

# MAYOR THOMPSON DEFINES HIS POLICY

Tells the "News" How He Thinks Salt Lake City Should be Governed—Some of the Important Needs Considered.

Believes in All the Public Improvements Possible—In His Opinion the Need of an Increased Water Supply is the Paramount Necessity—Will Support the Plan for Consolidating the City and County Government of Salt Lake into One—Would Effect a Big Reduction in the Amount Paid for Salaries—As to Street Paving—The Mayor-Elect Fully Recognizes the City's Financial Condition—Expects Perfect Harmony.

Although it will be several days yet before Mayor-elect Ezra Thompson is inducted into office, the policy that he will pursue is clearly defined in his mind, and his views upon the needs of the city will be of interest to all classes of citizens.

Mr. Thompson this morning consented to give the "News" a brief outline of these matters for the Christmas issue, and he presented his views with a clearness indicating that he had given the matters careful attention.

## THE MAYOR'S POLICY.

"In going into office," said Mr. Thompson, "let me say that the financial condition of the municipality is understood and appreciated. We are confronted with an almost empty treasury and the present taxes are considered to be pretty heavy, and are of course, a burden to many. Let me say that I shall, as mayor, advocate all the public improvements possible, with these conditions fully considered. Notwithstanding the handicaps, it is my belief that much can still be done in that direction. If the finances are handled with the greatest possible care, and to which I pledge myself.

## THE PARAMOUNT NEED.

"There is one matter that, in my judgment, takes precedence over everything else. That is the need for an increased water supply. As now situated, should we have an open winter, a water famine in the summer must inevitably follow. For meeting this condition, every have been considered and have taken some definite form. My opinion

# IDENTITY OF DYNAMITER SMITH.

The Dynamiter Was Really Louis James, a Cousin of Frank and Jesse James, the Famous Missouri Bandits—Identity by Mr. Cramer.

The identity of John Y. Smith, the dynamiter, who closed his checkered career early last Sunday morning with a dose of morphine, seems to have been established at last. The man of many aliases and more crimes, stated the day before he took the poison, as will be remembered, that his true name was Louis James, and that he was a cousin of Jesse and Frank James, the notorious Missouri outlaws and train robbers. Most people who read the statement paid little attention to that portion of it, at least, but it proved deeply interesting to one gentleman, Mr. Cramer, who is connected with the Denver and Rio Grande railway. Mr. Cramer formerly resided in the same town in Missouri that the James boys called their home, and grew up with Louis James, a cousin of the desperado, whom he had not seen since he was a young man. He was so strongly impressed with the circumstances related that he determined to come on to Salt Lake and view the features of the dead man, feeling sure that he could easily identify him if he was really the cousin he pretended to be. Mr. Cramer arrived just in time and saw the remains. One good look was enough. The features were those of Louis James, whom he had known in Missouri.

# THE RUSH AT THE POST OFFICE.

Enormous Increase in the Number of Registered Packages Sent Out—Christmas Boxes Pouring In From All Directions Today.

The big rush of holiday business at the postoffice culminated today when all previous records were simply lost sight of. The rush here is simply phenomenal," said Postmaster Thomas to the "News." "and the amount of holiday mail sent out from Salt Lake has never been approached before. For several days past the sale of stamps alone has been \$100 a day larger than for the same period of last year.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

