

are safe. CONSOLIDATION erties of the two merging companies. recapitalization.

IS AUTHORIZED. The stockholders of the Utah Light & Power company held an adjourned meeting this morning, and by over wo-thirds vote authorized the board of directors, through the president and secretary, to consummate the proposed consolidation or merger of the Light and Power company with the Consoli-dated Rallway & Power company, the new organization taking over the prop-erties of the two merging companies The meeting then adjourned until the 30th inst., when there will be a formal meeting with the representatives of the street railway company to settle the details of the consolidation, the propor-tion of interchange of stock prepara-tory to the issuance of the stock of the new company, and to decide on a name, the capitalization, new directory and general management. The present combined capital of the two companies is a little over \$6,000,000, and it is sup-posed that \$6,500,000 will represent the reconditionation

JOHN W. HESS

DECISION ON MURDER.

New York, Dec. 16. --Rear-Admiral Rod-gers, commandant of the New York navy-yard: Mrs. Rodgers, their son prederics, and four servanics have narrowly escaped asphyxiation from coal gas in the com-mandant's house at the yard. Mrs. Rou-sers and Frederick, as well as one s.r. manuant's nouse at the yard. Mrs. Rou-gers and Frederick, as well as one s.r-yant, a Jupaneze, were attended by a physician and soon recovered. The aa-miral was not seriously affected. Some time after the family had retired the furnace in the hasement began exud-ing gas. Almost every room in the house soon was filed with the jumes. The ad-miral was soon awakened by a choking sensation. Hastly finging open the win-dows be carried his wite and son out of their rooms to the fresh air. Piompt at-tendance soon restored them.



ovo. Dec. 16 .- Jas. A. Hans this morning after a week's severe illness. He has been sick for about a year from stomach and kidney troubles, but it is feared by the relatives that the direct cause of his death was poisoning from an improperly compounded prescription. A full investigation will e made

Deceased was a son of the late H. P. Hansen of Richfield, where he was born about 35 years ago. He has been in Provo for 4 years, and with his brother living, engaged in conducting the Mozart Dancing acedemy. He had many friends both here and in Sevier county, His mother, brother and three sisters The remains will be ship. survive him. ped to Richfield tomorrow for burial.

### HOLMAN GATHERED IN.

#### Colored Man With a Bad Record Ar rested for Trespass.

Budi Holman, a notorious colored man who has served time in the city jail for settit larceny, was arrested this morning by Officer Sperry on the charge of trespassing. Had Sperry waited awhile before making the arrest, he believes he would have caught Holman in the act of aking

The main was caught at 127 west Fourth South street. He went to the place this morning and was discovered by the own-"r proviling around the premises. When saked what he wanted he said he was looking for work. He was held until the police department could be communi-rated with, and Officer Sperry took him in charge. in charge

ORFF GOES BACK.

#### Alleged Mountain Home Embezzler Willing to Return Home to Idaho.

(Special to the "News.")

Butte, Mont., Dec. 16 .- Sheriff W. W. Fountain of Elnore county, Idaho, arrived a Buite last night to take Charles Orff o Mountain Home, Idaho, where he is ranted on the charge of embezzlement. The prisoner is willing to return with theriff Fountain without requisition pa-sers and the two left this aftenoon. Orff a alleged to have embezzled \$140 from the C. R. Kelsey company, for whom he was a solicitor and collector. The pris-ener is a matried man having a wife dior and collector. The pris-matried man having a wife hildren in Mountain Home, He as to the affair, and his reaons for coming to Butte.

