arising and singing the doxology and by contemptuously weak that it is always offering something for help. But the greatest security against the dismem-behment of China is that the great powprayer. ers can not agree upon the terms of di LEG AMPUTATED. vision. For the nonce things are likely to go along as they are now, but ul-timately a dismemberment is not im-J. W. Thompson, Yardmaster at Thistle, probable. Loses That Useful Member. COUNTY BOARD MATTERS. J. W. Thompson, yardmaster at Thistle Junction, lost his leg yesterday, by having it crushed by an engine. Mr. Thompson stepped from one track At today's meeting of the board of county commissioners the petitioin of to another to get out of the way of an the trustees and resident taxpayers of engine and not seeing an approaching engine, got directly in front of it. He school districts 23, Union, and 57, Butwas run over and his right leg was fearfully crushed a lerville, asking for a change of the boundary line, came up for considera-tion, and on motion of Commissioner

WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHINA First Battle Has Been Fought near

the Tonkin Border.

GEN. SU COMMANDS IN CHINA

French Demand for Territory Not Acceded to -- War Declaration Not Made, and Settlement Possible.

SEVS:

Chicago, Dec. 18 .- A special to the Chronicle from Tacoma, Washington,

Hongkong mail advices state another Franco-Chinese war is imminent over the delimitation of France's "leased" territory at Kuang Chou bay, on the Tonkin border. This dispute is of several months' standing, the French having demanded thrice the amount of territo. ry which China is willing to concede,

under France's original demand for an open port there under France's domination. Marshal Su, China's most famous general, and victor of the battle at Liang Shan in the last Franco-Chi-nese war, was sent to Kuang Chou Bay

with 30,000 well drilled troops. He bore special orders from the empress dow-ager to uphold the Chinese cause and fight if necessary, without further orders from Pekin.

Marshal Su arrived last month from Kwong Chou Wan, on Kuang Chou Bay, and a skirmish between Chinese and French troops followed his refusal to longer temporize over boundary negotiations. Half a dozen Frenchmen

were wounded and sixty Chinese Marshal Su has a reserve force of 6,000 regulars at Tse Khan, and is preparing for a big fight. The French have smaller forces, and to strengthen them have assembled the warships Descartes, Pas-cal, Bengali, Surprise, Lion and Den-trecaseaux. Official circles at Peking and Nankin are excited because Presi-dent Loubet of France has refused to receive Yu Keng, the Chinese minister to Paris, until the boundary dispute is

Chicago, Dec. 18 .- A special to the Times-Herald from Ann Arbor, Mich.,

Dr. James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan and former minister to China, addressed the business men's class today upon the subject, "The Dismemberment of China." He said in substance: "There are som things which indicate that dismemberment is not unlikely. The great powers have pursued exactly the same course in Africa that they are now do-ing in China. Russia, the greatest Asiatic power, ha a great glacier with ite back to the Arctic circle, and its face-to the seaward. She is on the point of taking possession of Persia, and will do so unless Great Britain interferes, and it is strongly suspected that she wants "All the powers have got concessions in China, and to dismember it are do-ing what they call 'Extending their sphere of usefulness.' The powers would at one time have divided up. South America if it had not been for the Monroe doctrine. But England and the United States do not want the dismemberment of China. They are deeply in-terested in the trade of that country. They would prefer the whole of China to be open rather than to have some of



MAJOR GENERAL WAUCHOPE, LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOWN-MAN AND COMMANDANT ALBRECHT.

Major General Wauchope, who commanded the Highland brigade, and Lieu-tenant Colonel Downman of the Gordon highlanders were among the British officers killed at Magersfontein. Commandant Albrecht is in command of the Orange Free State artillery.



W. S. M cCornick Thinks the Worst Has Been Reached and L. S. Hills Says it Will Make Money Tighter-Fears No General Panic-Joe Leiter Talks.

