

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR
QUEEN VICTORIA
SLOWLY SINKING.
No Hopes Entertained of Her Recovery—
Her Family All at Osborne House—
Whole World Expresses Sympathy.

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LONDON, Jan. 21.—The secretary of state for home affairs, Mr. Ritchie, who has been temporarily left Osborne, has been summoned to return there.

RALLIED SLIGHTLY.
London, Jan. 21, noon.—The following bulletin was issued at Osborne House at 11 o'clock this morning: "The queen has slightly rallied. Since the night of the 19th she has been somewhat better, and has had some refreshing sleep. The doctors say there is no further loss of strength. The symptoms which gave rise to the most anxiety were those which point to a local obstruction in the brain circulation."

"SIGNED"
"JAMES REID,
"DOUGLASS POWELL,
"THOMAS BARLOW."

Mr. Thomas Barlow is a celebrated authority on cerebral affections, and his opinion in the bulletin of the extent of the queen's condition is of great value. The bulletin of the queen's condition is of great value. The bulletin of the queen's condition is of great value.

London, Jan. 21, 4:30 a. m.—A telephone message from Osborne House at 4:30 a. m. says: "The queen is very slightly better."

There is little doubt, however, in the minds of the doctors that the queen's condition is such that no hopes are entertained of her recovery.

DEATH MOMENTARILY EXPECTED
Covers, Isle of Wight, Jan. 21, 1:15 p. m.—The queen's slight rally of this morning was followed by a gradual sinking which it continues will result in her speedy death. No surprise will be felt here if her death is announced at any moment.

Shortly before this announcement was made Emperor William and his family arrived at Osborne House. A good sized crowd met them as they disembarked at the quay. The emperor and empress were met by the queen's son, the prince of Wales, and his family. The emperor and empress were met by the queen's son, the prince of Wales, and his family.

CARINET CONSIDERS MEETING.
London, Jan. 21.—The inner circle of the cabinet has been in session this afternoon in connection with official procedure in the event of her majesty's death.

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ABOUT THE MANSION HOUSE.
London, Jan. 21.—The scenes about the mansion house today exemplified the anxiety of the common interest which has made all here akin. Great crowds thronged the grounds all day, and nothing could be more impressive than the profound silence with which the alternating phases of the crisis were witnessed.

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THEVES TAKE A MAIL POUCH.

Taken From Transfer Truck at Cheyenne This Morning.

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS GO

Trunk Was at the Union Depot—Thus Far There is No Clue to the Robbers.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS"]
Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 21.—A mail pouch was stolen from a transfer truck at the Union Pacific depot this morning. The thieves carried the pouch to the west end of the yard, where it was slashed open and the letters rifled. The pouch is said to have contained between three and four thousand letters and a considerable quantity of money. Postoffice inspectors are at work on the case. No arrests have been made and no clues have been discovered that would disclose the identity of the thieves.

HEARING ON GOLD BILLS.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The House committee on coinage, weights and measures today continued the hearings on the various gold bills before it. Charles A. Conant and Representative Overstreet were heard. The latter is the author of one of the bills before the committee.

OSCAR RESUMES REINS OF GOVERNMENT.

Stockholm, Jan. 21.—At today's council of state King Oscar of Sweden and Norway resumed the reins of government, after his recent illness.

RUSSIAN PRESS COMMENT.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—In the comment of all circles not influential on Queen Victoria's illness, the personal note dominates the political. The czar's subjects freely admit that her majesty has been one of the principal bulwarks of peace. The Russian press is full of sympathy for the queen.

PARIS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The dispatches from Osborne are eagerly read here. The evening papers publish more frequent bulletins of the queen's condition. The articles in the papers are sympathetic, though they give evidence of the anti-British feeling aroused by the South African war. Many of the writers ascribe Queen Victoria's collapse to the cloud of melancholy enveloping her on account of the situation in South Africa and the ever increasing death toll.

UNIVERSAL EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

London, Jan. 21.—The dispatches received here from nearly every capital in Europe from India, Australia, Jamaica and all of the British colonies show the press and people are sympathetic in their comment on the queen's illness. The queen's illness has become a topic of conversation in every household. The queen's illness has become a topic of conversation in every household.

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COUNTY WANTS ITS OWN HOSPITAL.

Will Establish One Near Murray for Smallpox Cases.

DECISION ARRIVED AT TODAY

City Patients Have Been Developing Huge and Expensive Appetites—Municipality Must Go It Alone.

The county health board, consisting of the three county commissioners and Dr. Mayo, county physician, held a short session this morning before the regular meeting of the county commission. The request of Dr. Stroup, health officer at Bingham, for salary for work performed, was denied for the reason that the law says such officer shall serve without compensation.

