

the ensuing year. The company has been in existence about a year and a half, and was organized for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an irrigation ditch twenty-six miles in length, having a capacity of 10,000 inches, and to cost about \$40,000. The ditch will water 8,000 acres of land situated in Ada county. At the head of the ditch has been constructed, at a cost of nearly \$3,000, one of the best headgates in the county. Altogether about \$10,000 has been expended in cash and labor, and water will be running through the ditch to Dry creek, a distance of about nine miles, by July 1st. Stockholders secure a permanent water right for \$5 per acre. The maintenance will perhaps amount to about 20 cents per acre for each year. The land covered is especially adapted for fruit culture, and it is the intention of nearly all settlers to engage in that branch of farming. This means cultivation of small tracts, the cutting up of the larger holdings into small farms.

Judge Bumer, of Hailey, Idaho, is in town, and says that in the Star group of mines at Hailey, owned by Salt Lake parties, there was recently made a strike of seven feet of fine galena ore. This property is being managed by Superintendent Ferguson, and is one of the coming bonanzas of that region. It is owned by the Vanderbilt Mining company of this city, a member of which, Isaac Brockbank, went up a few days ago to settle with the men on the regular pay day.

Right on top of the good news of this strike, comes the tidings of disaster, told in the following telegram received

HAILEY, Idaho, Jan. 17.
Vanderbilt Mining Co.:

Snowslide took our blacksmith shop and mill half a mile down the gulch, with two men. George Hague we can't find. Brockbank at mine. I will leave for Salt Lake tomorrow.

D. H. FERGUSON.

Hon. Elias Merrill and the other officers of the company in this city are exceedingly anxious over the news, lest there possibly may be loss of life in addition to the destruction of property, but it is hoped that the men have been rescued alive. George Hague formerly lived in this city, being a son of James Hague, the gunsmith of early days.

WOODRUFF, Jan. 17, 1896.

We are having fine winter weather; however, counting the future, it would be better if we were plodding around through two feet of snow—last season's crops suffered for lack of water. The farmer of the future will not have the anxiety that rests upon those of the present; reservoirs will be made and the early spring supply of water will be held in reserve.

A large number of cattle are being fed in the valley for the eastern market. Mr. Sessions, of the Bear River Land and Cattle Company, recently returned from the East and reports the market unfavorable for feeders.

Inaugural day was honored by our patriotic citizens and the general expression of sentiment was "free the condition of the past and all hail Utah today!"

Last Tuesday evening members of the acting Priesthood and their ladies met at the residence of Bishop John M. Buxton in respect to him and Sister Agnes Buxton. The kind words of

love and good will that were spoken by all present could come only from hearts that were warm and filled with appreciation for their labors in behalf of the people of this ward. It was a time long to be remembered.

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The following has been received by Fish Commissioner Musser:

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 14, 1896.

Hon. A. Milton Musser, State Fish Commissioner, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir—I have been so busy since my return that I have not as yet been able to attend to the little items that I spoke to you about when last we met.

I have received the valve and will send you an entirely new device that I believe will prove perfectly satisfactory. I will also send you a copy of our game and fish laws, and, if possible, will give you a type-written copy of the proposed new law. Yesterday I received a copy of the Utah game law, which you were kind enough to send me and for which I desire to thank you.

The game case at Grand Junction resulted in the fixing of the man Bartholf the full extent of our law, namely, \$300, and in addition a sentence to two months in jail.

I will also send you blue prints of the irrigation devices that I have.

The carload of venison was too much to dispose of in our Denver market, so in order to add to our game fund as large an amount as possible, I ordered the entire lot shipped to Chicago, where we are reasonably sure of a good market.

Thanking you for the courtesies extended,

I am, yours truly,
GORDON LAND,
State Fish Commissioner.

Mr. Musser adds the following statement: If our officers had been one-half as vigilant as those of Colorado, others besides Bartholf would have been captured and the whole thing secure to the credit of Utah; for the only witness that furnished the evidence at the Grand Junction trial went from Utah at my earnest solicitation.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—The Chronicle says:

The Southern Pacific company is engaged in an interesting game of "freeze out" with some of its eastern connections, the bone of contention in which is the freight traffic to Utah. The squabble between the Southern Pacific company on the one side and the transcontinental lines running into Utah from the East, on the other, has reached such a stage that all the ingenuity of the traffic officials of the Southern Pacific company has been exerted in an effort to win the traffic fight. Thanks to a strategic move which evolved from the clear understanding of Vice President J. C. Staubs, the Southern Pacific company has succeeded in accomplishing its object quite successfully; but the means employed which have, up to the present time been kept carefully concealed from the traffic officials on the eastern lines, promise to provoke a merry war and all kinds of strife between the contending lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Advice from Honolulu is to the effect that preparations are under way for the third celebration of the anniversary of the revolution which overthrew the monarchy. It will take place on Janu-

ary 17, and the prediction is made that the parole of ex-Queen Liliuokalani will on that day be at an end, and that she will be granted a full pardon. President Dole is said to have informed a correspondent that the government hoped to see its way to pardon the ex-queen in a short time, and the third anniversary of her dethronement will in all probability witness the last act of the drama. The ex-queen is frequently seen driving about the city, and is enjoying much better health than at any period in the last three years.

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Fortuna, was sunk in a collision with the Boston Fruit company's steamer, Barnstable, of Highland light, last night. Nine of Fortuna's crew were drowned and fourteen saved.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 14.—T. N. King, an American engineer and one of the members of the reform union, arrested upon charges of high treason, has been escorted to Pretoria; but, it is expected he will be liberated in a few days.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Mr. Wiltz and other friends of John Hays Hammond, the American mining engineer, a member of the reform committee at Johannesburg, under arrest there on a charge of high treason, called upon the United States embassy today. It is understood Wiltz declared that the United States is inadequately represented in Transvaal and urged another appointment. Secretary Olney's instructions regarding the request made to the government of Great Britain to provide for the protection of the Americans in Transvaal, were communicated yesterday to the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, who immediately said: "We shall be very glad to use our good offices in behalf of the United States."

HAVANA, Jan. 14.—At noon today continued artillery firing was heard south of Rincon, not far from Bejuco. The town was attacked by insurgents yesterday, but they were forced to retreat after a battle lasting, it is claimed, five hours. But it is admitted the insurgents plundered the stores in the outlying streets of Bejuco and burned houses and destroyed the railroad depot. Previously they had burned the town of Salud and partly destroyed Quivican. They burned freight trains and destroyed everything as they pushed northward towards Havana. This force of insurgents is the one supposed to be commanded by Gomez, although it has been insisted that he is still in the province of Pinar del Rio, and was in conflict with the Spanish troops commanded by General Linares. It is believed an important engagement is taking place.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador to Constantinople, has reported to the Marquis of Salisbury that thirteen local committees to distribute relief in Armenia have been established under consular officers and American missionaries. He adds that \$250,000 to \$300,000 will be required before we now stand a chance to save the Armenians of Anatolia from starving.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—In the House today the Speaker announced the appointment of Allen (Uab) to the committee on public lands, in the place of Curtis, resigned.