# DYING STATEMENT OF INJURED WOMAN

## Mary Vance Recites Tale of Brutal Wrongs by Her Husband.

## WIFE NOW IN THE HOSPITAL

### On Her Cot She Writes Accusations Against Thomas Vance Which Will Be Used in Court.

Dying as the result of a beating administered upon her frail body by her husband, Mary Vance yesterday prepared a written statement of the cruelties inflicted upon her by Thomas Vance, who is now in the city jail. Mrs. Vance lies on a cot in St. Mark's hospital and will die, physicians say. The statement of Mrs. Vance accuses her husband of gross cruelty for many years. She has gone back to him to live with him many times after being forced to leave him on account of his cruelty.

The last attack by Vance was made ten days before Thanksgiving and arose over a trivial matter. Mrs. Vance says that she filled his cup too full of coffee, and that he threw it at her. This he followed this up by beating her almost to insensibility.

MRS. VANCE'S STATEMENT.

Mrs. Vance's statement with spelling and punctuation corrected is as follows:

"Written statement of Mary Vance against Thomas Vance, for beating her Nov. 26, 1907.

"I filled his cup too full with coffee. He picked it up and with an oath threw it at me, but I dodged. It struck the wall and bursted all to pieces, then he jumped at me and knocked me down. I got to the door some way and he shoved me out of the door and was going to lock me out, but I got in before he locked it. Then he knocked me against the stove. He kicked me while I was unconscious. The oldest daughter, Lena, saw him kick me.

"The next day when he came to dinner I was lying down to rest in the other room. He slipped in and never spoke and slipped out again. I heard him but I never opened my eyes. I had a glass of water sitting on the mantle. After he left the room I picked the water up and drank it. In five minutes I thought I would die of vomiting. I believe with all my heart that he put poison in the water, for he said he intended to kill me some way or other.

BEATEN AND KICKED.

"Just before I started to the hospital he dared me to have him arrested. He said if I did there would be trouble. To the best of my knowledge he has beaten and kicked me not less than 60 times. He has been at it ever since my oldest girl was three weeks old. She is now 11 years old and past. He beat me once the night before my second babe was born till my ears were black.

"Once when we were traveling he was going to leave me with the Indians and take the children with him, but I cried and begged him to just take me away from the savage Indians; so he did. When we got to Arizona he begged me to live with him; so I did.

"A few minutes before the ambulance came for me he swore and said it was a d— nice place here, for there was no law to protect a man, but a woman could do anything and he protected.

"I want him punished to the full extent of the law. If he ever sees me, he will kill me.

"MARY VANCE."

## AUSTIN FAMILY ORGANIZE.

### Descendants of Honored Pioneer Hold Enjoyable Reunion.

(Special to the "News.")

Lehi, Utah, Dec. 4.—The Austin family held their annual reunion in the Bank building last evening, and effected a permanent organization and a constitution of the society was read and adopted.

Father Austin, had he lived until yesterday, would have been 85 years old, but he passed peacefully away last February. Mrs. Austin died some 14 years ago. They were the parents of 17 children, 11 of whom survive. At the reunion held last evening, all of the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present excepting a very few who were detained home on account of sickness. There are today seven sons, four daughters, 74 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren, numbering in all 109.

At this gathering were a number of the intimate friends and associates of Father and Mrs. Austin, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher, George Austin, a brother, Mr. and Mrs. William Webb, William E. Southwick, Also Apostle John Henry Smith, Bishop Rebo C. Iverson.

An elegant supper had been prepared, and after partaking of same, an impromptu program was rendered. The address delivered by John Henry Smith was very impressive and will be long remembered by those who were present. During the program resolutions of respect to Father Austin, who died last February, Step-mother Austin, who died three days prior to Mrs. Parley Austin, who died some time in August, were read and adopted.

It is the object of the Austin association to meet annually and preserve and strengthen those kindred feelings which do and should unite the members of the family; to perpetuate the memory of their honored progenitors; to collect, preserve and publish biographical and genealogical information respecting their kindred, and to provide a fund for the benefit of deserving members of the family either by assisting in their education or otherwise, as the association may determine. There was also a committee chosen to take up special temple work.