Dr. H. A. Anderson who has held the position of county physician for the past two years, handed in his resignation, which was accepted, and Dr. Mayo appointed in his stead, as health officer of district No. 1.

On motion of Dr. Mayo, it was decided to urge more stringent measures against smallpox and see if the disease could not be stamped out. If development of the buildings and medical help, and the county the food supplies, which the health board claim has become too expensive. The patients at the hospital appear to develop huge appetites upon being taken there for treatment. Large orders are sent down nearly every day for oysters, high-class fish and various other fancy edibles, including canned goods and fruits, besides the more common articles. The county health board thinks it can't stand this heavy expense, and therefore intend to establish their own hospital and operate it on a more economical basis, hoping to have the same result in a saving to the county's finances. The board will meet in regular session next Saturday at 10 a. m. to take up the matter of establishing a county hospital.

SHEEPMEN MEET TODAY.

Executive Committee of National Wool Growers Association in Session This Morning.

Decides to Select Board of Control to Look After Business and Get It in Shape.

On Saturday afternoon the executive committee of the National Wool Growers' association was appointed upon the names turned in by the various States as follows:

Washington, S. J. Cameron; Missouri, Harold Carlisle; New Mexico, Harry W. Kelly; Montana, T. C. Powers; Nevada, Thomas Nelson; Colorado, J. E. Massey; California, Harry Quinn; Ohio, Dwight Lincoln; Idaho, A. J. Knollin; Oregon, D. P. Ketchum; Arizona, E. S. Gosney; Michigan, ex-Governor John T. Rich; Wyoming, E. P. Searcy; Utah, H. A. Kearns.

At 7:30 this morning the committee met behind closed doors in the Assembly Hall with Vice President Bennett in the chair and Harold Carlisle officiating as secretary. During the course of the meeting the committee authorized the appointment of a board of control by the president. The question of an official organ for the association came up for consideration. To better perfect the organization, the committee decided to select the National Shepherd's Bulletin, Mr. Bennett's paper, was selected. The constitution and by-laws adopted on Saturday also came in for a share of criticism with the result that a meeting of the executive committee to draw up a new set of by-laws which will have the consideration of the convention at the next annual meeting. The executive committee also came to the conclusion that it should be split up into local sub-committees, in order that all matters in the districts in which their labors were in evidence should have consideration in the national assembly of sheepmen, which is an annual event.

This morning the committee met again in the office of A. J. Knollin in order to wind up the business and the up the evening. There were present at the gathering this morning: J. H. Kirkpatrick, P. P. Bennett, A. J. Knollin, H. A. Kearns, Harold Carlisle and Jesse M. Smith, who had been invited to attend in order to discuss some matters which were before the committee. The business this morning consisted of the selection of H. Carlisle as the secretary of the proposed board of control. His duties will be to write to the president of the national assembly connected with the wool industry throughout the United States, and generally attend to the pile of business which will come up. It was decided that the board of control should consist of three members, who will be named by the president at a later date. The business of the board of control will be to condense the business, so that it will not be too cumbersome to handle. The committee also decided to raise funds for the establishment of the official organ of the association; to see that there is an official organ for the sheep industry in every State in the Union and to do all in its power to bring about the consolidation and furtherance of the National Wool Growers' association as a body in America.

When seen after the meeting, the members who had been in attendance expressed themselves as being very pleased at the steps that had been taken today towards the co-operation among the sheepmen of the country to look after their interests. Mr. Knollin stated that it had been decided that the board of control should be organized during this first year of its existence towards the upbuilding of the organization and strengthening of it in every way possible. The board of control, he said, would take up a "national" combination of the various States with the end in view that they in turn would become affiliated with the State associations who would be presented in the deliberations of the national association, thus insuring an irresistible combination of the sheep growing interests of the country.

DIVORCE MILL GRIND.

The wheels of the divorce mill made quite a grind today. Judge Hall signed decrees in the following cases for severance of marriage ties existing between:

Martha R. Royals vs. Daniel E. Royals; decree for plaintiff with \$15 per month alimony, and \$25 for attorneys' fees; also custody of little girl 8 years old. The grounds for divorce were failure to provide.

Kathryn Knudsen vs. Frederick Knudsen; decree for plaintiff on the grounds of failure to provide and cruelty. Plaintiff also is permitted to resume her maiden name—Hobard.

Emma J. Irvine vs. John W. Irvine; decree for plaintiff awarding \$20 per month alimony, \$50 attorneys' fees, costs of suit, and custody of two minor children. The testimony in this case was taken before Deputy County Clerk Fred W. Little, who recommended the divorce on the grounds of cruelty, abusive language and assault with pistol on the part of defendant.