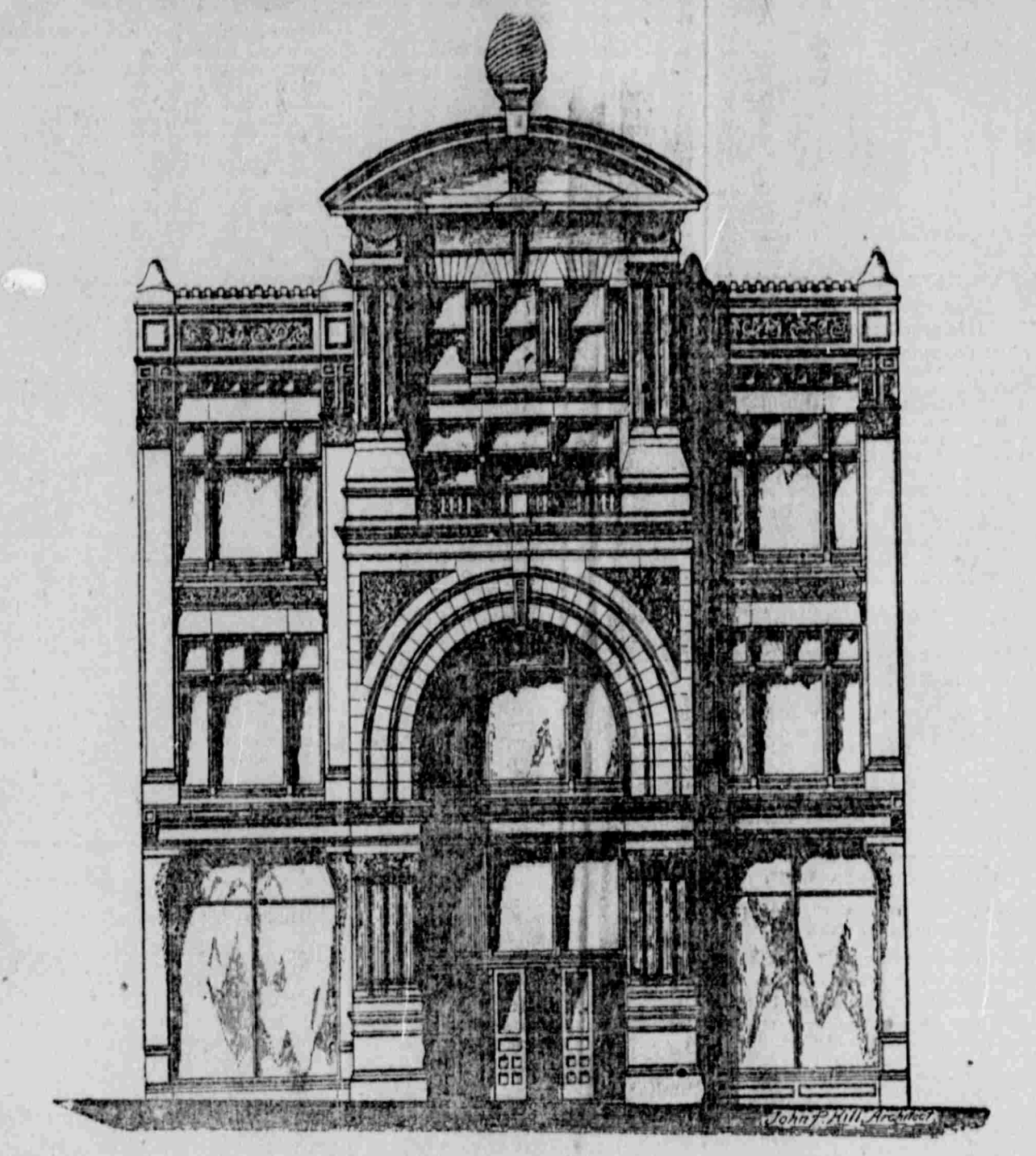
Scarcely Anything Else Going on in the City.

Everything in a business way which was not imperative was laid aside today and Christmas shopping had taken its place and held full sway. The number of Santa Clauses that were haunting the toy shops was "a nation." There were several of him in every conceivable place where could be purchased any conceivable article for a Christmas present, and the way he "gave down" in his big pockets on behalf of all the little children of the city made glad the hearts of the shopkeepers and full their money tills.

## TAILOR VS. DRUGGIST.

Fight Over a Suit of Clothes. Stitcher Gets the Worst of It.

Once upon a time a druggist named L. U. King, ordered a suit of clothing from Tailor Ben Lobbenberg and paid \$25 on account. Yesterday he called at the tailor's establishment to try the suit on. This he had done many times of yore, much to the disgust of the knight of the thimble. Yesterday's dialogue is known only to the druggist and the tailor, but the fight was heard and it was evident that a fight was in progress. Lobbenberg got the worst of the deal and tried to have King arrested, but without success.



PROPOSED FRONT OF NEW ADDITION TO Z. C. M. I.

For some time past, the directors of Z. C. M. I. have contemplated extensive additions to and alterations in their premises on upper Main street. Among these additions is that of a new dry-goods department, to occupy the site of their retail shoe and clothing departments. If the plans contemplated are carried out, the new dry-goods department will be one of the largest and most elegant structures in the West. The old iron-front building, now somewhat out of date, will undoubtedly be remodeled and brought up to the requirements of today. These changes and additions, together with the new warehouse on Fourth West street, will place the mammoth institution in a position to take care of its growing business with the least possible cost.

