

DESERET EVENING NEWS

TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT.

(Observations taken at 6 a. m. Mountain time.) Salt Lake City: Barometer, 30.89; current temperature, 22; maximum temperature, 28; minimum temperature, 22; mean temperature, 26; which is the normal.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

An area of high pressure, with its crest over British Columbia, covers the northern portion of the country west of the Mississippi river. This area of high pressure has been accompanied by a general fall of temperature over the western half of the country except along the Pacific and Gulf coasts.

SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS...

CIRCULATION TODAY 15,920

January 1, 1898, 10,280.

(Issued Tuesdays and Fridays.)

OUR AIM:

20,000 by the 20th Century!

To-day's Metals.

SILVER, 59 1/2 LEAD, \$4.57 1/2 CASTING COPPER 15 1/8 cents a lb.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The annual meeting of the Utah society Sons of the Revolution, has been called for February 12.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of "Bonnie Bobbie Burns," the Scotch poet. There does not seem to be much of a celebration arranged for this year.

A broken trolley wire at the corner of West Temple and First South street yesterday afternoon resulted in a fine electrical display and attracted a large crowd. No damage was done.

In the Republican club, which consisted of abandoned celebration of Lincoln day in order to not interfere with the plan of the Women's Republican club for a ball that evening, will elect officers on Feb. 12.

The Anti-Compulsory Vaccination league will hold another public meeting on Saturday night, at the same room in which the last meeting was held, the Trades Union hall, on Second South street.

About 800,000 lake and brook trout will pretty soon be transplanted from the State fish hatchery at Murray to the Utah fishing streams. Warden Sharp reports splendid results from the initial run on the hatchery.

The wife of Deputy Sheriff Sam Downe was today reported to be in a critical condition. Tuesday night she gave birth to a child and was doing well until last night when complications of a serious nature set in. Her condition was no better this afternoon.

"Bliss" Cooper, the young Salt Lake sailor, who served on Dewey's flag ship, Olympia, in Manila bay, and who recently spent some time here visiting his family and friends, is now en route for South America on the Ranger. He left Mare Island, California, a week ago.

Inspector Robert Towne of the Internal revenue bureau, is in the city and yesterday paid a visit of inspection to the county recorder's office. Before leaving he paid Recorder Jensen a very high compliment by declaring his record of stamp cancellations ahead of any other recorder's office he had visited.

Social circles are all in a flutter over the Altis club reception tonight. As the membership of the club is about 275 and as every member, besides being entitled to invite a partner, has the privilege of inviting another couple, it is estimated that the total attendance will not fall far short of 1,000 people.

The many friends of Miss Belle Mosby will be pleased to learn that she is improving. The young lady, who is a daughter of Samuel W. Mosby, was operated upon at St. Mark's hospital on Monday last for appendicitis, and yesterday peritonitis set in, causing much alarm. The reports this afternoon, however, are of an encouraging nature.

Butte Interment: Harry Coleman and Martha Jane Watkins of Salt Lake were united in marriage in department No. 1 of the district court Saturday. The ceremony was performed by Judge E. A. Nichols in the presence of a few of the friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are still in the city, but will return to Utah in a few days.

The funeral of Miss Grace D. Critchlow, who died last night from a long standing attack of consumption, will be held at the family residence, corner Ninth East and Eleventh South at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The deceased was a cousin of Hon. E. B. and Dr. John F. Critchlow of this city, and came here in October last for the benefit of her health.

Zion's Savers Bank and Trust company was established in 1873, and has since opened more than twenty-three thousand savings accounts, now you can open an account if not start one NOW.

UTAH COMMERCIAL AND SAVINGS BANK Interest paid on savings. W. F. Armstrong, pres., P. W. Madson, vice-pres., J. E. Calne, cashier.

UTAH COAL Castle Gate and Winter Quarters, Lump, Nut and Slack. D. J. SHARP, Agent. 71 South, Main Telephone, 429.

BRANBERG BLOWS

OUT HIS BRAINS

Suicide Last Night or Early This Morning.

FOUND DEAD BY HIS BROTHER

The Cause of His Rash Act is Not Known—Had Been Drinking of Late—No Inquest.

