

Yukon Friday on the City of Topeka. They expect to make high waves by cooking and sewing at Circle City and Forty Mile. Three of them take sewing machines. The most prominent woman to go to the Yukon is Mrs. W. A. Kennedy, who has been prominent in society. She accompanies her husband to Circle City, leaving this week. She will don bloomers, and has been practicing with her rifle.

The Southern Pacific company has placed an order with two large Eastern locomotive works for fifteen engines, to be delivered during the coming summer. Six will be the exact counterparts of the big twelve-wheel locomotives now engaged in handling the heavy freight traffic over the mountains. Two of these engines can move 900 tons of dead weight, which is equivalent to twenty-seven loaded freight cars, up the heavy mountain grades of the Sierra, whereas the power of two ten-wheel engines of the size until recently in use amounted to only seventeen cars and a caboose. Nine of the engines that have been ordered will be ten-wheelers and will be used for either passenger or freight business.

Tempe, Arizona, News: The Tempe canal people are making a determined and honest stand for their rights against the aggression of the Consolidated Canal company. On Wednesday a gang of the Consolidated workmen cut the bank of the Tempe canal and yesterday about 700 inches of water were turned down the cross cut. The Tempe men have repaired the break and the water now coming over the fall is backed up and spreading over the country. Both sides have a force of men on the ground and there are liable to be interesting times before matter is finally settled. The men who are defending the Tempe canal are some of our very best citizens, and while we have no fears that there will be bloodshed, they will not permit any further encroachment.

Being calloused by long association with deadly explosives caused the death of Peter Pecarty, a professional diver, at Ironduie, Oregon, Friday night, when he exploded seventy-six sticks of dynamite. He was standing on a raft immediately over the sunken hulk of the old wrecked steamer Idaho, and lighted a fuse connected with the dynamite six feet distant. He ignored the warning of his employes to get away from the danger, and the next moment he was buried high up in the hair, attired in a diving suit of armor, and fell back into the sea a corpse. The raft on which he was standing was smashed into splinters and the force of the explosion laid bare the bottom of the bay and wrought terrible havoc with the wrecked steamer. In the midst of the wreckage the corpse fell, where it became lodged, and cannot be recovered without the assistance of a diver. A second before the discharge exploded, in reply to a warning of his danger, he laughingly ridiculed the fears of his workmen, saying they were chicken-hearted. "Watch me; I'm all right," and that moment the death-dealing charge buried him into eternity. The effect of the explosion was felt for two miles distant, sweet for the divers over and nearly swamping the schooner on which they were standing.

Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang: Nearly all newspaper readers in Wyoming, and the legal fraternity throughout the west, are familiar with the case of Mrs. France, of Rawlins, against J. W. Connor and W. L. R. Brown, for her dower rights in the estate of her husband. The United States Supreme court yesterday decided against Mrs. France. In 1887 Congress passed an act known as the Edmunds-Tucker law for the purpose of suppressing polygamy in Utah and in other territories. The act did not express that its provisions were for Utah only. Among other provisions of the act was one which gave married women the right of dower without clearly expressing whether it applied to Utah or all the territories. James France was a banker at Rawlins and he made an assignment shortly after the law passed to J. W. Connor and W. L. R. Brown, for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. France subsequently died and Mrs. France brought suit against the assignees, claiming dower rights of all of France's property under the Edmunds-Tucker act. The case was tried in this state and the supreme court decided that the act did not apply to Wyoming, and only to Utah. The case was then appealed to the Supreme court of the United States, and the tribunal has now given the same decision, holding that the married women in the territories, except Utah, have no right to dower under the act of Congress. It is a very important decision, as the attorneys of this western country have been in grave doubt on the subject for a long time, and now have a final settlement of the question.

#### OBITUARY NOTES.

WILLIAM E. MECHAM.

PARK VALLEY, Box Elder Co., Utah, Feb. 28, 1896.—On Jan. 19, 1896, Park Valley was called to mourn the loss of one of her brightest and most respected young men. William E. Mecham, eldest son of Bishop Wm. H. and Almira Mecham. Deceased was 20 years old and a faithful and obedient son. He was an efficient and respected member of Y. M. M. I. A. and Sunday school. He possessed a wonderful talent for the violin and used to furnish the music for the parties held in the settlement.