Architect John P. Hill has submitted the above as a design for the front elevation of the dry-goods department addition.

# BARON OF BEEF FOR CHRISTMAS.

London, Dec. 23.—(Special London cable letter, Copyright, 1899, by the Associated Press.)—"A baron of beef for the queen's Christmas will be roasted next Saturday, Dec. 23, at the great kitchen fire, Windsor, in readiness for the royal dinner party on Monday. The great joint, when cold, will be garnished with the royal and imperial monogram in shredded horse radish and, with a boar's head and game pie, will assist in adorning her majesty's sideboard on Christmas day."

## CHAS. H. COLE ARRESTED.

Former President of Globe Bank of Boston in Duran.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—Charles H. Cole, formerly president of the Globe National Bank of Boston, which failed on Thursday last, was arrested at Redondo, by United States Marshal Osborne today, and brought to this city. The arrest was made on a warrant charging him with misappropriation of government funds. The information was sent from Boston to United States Attorney Flint and arrived last night. Mr. Cole, accompanied by his wife and son, arrived in this city last Sunday and registered at the Yarnum Hotel. Yesterday they went to Redondo. He made no attempt to conceal his identity, though evidently aware that his arrest was probable.

## OFF FOR THE WAR.

Lord Roberts Given an Almost Maddening Farewell.

London, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who is to assume command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo railroad station at noon today amidst scenes of enthusiasm vividly demonstrating the national interest in the event and the belief that the departure of the general can be accepted as a guarantee that whatever can be done in South Africa will be carried out by thoroughly competent hands and on carefully matured lines. Although only privileged persons were permitted to enter the station this did not prevent the gathering of immense throngs at all the approaches and other points of vantage, who cheered repeatedly as "Bob," accompanied by his wife and two daughters drove up. Seldom has the terms witnessed such an inspiring send-off.

## Elected Chief Burgomaster.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Emperor William has at last confirmed the election of Herr Kirschner as chief burgomaster of Berlin. His majesty announced his decision at today's unveiling of the monument to his ancestor, Elector George William, in the Stages Alley.

## Gen. Gomez and Gen. Wood.

Havana, Dec. 23.—Gen. Maximo Gomez has assured Gen. Wood that he will co-operate with him in obtaining a successful administration, and in preparing Cuba for independence.

# NOTICE.

The Christmas "News" consists of 40 pages, 5 sections, not including the cover. With the cover 44 pages. Purchasers should see that they are furnished with all the parts. The postage on the Christmas "News" will be 4 cents domestic, 7 cents foreign. Price 10 cents—bound in magazine form, 15 cents.

# HE PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Capt. Mills Enters His Plea of Not Guilty Before Judge Norrell.

## TRIAL SET FOR JANUARY 8.

Proceedings in His Case This Morning Were Quite Formal and Very Brief.

Capt. Fred J. Mills pleaded not guilty before Judge Norrell today to the charge of killing John C. O'Meiveney. The defendant will be placed on trial Monday, January 8, 1900.

The proceedings incidental to the taking of Mills' plea were formal and brief. Assistant County Attorney Ray Van Cott called the court's attention to the fact that today was the date set for the taking of the defendant's plea. Judge Norrell requested Mills to stand up. The prisoner advanced to the clerk's desk and stood erect, with his hands behind him, while Judge Norrell recited the charge he was arraigned on Thursday morning. "What is your plea?" the court enquired. "I desire to plead not guilty, your honor," said the prisoner in a tone of voice that was plainly heard in all parts of the court room. "Very well, let a plea of not guilty be entered," Mr. Clerk said Judge Norrell. Mills bowed and then resumed his seat. Later he was conveyed back to the county jail.

## AT SPANISH FORK.

Ten Cases of Smallpox is the Total Up to Date.

A special to the "News" from Spanish Fork today says that there are ten cases of smallpox there. Six of them are members of the Lindsay troupe. Sam Gibbs, a supernumerary of 18 years, has contracted the disease, as have Thomas Baterson and Mrs. Emmy Hitchings, who caught the infection by diffusion. All cases are mild and progressing nicely.