Joseph Branberg, a Swede 40 years of age, committed suicide last night or early this morning by shooting himself through the head. The bullet which was fired from a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, entered the head about one-half inch above the right ear and went on a direct line through the head lodging just beneath the skin.

THE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.

Death was instantaneous. So far as has been ascertained there is no apparent cause why Branberg should thus take his own life; however, it is known that he has been drinking quite heavily of late.

Strange to say, John Branberg, a brother of the dead man was sleeping but a few feet from the brother, and separated by very thin partition, and yet he did not hear the fatal shot. The brothers have been living together for some time at 955 west Fifth South street. John Branberg is a married man but his wife is at Provo and the brothers have been keeping bachelor quarters.

AN AWFUL DISCOVERY.

The deceased was, it is said, recently employed at some claims in Cottonwood canyon.

Last night John went home about 9 o'clock and retired for the night soon after. He arose between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning, and going into his brother's bedroom was horrified at the scene that met his gaze. Sitting upright in a chair clad only in his underwear, he lay dead reclining on the back of the chair and his whole person besmeared with blood, was his brother, dead. A revolver lying on the floor within a few inches of Joseph Branberg's right hand told only too plainly the old story.

POLICE NOTIFIED.

As soon as he could recover from the shock the horrified brother called for assistance and notified the police department.

Officer Parry, Patrol Driver Cannon and Acting Coroner Morris Sommer at once proceeded to the scene and made a thorough examination of the dead man and the surroundings.

HAD PLENTY OF MONEY.

The dead man's outer clothing was lying on a chair, and in the pockets of the trousers was \$14. There was also a valuable gold watch and chain in the vest, which would indicate that the man had not been in want.

The clothing and room were carefully explored by the officers in the hope of finding a note or something that would serve as a clue to the cause of the rash act, but the search was in vain.

Dr. Hanchett was summoned and later the body was removed to Jos. Wm. Taylor's undertaking establishment.

THE BROTHER'S STORY.

The brother of the dead man is as much perplexed over the unfortunate occurrence as any one could be. Said he: "I went home about 9 o'clock last night and found my brother sitting up."

"I do not remember hearing my brother enter the house, and in fact I never heard a sound all night."

"I can not understand why he should kill himself, if he has had any trouble I do not know it."

INQUEST UNNECESSARY.

Justice Sommer communicated with the county attorney concerning the suicide and it was decided that it was unnecessary to hold an inquest.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed as yet, but the probabilities are that services will be conducted at Jos. Wm. Taylor's chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Joseph Branberg was born in Sweden in 1850, and was unmarried.

THREE COUNTIES IN ARREARS.

The state auditor has found it necessary to withhold the three months' salaries of the county treasurers of Cache, Emery and San Juan for the reason that these officials failed to forward money due the state from the November tax collections. Sections 2663 and 2664 of the Revised Statutes prescribe a penalty unless the treasurers of the counties named give a satisfactory explanation it will be enforced.

WAS REPORTED DYING.

It was reported last evening that Mrs. Fred J. Senior had taken an overdose of morphine and was dying. An investigation showed there was not the slightest cause for alarm, as the attending physician, Dr. H. A. Anderson, had given his patient the drug to induce sleep. The attending physician, Mrs. Senior was a resident of Salt Lake, and was unnecessarily alarmed.

VISIT TO PROVO.

The grand officers of the Knights of Pythias paid a visit to the Provo lodge on Tuesday night and returned yesterday morning. The party consisted of Grand Chancellor F. W. Gardner, Grand Vice Chancellor C. P. Jennings of Ogden, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals H. C. Wardleigh, Grand Prelate George C. Stoney and Supreme Representatives L. H. Farnsworth and Edward W. Duncan; also Knights A. M. Ashby of Meeker, H. P. Johnson and Gus Lingreng of Sandy, and C. J. McNitt, A. R. McNitt, J. J. La Bell and Thomas A. Haddock of Salt Lake. They were pleased with their trip and speak highly of their reception at Provo.

CHURCH NEWS.

RELIEF SOCIETY.