## MINER GOT THREE MONTHS

#### Man Charged With Stealing a Watch Sentenced by Judge Morse.

Fred Pepiu, who is charged with tealing a watch from a miner from Eureka on Thanksgiving day, appeared before Judge Morse this morning in he criminal division of the district ourt and, with the consent of Dist.-Atty. Elchnor, changed his plea of not willy of provide the second s fully of grand larceny to a plea of sullty of petit larceny. He waived lime for sentence and was sentenced by the court court to three months in the county

#### Russia and Manchuria.

Moscow, Dec. 16 - A copy of the Daily ancher, Dec. 16.- A copy of the barry fostock, just received here, throws in-eresting light on the Russian attitude a Manchuria. An Imperial commission which is dealered for Admiral Alexief's viceroyalty, in reneering various decisions, says: "The custom house question is not yet matted. It some has dependent upon ----whether Russia will retain Manchuria for herself alone,"



#### Chairman Clawson Says it is Up to City Engineer's Office.

Chairman Spencer Clawson of the board of public works while discussing an alleged error of \$1,500 against the city, as claimed in this morning's Herald, stated that if there were any error in the sewer contract for 1904. that it was a clerical mistake that had its origin in the office of the city engineer. In support of his statement he exhibited the original contract bid entered by James Kennedy & Co., of Fargo, N. D., and the minutes of the various bids entered. In the Kennedy bid the cost of eight inch sewer pipe and laying the same is set forth as 39 cents per linear foot. Not only is this set forth in figures but the amount is also written out. When the various bids were read off through a clerical

error this item was made to appear ten cents cheaper, or 29 cents a linear

Mr. Clawson does not accuse the city engineer of making the mistake, but says that the error was most certainly committed by a cierk in the office of the city engineer and not by the board of public works.

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## A HUNDRED PEOPLE

Pittsburg, Dec. 16 .- One hundred persons were rendered homeless today and driven out into the cold, with nothing but their night clothes, by a fire that destroyed the planing mill and lumber yard of the Bennett Lum- • ber and Manufacturing company at Milvale, Pa., and partially destroyed a dozen houses adjoining. Loss, \$50,000.

to every trust reposed in him. His ; tions asked by them, namely, that they was a life of strict devotion to principle, and by his unflinching integrity he won the love and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He was a whom he came in contact. He was a member of the "Mormon Battallon" and one of the pioneer settlers of this section. The funeral will be held from the Farmington meetinghouse on Sat-urday at 11 a. m. The remains may be viewed at the family residence from 9 to 10 a. m. the day of the fun-

John W. Hess was the son of Jacob Hess and Elizabeth Foutz Hess. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsyl-He vania, August 24, 1824. In 1832 his father moved to Richmond county, O., and was baptized in March, 1834, with his wife, three eldest daughters and son John W. In 1836 they moved to Ray county, Mssouri, where they lived until the expulsion of the Saints from Caldwell, when they moved with them to the state of Illinois, settling in Han-cock county of that state. Owing to the hardships the father had passed through up to this time, his health began to fail and the greater part of the labor now devolved upon his son John W. The latter was married Nov. 2, 1845, to Emeline Bigler in Nauvoo, Ill.

in his journal: TRYING TIMES.

About this time the word went forth that the Saints would leave Nauvoo in

the spring, of this the deceased wrote

"In November, 1845, my father was stricken down with a shock of paralysis and lost the use of one side, which rendered him entirely helpless, and one  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{can}}$ well imagine the situation we were in

to start on such a journey, when we had been robbed of all our substance, and my poor father lying helpless in bed, but it being the only alternative to get away from the fury of the mob, I began to gather up what I had and commenced to get together an outfit, and the best I could do was to rig up two old wagons and two yoke of oxen, one of which was my own personal property. I arranged one of these wagons with a bedcord for my father to lie upon, as he could not sit up. It took one entire wagon for his convenience, and then it was poor enough. This left one wagon to be drawn by one yoke of oxen to carry the outfit for the entire family-eight in number-while all the family had to walk every step of the way, rain or shine; but notwithstand-ing all these difficulties we fixed up the best we could, and on the third day of April, 1846 we started, crossed the Mississippi river and camped on the Iowa side the first night, in a drenching

JOURNEY BEGUN.

