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FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 3.

Railway Officers .- This afternoon Railway Officers.—This atternoon a meeting of the stockholders in the Utah Central Railway was held in the company's office in this city, and an election held. The old board of directors was re-elected, with the exception of Frank G. Brown, who was superseded by Major Hill. This change was made so that a quorum might exist within the Territory.

The County Jail.—The County Court have decided on the style of jail that will be built in Salt Lake County during the coming summer. Of the various plans submitted the rotary has been deemed the most suitable. The new building will be about 35 x 66 feet, two stories in height, and will accomodate eighty-five prisoners. The cost will be pretty close to \$40,000. It has not yet been definitely determined where the location will be.

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tive voting strength of the two parties. It is also for the purpose of enabling the officer to know, pro-viding he were to lend himself as a tool of the plotters, how far he would bool of the plotters, how ar he would have to manipulate matters as an obstructionist to give the party he is supposed to belong to the ascendancy in his official field. The fact is, that the coercers are using election officers, or attempting to use them, for corrupt marky narrouses. party purposes.

### THE WILLIAMS CASE.

MR. DICKSON FAILS TO FIX A CHARGE OF ADULTERY.

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The latter made au effort to bring out testimony on which to base an adultery charge.

Mrs. Ellen James Williams, the plural wife, was the only witness examined. She testified as ioilows—I was married to the defendant twelve years ago; live at North Point; have five children, the youngest three years old; my busband has not lived with me since last March; his irst wife's name is Jane Williams; she lives in this city; the defendant has not lived with her for eleven years; my husband has not occupied the same room with me since the passage of the Edmunds-Tucker bill; we read the bill and expected it to become a law; could not say what paper we read it in; that was before the first of March—sometime in February; we separated because I did not wish my husband convicted of adultery; we took counsel on the subject; talked with Mr. Moyle; I spoke to him myscif; this was in the latter part of February; since the 2d of March we have not sustained the relation of husband and wife.

Mr. Dickson rose to leave the room, saying as he did so, "I submit the case—to be held on the charge of unlawful cohabitation."

Commissioner McKay fixed the ball of defendant at \$1,500, which was given.

nesses.

Another Attempt to Corrupt.—In addition to the illegal and anti-Commission form of oath furnished the registrars by the coercion committee matter of mannfactures, being determined not to confine their operations of the "Loyal League," they have placed in the hands of the same officers liets of all the "Liberal" electors. They have established a shoc factory which is turning out excellent work in that line, their wares being what may be registrar to know precisely the rola-

paper packing or stuffing. They consequently ware much better than imported goods and are therefore cheaper in the end. We have seen samples of the goods and can speak advisedly on the subject. The Spanish Fork institution are pushing their goods on the home market, and we wish them the success they deserve.

The Wrong Man.—Yesterday depnty marshals visited Sonth Jordan and searched the premises of Wm. E. Molt, in hopes of finding that gentlemen on a warrant charging unlawful cohabitation. The ransacking was vain, however, and the deputies retarned to this city. Shortly after, one of them encountered Mr. Alfred Holt and placed him under arrest, but on his being ashered into Marshal Dyer's presence, the latter made it known that the wrong man was in custody. He was, however, detained two hours before being released. The Marshal was evidently anhoyed at not finding the object of the search, and said to Mr. A. Holt, "You are just as guilty as the other man, only we haven't go the evidence yet."

Dead.—At 9 o'clock last night Thos. Colburn, whose gradual dissolution was mentioned in Monday evening's Nkws, breathed his last. His home was at Peterson, Morgan Gounty, whither the remains will be taken to-morrow afternoon, and there buried beside his wife. His death is due to old age mainly, his age being 85 years and nine months to a day. From to-morrow morning until three o'clock to-morrow afternoon friends will be allowed to view the remains at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Rosina Godbe, 134 Fourth East Street. Brother Colburn was a member ot "Zlon's Camp" and a man well and favorably known. A landmark has gone out from among the people where he lived, and in fact in Utah. Dead .- At 9 o'clock last night Thos.

## HANS MADSEN

CHARGED WITH VIOLATING THE ED-MUNDS LAW-A CURIOUS CASE.

Yesterday afternoon Hans Madsen, proprietor of a secondhand store on Commercial Street, was arrested on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, made by Deputy Franks. The accused was taken before Commissioner McKay and a preliminary examination commenced.

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The first witness called was Mrs. Johanna Nielsen, who answered a few questions in broken English. As she could not get along very well, Deputy Spragne was sworn as interpreter. The witness then stated that she had not been married to the defendant; she had been sealed to him for eternity, but that relationship had no effect in this life: the sealing ceremony had been performed in Salt Lake City in February, 1885; she did wasbing and ironing for a living; the defendant sometimes called to see her; she did washing for him; she had never sustained the marriage relation to him.

Mrs. Madsen, the defendant's legal wife, was willing to testify. She said she had frequently seen him at Mrs. Nielson's house; he was often away from home.

An adjournment was then held till 10 a.m. to day, the accused being liberated on \$2,000 bail.

To-day the examination was continued by the recall of Mrs. Madsen for the prosecution.

Mr. Dickson—Mrs. Madsen, has any one made any threats against you since yesterday? You need not be afraid to tell; the law will protect you, and if so, we'll take means to stop it.

Mrs. Madsen began to weep, and made no reply.

