

is also alleged that the company is utterly and hopelessly insolvent.

Lee Hill, a rancher on the Los Posas, seven miles from Saticoy, Ventura county, Cal., killed Theodore Parvin, his tenant, by a terrific blow on the temple with a piece of scantling. The crime was committed at 12:30 p. m. Tuesday. The victim lingered till 2 o'clock Wednesday morning when he died from concussion of the brain. The assault was the result of a quarrel over a business matter. Hill had leased the ranch to Parvin to accept a position with the Union Oil company of Santa Paula. A few days ago he was discharged. Tuesday he went to the ranch, demanding that his tenant give up possession. Parvin refused unless Hill would reimburse him for time lost and services rendered. Angry words passed between them, when Hill suddenly grasped a stick of timber and delivered the fatal blow. There were only two witnesses to the crime, the widow of the dead man and the father of the murderer.

The police of San Francisco are at last on the track of the negro, who has been robbing storekeepers in various parts of the city, first knocking down his victims with cobble-stones. He is said to have been identified as Frank Johnson, a mulatto, who has already served time in prison for highway robbery. His method of disabling those he had decided to despoil makes the supposed Johnson a unique character in San Francisco criminal annals. The last job done by the negro stone-thrower, so far as the police have learned, was the robbery of J. Tideleman's pawn shop, 125 Third street, last Saturday night. Tideleman is still suffering from the effects of the attack made upon him. He was alone in the store when the robber entered, and, without a word of warning, struck him on the head with a heavy stone. The pawnbroker fell to the floor semi-unconscious, and seizing two revolvers which lay on the counter his assailant ran away. The shrieks of the pawnbroker undoubtedly saved him from further loss.

The Colorado state board of arbitration rendered its decision Friday night on the questions in dispute between the miners and operators of the northern Colorado coal district. The board found in favor of the striking miners in every particular. Early in January the miners employed in the Louisville and Lafayette districts submitted demands to the operators for an increase in the schedule paid for labor in these districts. The operators refused flatly to consider their demands, and the men went out on a strike. Several conferences were held between the operators and the representatives of the miners, but without any settlement being reached. Then the miners of the Louisville district withdrew their demands and went to work. It was finally agreed between the Lafayette men and the operators to submit their case to the state board of arbitration. On the 2nd of February the board started its investigation and since that time has been engaged continuously on the case until Friday night, when its decision was made, granting to the miners of the Lafayette district each and every demand made by them of the operators.

Among the papers found in the room of Baron Harden-Hickey, who committed suicide at the Pearson hotel, El Paso, Tex., Thursday, was a letter which evidently refers to some plan of operations in the Hawaiian Islands. The letter is signed by Ralston J. Markoe, who alleges that he is the duly authorized agent of the royalist party in so far as it is possible for any one to occupy that position under existing circumstances, and he makes a proposi-

sition looking to the placing of Harden-Hickey on the island of Kauai as an independent sovereign. The news that Baron Hickey had committed suicide at El Paso reached Riverside, Cal., by a private telegram addressed to the baroness, who residing at her home on Brockton Square. The baroness can give no reason that could have caused her husband to have taken his life. The couple had had no quarrels and were exceedingly happy when together. Plans had been made for the baron to

Dr. W. H. Davis of Seattle, Wash., president of the Alaska-Skaguay Gold Mining and Transportation company, is now in San Francisco to purchase or charter steamers, with the purpose of establishing his line from that city. Dr. Davis says: "My company has an option on four vessels at Seattle, but it is hard to get what we want there and especially for the trip to St. Michael. I have come here to ascertain what can be done here. In any event San Francisco will be the starting point of the line. The steamers will stop at Seattle on their way to Skaguay, and will go as far as St. Michael when the season opens. A supply station will be established there and kept open all of the winter. From St. Michael, river boats will be run up the Yukon. We expect to get three steamers here and with the four under construction at Seattle, we shall have seven in all. The first trip will probably be made on April 15th.

spend the remainder of the winter with his wife in Riverside. As soon as the news was received by Mrs. Hickey a telegram was sent to the chief of police of El Paso, directing that the personal effects of the baron be forwarded to that city at once, and that the body be embalmed and forwarded to San Francisco where interment will take place in the family tomb. Baron Harden Hickey and his wife arrived in Los Angeles, Cal., about four years ago and for a time entertained elegantly among their circle of friends. They purchased a handsome residence on Pico Heights, and there the baron held bachelor's hall during a visit his wife paid to her father in the East. They also invested rather extensively at Santa Monica, and during the past two or three seasons Baroness Harden Hickey has passed much of her time there. Latterly the baron has lived much alone, and for a year or more past spent most of his time in San Francisco. His departure from Los Angeles was not generally known and the news of the suicide at El Paso was the first intimation that local people generally had of his absence.

