

journey, her husband died. On June 23, 1861, two days after this sad event, she started across the plains with her son and son-in-law and three daughters. She arrived in Salt Lake City on September 15 of that year, and during the past thirty-one years had made her home with her son, Bishop Edwin Stratford.

The funeral of Mrs. Van Slack, which took place Monday, Dec. 11th, at Park City, was attended with a most serious accident, in which seven persons were very badly, and two perhaps fatally, injured. The cortege was proceeding to the cemetery at the time, and in the line was included the Ontario band wagon. In this were seated the Rev. Mr. Hooper, Methodist minister, members of the choir and the pall bearers. The four horses attached to the conveyance became frightened and started off, and the driver soon lost all control over them. The occupants, some twenty-five in number, were thrown out, and most of them were severely hurt. John Spargo, one of the choir, sustained internal injuries, and his case is regarded by the physicians as likely to prove fatal. Stanton Roby is also so severely hurt that the doctors are not very hopeful of his recovery. The minister is suffering from injuries to the back, though not of a dangerous nature; the driver of the band wagon, one Frank Evans, had two of his ribs fractured; and among the others less seriously hurt are Samuel Radden employed on the staff of the Park City Record; Miss Dodds, Miss Kelly, and Mr. Harris.

Will the Tabernacle Choir go to the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco? That is the question which the managers of the California Midwinter Fair are asking, and which they are eager should be answered in the affirmative. Hon. P. H. Lanuan is now in San Francisco, and has sent word that the Fair directors are inclined to be very liberal toward Utah, and will give every opportunity for the Territory to make a good exhibit. As to the choir going, they will use their influence to get the lowest rates possible and will offer any reasonable inducement to have the choir come either with a representation of 100 selected voices or with the same number that went to the World's Fair.

If the choir goes, when will it be? is the next question. The suggestion is made that Washington's Birthday, February 22, would be a suitable time, and that the anniversary of the birth of the Father of his Country could be no more appropriately celebrated than by a program headed by the great choral organization from Salt Lake City.

Through his attorney, J. H. Hawley, Editor Wallis, of the Montpelier Post, on Monday pleaded guilty to the charge of violation of the anti-lottery law and was fined \$1 by United States Judge Beatty, says the Boise Statesman. Mr. Wallis' offense consisted in publishing an advertisement offering a prize, to be drawn for, as a means of increasing his circulation. The authorities took the matter up more with a view of having the law strictly defined than to prosecute the editor. Mr. Wallis was indicted, and Judge Beatty subsequently, in an opinion on a

demurrer, held that the publication was in violation of the anti-lottery law. This left Editor Wallis, practically no alternative but to plead guilty.

The county attorney of Salt Lake county has filed an opinion upon the petition of Wm. B. Preston, asking that an assessment on promissory notes, aggregating \$55,000 in amount, be stricken from the roll, on the ground that a portion of the security given to secure the said notes is taxable, which should exempt the notes and mortgage. Mr. Murphy says: It is admitted that a portion of the mortgaged property consisting of mines and mining claims is non-taxable, and a portion consisting of town lots is taxable, and it is claimed by the assessor that the taxable property constitutes but an insignificant proportion of the whole. Under the act referred to mortgages are exempt "whenever such property held as security is taxable." The petitioner claims that this case is literally within the statute because the debt is secured by taxable property, and that we are bound to exclude from the range of our vision all the property but the taxable property. But it is just as easy and more rational to say that the debt is secured by non-taxable property, and this is just as literally true as the one-sided proposition advanced by the petitioner.

The county attorney therefore advised that the assessment be scaled down, and the collector notified accordingly.

The anxiously awaited call from Governor West for a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Clarence W. Hall has been issued, and political leaders are commencing to train their sails accordingly.

The Governor's proclamation is as follows:

PROCLAMATION.

TERRITORY OF UTAH, } s.s.
County of Salt Lake. }

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Know ye, that whereas Clarence W. Hall, late of Salt Lake City, was a member of the House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory elected in and for the Fifth Representative district thereof; and

Whereas, on the Second day of December, 1893, the said Clarence W. Hall departed this life, thereby causing a vacancy in such office—

Therefore, I, Caleb W. West, Governor of the Territory of Utah, in obedience to the requirements of law, in such case made and provided, do hereby call an election to be held within and for the said Fifth Representative district of this Territory, on Thursday, the Fourth day of January, 1894, for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of said Territory to be affixed. [SEAL.]

Done at Salt Lake City, this Ninth day of December, A. D., 1893, and of the independence of the United States the One hundred and eighteenth.

CALEB W. WEST.

By the Governor:

CHARLES C. RICHARDS,
Secretary of Utah Territory.

United States District Attorney Fremont Wood, of Idaho, has sent in his resignation.

NOTES FROM EPHRIAM, SANPETE.

Jens Tygerson's old shed opposite the R. G. W. depot was burned down last Thursday night. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The wire for the telegraph line of the Sanpete Valley Railway arrived last week and workmen are actively engaged in putting it up.

The Sanpete Valley Railway company has purchased an option on the coal mine near Sterling, Utah, known as the Edmunds mine. This looks as though the pioneer line intended to move further south.

It is rumored that the boys working on the wood road in Dry canyon have struck some coal veins. We hope the rumor will prove well founded, as a coal mine in that vicinity would be of great benefit to this city in the way of cheap coal.

E. L. Parry & Sons should make an exhibit of coalite from their quarries east of this city at the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco. This would be an excellent way to advertise the stone and, in all probability, would result in the establishment of a trade that would bring profits to them and furnish work for the laboring men of this city and business for the railroads.

There is a stone quarry near Moroni that would be a great benefit to that thriving city were it properly developed. The stone is particularly valuable on account of its great resistance to heat. Some time ago a piece of it was placed in the fire box of the Sanpete Valley engine and left there during a trip to Nephi and return, and on taking it out it was found the fire had not affected it in the least. Like many other resources which nature has lavished upon this county, it is undeveloped.

CHARLESTON ITEMS.

CHARLESTON, Wasatch County, Dec. 5th, 1893.—Thanksgiving day passed off very quietly here. The weather was delightful. The beginning of the week seemed wintry, with snow enough for sleigh-riding, and many availed themselves of this mode of travel. The ground is now bare again and what appeared to be the harbinger of winter has given way to sunshine and a balmy sky.

Messrs. Murdock and Van Wagoner have erected a saw mill here on the primitive style and have begun to make lumber. This mill will give a fine opportunity for the farmers to get in logs this winter and thus employ their leisure time to good profit.

Some men from Uintah county came in last week to get a steam saw mill to take out to that country. The late storms have made the journey almost impossible, but they have teams enough to make the journey and will undertake the back trip this week. Snow is reported to be one foot deep in Strawberry valley and much heavier this side.

A great many people are sick in this county. There are some few cases of typhoid fever in Heber City. The disease seems to begin in that vicinity.

A party of hunters from this place who had been out east from here plying their vocations brought in about 1000 pounds of trout, twelve beaver and six deer as a reward for their labor.