DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Friday, April 10, 1896.

EXPLOSION HORROR.

Result of a "Premature Discharge of Black Powder."

WAS ENTIRELY ACCIDENTAL.

Coroner's Jury Exonerates All Persons From Criminal Neglect or Intent—Testimony of Witnesses.

The coroner's inquest over the remains of the victims of the Ogden canyon explosion was finished last evening. County Attorney Watson represented the people and Judge W. H. King and Attorneys L. R. Rogers and E. M. Allison Jr. appeared for the Power company and the contractors.

The first witness was Thomas Colesof Ogden, an employe of the contractors. He was close to the scene of the accident when the explosion occurred—not more than twenty-five feet away. Jones and Ruby were tending the hole when the explosion came. Witness had "sprung" the hole a few minutes before and went to load another hole. Moses was a careful man, and used a regular loading stick. He did the tamping and Ruby poured in the powder.

Albert Bowman, of New York City, had worked in the canyon three days as a drill runner. Moses used a steel tamping pick the powder.

Wilson Martin of Provo, was probably 125 feet from the hole when the explosion occurred. He thought the explosion was due to a "cut hole" caused by "springing." The powder had been put in the hole about twenty-five minutes after the "springing" which was not long enough to allow a cooling off. The hole was sprung at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and again at 5, about twenty-five minutes before the accident.

C. F. Rowan of Provo, another workman, testified that Moses positively used a wooden rod to tamp with. John Hawkins, also of Provo, was about 8 1-2 feet from the hole when the explosion occurred. The explosion he said was caused by a "cut hole." Reynolds, one of the men who was killed, had written just before the explosion, "some one will get hurt this time; that hole might not to be loaded for it is too hot." The injuries took place about thirty minutes after the "springing." All of the men knew of the time that had elapsed and that the hole was dangerous. Other witnesses testified, but gave no additional particulars. The jury returned the usual verdict.

An inquest before Justice of Peace Gump at Salt Lake City, on Monday, March 30, at 10 a.m. on the 9th day of April, 1896, upon the bodies of Don J. Moses, Nathan Anderson, John Wheel and Richard Ruby, who were found lying dead, in the canyon where names are hereunto subscribed.

The said jurors on their oath do say that from the evidence the above named persons came to their death on the 9th day of April, A. D. 1896, by a premature discharge of black powder used in a blast being made in the Pioneer Electric Power company's works in Ogden canyon on the said 9th day of April, A. D. 1896.

The jurors further criminate any and all persons from any criminal negligence herein.

In testimony whereof the said jurors hereunto set their hands the day and year above written.

A. A. WILSON,
CHARLES WHITE,
A. C. ANDERSON,
Attest: JOSEPH HULL, Coroner.

WHAT ANDY THINKS.

Ogden Standard: There is considerable speculation as to how much of the loss of the men killed will benefit by the insurance carried by the company. All the men employed were insured by the contractors, Rogers Bros., with the Union Casualty and Guarantee company of St. Louis. R. W. Sloan of Salt Lake is the Utah agent and L. R. Rogers of this city is attorney for the company. The amount of insurance is $2,000 on every man. That amount should go to something to the widow left by Mr. Quinton of the Rogers Bros. company, to the families or heirs of the men killed. Neither the Power Dam company nor the contractors received any part of the money. There would to be considerable trouble, however, in the minor of Mr. Quinton as the probable outcome of the matter, and it cannot be stated with precision that to each of the men killed $2,000, although that is the view taken. The premium amounting to $72 was paid by Mr. Brandeis of the Power Dam company and it would appear to be no more than just that all expenses of insuring the men be followed by the company.

WHEELS AND WHEELING.

Discussed Before the Street Committee of the City Council Last Night.

The street committee of the City Council consisting of Allen, Stewart, Elliott and Callister, met last night and listened to a discussion of the bicycle question. The main issue before them was whether or not bicycle riding would be prohibited on the main sidewalks of east North Temple street, as asked for by many prominent citizens, in a petition submitted to the Council on March 19th. Both factions were represented—the petitioners by Attorney H. R. Waterman and the wheelmen by special bicycle counsel Dr. Hewlett.

The petitioners in bringing to trade side of the case charged the passage of a "bicycle ordinance" which the Mayor vetoed and declared and adopted. It provided that each and every person owning a bicycle should pay into the city treasury the sum of $1 each year, commencing July 1, 1895. One of the laws so adopted was special number policemen, recommended by the bicycle by the executive committee of the Bicycle Wheel club of Salt Lake City and approved by the city council, should be paid a salary of not less than $60 nor more than $75 per month from the April 1st to December 1st of each year, whose duty it would be to patrol the entire city in one week day to more strictly enforce the provisions of the ordinance.

The ordinance further provided that every bicycle owned in Salt Lake should be numbered; the like with the number to be placed in plain sight on the bicycle, below the saddle, and it is contrary to be recorded by an officer to be appointed by the city in the city, and 1 cent to be paid out of the bicycle tax, $ cents for every wheel registered. The ordinance should take effect on May 15 next, and after that date any person riding a bicycle on the sidewalk was to be punishable by a fine of from $1 to $25 for each offense. This provision, however, was not to apply to strangers who might pass through with their wheels. Any person in the bicycle land was to be exempted in regarding sidewalks and street crossings. In considering the petition the Salt Lake ordinance gives corporate the right to use all sidewalks not prescribed by existing ordinances.

Attorney Watson opposed the passage of the proposed ordinance and contended that it was unconstitutional inasmuch as it suggested giving vehicles a right of way on sidewalks. The operation of bicycles on sidewalks was a nuisance which endangered life and limbs and if for nothing else than to respect the request of the 229 petitioners on South Temple street, the nuisance should be suppressed.