Secretaries of the Relief Society who are delinquent are hereby reminded that their yearly reports are due. It is earnestly requested that these reports be sent in immediately, as it is desired that every branch in Salt Lake county should be fully reported in this report from the whole state, previous to its division.

ADUSTA W. GRANT.

14 Second East street, Salt Lake City. Stake Secretary.

CHRISTENSEN'S DANCING ACADEMY

Gentlemen's class for beginners, will commence Monday, January 22nd, 7:30. The advanced class for ladies and gentlemen will be held open for applicants until Monday, January 22nd. The three juvenile classes will be held open for applicants until Saturday, January 25th.

BULLER IS IN GREAT DANGER.

An American Soldier Who Believes the British General will be

Beaten Back With Heavy Loss in an Out-and-Out Conflict.

Rumors and reports, often repeated, that the Boers have prepared mines in the path of the advancing British forces to destroy them are not credited by General Buller, says the Denver Post. Too many difficulties are in the way of such operations, in the opinion of the general. He believes, nevertheless, that with the present army strength, General Buller will fall in his campaign in the Transvaal and that General White will not risk his weakened and decimated columns in sallies in the effort to effect a conjunction with the relieving troops.

"The use of mines to blow your enemy to the moon is not civilized warfare," he said; "and besides it takes fearful quantities of powder, and other obstacles apart. What if an elaborately planned decoy or trap should be made in the present field of war and then the opposing army go some other way, adopt new tactics, in short refuse to take the bait? Undoubtedly the Dutch may resort to this means if they should be driven to the last ditch; if they are pounded back upon their own soil, into Pretoria, their very capital. When the seat of the fighting is transferred there the field operations will be so small that the Boers could make the mines with some certainty the English would walk into them. When a man or a nation is concerned he or it will take desperate measures for the last defense. Therefore, I think it does not pay to be over-penned up in their native strongholds, they will lay such fearful traps that awful destruction must almost inevitably follow, but not until that time do I look for them to adopt the course of placing pitfalls in the road.

A CHINESE UPRISING.

Mongolians Have a Row in a Gambling Den Over 60 Cents.

Jim Tong Accused of Drawing a Gun—Officer Randolph Arrests the Chinaman and Locks Him Up.

"Wong yong, chue-mally ung de do sing chue may, yai helpe melican man come quick!" Thus was the peace and dignity of Commercial alley shattered, atoms last night by a mob of chattering Mongolians.

Pedestrians concluded that the various factions of Chinatown had arrayed themselves for battle.

Officer Randolph heard the inane cackle and ran quickly to the scene. In a moment he was surrounded by forty Chinamen and every one a chronic gambler. In vain they endeavored to explain their troubles to Randolph. The officer never flinched. He ended the torture in a manner becoming a martyr.

The Chinaman who could speak English drew the officer to one side and explained that there had been a gun play.

It seems that the copper-colored population were assembled at "Ching Ching's" fan tan house and, of course, were gambling. There were present Sing Young, Yung Tong, Jim Tong, Ah Wing, One Tin Lung and others. Ah Wing told the following story:

"I was playing fan tan at the same table with Jim Tong, and when I won 60 cents from him he said that he didn't have any money. He said that he had lost it to me. That made me mad and I told him to get out. When I started toward him he pulled out of his pocket a big gun, so big," and Wing indicated an infant cannon with his hands. "Some Chinamen jumped in between him and me, and they took his gun away from him. They didn't arrest me, they killed."

Officer Randolph arrested Jim Tong and escorted him to the station. He was searched but no gun could be found on him. Tong was thrown in jail.

DEFENDS DR. PARKINSON.

Vicious Attack of Attorney Rogers Unfair and Unjust.

To the Editor: Logan, Jan. 24.—An article in this morning's Tribune has been brought to my attention, in which Dr. Wm. B. Parkinson, one of our best citizens, is made the victim of a vile attack, by L. R. Rogers, of Salt Lake City, attorney for Mrs. Parkinson in the pending divorce case. The Tribune, with its characteristic disregard for fair play and justice, has published the article, which is a gross and distorted and ready unfair remarks of Mr. Rogers, and has painted Dr. Parkinson as a "shameless creature," simply because of his laudable desire to protect his honor and save his children from danger worse than death. The facts of the case are simply these: Mrs. Maggie Parkinson has been a confirmed opium fiend for the past seven years. At the same time she has been a drunkard and has spent her money in a reckless and dissipated way. She has obtained the drug by every means possible, and her persistence in this course threatens her husband with ruin in finance and honor. Her frequent appearance on the street in an intoxicated condition and another cause of chagrin and humiliation to him. All this might be endured if she were not persisting in giving the deadly drug to her children, and rearing them in this debauched and vicious life.