Father John Austin was born in the parish of Studham, Bedfordshire, England, on the 3rd day of December, 1813, and Emma Grace Austin was born in the parish of Whipsnade, Bedfordshire, England, on March 20, 1827. They emigrated to Utah in the year 1888, crossing the plains in mule teams. Since the arrival in Utah, Father Austin had followed the occupation of farmer, at which profession he was very successful. The 11 children who survive him are Harriet Austin Jacobs, George Austin, Heber Austin, William Austin, Mark Austin, Parley Austin, John E. Austin, Julia Austin Brown, Annie Austin Munns, Lettie Goodeanson and Thomas Austin.

At the conclusion of the program, dancing was indulged in for some time and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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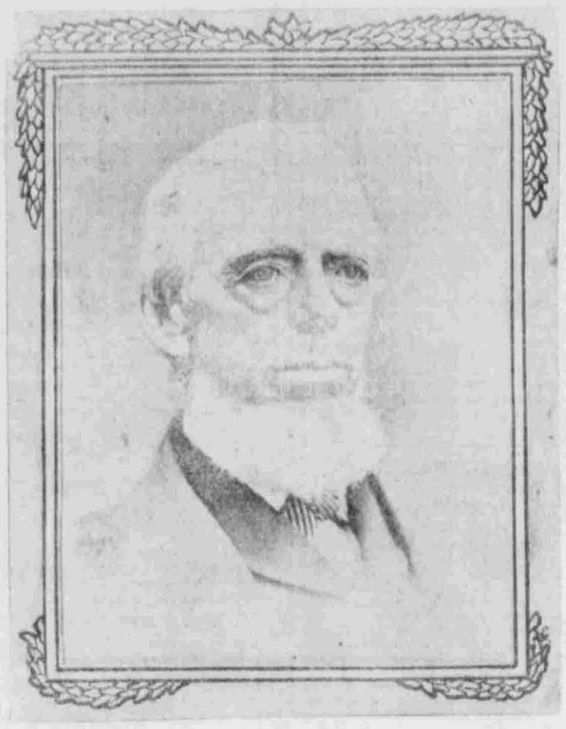

THE LATE SAMUEL NESLEN.

The one hundredth birthday anniversary of the late Samuel Neslen, progenitor of the Neslen family of Utah, was made the occasion of a happy reunion last night, at which were present more than 150 of his posterity, including some of the fifth generation. The function was held in the Twentieth ward amusement hall, and while it was the first gathering of the kind in memory of "Father" Neslen, the sentiment prevailed that the future will witness many another such event as evidence of honor and respect to the worthy family head.

The exercises of the evening consisted of a banquet, followed by a program and dance. The rooms were tastefully decorated and presented a beautiful appearance. A painting of Father Neslen hung on the wall, as did also a picture of the ship Colorado, upon which he and his family sailed from the old world. Potted plants and cut flowers adorned the richly laden tables.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

A feature of the program was a biographical sketch of Samuel Neslen, delivered by his grandson, C. Clarence Neslen. In it was contained a brief history of the life and labors of the man in whose honor the assemblage was held, as well as a eulogy of his upright course and unimpeachable character. The village of Oulton, county of Suffolk, was the birthplace of Samuel Neslen, and the date, Dec. 3, 1807. Thomas Jlefferson was the president of the United States, and Napoleon was at the zenith of his glory when Mr. Neslon was born. He was married July 13, 1829, at Lowestoft, to Eunice Francis, an dthe two became Latter-day Saints July 7, 1849.

HIS BENEFACTIONS.

The head of the household was by this time a well-to-do contractor, and he built and gave to the Lowestoff branch the chapel still owned and used by it. In 1853 he resolved to come to Utah, and with him he brought not only his own family, consisting of a wife and nine children, but he paid the way of 43 other persons. He arrived in Salt Lake City, Sept. 20, 1853, and here he resided until his death, Aug. 29, 1887.

SURVIVING FAMILY.

The surviving children of Samuel Neslen present at last evening's gathering, were Robert F. Neslen, aged 75; Mrs. E. B. Tucker, 72; Mrs. E. F. Dean, 70; Mrs. E. N. Foster, 69; Mrs. Phoebe Ottinger, 68; W. F. Neslen, 67; Mrs. Anna Sharp, 64. D. S. Spencer is the oldest grandchild, and Henry Darreld Smith, an infant in arms, great-great-grandchild, was the only oneof the three living great-great-grandchildren present on the occasion.

