

In 1890 on $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent levy about.....	\$ 2300.00
Fourteenth Ward received in 1889 on $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent levy.....	9985.67
Fourteenth Ward will receive in 1890 on $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent levy about.....	30000.00
Fifteenth Ward received in 1889 on $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent levy.....	1781.93
Fifteenth Ward will receive in 1890 on $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent levy about.....	33000.00
And so on down the list.	
The whole matter is of vast importance and interest to property holders throughout the Territory.	

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

The *Provo Enquirer* of March 27, contains the following:

"The sand bags still remain in the Jordan river and obstruct the waters of the lake. The two commissioners of Utah County objected strenuously to having the sand bags placed in the bed of the river at all; they feared that it would prove damaging to this county in the spring when high waters began. As Salt Lake County has the same number of commissioners as Utah County, there was a tie vote on the question, and, under the agreement of 1888, the disinterested commissioner from Davis County was called in and cast his vote with the Salt Lake party, which secured the right to place the obstruction in the Jordan river and thus keep back the waters of the lake.

There is great dissatisfaction on the part of the farmers of Utah County, owing to this dam in the Jordan, as they fear serious results therefrom. It will be seen, however, that the Utah County members of the commission are not in any way responsible for it being there. They objected to the arrangement quite as much as their constituents do now, but under the agreement between the two counties, they had to give in by the vote of the man from Davis County.

We hope, however, that the representatives of this county on the water question will see that the waters of the lake do not exceed the limits specified in the agreement, viz.: Three feet and three and a half inches above low water mark. The last measurement shows that the water is within twenty inches of the compromise line, and as yet very little of the winter snows have melted."

The commissioners on this side of the county line, as well as other men of good judgment and experience are positive in their assertions that the Utah County farmers have no occasion to worry over an alleged prospect of serious results from high water. They call attention to the provision in the last paragraph of the article quoted, and say that it is an ample protection. If high water comes, the waterways on the Salt Lake County side of the dam are sufficient to carry off safely a much larger quantity of the fluid than had to be handled in 1885 when the surplus canal was made. The claim is also made that what-

ever uneasiness exists is caused by parties who are anxious to create strife, and that there is no warrant for their action. While there is a prospect for plenty of water, there is no apparent danger of floods.

FRIENDS IN NEED.

On account of the dry season last year and an insufficient quantity of hay, a considerable number of stock has died of starvation, probably twenty per cent of all in the valley, and future prospects are not assuring in this respect. Besides this, a great many people having run out of provisions, starvation began to stare them in the face. To consider this trying situation a meeting was called at Afton on Friday, March 14th, when it was deemed advisable to try and break a road through to Montpelier, a distance of fifty miles, in order that provisions and grain might be secured. On the 17th inst. a company of twenty-nine persons, with eleven teams, set out from Star Valley, wending their way up Crow Creek Canyon, and making a halt the first night six miles from its mouth. Starting early next morning they were able to make nine miles more and camped that night at the foot of the White Dugway. The following four days they accomplished nearly three miles each day, which landed them at Camp Giveout. Feed for the horses and provisions for the men were, however, exhausted by this time. Fortunately at this juncture a message arrived from Bear Lake that the residents of that part had taken our situation into consideration, and sought to help in the undertaking. They set eighteen men to work on that end of the road, and thirteen teams were laden with provisions. Most of the teams had then gone two nights without food. We broke a single trail to meet the Bear Lakers and left our sleighs behind. On the afternoon of Monday, the 24th, the two parties met at Snowslide. A halt was made long enough to take dinner, and then came the return for our sleighs. That night we landed at the camp of the Bear Lakers at the foot of Snowslide, twelve miles from Montpelier. Next morning we started for Montpelier, headed by the Bear Lakers, and arrived at our destination at half-past one p.m. We stopped in front of Burgoyne's store, where Brother Cyrus Tolman heartily thanked the Bear Lakers in behalf of the people of Star Valley.

At night the road breakers assembled at Kimball's Hall (at the request of the people of Montpelier) and held a social dance.

The people of Star Valley desire to return their best thanks to the people of Bennington, Preston and Montpelier for their great kindness.

Among those from Bear Lake who took an active part in this enterprise might be mentioned John Cousin, Ed. Burgoyne, Moroni Davis and O. M. Comber. The committee of the Star Valley people consisted of A. L. Hale, A. B. Call, J. Crook.

The snow along the road is from two feet deep in the valley to eight in the mountains.

HEBER A. HOLBROOK.
MONTPELIER, Bear Lake, March 25th, 1890.

THE TELEPHONE INCREASE.

One of the protests against the telephone company increasing its already high rates for instruments has been completed, and the telephone management now have a chance to reconsider their proposed action. The officials stated, in the contest with the electric railway company, that 475 to 480 instruments were in use in this city. The subscribers to the protest represent a total of 122 instruments, or one-fourth of the entire number, with others to hear from. The magnitude of the opposition to the unreasonable demand of the telephone management will doubtless cause a little sober reflection on the part of the company's officials. Here is the document referred to:

To the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, subscribers for the Bell telephone, protest against the increase of rent from \$60 to \$80 per annum, as announced in your letter of March 10. Appreciating the trouble under which you have labored since the introduction of the electric railway, we have kept the instruments in our places of business when the service was virtually worthless, and we think that from the prices now charged the revenue derived should fully justify the company in any outlay they may have to make to improve the service. Therefore, if the charge for the telephone is not kept at the former price—\$60 per annum—and the service improved, we must request that you remove the instruments from our places of business on the night of March 31, 1890, or within twenty-four hours thereafter.

Thomas G. Webber, Superintendent
Z. C. M. I., Utah Stove and Hardware Co., Remington, Johnson & Co., W. O. Paye & Co., Kahn Bros., Cummings & Jennings, Jos. A. Jennings, Harper Bros., Crismon-Searff Co., Hanak Bros., Fred J. May, F. G. Lyngburg, Rogers & Co., P. W. Madsen, Heesch & Ellerbeck, D. M. Steele & Co., W. H. Smith, Wiscomb & Co., Hardy, Young & Co., Estate R. B. Margetts, M. E. Cummings, Cashier Utah Commercial and Savings Bank, Culmer Bros., W. H. Culmer, F. Culmer, Sr., Godbe-Pitts Drug Co., Rock Springs Coal Co., Thirteenth Ward Co-op., David James & Co., Goldsmith & Co., People's Equitable Co-op., Barnes, Lewis & Co., Sherwood Bros., S. F. Ball & Co., Johnson, Pratt & Co., Little, Poundy & Co., Solomon Bros., D. M. McAllister & Co., Coalter & Snellgrove, Margetts Bros., Cunningham & Co., S. P. Teasdel, William Peterson, Jr., George F. Brooks, William Wood & Sons, C. & D. Margetts, Jackson, Lindlow & Co., John Dean Swift, D. L. Davis, George W. Davis, H. W. Lawrence, D. O. Calder Estate, Henry Dinwoodey, Sorenson & Carlquist, W. B. Calvert, W. S. Henderson, Walker Bros. Co., Hyde & Griffin Co. Co-operative Wagon & Machine Co., H. J. Grant & Co., Price & Clark, M. R. Evans, Kelsey & Gillespie, Salt Lake Hardware Co., Star Printing Co., Bechtel & Sands, Eli L. Price, California