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| UNIVERSITY CASE | FAILED FOR |
| CALLED FOR TRIAL | MANY MILLIONS. |
| Suit of Thomas Morris et al vs' Board of Regents. | Produce Exchange Trust Company of New York Goes Down. |
| STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES. | LIABILITIES ARE \$11,649,600. |
| Plaintiffs Claim that W.H. Roney, the Chicago Contractor, Should Not Have Been Given Contract. The case of Thomas Morris et al vs the University of Utah came on for trial before Judge Hiles today, with J. H. Moyle and D. H. Wells, Jr., for the plaintiffs and Judge Henderson for the defendant. The plaintiffs to the sult seek to en- join the award of the contract for the erection of the physical building to W. H. Roney, the Chicago contractor, on the ground that he was not the lowest bidder. The defendant.contends that it had the right to treat all the buildings to be erected as a unit, and that Roney being the lowest aggregate bidder for all the work, was entitled to all the contracts. The witnesses examined today were J. H. Brittain and Architect Fred A. Hale. The testimony of the first named witness tended to show that Architect Richard Kletting assured Roney that the contracts would be let in the as- gregate. Plaintiffs claim that this in- formation placed the Chicago contrac- tor in a more advantageous position | Assets Only Slightly in Excess-Bus- iness Chiefly in New York- Another Bank Failure. New York, Dec. 18.—The Produce Ex- change Trust company of this city has closed its doors. A notice upon the door says that the company has sus- pended payment pending an examina- tion of its books. The following state- ment of its condition was issued by the Produce Exchange Trrust company to- day. <u>ASSETS.</u> <u>ASSETS.</u> <u>Asset in Western National Banks 533,000 Cash in National City Bank 100,000 Cash in Standard Bank 250,000 Cash in Standard Bank 250,000 Other bonds 550,000 Demand loans 655,000 Time ioans 550,000 Demand loans 655,000 Dime ioans 550,000 Demand loans 655,000 Dime ioans 550,000 Dime ioans 550,</u> |
| than the other bidders and as a conse- quence frustrated the competition re- quired by the statute. | LIABILITIES. |

Architect Hale was called for the purpose of showing that the uniformity of onstruction which defendants claim would ensue from giving all the work to one contractor would not depend upon the latter at all, but upon the

supervising architect. The hearing was in progress when the 'News" report closed

DEMURRER OVERRULED.

John Gray Pleads Not Guilty to Charge of Aiding Goldie Brown to Escape.

The demurrer interprosed by the attorneys of John Gray on Saturday to the information charging the latter with assisting a prisoner to escape was overruled by Judge Norrell this morning, and the prisoner's plea, deferred until today, was taken. Gray pleaded not guilty.

CONTINUED WITHOUT DATE.

Miss Keeler Indisposed.

February term of court.

| Capital and suprlus | \$5,000,000 |
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| Individual deposits | 2,928,000 |
| Trust funds | |
| Due to banks | |
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Total liabilities\$11,649,600

The notice posted on the door of the company's office reads:

"The board of directors of the Prod-uce Exchange Trust company has deemed it to the best interests of its depositors and stockholders to suspend payments pending the readjustment of its affairs. The following special com-mittee, Edwin Gould, C. P. Armstrong, George R. Bidwell, Edgar A. Homer and Frank Brainard has been appointed by the board of directors to take charge of the property and affairs of the company and are in possession thereof, for the board of directors. (Signed) ALMON GOODWIN and WILLIAM NELSON CROMWELL, Counsel for Committee." Latest Move in Snowden Adultery Case The Produce Exchange Trust company was organized a couple of years ago with a capital of \$2,500,000 and had The case of the State against Dr. a reported surplus and unalvided profits Cornelius R. Snowden, the Richfield at this time of over \$2,500,000. Its busi-nes was chiefly with merchants, tradesdentist, charged with adultery, the trial of which was set for today, has been continued again, and the probabilities men and corporations in its immediate are it will not be reached until the vicinity and it was also supposed to do some of the banking business of the Standard Oil company. It has been des-"This morning County Attorney Putnam stated to the court that the con-dition of Miss Audrey Keeler, with ignated by the banking department of the State as a legal depositary for State whom Snowden is accused of having misconducted himself, was such as to monies and municipal monies, as well as for funds of savings banks and State banks. The officers of the company are: render it impossible to proceed with the trial at present. At the suggestion President, Turner A. Bealle; vice-presiof Attorney Rogers, counsel for Miss Keeler, the date of trial was left open. dents, Edwin Gould, Thomas A. McIn-tyre and S. D. Scudder; secretary and treasurer, S. L. Chamberlain; assistant It is not likely, however, for the case be reached until the beginning of secretary and treasurer, William H. the February term. It was learned today that Miss Keeler Laws The trustees of the comp is about to become a mother. She is Charles P. Armstrong, Amzl B. Barbour, Frank Brainard, Turner A. Bealle, Geo. R. Bidwell, Charles A. Deshon, A. Goe-pel, Edwin Gould, N. Irvine Keyser, Edward R. Ladew, Henry A. McGee, W. Willis Merrill, J. W. Middendorf, Ed-ward Maer, S. D. Scudder, John A. Hib-ley, John P. Truesdell, C. M. Warner, John Skelton Williams, E. C. Young, Thomas McIntyre. The suspension of the firm of Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers has been announced on the Stock Exchange. The firm is not prepared to make a statement but the suspension is attributed to the failure of some of its cus-tomers to respond to calls for additional margins made necessary by recent declines. The house has been known as a trader on rather an extensive scale.

