

## DOES MR. BECK OWN MAJORITY?

Question That is Agitating Some Stockholders of Orpheum Theater Who Sold Out.

### NELSON AND GARRETT'S COUP

Friends Claim They Are Sole Owners—Manager W. L. Jennings Is Given a Vacation.

Who is the owner of the majority of stock of the Orpheum Vaudeville company, operating the Orpheum theater? The question is one agitating very much the Salt Lake stockholders who turned in their holdings under the representation that Martin Beck of Chicago was buying up the control, and that it was useless to hold out because a minority of stockholders would be powerless against him.

#### PECULIAR DEAL

Recently it has been learned that Joseph Nelson had borrowed from the Zion's Savings bank the sum of \$15,000 and given Orpheum stock as security for it. This has caused considerable discussion among Orpheum stockholders as according to their reckoning, most of the stock ought to be back in Chicago, subject to the call of Mr. Beck. Friends of Howard Garrett and Joseph Nelson quote them as declaring that they are the sole owners, although the deal is still carried in the name of Martin Beck.

#### NO STOCK RETURNED

Many of those who turned in their stock claim to have understood that Martin Beck was to take out 51 per cent, making this up pro rata among the stock turned in this total, and returning to them the balance of what they turned in. They claim, however, that no stock was ever returned to them.

#### MANAGER JENNINGS QUILTS

It is announced that W. Langley Jennings, for two years manager of the Orpheum theater here, has been granted a vacation. He leaves shortly for his old home to attend the wedding of the twin sister of his wife, and consequently will not return this season.

It is understood that during his absence, J. Howard Garrett will look after the interests of the Orpheum circuit and the stock company season.

#### FALSE PRETENSES CHARGED

Dist. Atty. F. C. Loofbourrow has filed an information against W. R. Shropshire in the Third district court, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, and that he is alleged to have gone to J. Swen, after the latter had bought 3,022 pounds of brass that had been stolen from the Salt Lake Route, saying that he represented the road, and would settle the matter for \$241.75. Swen paid the money, which he claims was the second time he had paid for the brass. Shropshire left the city, going to Los Angeles, where he was arrested and brought back to Salt Lake.

#### BEFORE JUSTICE SMITH.

Forest Wilson, Al Crigler, Joe Porter, Louis Granger and Charles Kiley, the five messenger boys who were arrested on April 25 for robbing a room in Franklin avenue, were arraigned this morning before Justice of the Peace Dana P. Smith on two counts charging burglary in the second degree. They all pleaded not guilty, and the case was set for May 5, for preliminary hearing. In default of \$500 bail, they were committed to the custody of the sheriff.

Joe Henry and Ed Brush, charged with robbing C. M. Bird of a watch and \$16.50, April 25, were arraigned before Justice Smith this morning and pleaded not guilty. They will have a hearing on May 6. Both were committed to the county jail in default of \$500 bonds.

J. Wilson and Harry Watson, the men accused of breaking into the jewelry store of Enoch Amussen at 70 south Main street last Sunday evening and stealing therefrom about \$500 worth of rings and watches, are having a preliminary hearing before Justice Smith this afternoon.

#### PROBATE COURT.

Judge Armstrong this morning held a brief session in the probate division of the Third district court, at which the following orders were entered: Estate of John Bettess, deceased, confirmation of sale of real estate and personal property. Estate of Jacob J. Visol, deceased, granting letters of administration and appointment of administrator with bond of \$7,850. Estate of Mary E. Shurtliff, deceased, order approving final accounting and decree of distribution. Estate of Mary E. Van Schoonhoven, order approving final accounting and decree of distribution.

#### WEATHER TALK.

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sued by the local weather office this morning. Heavy storms and winds are reported from the extreme south, valley and central states and from the lake region. The cold wave Salt Lake is experiencing comes from the northwest where it is cold, damp and miserable generally.

#### DEATH OF SOPHIA KING.

After Spending Her Life in Useful Work Denise Comes in California.

A telegram was received yesterday from Alameda, Cal., announcing the death in that city of Mrs. Sophia P. King. Mrs. King died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gulon, who will accompany the remains to this city for burial.

The funeral services will be held at the chapel of Joseph E. Taylor at a time to be announced later. Mrs. King has a host of friends in Salt Lake City and other parts of Utah, especially among the older inhabitants, with whom she was associated in the early days. Her life was a particularly interesting one. She was born in Springfield, Mass., Jan. 8, 1826. When 11 years old she went through a conversion from the Bible and proved their doctrines, but she believed they had quoted falsely and sat up all night reading the Scriptures, to learn whether they had done so or not. Finding the passages genuine, she went again to hear the elders and left the meeting converted to the gospel.