"April 4th, we started on the wearlsome journey, but with our heavy load and the incessant rain that continued to fall, our progress was very slow. The best we could do, we could only The best we could do, we could only travel from five to eight miles per day, as my father occupied one of the wag-ons, and the rest of the family had no

rain.

shelter only what they could get by crawling under the wagons and much

# RENDERED HOMELESS

TREATY WITH PANAMA ARRIVES AT STATE

Washington, Dec. 16.-An expressman | enclosing the treaty. mought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal | Until the boxes are opened the state brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty, inclosed in a large steel box, to the state department today. He also had two in-bound boxes which con-tained the keys to the big steel box, and the keys to the big steel box, to the state department officials cannot tell whether the enclosed treaty is the original trea-ty, drawn here, countersigned in Pan-ama and returned, or whether it is the ordinary ratification treaty supposed to have been exchanged in Pana-tional Ministry and the state department officials cannot tell whether the enclosed treaty is the original trea-ty, drawn here, countersigned in Pan-ma and returned, or whether it is the ordinary ratification treaty supposed to and to the smaller contained within, have been exchanged in Panama. Min- the convention at once into force.

were sent to see if the Mormon people could and would respond to the call for 500 men to help fight the battles of the United States against Mexico. This, indeed, was unexpected-news while the people of the state of Illinois had driv-en us out and while we were scattered on the prairies of Western Iowa with nothing in many instances but the canopy of heaven for a cover to be called on under these circumstances for 500 of the strength of the camp of Israel. "We arrived at Council Bluffs about the 16th day of July and found that

four companies had already been enlisted and organized. I was enlisted in company "E," Captain Daniel C. Davis. My wife Emmeline also enlisted, as the government had provided for four wo-men to each company of one hundred men to go as laundresses."

#### AN ACTIVE CAREER.

After being discharged from the army Elder Hess returned for his father's family, leaving his wife in Salt Lake City. He arrived at Mt. Pisgah in No-vemberfi 1848, and found that his father had died June 22, 1846. In the spring of 1849 he again started with his father's family westward, arriving at Council Bluffs, he was employed by some emi-grants who were on their way to the gold fields of California, as a guide, re-ceiving for his services \$200 in cash in advance. This enabled him to get the rest of his outfit. He arrived in Salt Lake July 27, shortly afterwards mov-

ing to Farmington. In March, 1855, he was ordained a Bishop, in which ca-pacity he served for 27 years, until or-dained Sept. 22, 1882, as counselor to President William R. Smith of Dayis stake upon whose death he was made stake, upon whose death he was made president, being ordained Jan. 15, 1894. This position he held until his death, He served three terms in the state Legislature, being elected in 1858, 1860 and 1876. He was also colonel commanding the militia of Davis county for many years, and in November, 1895, he visited Omaha as a delegate to the Transmississippi congress. Elder Hess performed a mission

among the Lamanites, also to Pennsylania, visiting his birthplace. He was ordained a Patriarch Feb. 8, 1900, by vania Elder Francis M. Lyman, in which ca-pacity he remained active to his dying day. He leaves a large family to emu-late his good deeds.

#### .... ARSON AT BEAVER.

#### Abortive Attempt to Burn Down the Postoffice Last Night.

(Special to the "News.")

Beaver City, Utah, Dec. 16 .--- A dasardly attempt was made last night to urn the postoffice bullding. Fortunatey, however, from some cause, the fire ourned itself out. Although it was fired n two places, no material damage was done, it is a miracle that the struc-ture escaped as it is a lumber building in which fires were started. The post-master discovered it first about 9 o'clock of the time we were obliged to cut master discor-brush to lie on the ground to keep our this moning.

Drunken Indian, Resisting Arrest. Killed Policeman, Not Guilty. Portland, Ore., Dec. 15 .-- United States

District Judge Charles B. Bellinger to-day decided that the kiling of a man by a reflex and wholly involuntary ac-tion is not a crime, although the ac-cused may at the time be engaged in an unawful pursuit. The decision is said to be without parallel. The ruling was made in the case of Frank Winnishutt, a Warm Springs Indian, charged with the murder of an Indian police-man while resisting arrest. Winni-shutt, while under the influence of liquor, was riding horseback about the reservation grounds in a reckless man-ner. Two Indian policemen attempted ner. to arrest him. One selzed the reins and endeavored to drag him from the saddle, while the other went around behind the horse. Winnishutt, who was trying to cut the bridle with a knife, suddenly broke loose, lost his balance and fell backward, striking the other policeman Bellinger after hearing the evidence of the prosecuton ordered the jury to re-turn a verdet of acquittal and discharged the prisoner.