Mellion of the Dutch. The reference to rumors circulated

on the stock exchange, the Assod fress has been officially informed the queen is in excellent health and no indication of the surbrof Kimberley. There has been de rush of volunteers all day to er services for the war in South n. Several colonels have placed

out \$00 artillery volunteers offered rvices at Edinburgh before noon, wief independent account the iss fight adds nothing to the offimt, except that fighting lasted bours and that the British retirewas completed in good order.

atch from the Modder river Saturday, December 16th, says the shave blown up the railroad cultwo miles north of Gen. Methu-

F Tork, Dec. 18 .- The Commercial ompany issued the following no

e are advised that the cable be-Mozambique and Lorenzo Marit interrupted. A terrific cyclone ablque has caused interruption Delogoa Bay cable. Houses have toown down and ships in the har-have been wrecked. The telegraph the was unroofed, but the instru-Ex were saved.

alto Dec. 18 .- Gen. Lord Kitchener, been appointed chief of the ad Gen.Lord Roberts of Kandahar, New commander-in-chief of the the forces in South Africa, leaves man Tuesday and will arrive "Friday. He will start for Capeas soon as possible.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS. ite of the House Announces His Ap-

pointments Today.

hington, Dec. 18 .- The chairmen grarious committees as announced Beaker Henderson today are as foltion, No. 1-Tayler, Ohio.

willon, No. 2-Weaver, Ohio. ctions, No. 3-Messick, Michigan. ays and Means-Payne, New York. opriations-Cannon, Illinois. dary-Ray, New York. acking and Currency-Brossius, sylvania.

sthard, Ohio Weights and Measuresstate and Foreign Commerceorn. Ice

ers and Harbors-Burton, Ohio. ant Marine and Fisheriesenor, Oh!

ulture-Wadsworth, New York. ssign Affairs-Hittick, Ills. Sival Affairs-Hull, Iowa. Saval Affairs-Boutelle, Maine.

lices and Post Roads-Loud, blic Lands-Lacey, Iowa. des-Knox, Massachusetts. always and Canals-Chickering,

facturers-Farris, Indiana. and Mining-Crump, Michigan.

Buildings and Grounds-Mera, Nebraska.

Addic Rallroads-Powers, Vermont. Swes and Improvement of Mississip-River-Bartholdt, Missouri. cation-Grow, Pennsylvania. labor-Gardner, New Jersey. Miltia-Marsh, Illinois. Mints-Herr, Ohio.

Pensions-Sullow. New

ons-Loudenstager, New Jersey. ms-Graff, Illinois. laims-Mahon, Pennsylvania. Strate Land Claims-Smith, Illinois Datiet of Columbia-Babcock, Wis-

evision of the Laws-Warner, Illi-

Reform in the Civil Service-Gillett.

Mathematical Arid Lanis-Gongue,

amigration and Naturalization-

The unfortunate man was brought to

leg was amputated at the knee by Dr. Mr. Thompson is a man well advanced

Towns in Sanpete County are Now

Special per Deseret Telegraph. Manti, Utah, Dec. 18 .- Doctor C. M. Garrison, of Salt Lake City, whom the State board of health has sent out to gather data and carefully investigate the small pox plague which has disturbed the peace of so many towns in central Utah, is in Manti today. He visited Ephraim yesterday and came over here last night, he expressed himself to your correspondent as being well pleased with the manner in which the quarantine had been kept in Ephraim and Manti, and apprehended no further spread of the disease in these parts. He stated that there is no doubt about the disease being smallpox and from reports furnished him some of the cases have been guite severe. From here Dr. Garrison goes to Gunnison and later to Marysvale. He probably will visit Emery as soon as he is through here. Dr. Wm. H. Olsen told your correspondent that the public quarantine

LICENSED TO MARRY.

Marriage licenses were issued today to Joseph G. Ranck Jr., 22, and Eliza-

Salt Lake and taken to St. Mark's hospital, and two hours later his injured

in years and the injurey will be hard for him to recover from. His condition late this afternoon was considered seri-

SMALLPOX QUARANTINE.

