IRRIGATION WATER DISPUTE

An Australian Lost in the Mountains and Supposed to Be Dead.

A HORSE THIEF ESCAPES.

Reunion of Utah County Soldiers—Misc.—General Press News.

W. H. Clark, Simon Christensen and J. M. Peterson, some of the leading citizens of Richfield, arrived in Provo last evening. These gentlemen are up on legal business, as representatives of Richfield City, the latter place being the defendant in an injunction suit brought by J. H. Jones of that city. It appears that for years past Richfield has owned a large irrigation ditch running from the mouth of Cottonwood canyon to the town; for some time the city has been desirous of constructing another ditch, up near the foot of the mountain, in order to convey the water to higher land, and to accomplish this, it necessitated their crossing some ranch land belonging to the plaintiff. To this he objected, and never so much obstruction would he to show the city to proceed. During the last session of the Legislature, however, a law was passed remedying such affairs, and provided that in a case of this kind the irrigation company should choose an appraiser, and the owner of the land should choose one, these two to select a third. These gentlemen were to hear the case and apprise the land. This has been done, but the plaintiff questions the constitutionality of the law and is therefore carrying it to the supreme court in testing in the District court. There are many intricate questions arising out of this suit, and it will be one of considerable importance to the community at large. It will come on for hearing today before Judge Blackburn.

Dr. Hosford of Manti is in town looking for a man named R. D. Crawford, a gentleman recently from Australia. It appears that on Saturday, Crawford, in company with the doctor and a few friends, went out west of Manti, prospecting. The day was exceeding hot, and during their wanderings Crawford got separated from the crowd and wandered off. It was supposed he was sunstruck and that it affected his mind. He hasn't been seen hunting for him ever since, and part of the time a great number of people from the southern settlements joined in the hunt. The last heard of him was at Mount Pleasant, but at that time it was not known of his condition. Grave fears are entertained for his safety. They are afraid he has wandered into the mountains and has starved to death.

The Scandinavian excursion to our little resort Saturday was a success. Several hundred people turned out, and some came from the surrounding settlements. Bishop Johnson did all in his power to make everything pleasant and agreeable. The military band was in attendance and rendered good music. A program consisting of songs and recitations was carried out and in the evening they gave a grand ball, which was well attended.

Haverly's minstrel company performed last night to a fairly good house. They have with them an excellent band, and during the afternoon they gave a short concert. Some of the specialties are worth hearing.

Dr. Moses and wife who have been sick in a well with old friends left to attend the convention in Chicago, arrived home yesterday. The doctor and Chicago just as soon as the committee reports in favor of the Silver Democrats. He states it as it was a hard fight and that many things were in favor of the Tennessee, but by Wednesday, fair and faithful work, the delegates were educated sufficiently to fully appreciate the situation. A more conscientious, mean, treacherous set could not be found, said the doctor. Judge Henderson was represented as a polygamist, and that he had his wives with him at the hotel, etc. And those not familiar with the situation were told that the Straights were all "Mormons," and assisted all the lies and calumny of years ago. But, says the doctor, "Reason, truth and right prevailed and he started at once in pursuit of the thief. He managed to track the horse into Spanish Fork canyon and followed the trail and direction the fellow was taking until early Friday morning, when he found the horse, tied out, and feeding on a wild hay. Mr. Fowler could get no trace farther of the offender, so it is supposed he boarded some freight train for the east, and not having any description of the fellow and no clue, the hunt was given up and the sheriff returned last evening bringing back the horse.

In the case of Hathenbruck vs. Olson, which was tried before Commissioner Dudley, a verdict was rendered yesterday in favor of the plaintiff.

Monday, June 25.

Personal.

W. W. Maughan, of Logan, Cache county, is registered at the Cullen.

D. C. Henderson, of St. Louis, is a guest at the Knutford.

Joseph E. Caldin of Evanston, Wyoming, is among the Walker House arrivals.

John Judge, foreman of the Daly mine at Park City, is stopping at the Cullen.

David Keith, superintendent of the Ancient mine, lost the same fund.

Judge Elias A. Smith and bride returned home yesterday from their Eastern honeymoon, and were given a hearty welcome by their many friends.

Joseph T. Richards, son of Hon. F. S. Richards, has returned from Cornell University, where he has been studying law. His graduation was an honorable one.

Every woman who travels in the railway compartments of England ought to be provided with an American safety scarf or and open on the first strange man she finds herself locked in alone with. It seems to be the only way for women to protect themselves.

SACRED TALISMANS.

CAREFULLY GUARDED STORES AMONG THE CHEROKEES.

The Greatest of These Are Inspiring Relics in the Church, a Few Curious Facts About Which Innumerable Stories Are Told—To Guess.

