

# SALT LAKE WHO HAS BURIED 20,000 PEOPLE And Preached 30,000 Funeral Sermons.

**T**O HAVE buried as many people as would be required to constitute a city of the second class, or to have personally presided over the obsequies of over 20,000 fellow mortals, is a record that would surely stamp its possessor with a unique distinction.

As the pioneer undertaker of Salt Lake City Joseph E. Taylor is entitled to that distinction; unique it is indeed, for there is probably not another undertaker west of the Mississippi river who has laid away half that number of the dead. For many years Mr. Taylor was the only man in Salt Lake City, or county, either, for that matter, who followed the serious calling of the undertaker, and some of his experiences therefore are as novel as his record is unprecedented. Probably no undertaker in America has personally buried as many associates and friends as he, but the feature of his career that will appeal to the outside world as being most unique is the fact that he often ascends the pulpit or stands by the casket in the home and preaches the funeral sermon. This, of course, is because of the ecclesiastical position he holds in the dominant Church, many of those whom he has buried being members of that Church. During his career he has preached over 30,000 funeral discourses, and is as familiar with the silent graves of the cemetery as he is with the homes in the city. He has directed the funeral of and prepared for burial every President of the Church since the time of Brigham Young.

**IN THE EARLY DAYS.**  
In the early days Mr. Taylor experienced the difficulties and hindrances that naturally existed because of the remoteness of this region from the source of supplies and the slow mode of travel. Not often, but once in a while an adventurous son of some wealthy family in the east would die here and Mr. Taylor would prepare the body and ship it home. The modern methods of embalming were not known at that time, but the rugged pioneer had a way of his own, and the body would arrive at its destination in a perfect state of preservation. In August, 1891, the Western Funeral Directors' association held its convention in this city and at one of the sessions Mr. Taylor addressed the morticians on "Early Undertaking in Utah," and his remarks were of such absorbing interest they were at once noted the feature of the convention.

**TALKS REMINISCENTLY.**  
Mr. Taylor was caught in something of a reminiscent mood a few days ago, by a representative of the "News," and in the course of a not overly extended interview he related many interesting experiences that cover a period of over 40 years.

**FIRST DEATH IN SALT LAKE.**  
"The first death that occurred in this valley," observed Mr. Taylor, "was on August 1, 1847, just one week after the pioneers arrived. It was a three-year-old child of George W. and Jane Therkhill. It was accidentally drowned in City creek. The child was buried within the city limits, but the exact spot has been lost track of. Mr. Whitney, in his history of Utah, relates the

sad occurrence and adds: 'The parents mourned bitterly their loss and a shadow of sympathetic gloom rested for a season upon the whole encampment.' There was no lumber obtainable at that time, and President Young, whose sympathetic nature was one of the marked features of his character, had one of his wagon boxes fashioned into a coffin that the child might be buried as respectfully as was possible in those crude and strenuous days. The father of the child was not one of the original pioneers, but was one of the seven known as the Crow and Therkhill families from Mississippi, who joined the pioneers at Ft. Laramie and accompanied them over the mountains.

**CEMETERY AND SEXTONS.**  
"The first recorded death and burial

was to the office and not until I had served eleven terms, covering a period of 24 years, was I permitted to shift its duties to another. You may well believe that I was glad to get out of it. During that quarter of a century I had seen the few graves there on the hill increase into 'many a moldering heap,' that covered the earthly forms of my dearest friends and associates. My successors in the office of sexton successively were: Robert Patrick, Daniel Dunne, C. Offenbach, Albert Angelo, Joseph P. Simmons and Thomas Carter, the present sexton.

**MT. OLIVET.**  
"The Jewish cemetery was a part of the Salt Lake cemetery and was allotted to the Jewish people by the city council in 1867. The Mount Olivet cemetery was a grant from the government, and

Taylor, "the city council conveyed by deed to the Catholic community, several acres located in the southeast corner of the city cemetery and since that time the Catholics have removed their dead from the small enclosure that adjoins the Jewish cemetery on the east and placed them in their new burial ground."

Mr. Taylor was asked if he knew how many people had been buried in Salt Lake.

**THIRTY THOUSAND DEAD.**  
"The death records are faulty," he replied, "especially those of the earliest years, and for that reason it is impossible to give the exact number of deaths and interments made in the cemeteries I have named, also including the civilians buried in Fort Douglas cemetery and the private burial grounds of Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball. But I feel justified in saying, for I have made a careful research, that the approximate number is about 30,000. It must be remembered, however, that the country people who lived not too far from the city buried their dead here for a long time in the early days.