At this time Mrs. King was the youngest member of the Baptist congregation to which she belonged and was looked upon with much favor by her minister and the older members. When it was learned that she had been converted to Mormonism, a most zealous effort was made to turn her away, but finding that she stood firm in her new faith, her relatives planned to keep her confined in her home. She escaped, however, went to Brooklyn, and worked in a factory until she had obtained means to emigrate. Then she took passage on the ship Brooklyn and sailed around the Horn to California. There she met Capt. Edward King, whom she later married. Mrs. King came to Utah with her children in 1857 and took part in "the move." Her husband followed the next year, but died soon after. Left a widow, she endured all the hardships of the early days. Her later years have been spent mostly in California.

#### WANTS HER BABY BACK.

Mrs. Tom Sun, mother of the colored child taken to the juvenile court Thursday, for which Mrs. Young secured a good home with a colored family, returned yesterday and asked for her baby back. She explained that she wanted Mr. Rogers, to whom she took her child, to take the infant to have and to hold only till she got back from Ogden, where she went after leaving the baby. She further explained that she was the wife of Tom Sun, a Chinaman who is now in Nevada, and he would not like to find the baby gone when he returns home. Mrs. Young promised to get her little pickaninny back for her.

#### PERSONALS.

Miss Margaret and Ethel Dooley have returned from a trip to Europe.

Inspector Reynolds of the forest service has gone to Idaho on business connected with the department.

Noble Warrum has returned from the state of Tabasco, Mexico, where he is interested in rubber plantations.

#### PENSION BILLS PUT THROUGH.

Washington, April 24.—The business of the house proceeded today at a rapid pace, despite the fact that the Democrats forced six roll calls. Over 1,000 pension bills were put through, the largest batch of the session. A bill was passed providing for the protection of life on navigable waters during regattas and marine parades. These also was discussed at length the Burleson resolution demanding the report of the commissioner of corporations on the cause of fluctuations in cotton. The vote on that measure will be taken tomorrow.

At 4:25 p. m. the house took a recess until 11:30 tomorrow.

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## LATE LOCALS.

Special Meeting Monday.—The board of education will hold a special meeting Monday night for the purpose of further considering the estimate of school expenses for the ensuing year. The matter of awarding contracts for school supplies will not come up at this meeting.

Fire Laddies House Cleaning.—Fire department headquarters presents a new and pleasing appearance. For several days the boys have been busy giving the building a thorough overhauling and cleaning. The walls have been repainted and whitewashed and looking about headquarters looks clean and new.

New Mercantile Co.—Articles of incorporation of the Cannonville Co-operative Mercantile association of Garfield county were filed in the office of the secretary of state this morning. The company is capitalized at \$2,400, divided into 81 shares. K. A. Fletcher is named as president, I. Adair, vice president, and J. P. Willis, secretary and treasurer.

Drainage Congress.—Gov. Cutler this morning received a communication from N. B. Broward, governor of Florida and president of the National Drainage association, making a request that the Utah executive attend the meeting of the drainage congress to be held at Washington, D. C., on May 12, 1908. President Broward also requests that the governor appoint three delegates from the state of Utah to attend the congress.

Religious Books for Convicts.—The Moody Institute at Chicago has sent 50 pounds of evangelical books and pamphlets to the inmates of the Utah state prison. A special fund was left by the late L. D. Moody with which to provide religious literature for the various prisons of the country, and it is from this that such reading matter is furnished for prisoners here. Local religious organizations foot the freight bills.

Twentieth Ward.—Friday evening, May 1, there will be given at the Twentieth ward amusement hall a musical entertainment for the benefit of Lester Snow Young, son of Brigham Morris Young, missionary to California. An interesting program has been arranged, in the rendition of which the following persons will take part: Quartet, Edna Evans, Claudia Holt, Ross Beattie, Lou Halsett, Irene Kelly, Elma Young, Lou Halsett, B. M. Young, Jr., Edna Evans, solo; Hugh W. Douglas, W. W. Calder; double quartet, soprano obligato, Edna Evans.

#### DECORATION DAY RACE.

Manager Hugh Rippetoe of the Decoration day road race reports satisfactory progress in the arrangements for the annual event to be held at the fair grounds this year's contest will be equal with those in the past. He has already secured five wheels for prizes.

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## TINTIC RATES ARE DISCUSSED

Secret Meeting of Gould, Clark and Harriman Freight Representatives is Held.

### PRODUCERS PUT UP FIGHT.

Mine Owners and Others Interested in Smelter Ask for a Square Deal From Railroads.