Alone on a coral reef in the Pacific, hundreds of miles from any other land and out of the usual course of vessels, Theodore Gussman is waiting to be rescued. A letter to a friend in San Francisco, Captain Charles Baettge which he sent by a French man-of-war that chanced to cruise in his locality describes the awful solitude in which he has been isolated for months. Gussman might have left his imprisonment by the vessel which brought his letter but to have done so would have been to desert his post of duty. He is one of the three men sent down to Clipperton Island last July by the Oceanic Phosphate company, to keep possession of the company's property and of the island. His companions deserted him at the time, and the Mexican man-of-war Democrita hauled down the American flag and hoisted the Mexican standard. Gussman refused to leave then, although an effort to scare him was made by the Mexican captain. Indeed, in order to remain at his post of duty, Gussman practically marooned himself, swimming ashore from the warship with evidence of his employers' titles to the island concealed in one of his shoes.

## OBITUARY NOTES

### JARVIS JOHNSON.

Collinston, Feb. 2, 1838.—On Friday, January 28, 1898, Jarvis Johnson died at his home in Beaver Dam, of Bright's disease, after having suffered severely since January 1st. He was born in Lincoln, Addison county, Vermont, July 6th, 1829. When at fifteen years of age he embraced the Gospel and left his native state for Nauvoo. At the age of sixteen he enlisted as a volunteer in the Mormon Battalion, suffering all the hardships of the travels of that company. After his release he started back in Captain Brown's company arriving in Salt Lake three days later than the first company of Pioneers. After resting in the valley for a few months he, with a few others, started back for Winter Quarters with six pounds of flour to the man. In 1849 he assisted in bringing a company across the plains, and returned the same year to Nebraska. In 1850 he was married and in 1860 his wife died, leaving him with five children. He then emigrated to this valley and took up his home in Brigham City, where he married the daughter of Truman O. Angel, and in 1869 his wife died, leaving seven small children. In 1870 he was again married, and in 1870 moved to Beaver Dam, where his family now reside.

The deceased was a very active worker in building up the kingdom of God. He was a kind and loving husband and father, and highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and nineteen sons and daughters, sixty-eight grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

L. W. S.

## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

**BARNARD**—In Salt Lake City, February 8, 1898, of old age, Jeannette Barnard; aged 81 years and 22 days.

**MORRIS**—In this city, February 9, 1898, of bronchitis, Edna, daughter of George H. and Elizabeth Morris, aged 1 year, 7 months and 5 days.

**BOYD**—In the Fifteenth ward, Salt Lake City, Abigail S., wife of George Boyd; born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 12, 1829; immigrated to Utah in 1848; died February 10, 1898, at 4:48 p. m.

**LANGSTON**—In the Fifteenth ward of this city, George S. Langston; born December 8, 1847; died February 7, 1898; aged 50 years and 2 months. Emigrated to Utah from Augusta, Ga., in March, 1869.

Augusta, Ga., papers please copy.

**SMITH**—At her home, 131 Forest avenue, Salt Lake City, February 8, 1898, of nervous prostration, Mrs. Mary Smith, widow of Chas. F. Smith. The deceased was aged 47 years, 8 months and 14 days and leaves five children, numerous relatives and many friends.

**BURROWS**—In the Twenty-first ward, Salt Lake City, February 8, 1898, at 3:30 p. m., of membranous croup after an illness of only seven hours, Joyce Ellwina, infant daughter of Josiah and Harriet Longmore Burrows; born May 15, 1896; aged one year, eight months and twenty-four days.

**PALMER**—At Croyden, Morgan county Utah, February 5, 1898, of pneumonia, Ada E. Palmer, only daughter of William O. Palmer, aged 8 years and 3 months; she was a bright and promising girl and has gone to join her mother who died when the child was born; she leaves a father and five brothers to mourn her death.

**RASMUSSEN**—In the First ward of Salt Lake City, February 7, 1898, at 11 a. m., Mrs. Laura Thorun Rasmussen, wife of Niels Rasmussen. The deceased was in her forty-fourth year and leaves a husband, four children and many friends to mourn her demise. She was known as a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.