The funeral services were held in the Park Valley school house. Every person in the valley was present to pay a last tribute of respect to such a noble son, and there was scarcely a dry eye in the whole assemblage, so great was their grief.

He was greatly beloved by his father, mother, brothers and sisters and all who knew him. What is our loss is his gain.  
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WILLIAM T. PACKER.

Died at Soda Springs, Idaho, February 19, 1896, William T. Packer, son of Nathan T. and Mary E. Packer. Deceased was born at Franklin, Idaho, October 11, 1869; he was 26 years, 4 months and 8 days old. His death was caused by sharp pains in his lungs which brought death in about two hours. He was cut down in the prime of life, and was a sober, honest, industrious man, and a faithful Saint, and beloved by all who knew him.

On Friday, February 21, the corpse was taken to the meeting house at Soda Springs, followed by a large host of relatives and friends, where the funeral ser-

vice was held, and the following named brethren spoke: Bishop L. A. Medram and G. V. Nelson, of Riverdale, and Bishop Low and David Hopkins, of Soda Springs. All bore testimony to the integrity of deceased and gave consolation and good advice to those who were left to mourn. The deceased leaves a wife and one child.  
G. V. NELSON.

SISTER JEFFRIES NOWLAN.

The funeral services over the remains of "Old Lady Nowlan," as she was familiarly known, were held in the Union ward house on Tuesday, March 3rd, Bishop Ishmael Phillips presiding. She died in the evening of Feb. 29th.

This aged sister, who was in her 89th year, was one of the early settlers in Union ward, having located there about forty-five years ago, when she was the wife of Elder Jeffries. With her husband she moved on to the Jordan soon after their arrival, but subsequently returned to the ward and remained there till the death of her husband, which occurred many years ago. Sister Jeffries-Nowlan joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during its early history in Michigan and drove a team from there to Nauvoo, and at the time of the exodus she drove a team across the plains, her husband driving the stock, of which they had considerable. She was a strictly business woman, conducting her financial affairs with marked ability up to within a few years ago. After the death of Elder Jeffries, her first husband, she married Elder Charles Nowlan. She was an invalid the last few years of her life and was carefully tended during that time by the ward authorities and Relief Society. It is not known that she has any blood relations living, never having had any children.

At the funeral services the speakers were Counselors M. H. Brady and J. L. James, Elders John Sharp and John Oborn, and Bishop Ishmael Phillips, in the order named. They spoke of her faithfulness in the cause of truth, and her generosity. She was buried in the Union graveyard and was followed to her resting place by many of her friends.

#### THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

WELLS.—In this city, on Saturday, March 7, 1896, infant son of Gershom B. and Nellie S. Wells; born May 30, 1895.

MERRILL.—In this city at 11:45 this morning of heart failure and other complications, Stanley, son of Franklin and Elizabeth Merrill.

HENDERSON.—At Partick, Scotland, January 10, 1896, as the result of an accident, George Henderson, aged 69 years.—Millennial Star.

LOWES.—At West Boldon, Durham county, England, January 23, 1896, Sarah Hardwick Lowes, daughter of Robert A. and Mary Robson Middleton, born March 15, 1815 she leaves a husband and eight children, one of whom was only 11 days old when the mother died. She was a faithful Latter-day Saint, and greatly respected by all who knew her.—Millennial Star.

JACKLIN.—At Mill Creek, March 2nd, 1896, of old age, Emma Noble Jacklin, wife of the late John Jacklin. She was born Oct. 12th, 1820, at Cambridgehire, England; emigrated to Utah with her husband and family in 1875. She died as she had lived, a faithful Latter-day saint. She leaves two sons, one daughter and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

The funeral services were held at the Mill Creek ward house March 4th, conducted by Bishop J. O. Hamilton. The speakers were John Cook, H. B. Williams, W. Howick, A. S. Keller and James C. Hamilton; all spoke in praise of the departed sister and words of consolation to those bereft. Her relatives and friends followed the remains to the Mill Creek cemetery where they were laid to rest.