

NEWS NOTES.

At Santa Rosa, Cal., on Wednesday the jury in the case of Robina Grubbs, charged with the murder of V. Esse bella by cutting his throat, brought in a verdict of murder, and fixed the penalty of life imprisonment.

Fred Aschman has sued L. N. Hobbs for \$5,000 damages alleged to be due for assault and battery. The parties live at Milpitas, Cal., and on Christmas day had a fight there, in which plaintiff says he was badly bruised and beaten.

Superintendent Hussy of the provincial police at Nelson, B. C., is endeavoring to locate the prime movers in a lynching that took place recently at Pavilion point. A Chinaman named Look Li, who had "jumped" a fellow Celestial's claim was found hanging to the end of a rope. It is supposed that Chinese placer miners are at the bottom of the lynching and two of them have been arrested.

Frank Coleby, who attempted to hold up a Bodega, Cal., storekeeper a few weeks ago and pleaded guilty a week ago, was sentenced to twelve years in Folsom by Judge Burnett Monday afternoon. Just before sentence was pronounced Coleby asked to be allowed to change his plea to not guilty, saying it was another man who committed the offense, but the judge refused to allow it. Coleby told the district attorney that he didn't want to stand punishment for another man, but when asked to tell who the other man was refused.

At Bakersfield, Cal., on Monday, it took a jury just four minutes and a half to find Alfred Harrel, superintendent of schools, not guilty of a charge of appropriating county funds for his own use. This is the last of the indictments brought by the famous grand jury of two years ago on the testimony of Edgar Moore, the Los Angeles expert. The time taken by the various juries in arriving at verdicts of acquittal in every indictment brought against county officials varied from forty-five seconds in one case to fifteen minutes in another. This grand jury cost the county over \$40,000, without accomplishing a particle of good.

The coroner at Fresno, Cal., held an inquest on Monday evening on the body of Fred Bowman, aged 35 years. The evidence showed that Bowman, who had been employed at the race track near the city, was wandering around the residence of William Hill, Sunday night, in an intoxicated condition. After cautioning him several times, Hill, not knowing the man's condition, fired at him with a gun loaded with No. 2 shot. It was not thought Bowman was seriously hurt, as all the shot penetrated his limbs at the knees, but this morning he died of death. The coroner's jury exonerated Hill.

Ab Slug, or Chin Wah Sing, for he seems to have been known by both names, fell six stories down an elevator shaft at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, on Wednesday morning and was instantly killed. Joseph Gillespie, the elevator man, had just taken

James Casey, a carpenter, into the cage used by the hotel employee, and pushing the doors, which operate with a spring, started upward. The doors were nearly closed when Sing, who was employed at the hotel as a helper, rushed forward and opened them. The elevator was already a few feet above the floor, and he threw one leg over the floor of the cage and tried to get in. He was not successful, his weight throwing him outward, and, losing his hold, he dropped to the bottom of the shaft.

A southbound train on the Southern Pacific, which left Ashland, Ore., on Wednesday morning, was wrecked at Gregory siding, on the south side of the Siskiyou mountains, just over the California line, twenty-four miles south of Ashland. Fireman John S. Sibley was seriously but not fatally injured, and Geo. Smith of Medford, who was working his passage south, was fatally injured, dying two hours after the accident. The train consisted of an engine and thirteen loaded cars and the caboose. It is supposed that the engine struck a defective switch-frog. Engineer Cummings escaped uninjured, but Fireman Sibley was caught between the engine and cab and had his left arm and collarbone fractured, his foot badly cut and his thumb cut, but is thought to have no fatal injuries. Smith was between the cab and tender, which was loaded with wood. He received internal injuries and died just as the physician arrived from Ashland. He leaves a widow and two children at Medford. He was working his way to California, where he expected to secure employment.

OBITUARY NOTES.

JAMES JOHN WALKER.

On the 3rd day of June, 1896, Elder James J. Walker, of Syracuse, Davis county, Utah, passed away after a lingering and painful illness that lasted nearly a year. Bright's disease and a cancerous growth on the bowels caused his death.