Stories so based with magic powers have held an inherited place in the world's belief from the days of the oracular stone in the hieroglyphics of the ancient Jewish high priest down to the Lee penny and the mermaid stone of modern times. The Cherokee medicine men make use of several stone talismans, commonly reputed found among their native mountains. One is a transparent purple stone about an inch long with a sharp point. With this the sorcerer claims to be able to find lost or stolen articles, as it will point wherever the thing is in the mountains.

To test the matter a coin was thrown into the grass at random while he was not looking, and he was told the money was lost if he could find it. Procuring a strong stick, a yard long, he laid one end of it around the middle of the stone. Then holding the stone suspended so as to swing freely, he set it whirling in a circle with a stroke of his finger, at the same time reciting in an unknown tongue some formula. The stone revolved rapidly, then more and more slowly and stopped with the point toward the north. He walked a few feet farther in that direction, gave the stone another twirl, and again repeated the formula, explaining that it must be done seven times, and that on the seventh trial the stone would point to the exact spot where the money was lying.

Having gone through the whole performance, he finally halted at the wrong place. After beating in the grass for some time he was obliged to give it up. He declared that his failure was due to the fact that the stone was not buried as it should have been. The other Indians said that the stone was all right but that the man was a liar, which was perfectly true, and that, although a pretty good doctor, he knew nothing of magic. They asserted that in the hands of certain conjurers, whom they named, the charm never failed.

To obtain a knowledge of future events they use another talisman. They put it into a bowl of water, and, according to their testimony, it moves about on the surface, following the direction of a knife in the hand of the conjurer, who all the time repeats his secret formula. Whether because that ceremony as he witnessed it among the western Cherokees forty years ago. The talisman was a small round piece of very dry bread.

The greatest of all Cherokee talismans is the Unaka crystal, transparent stone. There is no end to the stories concerning this stone, which the Indians invariably speak of in a half frightened manner, as children speak of ghosts. They never fail to a magic scale from the head of a great horned serpent, with a body as large as a tree trunk and two blazing coals of fire for eyes, which lived ages ago and worked terrible destruction among the people, and it was killed by a famous magician. In the encounter a single drop of the serpent's poisonous saliva fell upon the head of the slayer, whose hair was transformed into a mass of writhing snakes.

The Indians describe it as a triangular crystal, flat on the bottom and tapering up to a point, and perfectly transparent with the exception of a single red streak running through the center from top to bottom. It is certainly a beautiful specimen of rude pottery, so exceedingly rare that the conjurer who can obtain one entrancing all his rivals.

The stone must be won by the Indians, with the blood of some great serpent, and the conjurer who wins the blood of the animal as soon as killed. Twice a year it descends the blood of a deer or some other large animal. It is wrapped in a white deerskin and kept in some secret place in the mountains. When the tribute of blood to be withheld or neglected the Unaka would leave from its hiding place at night as a great blazing ball of fire, and fly through the air to satisfy its appetite by drinking the blood of the conjurer.

The original owner was afraid of it, and is changed its hiding place frequently, so that the stone might not be able to find it by any out. When he died it was lost, to his sorrow, for he knew it would leave him its care by night. He a forty mainer, to search for his talisman right after night for seven years. But, if unable to find its owner, it would go back to shop forever where he had placed it.

As far back as 1763 Timberlake heard of the stone with the wonderful story of its origin. He said that it was kept hidden in some place known only to two women, who were sworn to keep the secret. Adair, the celebrated trader, also speaks of it a few years later. The conjurer refused to let him see it for fear of profanation.

When consulting it as to any unknown or future happening the conjurer gazes into the Unaka, and there sees recorded all that he wishes to know, and by the action of the spacer, or its position near the top or bottom of the talisman, he learns not only the event, but also its proximity in time or place.

It is believed that only one of these stones is in the possession of the eastern Cherokees. The owner has refused all inducements to show it. He said that he kept it hidden in a cave, wrapped in his deerskin covering, and that if he should expose it to the profane gaze of a white man he could kill no more game, even if he were forced to live. It was very evident that he believed what he said, for no other could change his determination.—New York Sun.

Spurgeon's Modesty.

Mr. Spurgeon once wrote to the archbishop for permission to drive through his park, inclosing a stamped envelope addressed "C. H. Spurgeon." The archbishop answered, writing "Dear" before the name.

CAPES IN CHICKENS.

Some Approved Methods of Combating This Troublesome Disease.

A World correspondent writes: "Have never met a poultry keeper yet who was not interested in pages and pages of cures a new remedy for them. There are of course several approved methods of combating this trouble. That there will continue to be recommended in proportion good evidence that, in some cases at least, they prove effective. As experiment to be free now and for some time to come among the young chicks, I will mention a few of these remedies.