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WISDOMS

Should procure from this office, without delay, a supply of blanks that have been prepared, and duly approved, for block teachers to compile the information required in yearly statistical reports. They are simple in form, and their use insures an accurate census of Latter-day Saint Church members. They sell for 25c per doz, post paid.

varce or disorganized an army. Their work was more like murder, the few that were brought to death by them fell to no advantage to their enemy, and their fate only enraged their comrades. I remember when the Northern forces were close upon Yorktown they struck the ground full of torpedoes. In a telegraph office a water pitcher was so arranged that whoever removed it from its place would cause a bomb to be set off, and one of our signal corps men, who went there to make an examination, was killed; that illustrates the working of this mode of warfare, which is of effect only in isolated cases.

"My opinion of the future of the struggle before Ladysmith is that, first, White will remain close in the city; next Buller will either suffer defeat to the left flank which he has been throwing forward under Warren, or the entire British division will attempt to proceed just far enough to secure a strong defensive position and thence fortify itself and await re-inforcements.

"As for the crossing of the Tugela river, the Boers had no objection to the English doing this. The knowledge that behind them in a great dark unfavorable stream will rest like a nightmare on the mind of every man in the ranks of Buller's army. It is a constant source of danger to them. Retreat across it is well nigh impossible, for although the forces crossed, in deliberation and at their leisure, one small slip will make the pontoon bridge impassable. Then consider the difficulty in bringing up provisions. Buller is really fighting in the air, so uncertain is his base of supplies.

"Not only did the Dutch make no opposition to Buller's crossing, but he has not yet attacked one single fortification of theirs of any consequence. The Dutch may have found it profitable to straighten out and out conflict, and if he retains his position, it appears to me he is at best in a most precarious situation."

article, it needs no refutation; the true facts are known to Dr. Parkinson's friends and Attorney Rogers has not benefited himself by this attack. FAIR PLAY.

CANADA HIS DESTINATION.

Contractor McLaughlin Reported to Leave Salt Lake Creditors in Lurch.

James McLaughlin, the contractor and builder, is reported to have left Salt Lake for Canada, leaving debts amounting in all to about \$2,500. He had a contract for a building on Ninth East street, which his bondsmen are having finished at a loss to them of \$200 each. His creditors, so far as known, are the Utah Lumber company, \$400; Utah Stone & Hardware company, \$275; Allen, the painter, amount not known. McLaughlin did his banking with the Utah National, where a balance of eleven cents remains to his credit.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

Hon. C. S. Varian's Address Under Auspices of Woman's Democratic Club.

Last evening the first lecture in the course on parliamentary law, given under the auspices of the Women's Democratic club, was delivered by Hon. C. S. Varian, at Judge Sommer's office. A large number of ladies were present, and the address was listened to with the closest attention.

Mrs. Joseph M. Cohen presided and introduced the speaker, who discussed the fundamental principles underlying parliamentary law.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, at some place yet to be announced.

HOTEL AND PERSONAL.

E. W. Parker of Wardner, Ida., is a visitor here.

Mrs. Winifred Grissom is becoming convalescent.

Thos. H. Greely, of Ogden, is a guest at the Walker.

Charlie Gulbranson is suffering from lumbago and is confined to his bed.

C. P. Overfield will leave for New York on a business trip tomorrow morning.

Bert Emsign of Chicago is here and signifies an intention to remain for some time.

F. W. Dewey, a second cousin to the hero of Manila bay, is on his way to the coast. He stopped at the Knuteford while here.

Dr. Hoemer of Nephi and family went East last night. The doctor will take a two years' post-graduate course in New York and Europe.