Lucy E. Farnsworth vs. C. A. Farnsworth; decree of divorce for plaintiff on the grounds of desertion and abandonment.

Ida M. Davis vs. T. E. Davis; decree for plaintiff, desertion and failure to provide the cause. This case was referred to Deputy County Clerk George G. Armstrong to take testimony, which he did, and recommended the granting of plaintiff's prayer, on above grounds.

Caroline Hodder vs. Frederick Hodder; decree for plaintiff on the ground of failure to provide.

Annie Davis vs. Henry G. Davis; decree for plaintiff.

All of the foregoing cases went by default, none of the defendants appearing to defend the allegations made against them.

BENBROOK DIVORCE.

Elizabeth Benbrook commenced suit for divorce from John H. Benbrook, the gambler, in the district court this afternoon. The parties were married in Colorado, May 28, 1897. Desertion, abandonment and failure to provide are the causes alleged for the action. Plaintiff also asks for the custody of their boy about two years of age.

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SENSATIONAL TALE ABOUT KING.

Declaration That Hamilton, the Desperate Footpad, is One of Col. Prowse's Slay-ers, and That King is Innocent.

A decidedly sensational claim was advanced today concerning the daring highwayman and "knock-out-drops" expert, E. W. Hamilton, who celebrated the advent of Saturday morning last in this city by firing bullets into the legs of "Race Horse Dick" and Special Officer O. P. Pratt, and attempting to perforate the bodies of Policemen Williams and Pack.

If this claim could be substantiated it might cause the hangman's noose or the executioner's bullet to end his own career upon this earth as well as to give liberty to a man over whose head the death penalty now hangs. This is substantially the story told to a "News" representative by a well known Salt Lake attorney this afternoon:

"The robbery at the Sheep Ranch, gambling rooms and the murder of Col. Prowse a few months ago are still fresh in the minds of the Salt Lake public. It will be remembered that three men did that night's bloody work. It will also be remembered that only two men were apprehended, James E. Lynch and Robert L. King. These two men were put on trial for their lives. They were convicted and sentenced to the death penalty. The third man could never be found. Now then, comes the really startling information that I am able to give you certainly and definitely. King was not one of the three men who did that work, but Hamilton, who was arrested by the police here on Saturday, was one of the trio. King is absolutely innocent. Hamilton is guilty. The third man in jail now far from Salt Lake. The matter is in the hands of the Salt Lake officers, and the truth should be disclosed in the very near future. When it is, King and Hamilton will doubtless change places. An innocent man will be saved and a guilty one will unquestionably receive his just dues."

Whether the story has any element of fact about it or whether it is woven for the purpose of assisting King to get a new trial and to escape answering for the crime that twelve jurymen said he was guilty of, remains to be seen.

Chief Hilton and Detective Sheets take the latter view and they take it most positively. They say that King's identification in the trial was absolute and complete in every particular. They also say that the king wants a separate trial, readily consented to be tried with Lynch when the latter declared he would "tell the whole thing" unless that was done. If he had not been a guilty man, the police say, he never would have consented to such a proceeding.

CHARGE AGAINST HAMILTON.
It was learned this afternoon that three more charges are to be filed against E. W. Hamilton, the man who is so handy with his revolver.

The complaints will be filed at once by County Attorney Christensen, charging Hamilton with attempting to murder O. P. Pratt and Officers Marvin E. Pack and Jim Williams.

BOUQUETS FOR LAW MAKERS.

The officers of these districts are to be elected upon the same districts as the county and State officers.

It shall become the duty of the directors of these districts to increase the water supply as extensively as they can, and by such means as purchasing ditch, real estate, canals, lakes or any other feasible way where it can be done at an expense that will justify such increase.

Senate bill No. 11, presented by Senator Barnes, is an act to amend section 5017 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Utah, relating to subpoenas.

The amendment is for the purpose of giving to the district attorneys all the powers enjoyed by the county attorneys in the matter of issuing subpoenas.

Senator Larsen introduced Senate bill No. 14, amending section 273 of the Revised Statutes, in regard to the delivery of convicts. The present law provides only for the removal of criminals sentenced to confinement in the State prison from the county jail within five days after sentence. The amendment includes those under sentence of death also.

Senate bill No. 12, introduced by Senator Kiesel, provides for the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures as the standard weights and measures in the State of Utah, to go into effect after the first day of January, 1902.