**CASKETS AND SERMONS.**  
"During a period of 40 years," said Mr. Taylor, "I have furnished burial outfits for over 20,000 persons, and have delivered over 30,000 funeral discourses. In one year I buried 810 people in this city and county, and the greatest number I ever buried in one day was 11."

**BEFORE THE RAILROADS.**  
"Before the advent of railroads," and the speaker's eyes lit up with the memory of those distant days, "the transportation of bodies either east or west was of rare occurrence. The first shipment ever made from here was that of a 'millionaire's son' whose home was in Missouri. The young man died here, of what is now known as appendicitis. The embalming of a body was not then thought of, but we prepared this one in the ordinary manner, and placed it in a casket. The latter was then put in a zinc-lined box filled with alcohol and then hermetically sealed up and sent overseas as a special in one of Wells, Fargo & Company's coaches. The body arrived in Kansas City in 15 days in an excellent state of preservation. The second body sent overseas was prepared by taking out the soft parts and filling the cavities with powdered charcoal, and applying a strong solution externally. The body was then sealed up and shipped, arriving at its destination well preserved."

"Mr. Taylor," it was suggested, "you must be possessed of many an interesting memory of things that have transpired during your 40 years' experience as an active undertaker."

**DIFFERENT GRIEFS.**  
"That is very true," he responded, "but I would prefer to summarize rather than individualize that experience. There is hardly a single phase of human character that could manifest itself under the trying circumstances of the death and burial of loved ones, that I have not had an opportunity to observe, time and time again. I have seen that outward semblance of grief and sorrow that was not felt, and that

boisterous grief that quickly exhausts itself and where the mourner soon forgets his sorrow. Of course there is no way of measuring the sadness in a human heart but it seems to me that those who feel the deepest woe are the silent, fearless ones, whose great sorrow sits deep in the heart. These kind inspire the profoundest sympathy. It is only the few indeed, who are capable of philosophizing in the hour when a beloved one is lying dead. It is at such junctures as these that one's religion shines forth or recedes into the darkness. In my judgment the very highest type of religious faith and sublime resignation to the will of God, is that exhibited by the true Latter-day Saint. We pity the agnostics who mourn amid suffocating doubts; the Atheist, who, as I heard

have been the need of embalming as practiced by the ancient Egyptians seventeen centuries before the Christian era, that necessity does not exist today. We do not want to convert our dead into mummies to be unearthed and made into foot-balls by future generations. It appears to me that the practice must have originated in some sentimental superstition, for cats, dogs, crocodiles and other animals that were held sacred were preserved by embalming just as the human bodies were. It has been estimated that it cost about \$1,600 dollars to embalm a body, and three months time to make it thoroughly effective. It is declared that the Egyptians would remove the soft parts of the body and place the latter in a solution of litron or natron, a sort of neutral carbonate of sodium, where it

restive and intelligent embalmers will meet them."

**ABOUT CREMATION.**  
"As to cremation," said Mr. Taylor in response to an enquiry, "I think the mode of disposing of the dead is going to grow in popularity throughout the civilized world. It is an ancient custom and was once universally practiced in Greece. I don't know that it will ever be so popular as that again, but it is receiving very high scientific endorsement especially from the standpoint of sanitation."

**JOSEPH E. TAYLOR.**

One of the important enterprises of Salt Lake, which has a large local patronage and is noted for the wide extension of the trade throughout all the tributary intermountain country, is that of Mr. Joseph E. Taylor, manufacturer of all kinds of coffins, caskets, clothing, linings and coffin hardware, and, in fact, everything material pertaining to the solemn rites and customs for the dead. Mr. Taylor maintains a large factory and warehouse at Nos. 261 to 265 East First South street, where he occupies an entire three-story brick modern building, 33,000 feet, substantially equipped and handsomely appointed and adapted to all the ceremonial rites at funeral services. Mr. Taylor is the pioneer undertaker of Utah and has up to this date furnished burial outfits for over 20,000 persons and is one of the old and honored citizens of Salt Lake, in connection with his manufacturing and merchandise, he also carries on the leading funeral directors and embalmers of the city, being the very best modern and scientific work, as an embalmer and as a funeral director having the esteem and liberal patronage of the people in general. Besides he does a large outside trade and ships extensively to Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and California points. He has been prosperous in business and owns considerable realty and other interests in this city.