The deceased was a son of Thomas and Mary Ann Walker, and was born at Sheerness, Kent, England, July 28, 1830. In 1849 he united himself with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and four years later came to Utah, reaching Salt Lake on October 11, 1853. He was a member of the party who went upon the famous Salmon river expedition in 1856. Prior to this, on Nov. 23, 1853, he was Mary Ann Cox, who survives him.

Three sons and four daughters blessed their union. A second wife bore him seven boys and one girl. He leaves fourteen children, and thirty grandchildren.

Brother Walker was an honest man, and a faithful member of the Church until his death. He reared his family in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and it was his aim in life to be a useful citizen. He held many positions of honor and trust in the Church and under the government, and was held in high esteem universally among those who knew him.

JOHN P. CHIDESTER.

St. George, Utah, January 12th, 1897.—I take the present opportunity of announcing the death of John P. Chidester, Esq., which occurred on the tenth day of this month, at Washington City, Washington county, Utah. The

cause of his death was organic heart disease, from which he suffered for eight weeks untold pain and distress. He was the father of a large family and had them all with him at the time of his death. Among them was John F. Chidester of Panguitch, ex-senator of the State Legislature. The deceased was born December 23rd, 1831, at Sommerfield township, Monroe county, Mich. His life has been one of usefulness and public service to his fellowman. He was always on hand to assist the poor. His first public work was performed when a little boy, on the Nauvoo Temple; and in the spring of 1846 he and his father ran a ferry boat and ferried the Saints across the Mississippi river at Nauvoo. Soon after this he became a mechanic and assisted to build a horse-power grist mill at Winter Quarters, in 1847. In the year 1850 he emigrated to Salt Lake valley, and in the fall of 1851 was married to Susan Foy. Soon after, he moved down to Palmyra, near where Spanish Fork City now is. He took an active part in defending the settlers in the Indian war; was one of the first to move into Spanish Fork and build up that place. In 1858 he moved with his family to Parley's park, and remained there until the year 1859, when he moved to Salt Lake City, and went to making spinning wheels, which were used extensively in those days. In 1862 he was called by President Young to move to Dixie. He responded, and reached the Grapevine Springs on Christmas day, and Washington, Washington county, Utah, Jan. 1st, 1863, where he has lived from that time until his death. He has held a number of public positions, and in them all has given the best satisfaction. He was the head mechanic under Appleton Harmon in building the Washington factory; superintended the scaffolding at the St. George Temple from the commencement of that building until it was finished. He was also one of the foremost workmen on the new canal and great dam in the Rio Virgen, that furnishes the water for the Washington and St. George fields. It was in the tunnels of this canal that he brought on the heart trouble which ended in his death. He has labored zealously to obtain a record of his family, and has 1,500 names in his record, some of whom he has done the work for. The record he turned over to his oldest son, John F., with the admonition to complete the work as soon as possible.

DAVID CHIDESTER.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

GROVES.—In this city, Jan. 29, 1897, John Groves, born April 29, 1830, in Somersetshire, England.

EARL.—On January 27, 1897, at 5:45 a. m., of emphysema of the lungs, Michael Earl; born January 3d, 1835, in Kendal, Westmorland, England.

SCHNEITER.—At 1:30 a. m., January 28, 1897, Maria Schnitter, aged 73 years, 6 months and 5 days.

MORRIS.—In this city Jan. 29th, of la grippe, George Morris, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Morris, born in Cheshire, England, August 23, 1816, and aged 80 years, 6 months and 6 days.

MORTENSEN.—In this city at 12:23 Wednesday night, Mrs. Emma Mortensen, beloved wife of M. F. Mortensen; born on the island of Sheland, Denmark, Aug. 28, 1843. She joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the age of 19 years, in which Church she died in full faith and fellowship. She emigrated to America in 1862, and passed peacefully away after a brief illness. Deceased was married Feb. 28, 1863 and was the mother of ten children five of whom are now living.