Dr. Hewlett followed by saying that bicycles did not interfere with pedestrians on the street in operation. As to the unconstitutionality of the proposed ordinance, he took issue with Mr. Watson. Bicycles had as much right on the sidewalks as hack carriages, and it was simply a question of the proper exercise of the police power, which could be assumed by the City Council. The proposed tax provision in the ordinance in question was substantially to 50 per cent of the 2 500 wheelmen in Salt Lake.

The matter was taken under advisement by the committee.

Chicken Thieves at Work.

Chicken thieves are apparently again plying their vocation in this city and surroundings. On Wednesday evening Mr. Martin Anderson's chickens were stolen from his place, 17 Wooster in the Oakley addition, South Salt Lake, and some time in the forenoon of Friday, consisting of Brown Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks and others. The loss has been reported at police headquarters, but the chickens or the thieves are not overwhelming.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

A Sevier County Correspondent Deems It Thoroughly Like It.

GLENWOOD, Sevier Co., Utah, April 7, 1896.

To the Editor:

I see by your valuable paper that there is quite an effort being made just now, both by our State and the national Legislature, to establish a decimal system of weights and measures. I presume it is the French system that is being urged upon the people. No doubt a decimal system would be a great accommodation; but the French system is a great deal too radical to be adopted. For instance, the inch is divided for expediency into 8 parts instead of 10, which gives us eighths instead of tenths. Now, if we would have a system like the Metric system, 10 inches would make a foot, 10 feet would make a rod, 10 rods would make a furlong, 10 furlongs would make a mile, and so on. Now, we have a system of capacity as follows:

4 gills make	1 pint
2 pints make	1 quart
4 quarts make	1 gallon
31 gallons make	1 barrel
63 gallons make	1 hogshead
2 barrels make	1 hogshead

Now we will have a system of capacity as follows:

10 gills make	1 pint
10 pints make	1 quart
10 quarts make	1 gallon
10 gallons make	1 peck
10 pecks make	1 bushel
10 bushels make	1 barrel

Continuing, quantities are determined by the sides of a measure; two of one hundred quarts would not be a certain quantity, but the same that of the quantity, hence would involve a deal of trouble in figuring and transposing old measures into the new style.

The cubic land—24 cubic inches—is a little short of the several quarts in use in our country.

1 cubic foot	1728 cubic inches
1 " yard	46 656 " "
1 " rod	4 096 " "
1 " mile	134 217 728 " "

A cord of 128 cubic feet would contain a little more than a cubic rod.

The next, and the most difficult part of the business, is to hit upon a unit of weight which would be convenient. I think the Troy ounce of 480 grains, ounces of which will weigh approximately two pounds avoirdupois, or say four cubic inches of distilled water will weigh about 2 pounds Troy. The French gramme is very close to this, so it is to be hoped a unit of measure, or, and would be difficult to make it square with the French. The delightful science Mother of Mind might be a good one—I do, I think so.

I for I will every your subscriber if I may more, but I will add the information, clipped from some newspaper, now defunct:

THE FRENCH METER.

Everybody knows that the French unit of measurement is the "meter," but how many actually know, or can think you what it is? Well, let us ask the question to the first two persons you meet! Want is the basis of French measurement? What is the "meter" a, or of? Should you be inclined to cut a single meter, what would it resemble? Something like this: The French standard measure of length is based on the measurement of the earth from the pole to the equator on the meridian of Paris. This measurement is divided into 10 millions equal parts, each of which is a "meter." The meter is 1.094 English yards.

Yours truly,
WM. M. CONLEY.

Robert Morris, the Winner.

The result of the examination of candidates for appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis was made known last evening, and as I mentioned, Robert Morris of No. 229 West Second South Temple street, is preparing to lay aside other duties and take up the job. Robert is some alive when it comes to the successful competitor—in north he is. Abraham C. Smith, another boy, never would guess, and it turns out accordingly.

Joseph A. Harris, of Ogden, passed the most creditable written examination, but was lacking in physical strength. He is a promising student of the Agricultural College at Logan. Morris and Gibbons are both graduates of the high schools of Salt Lake.

Congressman Allen will make the appointment immediately upon the receipt being officially certified to.

Personal Paragraphs.

F. W. Spence of Brigham is at the Walker.

H. C. Lewis of Idaho is registered at the Clarke.

Charles E. Spence of Richmond, Va., is a guest at the Templeton.

W. W. Burr and daughter of Denver are guests at the Walker.

Henry Cox and wife of Ontario, Canada, arrived at the Clarke this morning.

Col. W. H. Hudson, a prominent San Francisco business man, is at the Templeton.

E. M. Shaw, Joseph Davis and James Houghton, well known citizens of Boston, are stopping at the Templeton.

J. H. Gilbert of Chicago, A. H. Bowring of New York and H. C. Greene of London are spending the day sightseeing in Salt Lake.

H. L. Daly, clerk of the Templeton Hotel, arrived from San Francisco this morning. He has been on a pleasure trip for the past week or fortnight.

THE LITTLE GIANT.

Mrs. Flavia Thomas, of Junction City, Ks., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Riggs, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was entirely well. He says he is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

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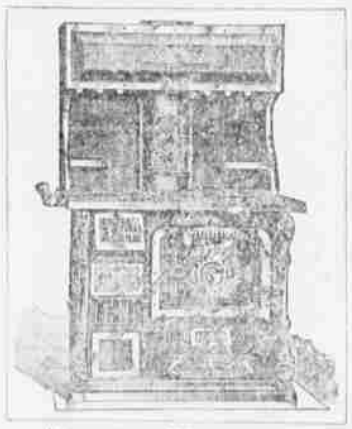

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