### A BLACKMAILER ON TRIAL.

#### Isaac Gravelle Accused of Trying To Extort Money from N. P.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 15 .- The taking of testimony in the case of Isaac Gra-velle, charged with sending letters to the Northern Pacific officials demanding money for immunity, began today. Among the witnesses was the warden of the penitentiary, Jack Conley, who testified to Gravelle having served two terms in the penitentiary. The theory terms in the penitentiary. The of the proscution is that three threatening letters received by the railroad were written in the penitentlary by the cell mate of Gravelle, a man named Harvey Whitton, who is serving an eight-year sentence for second degree murder. Conley identified two of the threatening letters as being in the handwriting of Whitton. The paper they were written on is sent out by a school of correspondence, and was identified by a peculiar water mark. One of the letters identified was addressed to the board of directors of the road and was dated July 16, 1903, the

day Gravelle was released from prison. It was the first demand for \$25,000. The second was without date and di-

rected the railroad company how to de-liver the money and what the denominations were to be. There are eighty witnesses in attend-ance on the trial, and it will consume about two weeks.

#### Mgr. Usti Dead.

Madrid, Dec. 16.-Mgr. Usti, the last Spanish archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, died today at Zaraus, near San Sebas-tian. His body will be interred there by the side of the remains of Gen. Martinez de Campos

#### Quimby, Ia., Bank Robbed.

Quimby, Ia., Dec. 16.—The Bank of Quimby has been robbed of \$3,000. The cracksmen escaped.

ister Bunau-Varilla will remain in technical charge of the treaty until the United States has either approved or rejected it. If the treaty is approved he will exchange this copy with one proposed by the state department, thus completing the negotiation and putting

American Board of Commissioners Makes Public Summary of Them

Makes Public Summary of Them Boston, Dec. 16.—The American board of commissioners for foreign missions made public today a summary of Protestant foreign missions. In most of the firms there is shown to be an ad-vance over the receipts of the preceding year. The income of societies in the United States and Great Britain alone shows an increase of over \$2,00,000. The statistics are as follows: Stations 5.771; out stations, 22,564; total missionaries, 16,618; native workers, 75.-21; communicants in churches, 1,307,042; pupils under instruction, 1,127,552. The total native constituency is 3,612,391. The United States is represented by 6,-991 stations and out stations; 1,617 men, 2,638 women; 20,901 native laborers; 566,600 communicants; 43,723 added last year; 259.-537 under instruction, the income of the societies reported is \$7.176,895. The missionary work in the Hawaijan Islands having been assumed by the

societies reported is \$7,174,895. The missionary work in the Hawalian Islands having been assumed by the churches on the islands, that mission dis-appears this year from the rolls. But that to the Philippines has been added, so that the number of missions is still 22. In the Chinese missions of the Ameri-can board there are more church members by \$85 than before the Boxer outbreak, while the native laborers have increased nearly three-fold.

#### Cause of Typhoid at Butler, Pa.

New York, Dec. 16.—Dr. George A. Soper, a sanitary expert, engaged by the Engineering News to investigate the ty-phold epidemic at Builer, Pa., and its causes, reports that the epidemic has by no means attained the critical stage. He regards the epidemic as the most severa one of typhoid of recent record and at-tributes it to the suspension of the me-chanical filteration of the city water sup-ply. The water for the town is obtained The water for the town is obtained Money is urgently needed for the relief of the sick and destitute, he reports.

#### Japanese Statesmen Confer.

Tokio, Dec. 16 .- In consequence of Russia's reply, a special conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the cabinet ministers, is proceeding here today, understood that the statesmen as It is sidering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia.