**JOSEPH W. TAYLOR.**

The undertaking business is concededly one of the utmost importance to society and every consideration suggests that its representatives shall be reliable, responsible, sympathetic, and experienced. One of the oldest, largest and most favorably known undertaking establishments in Salt Lake City is conducted by Mr. Joseph W. Taylor, and located at Nos. 31 to 35 South West Temple street, phone 251. Mr. Taylor, who is a very considerable owner of realty in this city, is thoroughly experienced in every detail of the business, is a skilled embalmer on the latest scientific methods, and a gentleman of the strictest probity and honor, and very cordially esteemed in the community. His establishment is exceptionally well equipped and has one of the finest morgues and chapels in the state. He takes entire charge of bodies, and attends to all the minor details of the funeral, and conducts the funeral of all classes from the plainest to the most imposing, giving the same sympathetic care and attention to all. He has a fine hearse and matched teams, while he also carries on the business of a very large stock of coffins, caskets and funeral furnishings of every description, carefully selected. In every direction Mr. Taylor is most moderate in his charges, and never fails to accord the most entire satisfaction to his patrons and consequently he does a very large and influential business.



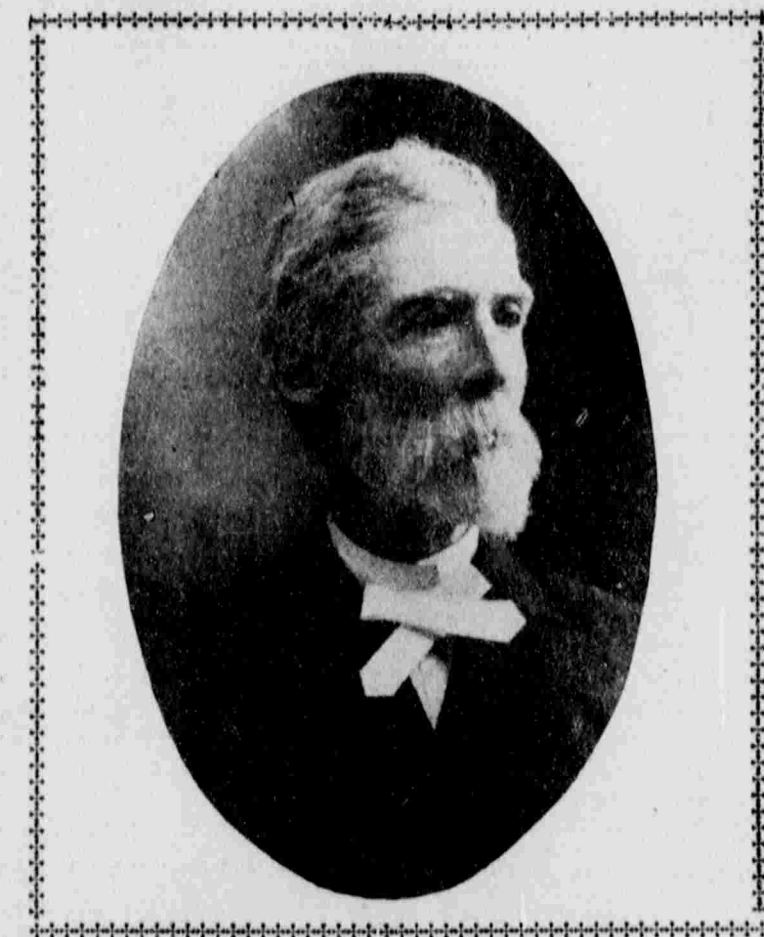
HON. WM. H. TAFT.  
A Likely Candidate for President.

one of them cry out to his beautiful 14-year-old son a few years ago as the boy was dying, 'good-bye forever.' Could anything be sadder?"

**ANCIENT AND MODERN METHODS.**  
"Mr. Taylor, as a practical undertaker, what have you to say of the present method of embalming the dead as compared to the method employed by the ancient Egyptians?"

