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FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 5.

**Work on the Temple.**—Yesterday work for the season commenced on the Temple. Laying stone was started on the central tower at the west end. A large force of men is engaged and the work will be pushed forward rapidly.

**Arrested.**—Ole Hansen, of Logan, was arrested in this city this morning on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, by Deputy Steele. Hansen was taken before Commissioner Black, where he pleaded guilty and was bound over to appear before the grand jury in \$1,500 bonds. —Ogden Herald, April 4.

**Sprague Arrested.**—P. D. Sprague, the hackman who took the late W. A. Douglass to the Hot Springs on Sunday night, was arrested last night on the charge of petty larceny. He was arraigned in the Police Court this afternoon, pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$200 bonds to appear for trial on Saturday afternoon.

**Arrest of Prof. Maeser.**—A telegraphic special to the News informs us that Professor Karl G. Maeser, Principal of the Brigham Young Academy, was arrested this morning at Provo, on the charge of unlawful cohabitation. Brother Maeser is advanced in years, a gentleman of culture and education, and of sterling qualities. Of such are the victims of a mistaken and cruel policy on the part of the government.

## Z. C. M. I. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

THE BUSINESS OF THE INSTITUTION STEADILY INCREASING.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the Social Hall, the thirty-sixth semi-annual meeting of the stockholders of Z. C. M. I. was held. The report showed the Institution to be in a flourishing condition, the business of the past six months being considerably in excess of that reported at the last meeting in October, 1886.

A dividend of five per cent on the capital stock for the half year just closed, was declared, payable in merchandise at any time after date, or in cash after May 5th.

The following statement for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1887, was submitted:

RESOURCES.	
Merchandise on hand.....	\$1,002,928.53
Notes Receivable.....	148,829.12
Accounts Receivable.....	263,014.39
Cash on hand.....	67,541.28
Real Estate in Salt Lake City, Ogden, Logan, Soda Springs and Provo.....	225,800.00
Machinery at Shoe and Clothing Factories and Tannery.....	34,336.16
18 Horses, 2 Mules, 13 Wagons and 10 sets Harness.....	2,870.00
	\$1,739,009.98
LIABILITIES.	
Bills Payable.....	\$512,448.89
Accounts Payable.....	27,348.29
Unpaid Dividends.....	52,684.84
Temporary Deposits by customers.....	2,441.47
Outstanding orders drawn on us for Merc. at retail.....	1,021.82
Capital Stock.....	999,997.31
Reserves.....	200,346.14
Undivided Profits.....	100,548.23
	\$1,739,009.98

The total cash receipts for the year were, \$1,735,174.25.

## DOUGLASS' SUDDEN DEATH.

THE MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED.

Pursuant to announcement in the News of yesterday an inquest was commenced on the body of W. A. Douglass at 4 p.m. The facts elicited up to the time of adjournment were substantially those given in our report yesterday with some few additional details developed by the investigation of the half dozen witnesses examined. But the testimony on some points being somewhat contradictory, the jurors failed to arrive at a definite conclusion and the inquest was consequently postponed till 2 p.m. to-day, until a post mortem examination could be had, in order, if possible, to throw more light upon the subject. It was expected that the post mortem could be held to-day, but Coroner Taylor this morning received several dispatches concerning the disposition of the remains, among the number one from his wife, and one from Dr. B. S. Galloway, of Leadville, stating that he would leave for Salt Lake this morning and requesting a postponement of the autopsy until his arrival.

The coroner's jury met this afternoon according to appointment at 2 p.m. and, on consultation, in consideration of the telegrams received, concluded to adjourn investigation in the case, subject to call of the coroner.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 6.

**Another Charge.**—P. D. Sprague is still in jail, he having been arrested on another charge in connection with the Douglass affair. This time the accusation is grand larceny, and the defendant is charged with having stolen Mr. Douglass' watch, valued at \$75. The trial is to come off at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

**The "Chamber of Commerce."**—The following are the committee selected to report at the next meeting on organization, etc., for the "Chamber of Commerce": Joseph R. Walker, W. H. Remington, Wm. S. Barton, Henry W. Lawrence, P. P. Shelby, W. H. Bancroft, Frank Jennings, F. Auerbach, W. M. Smedley, J. C. Conkling, Mackintosh, S. P. Teasdel, W. H. Rowe and H. L. A. Culmer.

**Fine Stock.**—W. L. White, of the firm of White & Sons, informs us of a heavy transaction they have just consummated. They have lately been dealing largely in Hereford stock, having sold a number of cows at \$500 each. To-day they sold to Benj. Argyle, of American Fork, a thoroughbred imported Hereford bull for \$1,000 in cash. This, we believe, is the largest cash sale of a bovine that ever occurred in Utah.

