

mill and the "Stairs" plant of this company is a stretch of the stream, located several years ago by Frank K. Gillespie.

"The Big Cottonwood Power Co., respected Gillespie's location, which seems to have been subsequently jumped or relocated by a Mr. Arnold in the interest of Mr. Armstrong and his company, who has been doing more or less work on the stream for the past year or two. A few months ago Gillespie appeared on the scene again with a party of workmen and has vigorously prosecuted the work since, until a few days ago, when a large party of men appeared in the canyon, estimated at upwards of 100, under the leadership of ex-Mayor Armstrong, who, by force moved the Gillespie men from the work. It is stated that on Sunday night Gillespie returned to the canyon repaired the work destroyed by the Armstrong party connected his workings with an old Turbine wheel, started up a small electric dynamo and produced several arc lights. A few hours after producing the electric current his little works were overwhelmed with a land slide which covered with earth all his apparatus—and thus the matter stands today. The rights of the Armstrong party and the Gillespie party will have to be determined by the courts.

"In addition to the properties of the Big Cottonwood Power company already enumerated, they also own by purchase another old saw mill location known as Mill B, about two miles up the stream from the "Stairs," and another water power location still above that and just below the mouth of the south fork of the Cottonwood. Active work has been continuously maintained by the company on all of their property. There is no controversy as to their rights which are in no way questioned by the warring parties in the canyon. The company have given employment to 150 men and many teams for the past six months and will have expended half a million dollars in all including the purchase price of the various old time water-power locations owned by it.

"The completion of this transmission electric plant of the Big Cottonwood power company will mark a new epoch in the history of our city. It will displace a large tonnage of coal in the production of light and power, thus keeping at home much money which is now sent out of the State for coal. It should stimulate manufacturing industries by furnishing cheap and desirable power whenever required in the city and vicinity. It may solve many problems in the cheap manipulation and reduction of our ores and not the least of its beneficent advantages to our city will be the complete cessation of the smoke nuisance. The power company is interesting large amounts of Eastern capital in this vital enterprise, and as some of the press notices of the conflict in the canyon have implied that the Power companies' titles are in some way involved, it is a manifest injustice to this company which has accomplished so much, to impair their standing with their Eastern and European connections by unfounded rumors as to a conflict of title.

"The gentlemen connected with the Big Cottonwood Power company have no desire to hinder in any way the development of that portion of the stream in controversy, by any responsible parties, as they think that there is an ample market here for all the power that can be generated on the stream and will gladly afford any information justified by their experience or any other aid that is in their power to the party that may be determined to be the rightful owner of the property."

ITEMS FROM HUNTINGTON.

HUNTINGTON, Utah, Jan. 29, 1896: A lamentable and fatal accident has befallen one of our esteemed and beloved citizens, A. J. Allen. On Monday last, about 2 o'clock, our quiet and peaceful town had the alarming news circulated that Elder Allen had been killed and his body would be in this evening. Brother Allen was first counselor to the Bishop in this ward and a very estimable man.

Sunday night about 11 o'clock in Soldier canyon, nineteen miles from Price, Carbon county, he, in company with others, was coming down said canyon, and within a few hundred yards of where they were calculating to camp for the night; all at once the wheel of his wagon struck a rock that was close to the road, and his team being on a good trot, it threw him from the wagon against another rock, and he was instantly killed. The road at this place is very slippery and he could not get his rough locks to do any good; and when he struck this rock he was thrown from the wagon with such force it broke his neck. The front part of his head was knocked in and part of his brains was scattered on the rocks; his face was very much disfigured, so much so that he was unrecognizable. The news of this sorrowful event threw a gloom over the town.

Today the services were held over the remains. Elders Wm. Cowley, A. E. Wall, H. T. Stalworthy, S. S. Young, J. W. Nixon and Bishop Johnson, all paid a high tribute to the character of the deceased. He was 39 years of age on December 20th, 1895. He leaves a wife and five children, besides many relatives and friends. He was a son-in-law to Charles Pulephier.

The weather is very fine and has been all this winter, hardly snow enough to cover the ground at any time up to date. Of course it is very agreeable to have such weather right now, but it may not be so much in July and August. But we are willing to leave it to Him who does all things well.

A few days ago our town was surprised by a display of musical talent, by the brass bands of the creek, through an arrangement started, I believe, by A. P. Johnson, (manager of the Huntington band). At about 11 o'clock the bands from the different towns began to make their appearance in town and about 12 o'clock they had marshalled themselves into line, and with two wagons fitted up for the occasion they trailed through. I assure you the wind blew, for the space of two hours, more than common; and after they had aroused the town they repaired to the hall, where, during the remainder of the day and until midnight, a program was carried out. It would be

well if more such occasions would be brought about, for I believe such socials will have a tendency to unite the people, and we know there is room for that.

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GROWTH IN MANCHESTER.

From a private letter, written by Elder William Jobu Lee, now laboring in the Manchester conference, to Elder Robert Aveson of this city, lately president of that conference, the News is permitted to make a few extracts, showing the recent growth of the Manchester branch. He says:

"We have a branch now of from ten to fifteen adults and about as many children, and the Saints are enjoying very good meetings. About a year ago one of our members made me acquainted with a couple named Cutting, the wife being a sister of Brother George Hyde, of Ogden. Mr. Cutting prior to this time would not have anything to do with a Latter-day Saint Elder, but before leaving I gave him a tract and asked him to read it. Two weeks later I met him again. He read the tract and said he liked it. We had another conversation upon the Gospel and he gave me a warm invitation to call upon him. I did so by appointment and found not only Mr. and Mrs. Cutting but also Mr. Walter Hyde, a Miss Hyde (sister to Mrs. Cutting) and a gentleman named Phillips. I spent about two hours with them speaking upon the first principles of the Gospel and baptism. I gave them an invitation to our meeting, which was held in the humble cot of Sister Nash. Mr. and Mrs. Cutting came to our meeting and have been regular attendants ever since. I also had the privilege of meeting twice with the Hyde family, and preached the Gospel to them. I have since baptized Mr. Cutting and his wife; and Mr. Hyde and his sister said that had they known they would have been baptized at the same time. I was later removed from the Manchester district to labor in Heywood branch, and since my removal six of the parties have been baptized by Elder Crosby. Brother and Sister Cutting have opened their house and the meeting is held now one week at Brother Cutting's and one week at Sister Nash's, and the president of the branch—Brother John Addishead—is striving, in connection with the Saints, to make the Manchester branch flourish and prosper as it has in the past. The year and seven months which I have spent in the Manchester branch has brought forth some fruit. I always keep in view the saying of the Apostle Paul that "Paul may plant and Apollis may water, but it is God that gives the increase."

We are busy making ready for our conference, which will convene about February 2nd or 9th. We are expecting a very good conference. We have already twelve or fourteen baptisms to report this time so you can see the work is moving along very nicely in this part of the Lord's vineyard. I think that people are becoming more favorable to us as a people.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 3.—National Chairman Samuel Dickey of the Prohibition party has just secured a call for the national convention, which is to meet in this city beginning May 27.