# METHUEN WILL HOLD HIS GROUND.

New York, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The Paris correspondent of the Mail says that Dr. Leyds waited on M. Delcasse and asked his services in the cause of peace. The French minister it is understood, gave an equivocal reply, asking in fact, for time for consideration.

A fact which may be safely inferred from the admiralty reports of the movements of transports is that the battalions of the fifth division as they arrive in South Africa are divided between Natal and the western border, some going to Durban and others to De Aar. This seems a clear indication that General Methuen will hold his ground at Modder River and not retreat to Orange River, as many timorous military writers for the press have been clamoring to have him do, leaving Kimberley to its fate. The moral effect of such a retreat would be exceedingly bad, since it would be a confession of failure of one of the first objects of Buller's campaign with the army corps.

## MARRIED BY TELEGRAPH.

Father Would Not Let Bride Leave Home Till Ceremony Was Said.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A special to the Tribune from Winchester, Ky., says: Miss Lizzie Hummons, of this city, and Trooper Sam Wheeler of Fort Wingate, N. M., were married by telegraph. A year ago both lived in Winchester. Wheeler enlisted in the United States regular army. He was transferred from Kentucky to New Mexico, was made a trooper in the Ninth cavalry, and was stationed at Fort Wingate. He corresponded with the girl, and she promised to go to him and be married. He sent her sufficient money for railway fare, but Joseph Hummons, the father, refused to let her go. Wheeler tried to secure a parole and failed.

The young soldier, married in Chaplain Forster of the fort. Then the scheme of subjecting electricity to love was thought of. The plan was telegraphed to the sweetheart, and Mr. Hummons, the girl's father, approved it. A through circuit was established over the telegraph company's wires between Fort Wingate and Winchester, 1,700 miles apart.

## WORKING OVER TROOPS.

Fears for a Regiment of Mexicans Sent Out to Fight Yaquis.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A special to the Record from Austin, Texas, says: A dispatch from Oriz, State of Sonora, Mexico, says that Gen. Torres' force of troops has retired to Potan to await the arrival of the Twentieth Infantry regiment, and other reinforcements. The large force of Yaquis who resisted the advance of the government troops so strongly and successfully, followed the retreating command all the way to Potan, and picked off a number of the men. The Yaquis have again withdrawn to the mountains, and the only fighting that has taken place during the last few days is between marauding bands of Indians and scouting parties of government soldiers. The telegraph wires have again been cut and official dispatches which have reached Oriz from the war department for Gen. Torres have to be forwarded to Potan by mounted courier. Nothing has yet been heard from the Twentieth Infantry, but military men who are acquainted with the make up of the regiment and its fighting qualities scout the idea that it has been attacked and vanquished by the Yaquis. It is claimed that the regiment has hardly had time to reach Gen. Torres' rendezvous, as the march from the mouth of the Yaqui river is long and difficult.

# AWFUL SILENCE OF GRIM, BLACK DEATH

Seventy-five Men Reported to be Entombed in the Braznell Coal Works, Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Only One Man Came Out of the Mine, While Seventy-five Were Known to Have Gone Down—After the Explosion the Voices of Men Were Heard at the Bottom of the Shaft, Then the Voices Were Hushed and all was Still as Death and the After-Damp Began to Rise—Mine Boss Went Down to Look After His Men and Never Came Back—Terrible Excitement Caused by the Shocking Affair.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 23.—An explosion occurred at the Braznell Coal works, four miles from here today. Seventy-five men are reported entombed. The tangle is wrecked. Messengers have been sent here for doctors.

Word from Braznell by train says only one man has come out of the mine. Men were heard talking at the bottom of the shaft. The mine boss went down, but has not yet returned, and it is supposed he and the men have been overcome by after-damp as all sound has ceased to come from the bottom. There is great excitement. Miners are flocking from surrounding mines to assist in the rescue. The mine is owned by the Stockdale Coal company, and is not in the combine.

As soon as it was learned that an explosion of such force had occurred the relatives of the entombed miners crowded around the mouth of the drift. The scenes were heartrending. Wives were crying in despair and children were weeping for their fathers.

A rescuing party immediately set to work. Volunteers were numerous and word was sent for the best mining engineers in the district.

It is thought a road will be made into the mines in a few hours. At present there is no idea as to what caused the disaster.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—The Stockdale company, with offices in this city received a report from Braznell that six bodies had been recovered from the mine and that forty men were still in the mine.