Free From Further Danger.

bers that the services of the county fruit tree inspector and the one deputy might be dispensed with, so far as the present season was concerned. Mr. Wright said he would notify the board when the services of the inspector and deputy would be needed again. On motion of Chairman Rawlins the communication was filed and approved. A resolution was introduced provid-ing that Sheriff Howells shall be al-lowed at the rate of 12½ cents per meal for feeding all prisoners confined in the county jail, including United States prisoners; also that from and after November 1, 1899, the sheriff shall be required to account and pay into the county treasury all sums of money received for feeding the United States prisoners. Woolley the resolution was adopted. Renewals of insurance policies on th county jail for three years in the Wil-liamsburgh City Fire Insurance com-pany, of Brooklyn, N. Y., E. H. Peirce agent, were ordered. The amount in-sured for was \$5,000 and the premiums

would be raised here tomorrow so that public gatherings can go on as usual.

Judgments by Default.

were \$90.

In the case of D. M. Osborne & Co.

A protest was read from John T. Beckstend, objecting to the opening of the road in West Jordan and filed.

On motion of Commissioner

Woolley Clerk Dunbar was instructed

to notify trustees of proposed division and invite them to be present at the next meeting of the board, Tuesday,

Assessor B. B. Quinn sent in a com-

munication in which he stated that his

office was greatly in need of an official

map of Salt Lake City. He suggested that the one compiled by W. C. Willits was "up to date," and would meet all

J. W. Wright, secretary of the State

board of horticulture, notified the mem-

Dec. 26th.

requirements. Filed.

was the subject of much, interesting comment in Salt Lake this afternoon and varied indeed were the expressions and speculations as to the result. To a representative of the "Naws" Mr. McCornick, head of the big bank-ing house of W. S. McCornick, said: "The panic, in my opinion, was caused

by the concerted effort of stock speculators who joined together for the express purpose of forcing stocks to the owest possible point where they could buy them in and then let the market go back to its normal condition, there-by enriching themselves in a speedy I am of the opinion that the manner. worst has been reached, and that stocks will commence to go back to where

they Said L. S. Hills, president of the Deseret National bank: "It is a little early yet to tell where it will end, or when. One thing is quite certain, however, and that is that it will have a tendency to increase the rate of interest in Utah for the time being at least. I have thought the panic-if it came-would be confined to industrial and mining stocks. But it is the unexpected that always happens and therefore it is unsafe to prognosticate. But it seems to me there can be no general panic with as universal prosperity as we now

While some Salt Lake bankers have money in New York banks it is either

A number of surveying parties are in

the field in different parts of the State

of Nevada under direction of Engineer

Allen, searching for routes and cut-offs

which seem likely to improve the line of

kept busy cleaning, couling and running

It would also avoid Promontory Peak

and Blue Creek hill, in Utah, and long

and crooked curves and grades where

helping engines are stationed now.

the Southern Pacific railroad.

round.

The big New York financial flurry | on deposit where it is perfectly safe or loaned on the best guilt edged security Security that can be realized on almost instantly. Joseph Leiter, the dashing young mil-

Ionaire wheat speculator of Chicago, was also seen by a "News" man. He smilingly said: "I am glad I am out of it. I let go of the kind of stocks, "that would have hurt the four months ago. One hundred and twenty-five per cent money is very high, of course, but I have paid more than that. I paid six hundred per cent interest once, during '96, but for only two days."

Commenting on the Produce Exchange Trust company of New York. which closed its doors today, Mr. Leiter said that while there were very wealthy men back of it, the failure was clearly due to the management. The institu-tion, he declared, had made many upwise loans, and its end was not wholly unexpected

Hon. J. E. Dooly of Wells, Fargo & Co. said: "If the panic lasts-I cannot say at this stage that it will-money is East for a paltry 2 per cent annum interest, as some have done, it would be better for the entire trans-Missouric

country.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC CUT-OFF.

Surveying Parties Out in Nevada are Working on the Problem of

Improving the Route and Avoiding the

Present Heavy Grades.

now stopping at 64 west Second South street, this city. sure to go up all over the country and Utah will feel the effects of it with the other States. It will not effect Wells, Retrial of the Issues Between T. W. Jen-nings el al, and Hudson Smith. Fargo & Co. in any way. If western banks would keep their reserves in their vaults instead of sending them

Judge Cherry and a jury this afternoon took up the case of Thomas W. Jennings and Frank D. Kimball vs O. P. Pratt, I. D. Kinney, Hudson Smith and John Beck. Peirce, Critchlow & Barrette appeared for plaintiffs, and Atorneys C. W. Morse and C. S. Price

for defendants. The suit is to recover \$950 on a promissory note given by the North Salt Lake association to Lorenzo Pettit, to make up the balance due on the pur-chase price of the land that the latter was to convey to the copper plant com-

COPPER PLANT CASE.

pany At a former hearing plaintiff was nonsuited, which the Supreme Court re-versed and sent back for a new trial. Smith is the only defendant plaintiffs are now trying to hold. His defense is that he did not authorize the issuance of the note.