"There is no comparison whatever," answered Mr. Taylor. "Whatever may

would lie for 70 days. The people of this age would never stand for so slow a process as that. While it is generally conceded that embalming as practiced by the ancient Egyptians is a lost art, I don't think the finding of it would be a very great advantage to this generation. Our present method of embalming, although it is yet in the experimental stage, its results, when the work is properly done, meet all present requirements and as fast as these requirements grow I think our progress



JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,  
"A Man Who Has Buried a City."

in the Salt Lake City cemetery bears the date of September 27, 1848, the deceased being an infant daughter of the late George B. Wallace. The first sexton in this city was John Kay, who assumed that office in 1848, but before 1852 he had two successors, George B. Wallace and Alexander Hill. They merely acted as sextons out of accommodation—they were never officially appointed to the position. However, in 1852, Jacob Gibson received official appointment to the office and served until 1856. He was succeeded by Col. Jesse G. Little, who in turn was succeeded by John Gray, and the latter was followed by F. A. Mitchell. In 1864, Mr. Taylor, "your humble servant was chosen

was a part of the military reservation. It was laid out in the spring of 1857, and the first interment was made in April of that year. The person buried was Robert Richmond, a native of the Isle of Man and a member of the Episcopal church. Rev. Mr. Kirby presided at the funeral, and it was through his persistent effort that the grant of land was secured, and set apart as a cemetery. Almost immediately after this first burial the bodies that had been buried in an enclosure of the city cemetery known as "Episcopal" ground, were taken up and reinterred in Mt. Olivet."

**THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY.**  
"Some three years ago," said Mr.

## Nurseries and Florists.

### DAVIS COUNTY NURSERIES.

The arable areas of the intermountain regions are destined to be the great orchard spots of the nation, producing fruits for the markets of the world. The pioneers of Utah were the pioneer tree planters and fruitgrowers of the west, and the scene of their first endeavors in orchard growing still remains the cradle of an infant industry, but an infant that will grow rapidly henceforth till it reaches the proportion of a mighty giant. The Davis County Nurseries furnish an excellent example of the importance of this industry in relation to the future of western civilization, considering that it is but one of many such enterprises. These nurseries were established eight years ago at Centerville, Davis county, Utah. The personnel of the proprietorship was changed in June of this year and the firm is now composed of E. J. Harness, B. S. Dix and P. A. Dix, under the partnership style of Harness, Dix & Co., the firm occupying offices in rooms 35 and 36 Hooper building, Salt Lake City. Their nurseries comprise about 100 acres and they cultivate general nursery stock, which includes the following trees: Apples, pear, peach, cherry, plum, prune, apricot, nectarine, almond, quince, shade trees of various kinds, and a general line of small fruits, rose vines and many others comprising a miscellany of trees and shrubs. The firm employs a number of traveling men who sell wholesale and detail from the coast to Illinois, their trade embracing Iowa, Nebraska, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California. In view of its great possibilities and its needs, it is difficult to conceive of an industry more commendable or one that will prove of greater benefit to man in time to come.

### SALT LAKE-HUDDART FLORAL CO.

To say that this company owns the largest and finest up-to-date greenhouse business west of the Missouri river would give no conception of the magnitude of business done by this firm. The store and up-town greenhouses are at 214 East Second South street, where an immense stock of palms, flowering plants and cut flowers from the fine American Beauty roses to the Crown Sweet Pease, are always kept in stock here, at any time may be found a complete staff of floral artists being at work designing floral emblems and putting up choice decorations. The large greenhouses on State and Twelfth South, where all the cut flowers and young plants are grown, cover over three acres, with glass, besides about 10 acres more land is devoted to the raising of all kinds of choice hardy shrubs, roses, holly plants, etc. This firm has just completed putting in a new 100 horsepower steam boiler engine, additions, and other improvements at a cost of over \$10,000, and has also many more improvements mapped out for next spring, and they expect to do an enormous business the coming year, their stock is in fine condition. The Salt Lake Floral company was originally built and owned by Mr. Clark of Butte, about two years ago, and was taken over by Mr. S. Bransford, who consolidated the business with the Huddart Floral company

about six months ago. The two companies make one of the very largest concerns of the kind in the west. With Mr. J. S. Bransford president, and P. T. Huddart, manager, the Huddart Floral company was started about six years ago in a small way by P. T. Huddart, who, through his extended experience as a florist and floral artist, soon pushed it right to the front and it has long stood at the head of the business, and it has always been said when any one wanted a beautiful floral emblem or a first class up-to-date decoration, Huddart was the man to do it. He won the first prize for best decorated window Elks Purple Day against all the other florists in town, taken two gold medals, four first prizes, the two last Utah State fairs. Amongst the great many beautiful decorations executed by these firms one of note was for Senator Kearns in his new mansion in honor of President Roosevelt's recent visit to this town in the decorations for the breakfast table was used over six hundred American Beauty roses alone. Mr. Huddart has now had the honor of decorating for the President of the United States and the Prince of Wales, now the king of England. This firm has the finest fresh cut flowers, and the finest clean health plants, and are pleased to show their friends and patrons through their greenhouses and stores. All mail telephone or telegraph orders promptly filled. Long distance phone 57.

