

was not thought he was in such a serious condition until yesterday, when he became suddenly worse, with the result stated. He leaves a wife and a large family, besides a father, brothers and sisters and other relatives.

Brother Smith has been a faithful, consistent Latter-day Saint. His energies have been directed to labors in the Sunday school, Mutual Improvement association and other organizations, as well as in his calling in the Priesthood. He was a quiet, unassuming man, and was highly esteemed by all acquaintances. His relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement.

On Saturday night, some hours after having been permitted to emerge from the city jail, under bonds, Carrigan was at his ranch near the mouth of Emigration canyon, moody and despondent. His boy went in search of the family cow, which was supposed to be grazing on the foothills close at hand. He had been absent but a few minutes when he heard a rifle shot. Retracing his footsteps to the cabin he found his sire dead in a pool of blood on the floor. The ball had entered the nose, shattered both jaws and torn away the top of his head. The scene was a most ghastly one and had a horrifying effect on the young man.

That self murder was deliberately planned is evident from the manner in which the victim ended his earthly career. He had removed his shoe and stocking from his left foot, and when all arrangements had been executed for the commission of the deed he had, while sitting in a chair, placed the fowling piece against his head and pulled the trigger with his right toe.

The deceased was 47 years of age and had been twice married. His first wife has been dead for several years and the second now lives in this city. Both had children.

The Salt Lake county bureau of statistics under the direction of Colonel George B. Squires has just finished the census enumeration of Salt Lake City, showing the total population to be as follows:

First precinct.....	8,571	10,662
Second precinct.....	19,663	18,707
Third precinct.....	9,776	9,322
Fourth precinct.....	5,730	5,840
Fifth precinct.....	7,936	9,449
Fort Douglas.....	788	

Totals.....44,843 47,980

There is much interesting and valuable data in connection with or in addition to the figures given above. For instance: It is shown that there are parents in the city to the number of 18,519; that there are 7,690 young persons who have attained their majority who are unmarried; that 3,975 are males and 3,715 females; that there are 21,984 children or persons under 21 years of age; that of these there are 10,855 males and 11,129 females; that 10,833 are foreign born and 32,432 native. The negro population is but 245 and the Mongolian 197, an immense falling off in these races during the last four years.

Territorial Supreme court Saturday afternoon handed down the opinion in the case of J. D. Page, plaintiff and respondent, vs the Utah Commission, recently tried in Judge Bartch's division.

This was a proceeding in mandamus

to compel the defendants to issue to plaintiff his certificate of election as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

The conclusion of their honors was that the court below properly found there were no irregularities or discrepancies affecting the plaintiff's election appearing upon the face of the returns; that that court properly awarded the peremptory writ against the defendants commanding them to certify to the plaintiff's election. This court was asked to set aside the judgment for costs in this case because the defendants were public officers acting in good faith; but if the judgment against the defendants was right, and the court had seen that it was, then they could not disturb the judgment for costs. This was a special proceeding.

The judgment of the court below was affirmed in regard to the mandamus proceedings.

As to the proceedings in prohibition, the cases were reversed with direction to dismiss the same.

Judge Smith rendered the opinion, which was concurred in by Chief Justice Merritt and Judge King.

Governor West returned home from Washington on the 3:15 Union Pacific train Thursday. As is well known the Governor has been absent in the East for several weeks past, his time having been mostly spent at the nation's capital.

The Governor has enjoyed his trip very much, notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather which he encountered during his absence from home. He says that the weather was the worst he has ever seen in Washington, or, in fact, anywhere else. And while some people here may have felt that Utah was having an excess of snow, the Governor states that the snow fall here is not to be compared with what has fallen in the East and the South.

During his absence he says he has found the financial condition at least as bad in the East as in our own community, and considers the outlook in Utah as very good.

In regard to the San Juan Indian invasion, the Governor said: "Secretary Smith proposes, as soon as the weather will permit, to take steps looking to the removal of the Indians to their reservation and have them kept there." He further states, however, that the secretary appears to have "perfect confidence in the integrity of Agent Day." Judging from this there seems to be no immediate prospect for the removal of this notorious and self-important individual.

On the return trip the Governor paid a visit to his old home in Kentucky, where he spent a couple of days and enjoyed himself very much. His hale and hearty appearance are evidence of the good time he has had.

One filing was made in the land office today, Feb. 25. It was by Laron Cummings, of Salt Lake City, for Gunnison Island, in the Great Salt Lake. The island is filed on under the desert land law, and is technically described as "that portion of the unurveyed public domain known as and called Gunnison Island, situated in the Great Salt Lake, Utah, on the west side of the promontory, in Box Elder county, approximately in township 7

north, range 9 west, containing about 200 acres.

The land is described as "desert," and the soil as a sandy loam. Alfred Lambourne and George Amos are Mr. Cummings' witnesses as to the character of the tract, and to the fact that there are on it no streams, water courses, springs or other bodies of water, but that the island is surrounded by the waters of the Great Salt Lake, which are salt and unfit for irrigation purposes.

In the News on Saturday was the announcement made that the possession of the island was sought for the guano deposits, which are claimed to be of great commercial value. It is alleged they are 12 to 14 feet deep, though there are people who have been there who say they are not as many inches in depth. There is no provision in law to take the island for its guano, as this is not mineral. It might be located under the homestead law, but as the absence of water, even for drinking purposes, would make it unpleasant to live there and operate under the homestead requirements, Mr. Cummings decided to adopt the desert entry procedure. To secure the island it will be necessary to reclaim it all by irrigation under the desert land law, so Mr. Cummings proposes to make the attempt to accomplish that feat. His only recourse is to a possible subterranean water supply, so he says in his declaration that he expects to secure water "to irrigate said land from artesian wells, bored down on said land." Mr. Cummings paid the necessary entry fee of \$50, or 25 cents per acre.

WILLARD, Utah, Feb. 22, 1895.

The year 1895 has brought to our little settlement a number of sorrows and anxieties in the form of sickness and death. Among the deaths was that of Brother S. E. Harding, 24 years of age, and a very upright and promising young man. The infant child of your correspondent also passed away on the 14th inst.

Sickness, however, seems to have abated and today, Washington's birthday, was celebrated by an entertainment in behalf of the aged. At 11 a.m. our tabernacle was crowded with the veterans and their descendants and friends, and after the singing of Auld Lang Syne and Hard Times Come Again No More, by the choir, a decidedly interesting program was carried out by the aged people, Virginia, New England, Old England, Scotland Denmark Switzerland, Germany and Wales being represented by the aged persons from those countries reciting, singing, making speeches, etc. Father Titus Davis and Grandma Barker, each over ninety-two years of age, were among those who contributed to the program. After the entertainment at the Tabernacle, the aged gathered at the Opera hall, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, and the afternoon was spent in singing, dancing and speeches. All seemed to feel happy; our hands, brass and orchestral, were on hand to furnish music; each seemed anxious to contribute to the enjoyment of others, especially of our honored veterans; and all separated with the hope that many more such seasons of rejoicing may be had in our pleasant little city in the future.

-JAMES L. CHANDLER.