Commissioner McKay—Answer the

Mrs. Madsen—He was angry and said something I don't think he meant. He said he could help me to get along, but would not now do so.

Mr. Dickson—Was anything said about putting you in the penitentiary. Mrs. Madsen—No, sis.

Mr. Dickson — Didn't you say to Deputy Sprague that your son said he would send you to the penitentiary if you sent his father there?

Mrs. Madsen—I don't remember saying such a thing. I did not hear half my son said.

Mr. Dickson—Did he say anything of that kind?

Mrs. Madsen—No, I don't remember that he did. He said he could have helped me, but he did not feel like it now. He was talking when I went away. I have not seen my husband since.

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Mr. Dickson—Is your son here?
Mrs. Madsen—Yes, sir (pointing him out).

Mr. Dickson—I wish to say to you, Mr. Madsen, and to anyone else who wishes to intimidate a witness, that it will not be permitted in United States cases. A heavy penalty follows—you may be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for six years. It is a serious matter to threaten or intimidate a witness and will not be allowed. I ask that the defendant be held on the charge of polygamy.

gamy.

Mr. Moyle stated that he wished to call Mrs. Nielson on behalf of the de-

The lady came forward and to Mr. Moyle's question, "Were you a witness in this case yesterday?" made no reply.
Mr. Moyle asked that 2n interpreter

Mr. Modes asked that 2n interpreted be called in.

Mr. Dickson—I object. She talked good enough Enclish to me yesterday till it came to the scaling with Madsen.

What is your name?

Mrs. Nielson—Johanna Nielson.

Mr. Dickson—How old are you?

Mr. Dickson—You answered in Eng-lish yesterday—not the best, of course, but in English—and didn't you tell me when and where you were married, and the names of your husband and children? children?

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No answer.

Mr. Dickson—The witness is trifling with the court, as is manifest by the way she testified yesterday.

Commissioner—Mrs. Nielson, you are trifling. I think you understand the questions, and (icaning forward and glaring fercely at her) Pilgive you just ten minutes to answer! You answered them yesterday, and if you don't answer them again now, Pil send you to the penitentiary!

The witness looked at him blankly, evidently not having understood a word that had been said.

The Commissioner then left the room for about ten minutes, and on his return Mr. Moyle again requested that an intepreter be called in, as he understood that through misunderstanding the questions yesterday the witness had made an error in her testimony.

Mr. Dickson—Send for Mr. Sprague.

Mr. Movle—I don't want Mr. Sprague. I am willing to have any citizen. I have nothing against Mr. Sprague, but I object to him or to any deputy.

Commissioner—I won't put on any interpreter. I know she can answer in English.

Mrs. Collett, one of the lady witnesses, suggested that, she was a neighbor to Mrs. Nielson, and had aever heard her speak English. She could understand it some, but could not speak much.

Commissioner—She speaks and nn-

ball, and Mrs. Nielson \$500, to appear as witnesses.

# A HORRIBLE DEED.

MRS. BERTHA MICKELSEN HANGS HER'S SELF TO A BEDFOST.

The usually quiet settlement of Huntsville was treated to a genuine senantion yesterday. Mrs. Bertha Mickelsen committed suicide ty hanging herself to a bedpest. She was found dangling in the cellar, having removed the door in order to secure drop enough to produce strangulation. The body was discovered by neighbors, who summoned assistance and the body was cut down. It was cold, however, and life was entirely extinct.

A coroner's inquest was held with Acting Coroner Charles Wright presiding and a jury consisting of Messrs. Jens Wangsguard, Angus McKay and A. P. Renstrum. The testimony of those who first saw the body, was taken, and J. H. Mickelsen, a son of decased, testified that he last saw his mother at about noon. The inquest was held at three o'clock. It was about one hour after noon when he saw his mother hanging in the position described.

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dict:
An inquest held at Huntsville, Weber
County, Utah Territory, on the 5th day
of May, 1887, on the body of Bertha
Mickelsen, now laying dead before us.
We the jurors on our oaths do believe
that she committed snicide by hanging, caused by a deranged state of
mind.

H. Wangsgoard, Angus Mc Kay, A. P. Renstrum. Charles Wright, Acting Coroner.

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The case is a very distressing one.
Deceased was born in Prussia and was educated in Denmark. She was 42 years old and leaves a husband and six children in very poor circumstances. The youngest child was in cradle close by the bed when the deed was committed. It is thought that sickness and poverty had preyed upon the woman's mind to such an extent as to overbalance her reason. It is said she has often considered herself a burden upon her husband, who is a weak, nnheaithy her husband, who is a weak, unhealthy

man.
The people of Huntsville are shocked at the sad occurrence, but will do all in their power to make comfortable the unfortunate husband and bereaved little ones.—Ogden Herald, Mag 6.

Peter J. Nielson was called as a witness for the defense, but was not allowed to testify. Mr. Dickson objecting to his evidence as incompetent.

Mr. Moyle asked that the defendant be discharged, as it was shown that there was no marriage for this life, but a scaling for eternity, which was beyond the reach of the Commissioner's jurisdiction.

Mr. Dickson wanted the defendant held for polygamy.

The Commissioner held Mr. Madsen to await the grand jury's action on the charge of unlawful consultation, and placed him under \$2,500 bonds. Mrs. Madself was required to furblak \$500 bonds.