### SCHWARTZ & HEINECKE

Although only so recently established in business here as February of the present year, Messrs. Schwarz & Heinecke, florists and seedsmen, have built up a large wholesale and retail trade, and today ship their flowers, plants, seeds and bulbs all over this territory. The partners are Herman Schwarz and Simon Heinecke, both practical horticulturists and experts in all branches of their business, and honorable in all their dealings. Their office and store is at 64 East Second South street, phone 605, and they have always on hand a fine display of roses, violets, carnations, and other choice blooms, potted plants, palms and bulbs for fall planting, such as hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, and other choice plants for spring blooming, and a full and complete stock of garden and flower seeds. They make a specialty of artistic floral decorations for public functions, banquets, etc., as well as of floral wreaths and designs.

### UTAH NURSERY CO.

Salt Lake embraces within its limits one of the largest and finest nurseries in all the Western country between Iowa and California, and it may be asserted that it contains very few enterprises of greater present moment or more far reaching importance in connection with future growth in this and other states and territories of the intermountain region. Tree planting and fruit growing is destined to be one of the greatest industries in all this region of country, and while it is not to be compared with what it must become as a result of further

growth and spread of population. The Utah Nursery company is composed of J. A. Goodhue, president; M. B. Sowles, secretary. The office of the company is situated at No. 434 D. F. Walker building. The nurseries, embracing several hundred acres, are situated south of Twelfth South street between Ninth and Tenth East streets, (see 1111 y or 2). The stock in cultivation includes fruit and ornamental shade trees and shrubbery, the fruit embracing all the varieties grown in a semi-tropical climate, productive of such luscious apples, peaches, and all the small tree fruits which we now enjoy in such abundance, all the trees being especially adapted to this climate, and when properly cultivated are productive of fruits that can not be excelled in the world. The Utah Nursery company has done and is doing a great work in its cultivation of trees to their full standard condition as the most reliable nursery stock in the country, and they sell to all the surrounding states and territories. The gentlemen composing the company are among our most prominent men of industry and form a strong element in our citizenship.

### PIONEER NURSERIES CO.

One of the most satisfactory signs in the agricultural life of our country is the fact that our farmers and fruit growers are alive to the necessity of using the best nursery stock, and have found out that it pays in the long run. Of all the nurseries in the west none bear a more honored name or hold a higher reputation than do those of the Pioneer Nurseries Co., which was established as far back as 1850 and incorporated in 1883, with ample capital. For over half a century it has been known for its fair and liberal dealing, as well as for the high quality of its stock, always true to name, and the great variety of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs, etc., it handles. The company holds a very extensive acreage here with excellent packing facilities at Twelfth South and State street, with

nurseries at Covendale and Union and an experimental orchard of 40 acres at Provo, totalling several hundred acres of ground. It grows and sells the stock that is in the greatest demand all over the West, and this includes all kinds of fruit trees, berry plants, shrubs, shade trees, etc., and all are sold at exceptionally close prices. A house that has enjoyed for 53 years the confidence of growers and still retains its place in the nursery trade and the continued prosperity of the Pioneer Nurseries Co. over so long a period is clear indication that such a product and such methods have been constant factors in their long career.

### THE B. C. MORRIS FLORAL CO.

Nothing adds so largely to all public functions as handsome floral decorations and in this class of work the company is among our most prominent. The B. C. Morris Floral Co., whose main store is located in the McCormick Building, phone 1011, with branch at 72 East Second street, phone 853, where their large greenhouses and gardens are at 515 South Tenth East street, where they have a very extensive acreage under glass. The manager of the business is Mr. Thomas Hobday, a gentleman of expert knowledge and wide experience in the business and highly regarded by the patrons of the house. At both their stores they show a fine collection of choice and rare cut blooms of all kinds and make to order the most exquisite floral designs for weddings, funerals, etc., while they also sell potted plants, palms, shrubs, etc., and their prices in all are most moderate. Floral decorating is artistically and promptly executed and they make a specialty of filling mail and express orders promptly. The officers of the company are Mr. L. A. Conneland, president; and Mr. R. P. Morris, vice president; together with Mr. Hobday, all leading

