

thousand shares of the Bullion-Best represent a more extensive interest, and call for \$100,000 in the dividend paid on Saturday. At the Centennial Eureka meeting this morning the directors declared an extra dividend—distinct from the regular usual payments—of \$1 per share. This \$30,000 will go out to the shareholders to bring them good cheer for Independence Day, so they can celebrate it without misgivings.

The Territorial board of equalization, whose duty it is to fix the assessment of all railway, telegraph, telephone and railway car company property in Utah, completed its labor today, and lists the properties named for 1895 as follows:

Union Pacific Railway	\$ 907,449
Echo & Par. City	185,640
Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern	8,621,167
Rio Grande Western	4,279,959
Central Pacific	1,559,663
Salt Lake & Los Angeles	118,750
Utah Central	82,617
Sanpete Valley	71,214
Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs	60,380
Salt Lake & Fort Douglas	4,273
Salt Lake & Mercur	23,667
Ogden Union Railroad & Depot Co.	149,420
Pullman Palace Car Co.	44,850
Salt Lake City Railroad Co.	253,425
Salt Lake Rapid Transit	150,855
West Side Rapid Transit	14,510
Wagon City Street Railroad	48,075
Ogden Utah Hot Springs Co.	16,152
Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co.	88,258
Western Union Telegraph Co.	81,937
Deseret Telephone Co.	57,446
Vernal Telephone Co.	920
Grand total	\$11,770,243

The Vernal Telephone assessment was made June 20 and notice mailed. The company has not yet responded for any correction or equalization that may be claimed.

The following is the apportionment of the foregoing valuations between the various counties, and also the list for 1894, showing a slight decrease in valuation this year:

Counties.	1894.	1895.
Beaver	\$ 182,725 00	180,822
Box Elder	1,825,25 40	1,816,472
Cache	419,304 50	407,472
Carbon	394,054 00	39,708
Davis	677,868 80	677,542
Dawson	465,830 00	468,150
Emery	633,258 00	629,233
Grand	444 00	444
Iron	545,675 40	538,338
Kane	27 00	27
Morgan	213,641 00	235,040
Millard	466,931 00	463,464
Salt Lake	1,974,832 40	2,011,877
Sanpete	457,764 00	468,591
Sevier	38,970 00	37,792
Summit	657,593 00	642,538
Tooele	217,710 00	214, 61
Utah	1,820,233 40	1,836,229
Wasatch	232 70	233
Washington	671 00	683
Weber	653,362 80	654,490
Uintah	920 00	920
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The Old Folks' committee take pleasure in announcing that their annual excursion will take place on the above date, and invite the citizens of Salt Lake City and county who are seventy years of age and upwards to go with us and have a good time.

The managers of the Union Pacific railway have generously tendered a free ride to all persons whose age entitles them to go—under the direction of the Old Folks' committee.

All persons between the ages of seventy and eighty should wear a red badge; all between eighty and ninety a blue badge; all between ninety and one hundred a white rosette.

The Salt Lake and Rapid Transit street railways will honor for passage

to and from the depot all persons wearing the badges before named.

Arrangements will be made to take up the aged at the following places in Salt Lake county going and returning: Franklin, Bingham Junction, Sandy and Draper.

Tickets will be distributed by Mr. John Kirkman in Bishop Preston's office, three days prior to the excursion.

Every possible effort will be made to make the excursion one of genuine pleasure. The Old Folks' choir, under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Foster, will entertain the occupants of the cars going and returning.

This invitation is extended to all of the requisite age, regardless of wealth, poverty, creed, sect, nation or color. People under the age named are not invited. There are not cars enough in Utah to accommodate all who would like to go. Every citizen of Utah on Old Folks' day should make their business to do one especially good act to an aged veteran before the sun goes down.

There are many citizens who have expressed a desire to aid this movement. All such can do so by forwarding their contributions to any member of the undersigned committee.

Wm. B. Preston, George Goddard, C. R. Savage, Wm. Naylor, Wm. Edington, W. L. Binder, John Kirkman, Nelson A. Empey, Andrew Jensen.

A HUMAN HAND MYSTERY.

Police circles have been somewhat agitated for the last forty-eight hours over the discovery of a human hand under circumstances altogether out of the ordinary. Particulars of the case first reached the department on Saturday evening.

It appears that on Wednesday afternoon a little boy named Davis, who resides with his parents at No. 161 east, Third South street, found in the road directly in front of their home a hand which gave evidence of having been severed from the body at least several months ago. The severed member was taken in the house and kept for several days and then turned over to the police. It was closely examined by Dr. Doby, city health physician, and the conclusion arrived at that it one time belonged to a lady. Whether she was and whether living or dead is a mystery that may be very difficult to solve. It is believed from the condition of the tendons, muscles and general appearance of the hand that its owner was a young woman unaccustomed to hard work.

Of course the discovery has suggested numerous rumors as to a probable murder having been committed and the fact that the find was so near to Franklin avenue lends some strength to that idea, especially when considered with the further fact that persons residing in the locality claim that for a considerable period past a decidedly bad and peculiar odor has been noticeable. It was thought that perhaps the body of the woman might be secreted there somewhere, but the police have failed to locate it up to date.

Another and more probable theory has been advanced as to how the hand was severed from the body. It is that some medical student obtained it from a corpse, perhaps from an under-

taking establishment and perhaps from other physicians, each of whom got a portion of the body as his particular share for disarticulation purposes. This view of the case is borne out by the fact that the nails and flesh of the fingers up to the first joints and the thumb are missing, while the body by its general appearance indicate that it has been "preserved" in alcohol for a time. But why a medical man should have disposed of it by throwing it into the street unless that it had not been fully "preserved" and was giving him trouble, is not known. Whatever the facts may be, it is a case that calls for complete investigation.

MAYOR'S VETO APPROVED.

Salt Lake City has a new tax levy ordinance for the year 1895; this time it is legally passed without doubt. The levy is the same—seven mills—as the one passed last week without the necessary requirement of specifying what the money to be raised was to be used for.

At a special meeting held by the council on Saturday night, the veto message from the Mayor was received and unanimously approved and the following new ordinance passed in lieu of the one which came before that body for final action on the Tuesday night previous:

Bill No. 155, for an ordinance levying the tax on the assessed value of the taxable property within the corporate limits of Salt Lake City for the year 1895.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, that there is hereby levied on all the real and personal estate or property, situate, lying and being within the corporate limits of Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, made taxable by the general laws of said Territory and the ordinances of Salt Lake City, seven mills on the dollar, as follows, to wit:

To defray the contingent expenses of said city, five mills on the dollar.

To defray the expenses of controlling the waters of said city, one and one-quarter mills on the dollar.

To defray the expenses of opening, improving and keeping in repair the streets and sidewalks of said city, one-half mill on the dollar.

To pay the expense of constructing and keeping in repair sewers and drains in said city, one-quarter mill on the dollar.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval.

O'Meara, unintentionally no doubt, created a little breeze by propounding the unloaded and harmless question as to whether or not it would be necessary for Assistant City Attorney Van Horn to resign in order to receive the additional salary recently voted to him by the Council. Judge Hoxe, city attorney, was of the opinion that it would not. Young wanted to know if Mr. Van Horn, who has been absent from the city for some time past, had returned. The reply was that he had, and Mr. Young, with a long drawn sigh, said he would like to see the color of his hair just once and know for a fact that the city actually had an assistant attorney.

GRINDLEY, Cal., July 1.—The house of Trotter Holliday, a prominent rancher, was burned this morning. Holliday and his niece perished.