**Rather Heavy.**—Miss Vinnie Naylor, of this city, is undoubtedly the biggest little lady in the western country. We have formerly printed an account of her avoirdupois, but she goes on increasing. She has just turned eleven years of age, and concluded to see how the figures stood; so yesterday she put herself upon the scales and held them down to the extent of 151 pounds! Who can do any better than that anywhere?

**Probate Court.**—Business in the Salt Lake County Probate Court yesterday:

In the matter of the estate of Edward King, deceased, an order was made appointing time and place for the hearing of the petition of A. Warren, asking that he be appointed administrator of said estate.

The marriage certificate of Robert Morris Wilkinson and Maud Stevenson, bearing date of April 4, has been filed with the Probate Clerk.

Matilda Counsel has been appointed administratrix of the estate of William Counsel, deceased.

William B. Tripp, of Sandy, has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Ezra W. Cummins, deceased.

**Intended Murder and Suicide.**—Last night a person known as Al. Turner was placed in the city jail on a serious charge. About 10 o'clock he was walking along opposite the Continental Hotel, in company with a woman of "shady" reputation, known as May White, formerly of Cottonwood. The attention of the people in the neighborhood was attracted by the woman screaming "Come here, he's going to kill me." Several persons quickly appeared on the scene, and the nightwatchman took Turner into custody. When he reached the City Hall it was found that he had in his pocket a large cobblestone and a formidable-looking butcher knife. The woman alleged that Turner told her he would first kill her and then himself, and was proceeding to put his threat into effect. A paper found in one of his pockets indicated that he had determined to murder her and commit suicide. The reason he gives is that she "got away" with \$10 belonging to him. The case was set to come up before Justice Pyper this afternoon.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY APRIL 7.

**A Smashed Foot.**—Last evening's U. P. train brought in a young man named A. J. Johnson who met with an accident at Piedmont, Wyoming, a few days since. He was working on the section and a rail fell on his right foot badly smashing it. He came to the hospital here to receive surgical attention. —Ogden Herald, 6th.

**Its Officers.**—The following have been named as officers of the "Chamber of Commerce."

President—W. S. McCornick.  
First vice-president—S. P. Teasdel.  
Second vice-president—F. W. Jennings.

Secretary—H. G. Wallace.

Treasurer—T. R. Jones.

Directors—W. H. Remington, W. S. McCornick, S. P. Teasdel, F. W. Jennings, James Glendenning, J. C. Conkling, F. Auerbach, H. L. A. Culmer, George A. Lowe, M. H. Walker and A. Hanauer.

**Probate Court.**—Proceedings in the Salt Lake County Probate Court on Saturday:

In the matter of the estate of Lavina W. Johnson, deceased, an order was made appointing D. W. James, George N. Bourne and Jesse W. Fox, Jr., appraisers; also one ordering notice to be given to the creditors of said estate.

A petition was filed by Mary D. Atwood, asking to be appointed guardian of Minor G. Atwood, an incompetent person, aged about 64 years, and Thursday, the 14th inst., was appointed the time for hearing said petition.

An order was made confirming the sale of real estate, in the matter of the estate of Emma S. Wright, deceased.

**He was There.**—Mr. Charles W. Carter, the photographer, of this city, writes the News as follows:

I notice in the News this (Wednesday) evening an account of the burning of the barracks at Aldershot. I have always claimed that I was the first British soldier to occupy the same, viz., in June, 1854, as acting quartermaster sergeant. I took over the barracks at that time for No. 3 company, 12th battalion, royal artillery, and remained there a short time, when the company of 200 strong embarked for the Crimea. During the time I was at Aldershot, there were not over 500 men there, all told. In 1857, when I was stationed there again as battery sergeant major, 8th battery, 5th brigade, royal artillery, at field days they could muster 40,000 men, cavalry, artillery and infantry.

**St. Johns Items.**—Brother George H. Anderson, writing from St. Johns, A. T., furnishes us the following points:

The St. Johns Lumbering Co. is incorporated under the laws of Arizona; paid up capital, \$5,000. J. B. Patterson president, W. S. Hill secretary and treasurer.

The St. Johns Building Union is incorporated. Subscribed capital, \$5,000. J. B. Patterson, president; Joseph Christensen, general superintendent. It consists of the mechanics, carpenters, etc., of St. Johns.