## Lawyers.

### BENNETT & BIERER.

It is an almost universal rule that no classes of men are more valuable to a community than the members of the legal profession, that none are more loyal, more intelligent, more enterprising or possess higher standards of morality. Few cities in our Union of the same size can boast so many able members of the legal fraternity as can Salt Lake. Prominent among the leaders at the local bar are the members of the firm of Bennett & Bierer, whose office suite with fine law library are located at 181 South Main street. Mr. C. W. Bennett, the senior member, is a graduate of Albany Law School class, 1857, who came to Salt Lake City in November, 1871, and has been continuously practicing his profession here since. His partner, Mr. Everard Bierer, Jr., who joined Mr. Bennett in April, 1894, was for a very large number of years a graduate of the University of Kansas class, 1877, and of the University Law School, Washington, D. C., class 1882, and was for several years immediately prior to coming to Salt Lake, assistant attorney for the interior

department at Washington, and is a member of the United States supreme bar. Both are exceptionally well read in all branches of their profession, and are a very large and influential clientele, both local and in other parts of our country and Europe. They conduct a general law practice, appearing in all the courts.

### THOMAS & MAYCOCK.

Special distinction is enjoyed by Salt Lake City as the home of a but not a few of its leading and able attorneys, which includes many well known and leading practitioners who have a national reputation as advocates. Among the younger firms we include the members of the recently formed co-partnership of Thomas & Maycock, who were both appointed office suite and law library are located at rooms 29, 283, 285 Deseret News building, telephone 1127-x. The partners are Mr. Mathoniah Thomas and Mr. Philip S. Maycock, both graduates of the law college of the University of Michigan. These gentlemen have had the benefit

of the best legal and literary training, are soundly read in all branches of law and fully equipped to accord to all interest placed in their charge the highest class of professional service while they are lawyers of unswerving integrity and honor. They conduct a general practice in all the state and federal courts; act as legal advisers and are general attorneys of the American Surety Co. of New York for the states of Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. They enjoy a large practice and the esteem of their clients.

### N. W. SONNEDECKER.

Since 1886 Mr. N. W. Sonnedeker has been established in practice in Salt Lake City and is today a leader in the profession of law at the local bar, and a gentleman who is esteemed not only for his eminent professional habits and sterling integrity, but for his progressive public spirit which he evinces in aiding every good work that tends to advance the material interests of our city. Mr. Sonnedeker is a graduate of the Kansas State Normal School, where he was valedictorian of his class, and an eminent attorney, Mr. G. A. Smith of Hartford, Kas., and he is soundly versed in every branch of his profession, of which he still remains a close student. His office suite is at 606 and 607 Progress building, and he conducts a very large general practice and appears in all the State and Federal courts. He is skillful, conscientious and careful in the preparation of all his cases, is an advocate of eloquence and convincing lucidity, while as an office lawyer and advisory counsel he is safe and very reliable, and in his professional intercourse is cultured, courteous and both socially and professionally is greatly respected.

### WEBER & BROFFET.

Salt Lake City undoubtedly ranks today as one of the most noted cities of the American continent, and the story of her progress, industries and resources presents a subject of deep interest to all. Not less so does the achievements of her professional men, and the bench and bar of Salt Lake City are inseparably linked with the progress our city is made during the past. The bar today has many brilliant men practicing their profession here and among these are Messrs. Weber & Broffet, who hold their positions as leaders entirely on merit. Mr. A. J. Weber is a graduate of Iowa College of Law class 1884, while Mr. M. P. Broffet is one of the city's well established practitioners, and both are learned, able and honorable practitioners, who enjoy the highest esteem both in and out of the profession. Their office suite and law library are located at rooms 226-227-228 D. F. Walker building, telephone 1481-x, and they enjoy a very large and influential practice, which is general in its character. They appear in all state and federal courts and are able legal advisers for their clients, and in each branch they exhibit professional talent of the highest order, and carefully safeguard every interest placed in their professional charge.