Gen. Kodama, the war minister, was present, for the first time, at the con-There is renewed activity at the ad-

miralty, in view of a possible naval demonstration.

#### Petty Officer Gets Five Years.

Berlin, Dec. 16 .- Owing to his mistreatment of soldiers on 1,520 counts and abuses of authority on 100 counts, a non-commissioned officer named Franzki of the Eighty-fifth infantry, has been sentenced to five years' im-prisonment and dishonrable discharge om the army by a court-martial at Redsburg. The court declared Franzki had displayed the "brutality of an oxdriver.

#### IDAHO FACTORY'S FINE RUN.

(Special to the "News.") Idaho Falls, Dec. 16 .- The new " factory of the Idaho Sugar company is now running in perfect order. The builder, Mr. Dyer, pronounces it finished and will reave for good tomorrow. For the last 24 hours the factory sliced 533 tons of beets and produced 1,645 bags of sugar. It is j expected that the next 24 hours 4

#### Alfred Dolge Has Backing.

Alfred Dolge Has Backing. New York, Dec. 16.-When Alfred Dolge, of Dolgevile, Herkimer county, New York, failed in 18%, the crash was called "an economic tragedy," because it shat-tered hopes of establishing an ideal in-dustrial center fathered by Dolge. The promoter is now here buying ma-chinery and declares he has secure a pow-erful innancial canking for the establish-ment of a new Dolgeville to be located in Southern Califorma, two miles from Pas-adena. Two companies have been formed, he suys, capitalized at one million dol-iars, Land has been purchased, two acress of which will be set uside for a felt fac-tory and 200 for the building of a model town.

The factory will open with 20 operatives n a month or so. Many of the old hands from Dolgeville, N. Y., have already gone there

#### Actor Frank Moltan Enjoined.

Actor Frank Meitan Enjoincd. New York, Dec. 16.-An important de-cision regarding theatrical contracts has been handed down by Judge Tonwsend, in the United States circuit court, who has made permanent an injunction asked for on behalf of Castle Square Opera com-pany against Frank Moltan, a comedian Under this decision. Moltan is re-strained from appearing on the stage un-der any other management until his con-tract expires is months hence. The com-edian set up the plea that the contract allowed his employer to break it on two weeks' natice and maintained the same privilege for Limself.

Flood Renders Employes Idle.

New York, Dec. 16.—Nearly 4,900 persona will be idle in the Haledon district of Paterson. N. J., for several days because of the bursting of a small dam which lot loose the waters of Hopper's pond and fooded an area of 20 acres occupied by several large factories. The flood subsided immediately but ma-chinery was coaled with loe making op-cration of the milis impossible. The water filed the basements of many buildings and soon froze. Streets for miles around also were coated with ice. The loss will amount to several thousands.

#### Burned by Kerosene Explosion.

New York, Dec. 16-By the explosion, of a keresene lamp in the ten contheurs, of John Stankervich, 24 cast J wonty-fifth street, Stankervich and his daughter were badly burned and his wife and son were so severely burned that they are not ex-pected to live. Members of a family liv-ing on the floor just above were found half sufficient, and policemen assisted them to the street. The damage caured by the fire was small.

#### American Skating Association.

American Skating Association. Chiengo, Dec. 16.—The American Skat-ing association, which proposes to control ali minor organizations, and to promote interest in ice skating, has been formed at a meeting in the Sherman House by a number of men well known in skating cir-cles. Officers for the coming year wore se-lected and a general committee appointed to transact business until the near future. A constitution will then he drawn up and rules drafted to govern all contests held under the auspices of the association in the future. The officers elected were: President, Louis R. Totz; secretary, E. H. Groenke; treasurer, Dr. J. N. Sand-bloom. bloom.

#### Cashier Bushnell's Shortage.

expected that the next 24 hours will reach the 600 ton mark. The beets are keeping up in excellent shape. Up to this morning the factory has produced 1.080,000 pounds of sugar. The beet is a still greater shortage.