The St. Johns Irrigating Company was lately incorporated under the laws of Arizona; paid up capital \$5,000, subscribed capital \$10,000. Directors elected for the first year—J. B. Patterson, W. E. Platt, Wm. H. Gibbons, John Murdock, Lars P. Jensen, Peter Peterson and Ova C. Overson.

**Fire.**—There was a little bustle of excitement shortly before 11 this morning, caused by the fire bell pealing forth in clanging tones the fact that the destroyer was at work.

Investigation showed the location to be a little south of the corner of Third East and Third South Streets, at the residence of A. D. Woolley and William Whitehill. The buildings stood close together and some sparks from a chimney lodged in the shingles on either side and set both roofs on fire. With the use of a garden hose the flames were kept in comparative subjection until the Fire Department, which was on the alert at once, got to the scene, when they were extinguished in a very short time. The loss will not exceed \$25.

Mrs. Rhoda Murphy happened to be present when the flames started up, and immediately started up in her buggy to give the alarm. Mrs. Woolley was in bed from recent confinement, and she was removed to the next door at once, but had no sooner been changed than the firemen with their apparatus were on hand—a feat which Mr. Woolley claims was never exceeded in New York, Chicago or anywhere else, and for which he wishes his profound thanks to be expressed.

**Verdict in the Douglass Case.**—Mrs. Douglass and her son, in company with Dr. Galloway, having arrived from Leadville yesterday afternoon, the jurors and Drs. J. M. Benedict and J. B. Richards met at 8 o'clock p.m. to continue the investigation as to the cause of death in the case of W. A. Douglass, who died so suddenly at Beck's Hot Springs. A post mortem was contemplated, but on the arrival of the relatives and at their solicitation

it was abandoned. Dr. Galloway, speaking for the family, stated that in consideration of their anxiety to have the body removed immediately and the fact that it had lain so long and was in such an advanced state of decomposition that an autopsy would be of doubtful utility, and the further fact that they were satisfied that it was a case of natural death—most probably apoplexy—they were induced to request that it be dispensed with and that the verdict be based upon the evidence already presented. The jury thereupon consulted and subsequently called for statements from Drs. Richards and Benedict, who after dwelling briefly upon the nature of the case and the symptoms peculiar to it, declared that while they could not positively state the exact cause of death, yet in their opinion based upon experience in similar cases, it was highly probable that it was the result of apoplexy. The jury then brought in a verdict to the effect that from the evidence presented, W. A. Douglass came to his death at Beck's Hot Springs, in Salt Lake County, at about 10 p.m., April 3d, 1887, from the effects of natural causes.

The body was embalmed and placed in an elegant casket for shipment. The diamond in the possession of Mr. Watters was redeemed by Dr. Galloway, and the party started east this morning.

## A YOUNG MAN SUICIDES.

CHARLES A. NEEDHAM SHOOTS HIMSELF WHILE TEMPORARILY INSANE.

A pistol shot was heard by various parties about 3:45 this morning, in the rear of A. H. Needham's residence, No. 421 S., Second East Street. No particular attention was paid to it at the time, probably owing to the fact that it was so early in the day that few of the neighbors were stirring. A few minutes later, however, a boy who was back of the house, heard groans apparently issuing from a barn situated a few rods back from the street, and he immediately ran and notified Mr. A. H. Needham. As soon as possible that gentleman went to the place indicated, where by this time one or two of the neighbors had arrived, to learn the cause of the trouble. Ascending, by means of a short ladder, to the hayloft of the barn, they discovered a man lying on his back, and bleeding profusely from a pistol

SHOT IN THE HEAD.

the ball having entered just below the right ear and severed the jugular vein. A pistol, a nickel-plated buldog, with one chamber empty, lay beside him, smeared with blood, and the hay under his head was saturated with the crimson stream. His moans gave evidence that he was still alive and Mr. Needham, as he appeared yet conscious, made every effort to induce him to speak, finally crying, "For the Lord's sake, say something." Whereupon the dying man looked at him and inquired "What?" But the tide of life was ebbing fast and a few moments later he expired.

Shortly after 6 a.m. Dr. Benedict arrived in answer to a telephone message, but too late to save his life. A message was immediately dispatched for Coroner Taylor, which for some cause did not reach him until about 8:30 a.m., when he immediately repaired to the scene of the tragedy, and shortly afterward caused a jury to be summoned, and proceeded to hold

AN INQUEST

over the remains.

Joan Cartwright, Chas. B. Tuckfield, James W. Eardley being duly sworn as jurors, the investigation began by placing on the witness stand William Showell, who stated that the deceased was a son of John Needham, that he saw him about 7:30 last evening and talked with him a few moments, that during the conversation he seemed comparatively cheerful, but referring to a certain gentleman said that if he was in his position he would rather die than live. That was the last time he saw him alive.

