

could not tell and intimidated that even if he knew, he had had too much railroad experience to communicate such an opinion to the public when the retention of it in his own mind might serve a much better purpose in the future.

In connection with the telegraphed statement that the Vanderbilts have secured the control, it is claimed that they really cut no figure in the deal beyond the use of their name and that J. Pierpont Morgan is the real power behind the throne.

Omaha Bee: Lewis W. Shurtliff of Ogden, Utah, vice president of the exposition for that state, arrived in the city yesterday and has been in conference with the exposition officials all day regarding the exhibit to be made by Utah. Judge Shurtliff brought with him two samples of sandstone which the State offers as its contribution to the arch of the states. These samples are of gray and red sandstone, respectively.

"I didn't bring any specimens of granite," said he, because we thought it would not be practicable to cut it in time for the exposition. We have plenty of stone, but we concluded that the two varieties I brought with me are the best for the purpose.

"We are going to have a good exhibit from Utah," said Judge Shurtliff in a positive manner. "Our mining exhibit is now being made up by Don Maguire, one of our most experienced men in that line. He is traveling about the State, making a collection of specimens and will have an exhibit of minerals which will compare with any that can be made by any state. Mr. Maguire has been at work for about a month, and he has not visited one half of the mining districts.

"Our agricultural display is being made up by Heber Bennion, who is meeting with good success in collecting fine specimens of our products. The manufacturing interests are being looked after by T. R. Cutler, who is superintendent of one of our beet-sugar factories. He is doing good work and will have a fine display.

"One of our principal displays," continued the Judge, "will be the irrigation display to be made by the Bear River Irrigation company. That company will have an irrigated farm in full operation, showing the complete system in use in our State. Our people are taking a great interest in the exposition and will be here in force."

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 14.

Mrs. Susan Kirshaw, of Oldham, England, wishes to find her brother's family, who, she thinks, are in Utah. His name is Thomas Jackson. He left Manchester for Utah about the year 1853, and was a cabinet-maker by trade. He went to England on a mission about the year 1880, and returned about 1883, and died the same year. His wife's name, if living, is Alice Jackson. Mrs. Kirshaw would be very pleased to hear from any one belonging to the family. Address the letter to her husband, Mr. John Kirshaw, No. 30 Alfred St., Marnetts, Oldham, Lancashire, England.

Lawrence Garrick, a man who lays no claim to being a mechanic on account of having followed other occupations in life, but who does claim to have an inventive turn of mind, called at the "News" office and as proof of his contention exhibited a home made chainless bicycle, the product of his own genius.

The driving power of the machine consists of four small cog wheels located within a gear casing on the axle of the hind wheel. This contrivance is very simple and apparently very effective. The sample is, of course, somewhat crude and weighs about 6½ pounds. When made of steel rolled plate, however, this can be reduced

to about 8 ounces. In the way of chainless bicycles it seems to be a very good thing. Mr. Garrick says he has been at work upon it for the last year and a half, that he has applied for a patent which he expects issued to him within the next few weeks.

Attention has been particularly drawn to the output of gold in the state of Colorado in 1897 for the reason that the Centennial state stands at the top of the heap of gold-producing states. "But Colorado's \$22,000,000 contribution to the gold supply, even when \$22,884,600 has been added covering the value of the output of silver, lead, copper, iron and coal, barely equals the value of her farm products," remarks the Philadelphia Record. The statistics of production in Colorado for the year as quoted by our contemporary are as follows:

Gold.....	\$22,500,000
Silver.....	13,062,400
Lead.....	2,287,000
Copper.....	1,167,200
Iron.....	3,368,000
Coal.....	5,275,000
Farm and dairy products. . .	33,000,000
Fruit.....	5,225,000
Live stock sold.....	6,200,000
Wool.....	265,000

Total\$92,649,600

"Because of the element of chance involved in the search for the precious metals there is a wonderful fascination in the quest. But the plodding farmer holds his own against the gold searchers even in Colorado. The farms produced \$46,965,000; the mines \$45,384,600."—Bradstreet's.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 15.