## JUNK STRINGENCY DUE.

### G. J. Harman Does Not Hoard Currency But Piles of Rubbish.

"Any rags, any bones, any bottles today?

It's the same old story in the same old way."

G. J. Harman, who until yesterday lived at 8 Morton's court, is probably one of the queerest misers on record. His was not greed for gold; because he had no money and could not pay his rent he had to move. He refused to leave his landlord's house so the sheriff's office was asked for assistance. Deputy Sheriff W. B. Booth, accompanied by a number of workers went down to the house and told the old man he had to get out. When the workers started taking Harman's belongings out they saw a week's work ahead if they followed regular methods so everything, except articles of some value, were tossed through windows from the ground and second stories. Harman protested and to get his collection good treatment offered the laborers 25 cents apiece. Upstairs the old man had his bed and cooking stove—and other things. Some of the curios he had stored away in the two upper rooms were: Bags of old nails, rusty tins, broken hinges, discarded toys, bottles, tin cans, broken chinaware and all sorts of junk. Trunks and boxes piled high from the floor were jammed full of the same things. Among the rubbish were nearly a dozen well brushed but broken hats, including several high silk ones; a bag of scarped bones; hundreds of old brooms; 40 cans of suet; dozens of jars of mildewed fruit; asthmatic accordeons; umbrellas, some with covers and others with nothing but a rib or two left, and gunny sacks full of wood and kindling, made into bundles of sticks of similar length.

Harman was a painter and at first—about 20 years ago—started bringing various knickknacks from vacant houses. Gradually the hoarding habit grew, until a cast-off coat held a certain charm. When asked why he had filled his house with enough old junk to dam a river, the old man said, "I jest kept 'em, thinkin' they'd be useful some time 'rother." When everything had been taken out of the house Morton's court resembled a public garbage ground. The old man built a fire in his stove and kept guard all night over his belongings. The old man says he can go nowhere because he has no money and will not go anywhere where his stuff is not wanted, anyhow.


## BEGAN YOUNG

### Had "Coffee Nerves" from Youth.

"When very young I began using coffee and continued up to the past six months," writes a Texas girl.

"I had been exceedingly nervous, thin and very sallow. After quitting coffee and drinking Postum Food Coffee about a month my nervousness disappeared and has never returned. This is the more remarkable as I am a Primary teacher and have kept right on with my work.

"My complexion now is clear and rosy, my skin soft and smooth. As a good complexion was something I had greatly desired, I feel amply repaid even though this were the only benefit derived from drinking Postum.

"Before beginning its use I had suffered greatly from indigestion and headache; these troubles are now unknown.

"First of all, I changed from coffee to Postum without the slightest inconvenience, did not even have a headache. Have known coffee drinkers who were visiting me, to use Postum a week without being aware that they were not drinking coffee.

"I have known several to begin the use of Postum and drop it because they did not boil it properly. After explaining how it should be prepared they have tried it again and pronounced it delicious."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the booklet "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."


# CONGRESS AND SILVER DOLLAR

## Commercial Club Meeting Tonight Will Pass Definitely Upon Plans.

## CONVENTION OR MEMORIAL?

### One or the Other Means Will Be Adopted to Bring the Issue To the Front.

Tonight at the Commercial club a conference on the silver question will be held. Many prominent citizens have been invited to be present, and before them the results of two meetings among smaller numbers, and several committee sessions, will be laid.

Judge C. C. Goodwin, who with John Dern and Thomas Kearns, was appointed by a special committee of 10 to decide what course to pursue, was last night authorized by other members of this committee to draw up a memorial to Congress, to be submitted tonight. It is thought that this memorial will call for a more liberal treatment of silver, and especially for the immediate purchase and coinage of whatever amount may be secured in the open market up to 50,000,000 ounces.

Advocates of mixing a free coinage propaganda with the present movement have been routed in the arguments so far, and it is now thought that the matter of coining more silver dollars will be the extent of the demands made.

MAY DECIDE TONIGHT.

