

he had brought with him from that tropical climate, and a verdict in accordance with these facts was rendered by the coroner's jury. Serviers was a native of Alsace-Lorraine and about thirty years old. He is supposed to have friends in New York.

Lung Wing, a Chinese foreman in A. F. Tenney & Co.'s canning establishment at Folsom street, San Francisco, nearly lost his life on Sunday morning by being caught in the machinery. He went up into the rafters to oil a friction wheel and the lower part of his trousers leg caught a screw head on the shaft, which was revolving rapidly. In an instant Wing's body was seen to be whirling around the shaft, while the sound of breaking bones mingled with his screams for help. The machinery was stopped and the Chinese was removed from his perilous position and sent to the Receiving hospital. It was found that the bones of his left leg had been shattered below the knee, and it is feared that he sustained internal injuries. The police surgeon believes that he can save the leg. That the man did not have his brains dashed out is explained by his throwing his arms around the shaft when he lost his balance.

The sensation of the hour at White Oaks, N. M., is the recovery of a gold brick stolen from Colonel W. H. Weed on August 1. The brick, which is valued at \$5,000, was a product of the South Homestake mine in which Weed is interested, and had been kept secreted at his residence while preparations were being made to forward it to the mint. It was missed the next day after having been taken out of the house, and suspicion at once fell upon Phil Schwartz, who, with his wife, were on intimate terms with Colonel and Mrs. Weed and were cognizant of the presence of the treasure in the house, the matter was kept very quiet and the case placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff John Preston, who successfully fastened the theft upon Schwartz and a brother-in-law named Rosenthal, and not only obtained a confession of their guilt, but recovered the gold as well. No criminal action has been taken as yet against the thieves, who for the past two years have been engaged in the dry goods business at White Oaks, and had heretofore been very well thought of.

A remarkable bicycle trip was concluded at Fresno, Cal., on Friday night. W. B. Holland left Fresno three weeks ago on a wheel, and after visiting Monterey, San Francisco and Sacramento, crossed the mountains by way of Lake Tahoe to Carson, Nev. From there the difficult journey began. He determined to go to Yosemite by following sheep trails from Mono lake. The people in Mono valley had never seen a bicycle. After crossing the valley covered with sagebrush where there are no roads, he reached the foot of a mountain which rose 9,000 feet with only a narrow, rugged trail leading up. He hired a Chinese to carry his wheel on a horse up this trail nine miles and then set forward for the Yosemite, fifty miles distant, with only sheep trails to follow and in some places scarcely any path at all. He pushed his wheel and slept in the woods at night, and after several days came down the other side of the

mountain into the Yosemite, where he could again ride. The entire trip from the time he left Fresno till his return covered 780 miles, and 150 miles of this was over country where no bicycle had ever been before. The longest ride in one day was 100 miles, the shortest nine miles. There was no accident or breakdown on the road, not even a punctured tire.

THANKS!

The committee having in charge the recent Pioneer Reunion at Saltair Beach take this occasion to express their appreciation of and gratitude for the aid given by very many kind friends in making the affair a success and in contributing to the pleasure of the veterans, their posterity and the visitors there assembled.

To Elders C. R. Savage and B. Morris Young thanks are especially due; the former acted efficiently as master of ceremonies in the program that was given; the latter was zealous and most valuable in the collection and care of the relics and curiosities of early days—an exhibit which gave such great pleasure to the spectators. In this connection should also be mentioned the kindness of the Deseret Museum and the University of Utah, from which institutions were obtained various rare and novel reminders of Pioneer, Battalion and even earlier days; also many thoughtful friends both in this city and from a distance who loaned articles and specimens of this character and contributed to the completeness of the exhibit.

The committee would further mention as deserving of thanks:

Officer Geo. R. Raleigh, who remained steadfastly on duty all day as guard over the priceless collection referred to; and his superior officer, Marshal Pratt, for detailing him to that important service;

Mr. G. F. Culmer, for the loan of show cases in which to place the smaller articles;

H. Dinwoodey and the Freed Furniture Co., who gratuitously furnished easy chairs for the comfort of the veterans;

The old-time musicians, who played familiar tunes, warmed the hearts and cheered the spirits of the assembled throng; these gentlemen responded readily to the request for their services, some even coming from a distance; and the committee is sure it voices the general sentiment when it expresses special appreciation of their endeavors.

To name all who deserve it would be too great a task. It will probably be sufficient to say that we feel the obligation, and hereby tender to each and every one who rendered assistance, either on the program or in any way, our sincerest thanks.

THE COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Elder George S. Barker writes to the News from Patrick, Kanawha county, West Virginia, as follows, under date of August 13:

The Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints traveling in West Virginia, Southern States mission, held their annual conference

Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5, 1894, in a grove on the premises of E. T. Jones, near Poca river, twelve miles north of Charleston, in Kanawha county.

There were present Elder Elias S. Kimball, president of the Southern states mission. George S. Barker, president of the West Va. conference, and James E. Bunting, A. N. Holdaway, Joseph U. Jolley, Erastus Beck, C. D. Evans Jr., Orson Merrill, Hugh W. Dougall, Geo. H. Horne, Samuel Brinton, Orlando Bradley, Lyman O. Porter, William H. Hindley and Geo. T. Taylor, traveling Elders.

Meetings were held at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. of each day, and were well attended by an intelligent, well dressed and orderly congregation numbering 200 or more.

On Tuesday, August 7th, 1894, by special request meetings were held at the Guthrie chapel, four miles from Charleston. The people turned out en masse. Much interest was manifested and good order prevailed. In the evening a special meeting was held for the benefit of the Saints and those who were in sympathy with them. The place of meeting was crowded to its utmost capacity and valuable instruction was given on the following subjects: Necessity for and form of prayer, by Elder Samuel Brinton; the Word of Wisdom, by Elder George S. Barker; administering to the sick by Elder George H. Horne and the law of tithing by President E. L. Kimball. An excellent spirit prevailed at all the meetings.

It is worthy of special mention that sumptuous repasts were served during the noon hour of each day of meeting at the grove and also at the chapel, and the good people of West Va., fully sustained their well deserved and long established reputation for hospitality and excellent cooking.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

The clerical staff in the office of County Clerk Meloy completed the totals of assessed valuations of taxable property in Salt Lake City, for 1894, last night, and the figures, as corrected, stand as follows:

Real estate, improvements and personal property.....	\$33,277,055
National banks.....	1,565,256
Railroad property.....	1,120,092
Telephone property.....	16,490
Telegraph property.....	6,827
Pullman car.....	779
Total.....	\$35,986,493
Less abatements.....	590,269

Corrected total valuation.....\$35,396,224

The gross revenue of the city on this valuation, at 6½ mills, will reach \$230,075. The compensation for collection, which will have to be paid to the county, will reduce this sum by \$2,000 or more.

Compared with the total valuations for the year 1893, the figures for 1894 give a decrease of \$8,479,485, or nearly 24 per cent, while for this year the city tax levy is 6½ mills against 5 mills for 1893.

Totals of the valuations of taxable property in Salt Lake City for the last five years are given below:

1890.....	\$43,765,232
1891.....	56,663,438
1892.....	41,771,712
1893.....	43,875,709
1894.....	35,396,224