What about the fight being waged by Tintic for set freight rates? Is a question being asked, not only by the Tintic people, but the entire state. May be a secret meeting held yesterday means developments in the very near future. This secret meeting was held in S. V. Derrah's office. Mr. Derrah is assistant general freight agent of the Rio Grande, and among those present, as the society editor would say, were A. Wann, traffic manager of the Salt Lake Route; A. C. Ridgway, general manager of the Rio Grande, and J. A. Roeyan, general freight agent for the Oregon Short Line. None of these men would say a word about what was done at the conference, in fact, the meeting was denied, but it has been learned that Tintic freight rate matters were discussed and while no decision was reached another meeting will be held Wednesday.

Tintic producers present the argument that Tintic should be put on a Utah common point basis and numerous appeals have been made to the railroads to do this; but every attempt has been met with failure. The mine owners and others who are putting up a fight for lower rates for Tintic argue, further, that the camp now has a smelter but despite this rates that have been in force for years have not been lowered by the railroads. Under these rates, Tintic says her smelter cannot operate. The situation has become strained and yesterday's "secret" meeting has more significance than ordinary. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday will be of widespread interest, although there is nothing out upon which to base a guess as to what will transpire.

#### OFF FOR CONVENTION.

J. Cruickshank, chief clerk in the department of passenger accounts, and T. A. Martin, chief clerk in the department of freight accounts, of the Oregon Short Line, leave tonight for Washington, D. C. They will represent their road at the meeting of the association of American railway accounting officers to be held there April 22. Mrs. Cruickshank will accompany her husband.

## WARSHIPS HAVE WEIGHED ANCHOR

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and appeared again and the file of ships seemed to mark time while the flagship viewed the formation. A half mile from the beach the Connecticut wheeled again, pointing her nose northward and parallel with the beach where the people were waving flags and where the rusty guns mounted on the salute pier and began to boom out a salute of welcome, to which the etiquette of the navy forbade a reply. Here for a full quarter of an hour the line was broken and the fleet appeared in three lines, one close to the shore, steaming northward, another heading straight toward the beach and the third paralleling the first, but two miles further out. Viewed from the Santa Monica cliffs, the scene was one never to be forgotten. In this perspective the foremost ships loomed large, the rest of their armor showing plainly, the brass of the decks glittering in the sunlight and their masts and smokestacks forming a thick forest with a black smoke overhanging the blue water of the bay. As the battleships executed the double turn they appeared in hopeless confusion. So sharp was the change of course that each of the big vessels passed directly across the bow of one of the sister ships and the people viewed the unaccustomed sight with some trepidation, fearing a disaster.

But as the Connecticut drew away and each of the succeeding ships withdrew from the group, maintaining an exact interval of a few hundred feet, the momentary fear gave way to admiration and the exhibition of seamanship was applauded by cheers and the waving of flags.

#### WITNESSED PROCESSION.

Venice, Cal., April 25.—From high bluffs of Santa Monica bay overlooking the sea, 100,000 people from 8:30 to 9 o'clock this morning witnessed the procession of the entire fleet of battleships. Although definite promises had been made that the reunited squadrons would maneuver here for two hours, the ships steamed north after having passed in review. The piers were jammed as well as was the shore line, but no accidents were recorded.

#### REWARD OF \$500

FOR TRAIN ROBBERS

Butte, Mont., April 24.—The Northern Pacific Railway company tonight posted a bulletin offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the bandits who last night attempted to hold up the North Coast Limited near Homestead, 15 miles east of this city. The authorities will hold a Rudolf Wink, Paul Felinus and Alfred Teasdel, arrested at the scene of the attempted robbery of the limited. The men tell very contradictory stories, especially Wink and Felinus, and Sheriff Henderson believes that the men know more about the attempted robbery than they have divulged. The red flag with which Wink heigged the limited, together with dynamite and soap, with which the men were, to grease the tracks, were found today.

#### DIED.

FUNK.—In this city, April 23, 1908, John Rudolf Funk, in his 57th year. Funeral services will be held from the S. D. Evans mortuary chapel, 48 south State street, Sunday, April 26, at 2:30 p. m. Interment, Mt. Olivet.

HOLMES.—In this city on April 20, 1908, George Alfred Holmes, aged 41 years, 3 months and 2 days. Funeral services will be held from Eber W. Hall's funeral parlors, 225 south West Temple street, on Sunday, April 26, 1908, at 3 p. m., under the auspices of Great Salt Lake camp No. 10671, Modern Woodmen, Interment in city cemetery.

KIRSHER.—Elizabeth Kirsher, in this city, April 23, 1908, aged 84 years. Funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, 1363 south Second West street. Interment city cemetery.

CECIL.—Ellen, the 9-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dugan, died at 252 south Fourth West Friday afternoon.

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