Sentiment on calling a convention has not yet taken definite form, and one of the possibilities of tonight's meeting may be a decision to assemble in Salt Lake delegates from the western states, who will be expected to assume responsibility for whatever attack is made on Congress. The need for immediate action, however, is such that co-operative work may not be indulged in, and the memorial sent at once, each being left to its own discretion in endorsing the memorial or framing a similar one.

## MANY COMPLAINTS MADE.

### County Attorney's Office Besieged by Persons With Tales of Woe.

County Atty. Willard Hanson and his deputies were busy men yesterday listening to complaints of people who imagined they were suffering from grievances which had a remedy at law. Several complaints were issued, but several of them have not been made public pending arrests. Among those which were given out yesterday are:

Eddie Olson is charged with burglary in the third degree for having, it is charged, stolen several articles from the Angelus rooming house.

Henry Bammesfaher is charged with stealing a ring worth $10 from John Sibley, in addition to the charge against him of forging the name of Pat Moran to a check.

Arthur Sloan is charged with beating a board bill of $50 by Mrs. May Stevenson.

Arch Higham is charged with obtaining money by false pretenses by Charles Bodel, who cashed a worthless check for him.

## BUSY WEEK FOR MR. LANE.

### New President of Telephone Company Showered With Attentions.

The Omaha Bee of recent date gives a pleasant notice of the attention shown to H. Vance Lane prior to his departure for this city, to become president of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company. The article, headed, "Banquet Week for H. V. Lane—One every night for new president of Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company," is as follows:

"This is 'banquet week' for H. Vance Lane, who has just resigned as vice president and general manager of the Nebraska Telephone company to become president of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, with headquarters at Salt Lake City. Mr. Lane leaves Monday for his new position, and he is being simply overwhelmed with honors and manifestations of friendship in the short time remaining. Last night he was the guest of honor of a banquet given by the board of directors of the Nebraska Savings & Loan association in the vineyard at the Rome hotel. Mr. Lane is a director of this association, or was until a few days ago, when he resigned. He had been a director for many years and a lively factor in the affairs of that concern.

"Mr. Lane's unusual personal popularity and his membership in every prominent club of the city, from the Omaha and Commercial clubs on down the line, have been brought home to him this week as never before. Beginning with Monday night, he is the guest of honor at a banquet or dinner every night this week, and Sunday all his time is pre-engaged. This season of festivity began last week, in fact, as soon as it became known that Mr. Lane was going to leave the city. Tonight the board of governors, the members during the seven years of Mr. Lane's incumbency, will give him a dinner at the Omaha club.

"T. A. Fry, president of the Nebraska Savings & Loan association, acted as toastmaster at the banquet last night, which was a distinct success. Just 14 men were present, and every one was a director or member of the association except one. Through the expressions of the evening the one sentiment of deep friendship for Mr. Lane ran. Men were there who had been associated with him for many years, and to them it was an occasion not all of pleasure. The man who had been longer associated with Mr. Lane than any other was W. B. T. Bolt, who goes from the position of superintendent to general manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, to succeed Mr. Lane. They have been together in that company for 19 years.

"The party was composed of these: Thomas A. Fry, W. B. T. Bolt, David Cole, R. A. Wilcox, T. J. Fitzmorris, John L. Kennedy, D. H. Christie, J. R. Brandt, L. M. Palmadge, Thomas F. Godry, Byron R. Hastings, H. Vance Lane, A. D. Fetterman, J. B. Wootan."


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Daniels sells uncalled for suits and overcoats for $10. 57 West 2nd South.


## H. VANCE LANE ARRIVES.

### New Superintendent of Telephone Company Looks Over Plant.

H. Vance Lane, the new president of the Rocky Mountain Telephone company, arrived from Omaha on last evening's Los Angeles limited. He was met by General Manager Murray, and escorted to the Alta club, where he was called on later by other officials of the telephone company. Mr. Lane fills the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of President George Y. Wallace. He has been in this city before and expresses his pleasure at being called on to reside here.

Mr. Lane does not think that the financial flurry will make any difference with the policies of the company, so it will not be necessary to restrict in any way its operations. With lower prices of copper, the long distance service can be extended much more easily than was possible at recent high prices. Mr. Lane expressed every confidence in the present management and force of employes. This morning was spent in confidence with company officials in being shown over the plant, and meeting representatives of the various departments.


