

clerks and the application of these for reinstatement is still pending. Two or three of the men resigned. Mr. Perrault has now received notice that Frank C. Whitthorne has been transferred by the interior department from the surveyor general's office in the state of Washington to the office here under the civil service rules. Mr. Perrault has written the department that he will not permit Whitthorne to take a place in his office. He does not propose, he says, to have any employees sent to him under civil service rules or any other rules.

The American Asphalt company of Colorado has brought suit against C. N. Bliss, secretary of the interior, and William A. Jones, commissioner of Indian affairs, to enjoin them from declaring void a lease to certain mining lands in the Uintah Indian reservation and from interfering in the necessary operations of the company on their property. It is asserted in the company's declaration that it had a valid and recognized lease from the Indians to lands on the reservation, but that the government forfeited its lease and its deposits of \$5,000 on the ground that the company did not complete and file its surveys of the land within the time prescribed by the interior department. The delay, it is asserted, was caused by a railroad accident while the company's agent was on his way East with the maps of survey.

A dispatch from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: The announcement has been made of the approaching wedding of Lieut. L. B. Simonds of the Eighth United States Infantry and Miss Louise Marshall of this city. The wedding ceremony will be performed January 19th next, at St. Mark's Episcopal church, this city, by Rev. George C. Rafter. Lieut. Simonds' home is in New York city. He has been with the Eighth infantry for the past three years. Miss Marshall is the daughter of the late Col. Louis Marshall of the United States army. She is the niece of the famous Confederate military leader, Gen. Robert E. Lee, and a great-granddaughter of Chief Justice John Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. Lieut. Simonds and Miss Marshall have a large number of friends in military and social circles.

A criminal case in which the defendant, the complainant, one of the attorneys and nearly all of the witnesses are deaf mutes is on trial before Police Justice Allen, San Francisco. James Daggett is accused of a felony by Maggie Halloran. Rodon Grady, who can neither hear nor speak, is associated with H. S. Aldrich in the defense. There is not much noise in the court room, but nimble fingers are in constant motion. Grady was admitted to practice before the supreme court last July. Miss Halloran testified in sign language. The interpreter is W. A. Caldwell, a "speaking instructor," at the Berkeley deaf, dumb and blind asylum. Attorney Grady closely watches Miss Halloran's fingers, and questions are rapidly put and to the point. Miss Halloran is employed in the family of L. C. Williams, a deaf mute street contractor.

In mercantile circles of San Francisco much attention is paid to news from the Orient. The intelligence that a Russian fleet has occupied Port Arthur following so closely on the news that Russia had obtained a firm grip on Corea, leads to the belief that active hostilities between the mikado and the czar cannot be long deferred. It is regarded as significant that agents of the Russian empire have recently made extensive purchases of army supplies in the United States for the garrison at Vladivostok. A few days ago cable messages from Vladivostok via St. Petersburg were received in that city inviting several

firms to bid on an immense quantity of provisions. The merchants there anticipate a great demand for supplies to maintain the fleets and armies now assembling in the Orient.

J. D. Lewis, who startled the Australian turf world in 1890 by winning the Melbourne cup with Tarcoola, stands ruled off the American turf. At a meeting of the board of stewards of the Pacific Coast Jockey club Tuesday night, J. D. Lewis, Dan Halliday and several others appeared before the board and were questioned in regard to the imported Trance. The stories told were of a very contradictory nature and the stewards, at the conclusion of the session, unanimously agreed to uphold the decision of the Ingleside judges in regard to the ruling off of J. D. Lewis, Dan Halliday and the mare Trance. It was discovered that imported Trance was not eligible to start on the American turf, as she was ruled off at a meeting in Brisbane, Queensland, before Lewis purchased her for shipment to America.

Albert Hoff, accused of the brutal murder of Mrs. Mary Clute, continues to assert that he will be able to prove an alibi. He says that he is a friend of John R. McLean of the Cincinnati Enquirer and that McLean can vouch for his eastern record. He also gives references to E. B. Addie, E. L. Gilmore and Arthur Pemberton, bankers of Cincinnati, and to Carl Schurz. In answer to a question about his knowledge of Schurz he said: "I am the oldest friend that man has in America. We were in the German rebellion together, serving in the same company, and were both banished on account of our political affiliations. We came to this country on the same vessel." The police intend to send his photograph to the chief of police in Chicago, as they believe he may have been mixed up in the Haymarket riots.