Alleged Unlawful Detention.

The General Electric company of New York, by its attorney, Pennel Cherrington, filed a sult in the Third district over Hot Springs and White Plains hills to the left. This 30 miles is des-titute of water, which is hauled by train court today against Theodore Bruback, as receiver of the New Mammoth Gold Mining company, and the New Mam moth company, to recover \$50 damages for the alleged unlawful detention of an induction motor, valued at \$734.

Juror Excused.

Petit Juror Melvyn C. Morris was ex-cused for the term by Judge Cherry today.

Burned to the Water's Edge. and

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18 .- A special to the Post Dispatch from New Madrid, Mo., says:

The steamer'State of Kansas of the Tennessee River Packet company, burned to the water's edge early today while lying at the foot of Main street. All the passengers escaped but several hundred bales of cotton, considerable freight and baggage was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$500,-

000. The fire started in the front cabin about 1 a. m. when all the passengers

and most of the crew were asleep. They were quickly awakened and all

gained the shore in safety in time to escape the flames.

TERRIBLE DEATH FROM POISONING

George Choules Swallows a Lot of Carbolic Acid Which Was Sold for Gin by a Provo Druggist-Suffered a Terrible Death.

Special per Deseret Telegraph. Provo, Utah, Dec. 18 .- One of Provo's nost respected citizens met death today in a most terrible manner. George Choules, a shoemaker, and George Stagg were in the former's shop and Mr. Choules handed Stagg 25 cents with the request that he go to the Elkhorn drug store for some gin. In a moment or two Stagg returned with the bottle of supposed gin and handed it to Mr. Choules, who asked what it was. He received an answer that it was gin and Atuncorked it took a large swallow.

Allen also arrived on the scene and did everything possible to relieve Mr. Choules but after about twenty minutes f awful suffering the poisoned man died.

Mr. Stagg told a "News" man that he asked Dr. Simmons for 25 cents worth of gin and that he filled the pint flask almost full and did not put on a label to show that the bottle contained polson. Dr. Simmons states that when Stagg came in he understood him to ask for carbolic acid and he gave it to him and put on a label, but thinks the label dropped off, as when he saw the bottle again the label was off. He took

COMMITTEE ON ROBERTS MEETS TUESDAY No Session Today, Because Witnesses Expected from Utah Did

Not Reach Washington in

from Wadsworth. Three or four helpers are kept at Hot Springs to assist A large party came to Salt Lake last trains over the grades. By going south spring and ran lines around the south of the mountain, this expense would be avoided. The line could come into the present road at White Plains, or it could keep south of Lovelocks and Humboldt lake, striking the road at Mill City. That would bring it near the great deposits of iron in Buena Vista valley and close to the East Range where the I. X. L. silver mines, the White Cloud copper mines and the

Another party started at Wadsworth,

taking the south side of the track and crossing the low divide between Truckee

and Carson rivers, left the rough grades

It is said the road would have been put there when it was built, but for the fact that a shipload of railroad iron was lost at sea and in the rush-to ge into Salt Lake to meet the Union Pacific, the track was laid over the hills, making a shorter line. The Union Pa. cific was rushing west in the effort to get beyond Ogden and control all Utah business, while the California men were a round house, turntable and shops are maintained and a large force of men is straining every nerve to get to Evans-

ton so they could secure it Both roads are now studying to im-prove their lines, and the Union Pacific has a big grading outfit laying 100 miles of new road, which will save 22 miles of track and cut down Piedmont hill considerably.

side of Great Salt Lake. It is believed they can get through the two ranges of mountains by favorable passes and come in at Wells or Elko, developing fine mining and agricultural sections along the road. Parties have run a line northeast from Bishop station in Elko, right up Bishop's creek for 15 miles along the line of the old overland stage road, Nickel mines are located.

then east crossing the track at Lucin, Utah, ekirting the great desert north and east of Pilot Peak, and crossing an arm of Salt Lake by a trestle eight feet high to Ogden. This line avoids the Picquot Mounts, in Nevada, where the snow falls deep and where the grade keeps six helping engines busy the year They are stationed at Wells, where