Baby won't suffer five minutes with croup if you apply Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil at once. It acts like magic.


## AUDITOR LOCATES JOINT.

Where is the knee joint of a coyote? Auditor Edwards knows, but there are among the county clerks and county auditors throughout the state many who do not know where the particular portion of the "pesky varmint" is where he has concealed that important articulation of his bony portion. A. A. Neff, clerk of Grand county, is the latest to ask for enlightenment upon this joint proposition. Auditor Edwards in reply to all questioners upon the point has sent the following letter:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., in which you seek advice with reference to the knee joint of animals upon which bounty is paid, and in answer thereto I beg to state that it is my opinion, and I believe it to be the intent of the members of the legislature, that the knee joint shall be the second joint above the foot."


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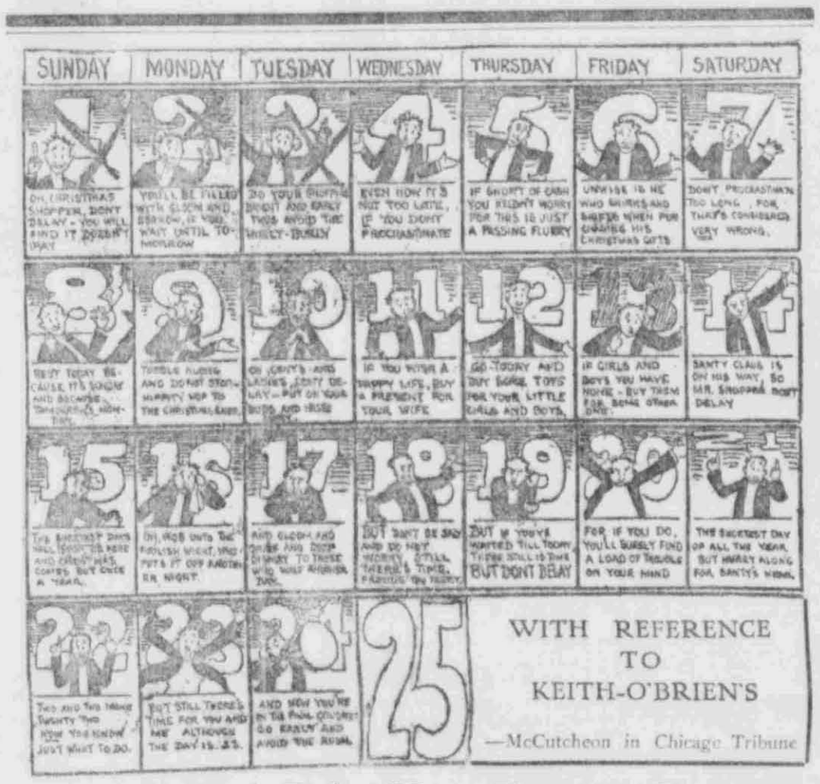


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No crowding, careful attention, first selection from new goods. Displays now ready for inspection.

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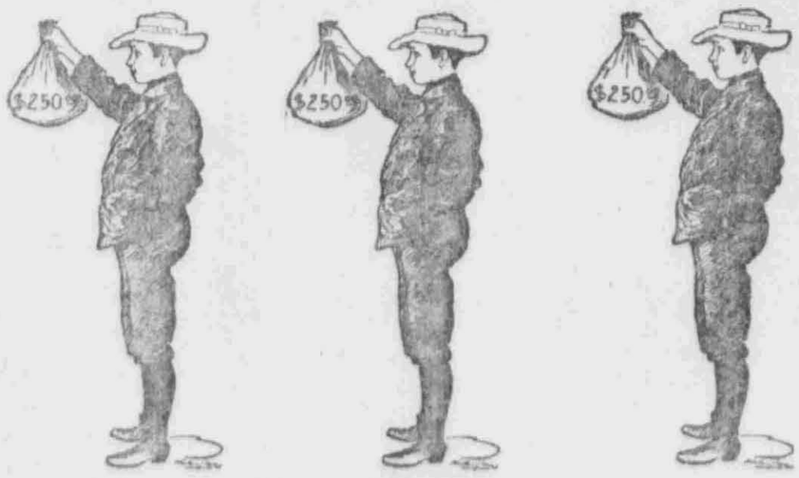


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