Senator Alder introduced Senate bill No. 13, an act to fix the salaries and compensations of district attorneys; also amending section 2061 of the Revised Statutes of Utah relating to the salaries of county attorneys, and repealing section 14 of chapter 36, of the Laws of Utah, relating to salaries of district attorneys.

The amendment does not change the salaries of the county attorneys but relieves them from a fixed basis. It provides that their salaries shall be according to the assessed valuation of their respective districts, dividing the districts into classes.

The measure further provides that half of the salaries of the county attorneys be paid by the State, the same proportion extending to the assessors and treasurer.

Senator Kiesel introduced Senate joint memorial No. 1, memorializing Congress to aid in the reclamation of arid lands in the United States.

The memorial was passed under a suspension of the rules.

The Senate adjourned until 11:30 tomorrow forenoon.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Business Was Brief and Only Two New Bills Were Introduced.

After a two days' rest the House was called to order a few minutes late by Speaker Glavin's customary smile. The speaker's desk, just previous to the calling to order a number of handsome bouquets were distributed among the Brown supporters in the House, with a card conveying Mrs. Brown's compliments.

House claim No. 1 was introduced by Maughan of Cache. It calls for a refund of \$1082.41 part of the purchase price of school land, settled upon prior to March 1, 1893, was referred to the committee on claims and appropriations.

House bill No. 1, by Anderson, was presented to the House by the chairman of the committee on claims and public accounts, approved by that committee for passage. It was referred to the committee on judiciary.

McMillan's House bill No. 18 for the prevention of compulsory vaccination in the public schools, was announced approved by the committee on public health, but had to be referred back to committee to be printed.

Three new bills were introduced today and passed first and second readings.

House bill No. 28, by Holshelmer, providing for special venues was referred to the committee on judiciary.

House bill No. 27, by Barrett, providing for safety apparatus to be used in mines with vertical shafts was referred to the committee on mines and mining.

House bill No. 28, by Barrett, to provide for the creation of the office of State boiler inspector and defining the duties of such as referred to the committee on labor.

A communication from the Senate was received to the effect that Senate bill No. 1, appropriating \$25,000 for the regular and contingent expenses of the legislature, had been approved by the governor.

MRS. FORD DYING.

The many friends of Mrs. John D. Ford, whose condition has been critical for the past two days, will regret to learn that she was reported as lying at death's door at the time she was sent to press. At that hour she was conscious, but it was stated there was no possible hope for her recovery.

COUNTY COURT GRIND.

Business Transacted Today—Inquiry Concerning Bonds, Other Matters.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session this forenoon and disposed of considerable routine business.

County Clerk James sent in the appointment of Joseph McKnight as deputy clerk in his office. On motion of Horne the appointment was confirmed.

John Kee and a Mr. Brink each petitioned to be appointed road supervisor of Bingham district. Mr. Kee received two votes and Brink one, the former getting the appointment.

Mason, Lewis & Co., bankers, of Chicago, sent in a communication stating that they understood the county was going to issue \$35,000 in bonds, and asked to be informed on the contract related loan. Referred to committee on control.

A. E. Cahoon, and twenty-three others, residents of Murray, petitioned the board to have the county surveyor establish proper street lines and grade through the business district of Murray, so that buildings, sidewalks, etc., may conform to the same when built in future. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

Petition from inmates of county infirmary asking that A. F. Kendall be retained as steward was filed with the county clerk, on request of the committee who have been considering it.

Fred A. Olsen, constable of Crescent precinct, made a request for an extra brand sale record. Referred to county clerk.

Phillip Caine, a cripple, asked the board to send him to Bisbee, Arizona, where he had friends to take care of him. Referred to committee on paupers.

Emma C. Bird sent in a letter asking the board to grant her a free license to keep a small store at Fourteenth South and State streets, on the grounds that she is poor. On motion of Horne the request was granted.

A communication was received from A. L. Farrell, clerk of Cache county, containing a statement of transient herds of sheep owned by Salt Lake county parties, but feeding for the winter in Cache county, and asking this county to remit part of the taxes on the sheep, in accordance with section 10 of the 1896 laws of Utah. The commissioners are not sufficiently familiar with the matter, and referred it back for further specifications.

A. C. Sadler asked for quit claim deed to certain property on payment of one-half taxes due. Referred to county treasurer and attorney.

A free pedler's license was granted to John H. Freeman.

County Treasurer Dale was authorized to transfer \$8,750 from the general expense account to the bond interest account.

John McDuff's claim for \$10.87, over-time, was disallowed.

Bond of Henry N. Mayo, for \$2,000, as county physician, was approved. Bond of Amos S. Gabbott, road supervisor, and F. M. Bishop, as justice of the peace, were also approved.

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