Tom Cooper, the big officer on duty at the Union Pacific depot in Cheyenne, Wyo., at night, received a handsome gold watch Tuesday from Dr. Norton Downs, a prominent Philadelphia physician, which carries with it a history. In 1890 Cooper was acting as guide in the Jackson's hole district for a party of wealthy Easterners, including Dr. Downs. While in a remote part of the district Dr. Downs was taken seriously ill, and his recovery depended upon medicine which could not be procured at a point nearer than 125 miles distant. Cooper made the ride on horse back, obtaining relays and not stopping once in twenty-six hours. He was successful in reaching the doctor with remedies in time to save his life, and since that time he has always been remembered substantially at Christmas time.

Daniel Sullivan, a longshoreman, 32 years of age, residing at 313 Folsom street, San Francisco, was found in a dying condition on the Folsom street roadway just west of its intersection with Stuart street at 9:30 o'clock Friday night, and the manner of his death has been puzzling the police for the past twenty-four hours. The condition of Sullivan's body, as revealed by the coroner's autopsy, has left an open question as to whether Sullivan met with foul play or was the victim of an accident. Two of the ribs on his left side were crushed in, as were three on his right side, his liver and kidneys were badly ruptured, there was a jagged scalp wound in the middle of his forehead and the third and fourth fingers of his right hand bore deep cuts that had evidently been inflicted by some rather sharp instrument.

A dispatch from Denver, Colo., says: The mass meeting of citizens of Routt county, held at Craig, ninety-five miles north of here, Saturday, for the purpose of discussing the sheep and

range question, was well attended.

The body of Joseph Blow, an aged miser, was found Saturday morning in an outhouse of his wretched home at the corner of Alabama and Date streets, Los Angeles, Cal. He was an eccentric character and lived alone amid the most squalid surroundings. Although possessed of ample means, he denied himself the commonest necessities of life and kept himself almost as secluded as a hermit. The last time Blow was seen alive was Friday afternoon, when the neighbors noticed him walking about his premises apparently suffering from pain in the stomach. As he was not seen stirring about Saturday morning as usual the neighbors called to see whether he was sick. A lamp was found burning on the table and his body, still warm, was in an outhouse, showing that he had not long been dead. Among his effects was found a box containing a number of deeds to property throughout the city and county. The value of this property is not known, but it is thought it will run well into the thousands, the consideration for one small piece being \$4,000.

OBITUARY.

ELIZABETH AUGUSTA JENNINGS.

Springdale, Dec. 13, 1897.—Elizabeth Augusta Jennings, wife of George T. Jennings, daughter of James and Helen Thornton, and born Nov. 15th, 1864, in Shonesburg, Kane (now Washington) county, Utah, died at Rockville, Washington county, Dec. 7, 1897, leaving a husband and six children, the youngest 15 hours old at her demise.

She died, as she had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint. She was supposed to be getting along all right; the husband was out and she was left in the care of a neighbor, when in the course of the conversation she remarked, that it was uncomfortably warm. Just at this moment she gave one gasp as though going to sleep, and by the time her attendant got to her bedside, the spirit had fled. "And it shall come to pass that those that die in me, shall not taste of death, for it shall be sweet unto them." Doctrine and Covenants, section xlii: 47. While we feel to sympathize with the family in their bereavement yet we feel that death was sweet unto her. The husband is one of the acting Teachers of the Rockville ward and is very much loved and respected. DIXIE.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

WHEELER—In South Cottonwood ward, Salt Lake county, of paralysis, Ann, wife of Thomas A. Wheeler; aged 70 years, 8 months and 16 days.

STEWART—In this city, December 24th of convulsions, Lillian Rachel, daughter of Robert C. and Alice Jane Stewart; born July 31, 1896 in this city.

RANDLE—In this city, December 26, 1897, of heart disease, John Albert, son of James and Elizabeth V. Randle; born January 22d, 1896, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

SHAW—In the Twenty-second ward, Salt Lake City, Utah, December 22, 1897, of general debility, Alice, only daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Shaw; born May 24, 1846, near Bury Bridge, Bury, Lancashire, England.

ATWOOD—December 21st at 222 West Fern street, of consumption and heart failure, Deborah Norris Atwood, daughter of William Norris and Cecelia Spencer Norris. Deceased was born at Bristol England, February 12, 1838; came to Utah in 1872 and was a woman of exemplary and beautiful character, bearing a life of affliction and suffering with resignation and cheerfulness. Her end was peace. Her remains were taken to Logan December 24th and buried in the family lot beside her father and mother.