# A WIDOW'S SAD CHRISTMAS GIFT

Her Home Destroyed by Fire Just Before Daybreak This Morning—Department Made a Rapid Run—Loss Partly Covered by Insurance.

Christmas will dawn sadly for Mrs. Mary Davies and children of the Twenty-first ward on account of the visitation of the fire fiend at their residence at an early hour this morning. The blaze was occasioned by a defective flue. One of the children had arisen shortly before 6 o'clock and kindled a fire in the kitchen stove and soon thereafter flame broke out in the roof and rear walls. This part of the structure being of wood burned rapidly and soon the flames spread to the brick portion. In the meantime neighbors were attracted to the spot and commenced the work of carrying the household goods into the streets, most of which were saved as the inmates took refuge in an adjoining house. The fire department made a rapid run, but the great distance to be covered—from headquarters to First and N streets—was so great that the frame part of the building was completely destroyed, while the roof and interior of the brick portion were likewise consumed before the brigade's arrival.

Fortunately for the widow and her family, their loss will be light after all, inasmuch as both building and contents were insured, the former for \$600 and the latter for \$200. The policy was written by the Home Fire of Utah.

# IS AT HIGH WATER MARK NOW.

Attendance of Public School Children Exceeds Twelve Thousand—The Holiday Vacation of Two Weeks—Smallpox and Vaccination.

The attendance of pupils in the public schools is now at a point never before reached, or at least very close to such a mark. The exact figures cannot be had until this month's totals from the various schools are reported and tabulated. The attendance, say some of the principals, would have been heavier than it is but for the smallpox scare which has had its effect in deterring timid parents from permitting their children to go to school.

The lightest actual recorded enrollment was during the school year of 1898-9 when it reached 12,291. Last month it was slightly under 12,000, or to be exact 11,919. Since that there has been an augmentation of the enrollment which has swelled the total to something over 12,000 with indications

of a further increase. The only fear that now exists as to the possibility of eclipsing all previous records is the smallpox situation. Should the board of education conclude to exclude unvaccinated children after January 8th when school is resumed, then it is certain that there will be a big falling off in the attendance, and that the highest record of the year has already been attained.

In this connection the following comparative statement of the growth of enrollments during the history of the present school system will not be uninteresting:

1890-1	6,368
1891-2	7,613
1892-3	8,865
1893-4	10,092
1894-5	10,993
1895-6	10,773
1896-7	11,311
1897-8	11,829
1898-9	12,291

# CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE TEMPLE

Children of the Primary Associations of Salt Lake Stake Save Their Nickels for the Benefit of the Salt Lake Temple Fund.

President Lorenzo Snow of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is in receipt of the following communication, which is self explanatory:

December 22nd, 1899.

Dear Brother:—We the children of the Primary Associations of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, desiring to put in practice some of the valuable instructions received from our dear teachers, have saved up some of our nickels, and tender you herewith the sum of \$50 as a Christmas donation to be used in helping along, if but in a small way, the great work being done in the Temple.

Hoping this will meet your approval and blessing, and praying for you always, we are your little flock of the Primary Associations of Salt Lake Stake of Zion.

To this President Snow sent the following acknowledgment to the little donors:

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 23, 1899.

Boys and Girls.

My dear little Friends:—Your generous Christmas offering to the Salt Lake Temple is hereby gratefully acknowledged. This is very kind and thoughtful. It is doubtless the result of what your teachers have taught you. Not only does this offering appear to your credit upon the records of our sacred Temple, but angels too have records borne.

The Temple presidency thank you and your kind teachers, and earnestly say, God bless you, and may the Spirit prompting such kind actions draw you nearer and nearer to God as you grow in years, and prepare you to dwell eternally in His presence.

Heartily wishing you all a merry Christmas,

LORENZO SNOW.

## COAL FOR THE POOR.

Z. C. M. I. today contributed one hundred tons of coal to be distributed among the poor of the city, irrespective of race, creed or color. The distribution will be made by the various ward blocs, under the direction of Bishop Preston.

## MONEY MARKET MORE SETTLED.

President L. S. Hills of the Deseret National Bank, when seen today by a "News" reporter, said that the money market in New York today is in a more settled condition and that prospects for the future are now of an encouraging nature. This condition will naturally be felt here and it will tend to exert a steadying influence on local stocks.