Witness stated that he lived near by, and that this morning, about 5:45, as near as he could estimate, he heard what he supposed was a pistol shot, but paid little attention to it as it was not an unusual occurrence. He said also that his son heard the same shot, as well as several of the neighbors, but that he did not learn its consequence until about 8 a.m.

E. H. Needham, brother of deceased was the next witness. He testified in substance that his brother, who was 22 years of age and was employed in Z. C. M. I. up to the day of his death, was subject to fits of melancholia, and that at times it became necessary to watch him in order to prevent his attempts at self-destruction. Not that he ever heard his brother express a determination to kill himself, but his strange demeanor and his efforts to get hold of pistols and poisonous of various kinds, combined with his sombre moods caused his relatives to suspect him of sinister intentions. He said that deceased was an ambitious student, and fre-

quently lamented that he could not make greater progress in acquiring general information. Witness thought that his anxiety in this direction had caused him to overtax his brain. He added that deceased seemed conscious to the last and died about 6:10 a.m. and that he must have survived the fatal shot about 25 minutes. He also produced an empty strychnine vial discovered on his person, which would indicate that the deceased had also taken poison.

Maud L. Needham, his sister 13 years of age, corroborated the foregoing and stated that last night he came in late and acted strangely, and as she said "silly." She tried to induce him to take a sleeping potion but he refused, and added that she lay awake in the next room as long as she could in order to prevent his doing anything rash, but that finally sleep overcame her, and while she slept he must have jumped from his bedroom window, about 14 feet to the ground and was subsequently found as stated.

The jurors, after a brief consultation, brought in a verdict to the effect that he died at No. 421 S., First East Street, in Salt Lake City, at 6:10 a.m. April 7, 1887, from the effects of a pistol shot fired by his own hand during a spell of temporary insanity.

The parents are almost wild with grief at the sad and unaccountable fate of their son.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND Y. M. M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

Incidental to the General Conference held at Provo, was an annual meeting of the Deseret Sunday School Union, in the old hall on Wednesday, and the annual conference of the Y. M. M. I. A. in the same place on Thursday evening.

At the first-mentioned, Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard presided, and rushed the exercises through with that vim and enthusiasm which usually characterize him and the meetings he conducts. Verbal reports were given by superintendents and other representatives from several stakes, all showing satisfactory progress in the training of the fifty odd thousand children composing the Sunday Schools. Speeches followed by Elders Karl G. Messer and Geo. Goddard, which were instructive and inspiring and calculated to impress all who listened with the importance of the great work of training the youth of Zion and preparing them for the positions of usefulness which await them.

The Y. M. M. I. A. Conference was presided over by Elder J. F. Wells. The Associations of the Salt Lake Stake were reported verbally by Elder Geo. C. Lambert; those of Sanpete by Superintendent Alfred Weber by Elder Z. Ballantine; Davis by Superintendent Jacob A. Miller; Wasatch by Superintendent J. H. Moulton; Utah by Elder G. H. Brimhall, and Oncida by Superintendent M. F. Cowley. They tended to show that the associations were generally increasing in numbers and interest, and that their exercises were, as a rule much more systematic than formerly.

Elder J. F. Wells read an epistle from President Willford Woodruff, addressed to the associations, of a most interesting character, after which he referred in touching terms to the cause which rendered it necessary for Brother Woodruff to communicate by epistle instead of being present in person; reviewed the work of the associations during the past season and exhorted his hearers to emulate the virtues of their noble superintendent, who was with them in spirit and sympathy, though absent in person.

Apostles Heber J. Grant and John Henry Smith followed with soul-stirring speeches, in which admiration for President Woodruff, regret at his absence, encouragement to the young, and assurances of the success of the work of God and of the Young Men's Associations serving as a means thereto, were eloquently commingled.

## DEATHS.

SAVILLE.—On April 7, 1887, of pneumonia Thomas Franklin, son of George and Caroline Saville.

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

One brown MARE, about 6 years old, branded OR on left thigh.

OR

If not claimed within ten days, will be sold on April 14th, to the highest cash bidder, at my corral, at 2 o'clock p.m.

THOS. W. CROPPER,  
Precinct Poundkeeper, Decret.  
April 5th, 1887.

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

One bay HORSE, about 3 years old, number in each ear, branded N on left shoulder.

If not claimed within ten days from the date hereof, will be sold at my corral at 2 o'clock p.m., on Friday, April 15, 1887.

JOHN H. FACE,  
Poundkeeper.

Price, Emery County, April 5, 1887.