

the trigger with his foot. It is supposed that the victim of the accident had neglected to lower the hammer when he laid the weapon down.

On Tuesday suit was brought by J. and W. Seligman, New York bankers, against the city of Santa Rosa, Cal., for the payment of five municipal water bonds which matured on the first Monday in December and for the interest due on 190 coupons from the same date. The action was filed in the United States circuit court. The complaint filed by Jesse W. Lienthal, the counsel for the Seligmans, contains 195 counts and covers 1,000 printed pages. The trouble has arisen over the fact that Santa Rosa has two water systems, one private and principally owned by Mark McDonald, the other municipal, for which 200 bonds of the value of \$825 each were issued, amounting to \$165,000, and bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. The bonds mature at the rate of five per year, and they will continue to fall due annually at this rate until 1933. No effort to avoid the responsibility of payment, either of principal or interest, has been made by the municipality of Santa Rosa. The first ten were promptly met at maturity, there is money in the city treasury for the five that matured last December and to pay the coupons on the entire 190, amounting to \$83 each. But the bondholders cannot get their money. The city council ordered the treasurer to draw his warrants for the money, and Mark McDonald and his associates in the private water works interfered. They caused the treasurer to be enjoined.

Timber haulers in Aspen, Colorado, caught out in the mountains in Friday afternoon's storm had a trying time of it and in one or two cases men came very near perishing, says the Glenwood Springs Avalanche. A man by the name of Papish was up Coquandrum gulch for a load of logs when the storm struck him. He tried to get out with empty sleds but failing, unhitched his team and started them for home. The snow had drifted the roads full and one of the horses, after plunging through the snow for a couple of miles laid down and died. Andy Norton who was also caught up Coquandrum, was obliged to leave his sled and come home with his horses. He passed Papish and reported his plight to the people in town. About 10 o'clock at night two young men started for his relief. They met him a short ways out of town with his hat gone, one hand badly frozen and thoroughly chilled. It is said that Friday was a fearful day in the mountains, the wind whistled and screeched through the ragged peaks, whirling down through the cañons in a perfect tempest, piling up the snow, making the trails almost impassable. Saturday night while going from Marion to the lumber camp of Ward Tucker, Fred Martin became bewildered and wandered off the road in Dunscombe park. His body was found Sunday morning frozen stiff. He had traveled about three miles and had one mile further to go to reach camp. Coroner Clark was notified and at once, in company with K. C. Voorhees and Jim Howe, left for the body and returned with it next morn-

ing. Deceased had just fallen heir to a small fortune in Scotland.

M. K. Parsons, one of the heaviest patrons of this market located in the far west, was here today from Kelton, Utah, with a three carload shipment of cattle, says the Omaha Stockman of Feb. 18. Mr. Parsons has furnished this market with thousands of cattle from the territory west of the Rockies, having shipped from Oregon alone the last few months upwards of 6,000 cattle. He has also scoured California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Washington and is probably as well posted as any man in the cattle business as regards the supply in the Pacific coast country. He says that the entire coast country has been stripped of feeding cattle from yearlings up and after the present number in the states now being fattened for market does not possibly see where the stock cattle are to be secured to refill the feed lots of the corn belt. Close money and general financial depression throughout the country the past few years forced cattlemen to market down very close and the high prices for stock cattle on the eastern markets has induced them to clear their ranges of everything in the way of stockers and feeders, hence this spring flocks the western ranges almost completely denuded of stock cattle. Mr. Parsons also remarked that the range country experienced one of the mildest winters to date in the history of the cattle industry, and the loss will certainly be very nominal, as cattle as a rule are in prime condition in withstand the changes incident to spring on the western range. Mr. Parsons thinks that Utah will have less than one half the cattle for the spring and summer markets than usual, and he places the number now in Oregon and Idaho as not over 40 per cent now of the usual supply in those states at this season of the year; hence the number to come from the west of the Rockies this spring and summer will likely be very much smaller than in many years.

Mr. C. B. Bosworth returned last Saturday from a visit to his mining camp about seventy miles northeast of Deming on the Rio Grande river, says the Deming, New Mexico, Herald. Besides several specimens of rich copper ore, Mr. B. brought with him a collection of very interesting and rare curiosities in the nature of what would appear to be petrifications of prehistoric fruits and vegetables. One resembles a huge turnip, being about ten inches in diameter, the center portion being enclosed in a rind about one inch thick, each being a different kind of stone. There is also what appears to have been a cluster of grapes, or maybe prickly pears. These are of sandstone and were broken off of a large cluster about four feet long. But the most curious of all, being the most true to nature and showing the most unmistakable signs of having been at one time some immense species of a fruit, is an almost exact imitation of a Bartlett pear, measuring twenty-three inches in length and fifteen inches in diameter through the thickest portion. It has a distinct rind about one half an inch thick. The upper portion where the stem should be is broken off, but there are pieces of others of the same kind lying where this was found, which show marks as of a center core. Thus far no

petrified fruits have been discovered and identified as such, by scientists, and if these should prove to be what their appearance suggests they will be a very interesting and valuable addition to the world's knowledge of prehistoric times. Mr. L. G. Morris, who is associated with Mr. Bosworth in his mining operations there, writes that he has discovered the petrified remains of some huge member of the serpent family. It is eighteen inches in diameter and of unknown length, only about six feet of it being exposed, the balance being imbedded in the sandstone, which is the formation in which these things are found. Not far from there, on the banks of the Rio Grande, embedded in the sand and wash of ages are the remains of a huge mammoth or other extinct animal. The bones are turned to sandstone, and on this account Mr. Bosworth was only able to bring away one of the smallest, which measures eleven inches in length by five broad and is supposed to be one of the smallest teeth or one of the first ribs above the hips. As an illustration of the size of this animal it is only necessary to say that one bone which, no doubt, was a tooth, is four feet long and 8x7 inches at the large end and tapering to four inches at the small end. Mr. Bosworth hints of other things more wondrous still, which he has found in this strangest of countries.

## OBITUARY NOTE.

MARTHA JACKSON JONES.

Died at Nephi, Juab County, February 9th, 1897, Martha Jackson Jones, the beloved wife of Edward Jones, in her 63rd year.

Sister Martha Jackson Jones was born at Manchester, England, April 30th, 1835, and received the Gospel in her childhood. She emigrated to Utah early in 1856, crossing the Atlantic in the ship Horizon and crossed the Plains the same year in Captain Martin's band cart company. She moved from Salt Lake to Nephi in the winter of 1859, and till the time of her decease was a resident of the latter place.

The funeral services were held in the North Ward meeting house and were numerously attended by the friends and relatives of the deceased sister. Consoling remarks were made by the Stake Presidency, the Bishopric of the ward and several old time friends, to the members of the family, and she was laid to rest in the afternoon of February 11th, 1897, a large concourse of people following the remains to the cemetery.

The life of sister Jones was exemplary in its character and she died in full faith in the Gospel, leaving to mourn her loss, four sons and four daughters, with twenty-two grandchildren.

## THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

PRICE.—In this city, Feb. 15th, 1897, John Reese, infant son of Edwin and Maria Price.

BRIDOR.—In the Fifteenth ward, this city, February 14, 1897, of pneumonia, Ruby Helen, daughter of Robert and Nellie Buist Bridges, aged 4 months and 13 days.

SCOTT.—In Sandy, Salt Lake county, at 1 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1897, of old age and heart failure, Robert Scott, in the eightieth year of his age. Deceased was born May 17, 1817, in Craighead county, Antrim, Ireland; came to Utah in 1877. He leaves four sons and one daughter.