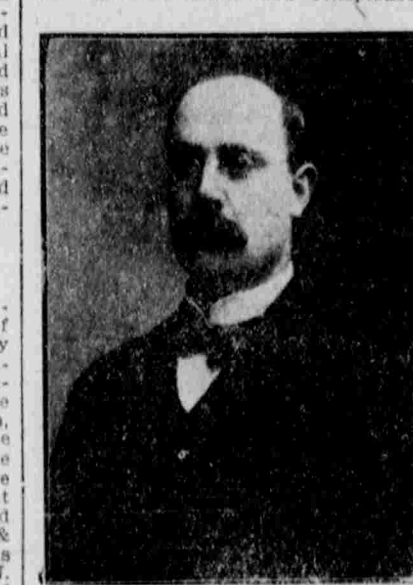
### L. H. GRAY.

As a center of land and mining interests of Utah it is only natural to find Salt Lake City provided with some expert land and mining attorneys, who

act for claimants to lands and whose special training and wide experience make their services peculiarly valuable. One such is Mr. L. H. Gray of room 309 of the Templeton, who established his practice here in 1895. He has resided in this city for 12 years prior to which he had been for 15 years in different land offices and was also in the United States land office, and is thoroughly posted in every detail of land and mining business. He occupies a very finely appointed suite of offices and is secretary for a large number of mining companies in which he is also interested as a stockholder. He prepares land office papers and attends promptly to business by mail, procures agricultural and mineral patents and conducts contested land and mining claims. His professional charges are moderate and he records a very valuable service to his clients by whom he is held in very high regard.

### H. S. TANNER.

Salt Lake is exceedingly fortunate in numbering among its city citizens a gentleman of a goodly number of young men who are making their mark for distinguished ability in the professions and this representation is particularly the more numerous and conspicuous



among the legal fraternity; moreover it is a gratifying fact that among this class some of our worthy native young men have rapidly attained to positions of honor and distinction upon the bench and within the pale of the bar. Notable among these is the Hon. Henry S. Tanner, a young lawyer of culture and distinguished talent, who is now filling the position of judge of the Salt Lake City court, presiding in the civil division, room 5 City and County building, while engaging in his professional practice at rooms 14 and 15 Corner Hotel building. Judge Tanner was born in Payson, Utah, educated in the schools of the state and before commencing the study of law he filled with credit to himself and the Church three preaching missions, one in the Southern States, one in the mining districts of Utah and one in California, serving as a missionary five years in all in which time he did splendid work. He filled the

honorable position of president of the California mine and land law society and he is a member of the board of Y. M. M. I. A. of the Church and the home mission of Salt Lake City, Utah. Judge Tanner is a graduate from his law school, University of Michigan in 1890. Entering immediately upon the practice of his profession in Salt Lake his sprightly intelligence and promising abilities have been fully evidenced by the unusually early period in his career had to his choice at the recent election to the honorable position of judge in this court. His total experience and ability and many dignity that has characterized the course of his practice in the courts.

### R. E. ROSS.

Owing to the large amount of land and mining litigation which occurs in Salt Lake City of such an able and experienced land and mining attorney as Mr. R. E. Ross is of great importance. He has been established on his own account since 1889, succeeding to the business of Mr. T. C. Bailey with whom he was connected for nine years, and he is fully posted in every branch of the business, his total experience extending over 25 years. His office is at room 317 Templeton building, next to United States Land office, corner State and Temple streets, and he conducts contested land and mining claims in which he is very successful. He obtains patents under the mining and agricultural land acts, and also prepares maps, tracts and deeds of all descriptions. He answers all letters concerning land matters when stamps are enclosed for a reply and furnishes diagrams of lands showing those open for entry and his professional charges are moderate.

### WILL F. WANLESS.

Not only do many of the leading corporations, business houses and citizens of Salt Lake City entrust their legal affairs to the hands of Mr. Will F. Wanless, but he numbers many of his most influential clients from various cities and towns of this state and its interests alike he gives the most conscientious and unremitting attention. His office suite and very excellent law library are located at rooms 1072-x, Templeton building, telephone 235-291. Mr. Wanless has been practicing very successfully for several years. He is a lawyer who is well read in every branch of law, strictly upright and honorable in his conduct, and is always alert to the best interests of his patrons. He conducts a general practice, appears in all the courts of the state, and is as well known as at home, and is an experienced, reliable legal adviser, and expert draftsman of legal documents and a very popular in the profession.

### TEACHERS.

Dr. Talmage's new book, "The Great Salt Lake (Present and Past)," should be in the hands of every educator. The amount of information it contains relating to the great saline sea, and its history, is of great value. It is an invaluable work. Deseret News Book Store, Salt Lake City, Utah.