"One authority says: Give a course, or some one full carbolic, camphor or oil in the water. If there are many cases place the chicks in a coop, put gravel, stones and twigs with vapor of carbolic acid till they are nearly suffocated by the fumes. Care must be taken to blister the chicks at the right time or death will ensue, but if this be well done it is an effectual cure.

"Another says that camphor has been used with success given in the form of a pea, and that alum and sulphur in the form of fine powder blown down the throat will destroy the worms. Lime in the air will also effect the purpose, and may be applied by putting the chickens into a box covered with fine muslin and sifting fine lime through this, but not so fast as to smother the chickens.

"Another remedy is quite of turpentine, a few drops at a time. By some persons a diet of crushed corn, soaked in alum water or kerosene, is considered good. This last remedy does not appear of all necessity to be taken, for, as every poultry keeper is likely to learn some time in the course of his experience, by small red worms in the windpipe, which obstruct the passage, so that finally the chick chokes and dies. To remove the cause is to remove the disease, and the chickens, if not too much weakened, will recover.

"For a few chickens, I think the feather treatment ought immediately to be called the best and cheapest cure. This consists in stripping the feather from a quill for twelve to fifteen long to within about an inch of the top, then double this portion over. Wet this with turpentine a little dipped in the feather, and with a mixture of twenty drops carbolic acid to one ounce glycerin. Push the feather down gently through the valve of the windpipe as far as it will go, then draw it up at the same time twisting it quickly around. If you have performed the operation effectively the worms, or a part of them, will come up with the feather. It may be necessary to repeat the process in order to get the worms all out. Of course this remedy is not applicable where on the chicken, it is so sickly and gaudy down, and it cannot be applied to large flocks because it requires too much time. There is, I believe, an absolute preventive for this trouble, viz., keep the chickens on dry ground and keep the yard and houses clean. Wet and filth are the greatest enemies of the poultry yard."

A New Era for the History of Guano.

Where the deposits of the rocky islands off the coast of Peru were first discovered, the deposits of guano were of high quality, the average percentage of ammonia ranging from 15.95 per cent. in the lowest supply to 19.94 per cent. in the highest. But those days are changed, and as the old deposits began to be worked out and newer ones took their place there came also a reduction in the quality, and instead of 15 per cent. to 19 per cent. of ammonia and 15 per cent. of phosphates, many of the deposits went for sale on these dramas, and where there was nitrogen equal to 10 per cent. of ammonia the sample was exceptionally good. There are now, however, says the Stock Exchange, indications of a revival of the old guano days. Since the Peruvian corporation took the matter in hand a search has been made among the thousands of rocky islands which cover the west coast of Peru, where the birds have their breeding grounds, and a large deposit of high class guano has been found. As this has been found in the rainless zone and has not had time to get into close contact with moisture which was fatal to the nitrogen in the other deposits, the discovery is a valuable one, as the samples which have arrived in London prove. Several samples have been taken, and three show on analysis from 14 to 15 per cent. of ammonia, one sample alone, "as high as 23 per cent.

"Time will tell but that these deposits are the beginning of a new era in the history of guano, and one which will be recorded once again by the greater sons of that nation.

Bear Worrie.

The world of the bear has begun to open to the young bears soon after they have forced their way through the pole. The grubs or larvæ, which are hatched in worms in the boats and live over winter in them. Yet says that the best way to manage is to place the boats in a close box or cask and then introduce into it a cupful of camphor, a small quantity of bisulphide of carbon, the fumes of which, in a few hours, will destroy the insects. As the substance is highly inflammable, one should not go near it with a lamp or candle.

Here and There.

An irrigation canal is in process of building in Utah and Idaho by Chicago capitalists. It is told, that will irrigate 100,000 acres of land.

The New York state experiment station has been presented with two choice Guernsey heifers by the American Guernsey Cattle club for experimental work.

Mr. A. D. Hopkins, of the West Virginia agricultural experiment station, estimates that 800 square miles of the state are still covered by excellent black spruce timber.

The department of agriculture has commissioned an agent to investigate and report upon methods of irrigation employed in France, Italy and Spain.

Cornell university has opened a dairy school, where cheese and butter making breeds and feeding are the subjects for study.

Fitting a Bride.

The celebrated French poet, Saint-Foix, who, in spite of his large income, was always in debt, set one day in a barber's shop waiting to be shaved. He was informed, when the door opened and a tradesman entered who happened to be one of the poet's largest creditors. No sooner did this man see Saint-Foix than he angrily demanded his money. The poet composedly begged him not to make a noise.

"Won't you wait for the money until I are married?"

"Certainly," said the other, pleased at the prospect.

Saint-Foix then made the barber a witness of the agreement and immediately had a razor, wiped the lather from his face and left the shop. He was married to the end of his days.—London Tit-Bits.

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