Elder Emanuel Lennberg, of Union, Salt Lake county, called at the "News" office last evening and reported his return, a few days ago, from a mission to Scandinavia. He left home November 16, 1895, and took up a labor in the Stockholm conference, which he reports as being in a thriving and prosperous condition. Elder Lennberg experienced good health and enjoyed his labors extremely.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid: It is rumored in business circles that a certain company of influential and solid business men of the city, who have already an organization, are seriously discussing the project of another electric light plant, and another system of street and custom lighting for Mt. Pleasant. According to reports the plant is to be located and the electricity generated near the mouth of Pleasant Creek canyon, heavy wires being used to conduct the electricity to the city. A water right has been secured at the place mentioned, and there would be no difficult obstacles to encounter should the scheme be carried out.

William H. Foster, the veteran turner and Tabernacle choir member, met with a serious and painful accident yesterday. He was at work in his shop when a piece of timber fell upon him, striking him squarely in the face, cutting a deep gash in his upper lip and knocking out three teeth. He was rendered unconscious for a time and lost considerable blood. He was conveyed to his home as quickly as possible and Dr. McLean summoned. The doctor dressed his wound and closed it by stitches, after which he left Mr. Foster resting as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. Mr. Foster is sixty-six years of age, a fact which renders his injuries more serious than if he were younger.

Laramie Boomerang: The Laramie rolling mills have just received a contract from the Oregon Short Line for two thousand tons of angle plates and rail couplings for the new rails that are

to be laid on the Idaho division of the Oregon Short Line. This contract alone will keep the rolling mill in operation here for the coming three months. This order comes most opportunely.

The report that the mills here had received the contract for the 72-pound rails that are to be laid on the Short Line, is incorrect. The mill here has not produced any heavy rails in a good many years, and probably never will again, as steel rails could not be made to an advantage here.

Monthly report for December, 1897, D. P. McCallum, section director, Idaho Falls, Idaho.—The mean temperature for the state was 24.5 degrees, 6.5 degrees cooler than December of last year; the highest monthly mean temperature was 36.2 degrees, at Pollock and the lowest, 10.4 at Lake. The highest temperature reached during the month was 57 degrees, at Idaho City on the 29th, and the lowest, 27 below zero, at Gray on the 18th, making an absolute range of 84 degrees for the month; the greatest local monthly range of temperature was at Gray, 72 degrees, and the least, at Moscow and Paris, 32 degrees.

The average precipitation was 2.08 inches, an excess of .035 inch over December, 1896; the greatest amount was at St. Maries, 6.49 inches, and the least at Rexburg, 0.58 inch; the greatest in any twenty-four hour period was 1.60 inches, at Kootenai on the 15th. Average number of days with .01 inch or more of precipitation, 9; clear days, 9; partly cloudy, 8; cloudy, 14.

Prevailing wind direction, southwest; average hourly velocity (at Idaho Falls and Nampa) 7.1 miles; maximum wind velocity (at Idaho Falls) 37 miles per hour from the south on the 14th.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 17.

Benjamin Egginton, convicted of voluntary manslaughter, in that he shot and killed Martin Mock near Sandy last September, was this morning sentenced by Judge Norrell to six years in the State prison.

The St. Joseph Conference, which was postponed without date, will be held on Sunday and Monday, the 30th and 31st inst. Elders John Henry Smith and John W. Taylor have been appointed to be in attendance.

FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS,

JOSEPH F. SMITH,

Committee.

At 3:30 this afternoon fire broke out in the second story of the Beehive house, the portion occupied by Spencer Clawson. The blaze was caused through an electric wire from which the insulation had been worn off, coming in contact with the woodwork of the house and before the department arrived, the fire had shot up through the roof and was making rapid headway. Prompt use of the chemical engine, however, soon had the blaze under control, with an estimated loss of not to exceed \$100.

Carlos H. Valentine, formerly of this city, says the Brigham Bugler, is indeed in bad luck. About three years ago he lost his wife. Last week he again had the misfortune of losing his second wife, who was a Salt Lake girl named Lynne Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Davis. Mrs. Valentine died of hemorrhage. She was 22 years old. The Brigham friends and relatives sympathize deeply with the mourners. Carl's mother, Mrs. Mary Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. August Valentine went down to attend the funeral, which was held Tuesday.

American Bee Journal: Mr. E. S. Lovey, of Salt Lake county, Utah, lately sent to us two sections of comb honey and a pint Mason can of ex-