The following are guests at the White house today: A. Solomon and wife, Miss L. Solomon, Miss J. Solomon, Portland, Ore.; H. Givens, Silver City.

Registered at the Kenyon today are C. A. Athaus, Omaha; M. F. Bowles, San Francisco; Will Watkins, San Jose; J. J. Hinters, Sacramento, Cal.

There are registered at the Cullen today: A. L. Woodhouse, Provo; John A. Dubois, Chicago; M. Galteneer, San Francisco; W. M. Nesbit, Eureka; Walter James, Black Rock; Jno. P. James, Frisco.

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"PREACHING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING."

Of the 5,000 copies of this popular book published last year only three or four hundred remain and the author has decided to sell these through the ordinary agencies for church publications. Your local agent will order the book for you or it will be sent postpaid from the Deseret News Office. Cloth, \$1.50; Half Morocco, \$2.00.

A Point to Remember. Ogden, Utah, Jan. 13, 1900.—Mary E. Pittsford of this place says: "I take from three to six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla every year and as a blood purifier I find no other medicine equal to it. My health is now quite good." It is doubtless true that the use of this medicine, which has the effect of making the blood rich and pure, is of great benefit in warding off illness as well as in curing disease.

Beecham's Pills cure sick headache.

NOT MUCH HOPE

OF ADMISSION.

Territories Will Not Be Made States This Session.

CONGRESS COLD ON SUBJECT.

Senator Chandler's Views on Money Question—Unique Idea for Combining a Gold and Silver Coin.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The delegation of senators, representatives, governors of Territories and federal officials that recently visited the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, and that also extended their trip into the arid regions of the west, gathered a great deal of information, but they did not make the admission of these Territories as States even probable. From what they saw and learned they became convinced that admission bills should pass, but upon making numerous inquiries among the congressmen in Congress, and in advocating admission, they find such a cold response that they express the conviction that there is no hope for those bills at this session of Congress.

"Congress is not ready to admit any more States at present," said Senator Clark, of Wyoming, who was one of the party. "They ought to be admitted," said Senator Shoup, of Idaho, chairman of the committee on Territories, who was another visitor, "but there seems to be little hope for them. They have the required population and undoubted resources which will maintain them as States as well as an increase in the material affairs, yet we cannot convince Congress of this now, and the Territories must wait."

HAD FUN WITH HERMANN. Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, was one of the party. He was going through a country over which he exercises more direct control than any other officer. He was in the public land country. The coming of the official in the arid land country every place where they stopped was a delegation, some members of which had complaints to make to the commissioner. Some were dissatisfied because the decisions in the land office were not considered more liberally. Others because the decisions were against them. Then there were men who did not like the management of affairs in the forest reserves, some wanting a more liberal administration and others more liberal. In the arid land country there were men who took Mr. Hermann to task for what Congress had failed to do, while others had smaller grievances. All of this was very amusing to the commissioner, and he asserted that they had brought Mr. Hermann along for no other purpose than to answer disagreeable questions. "Well, entertain those who have no complaints to make," they told him, "and you can be sure of an official conduct from the rear of the train."

BIMETALLIC SUGGESTIONS. Senator Chandler of New Hampshire, being the only Eastern senator who is a bimetalist, receives many suggestions relative to the methods of bringing about the re-coinage of silver.

Senator Chandler's idea of sending a plunger over if impracticable and show some men do not understand what the "double standard" really means. Mr. E. Haug of Philadelphia has written Senator Chandler a letter in which he illustrates his idea by sending a plunger of 5 cent piece, the center being filled with brass, representing gold, and the outside nickel, representing silver. He thinks that a coin on this plan, carrying about one part gold to three or four parts silver, would be about the right thing, as the gold would float the silver and enough silver would be used to create a demand for it. Such a coin, he thinks, would prevent the metals from "separating." "It is useless," he said, "to try for an independent bimetalism now. We could not raise the price from 40 cents an ounce to \$1.25, the ratio price. By an international agreement in which all nations would agree to coin a certain amount of silver for five years and then send the mints to unlimited coinage at the ratio agreed upon I have no doubt the price of silver would be restored to something near the old price. I think five years of time would be enough. The international agreement should, of course, provide for the unlimited coinage after five years."

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