NEW CUTOFF IS PLANNED

Harriman Line Extensions Are Now Being Surveyed For, and Work of Opening New Territory Will Begin Soon.

Preliminary surveys for three extensions of the Harriman lines in Utah are being made and the construction of these lines will be started next year. The new lines extend from Salt Lake through Emigration canyon to Evanston, from Salt Lake paralleling the Western Pacific to connect with the Southern Pacific between Cobre and Elko, and from a point on the Lucin cut-off to connect with the main line of the Oregon Short Line to the northwest. The completion of these lines will mark the first actual railroad construction opening up new territory that has ever been undertaken by the Harriman organization. They mean the expenditure of several million dollars.

The sale of the Emery tract of land in the northern part of Utah and southern Idaho, which was announced yesterday, was made with the knowledge that the Harriman lines are already negotiating contracts for the construction of this line northward from the main line through the Raft River valley in order to shorten the distance between Ogden and the northwest. This line will be of standard construction, and although it will furnish its own traffic as a profitable branch line, it will be constructed with a thoroughness that indicates the intention to use it as a part of the main line for transportation to the northwest. The announcement of the plans of the Harriman organization to build this line has been made unofficially.

Whether the line will run from Saline, on Promontory point, through to the north, or whether it will be built from Kelton, on the old line of the Southern Pacific, north of the lake, is a matter of doubt, for it is known that surveys from Kelton northward to the main line were completed by the engineering department of the Oregon Short Line nearly three years ago, and these surveys are on file at the local offices.

New Cutoff Planned.

The other extension to be made by the "Affiliated Lines," as the Harriman system is now called by its officers, will be the Evanston-Salt Lake cut-off, and this will be supplemented by the construction of a line from Salt Lake around the southern shores of the Great Salt Lake and out parallel with the Western Pacific to a connection with the Southern Pacific. The fact that the Western Pacific may possibly be an actual competitor for transcontinental freight business has made it imperative that the Harriman system must cut down its mileage and grades at every possible point, and the circuit from Evanston to Salt Lake and around the southern shore of the lake would greatly reduce the cost of transportation to the railroad in its transcontinental business.

The rising of Great Salt lake during the last few years is also a factor in the decision to build the road parallel with the Western Pacific through Utah, for the reason that the cost of maintenance of the Lucin cut-off has risen beyond any early estimates, and if the waters of the lake continue to rise the cut-off will have to be reconstructed or abandoned. On the other hand, the Western Pacific has already done away with doubts as to the practicability of building a railroad out across the salt beds of the desert, while it has added the incentive of possible future competition for transcontinental business.

Meaning of the Franchise.

Business men of Salt Lake who have watched developments in the railroad line for the last decade saw in the application for a freight franchise through Brigham street the plans of the Harriman lines to introduce a wedge whereby they could connect the Oregon Short Line with the Emigration Canyon railroad and thus make way for the entrance into Salt Lake of the cutoff from Evanston. The "friendly" relations between the Harriman interests and the Emigration Canyon road have been marked all through. Permission to use the street railway tracks was granted the Emigration Canyon road immediately after the completion of the line, while requests from other lines to enter the city by such means have been turned down almost before they were presented.

The Oregon Short Line officials in Salt Lake assert that in their petition for a franchise allowing the transportation of freight through Brigham street is backed by no other motive than to comply with the request of the army officials to transport building materials to the government reservation. Active work in favor of the granting of the franchise has been done by Oregon Short Line officials in Salt Lake who have no official connection whatever with the local street railway company which is asking for the privilege. In the minds of some well-posted business men of Salt Lake, this fact is convincing proof that the Oregon Short Line is father to the whole movement, with a view to establishing an entrance into Salt Lake for the cutoff from Evanston.

It was reported yesterday that the Utah Construction company of Ogden had procured the contracts for a large part of the grading on the extensions of the Harriman lines in Utah and the forces of this company which have been at work on the Western Pacific for the last three years will be started on the new lines early next spring.

DISASTROUS STORMS SWEEP OVER EUROPE

Forests Devastated in France—Belgium, Spain and Portugal Suffer Heavily.

Paris, Dec. 24.—All southwest Europe was swept by destructive storms and floods today. In southeastern France forests were devastated, buildings were demolished and lines of communication were interrupted. Belgium suffered heavily, many factories being forced to close down on account of the inundations.

Madrid reported the most disastrous floods in fifty years. Many towns suffered serious damage. No loss of life is recorded.

Oporto, Portugal, Dec. 24.—A heavy windstorm, accompanied by a tremendous rainfall, did much damage here today. The gas works were inundated and the entire city is in darkness. All the small craft moored in the Douro river were swept out to sea, and the fate of the crews is unknown.

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COMPELLED TO REST.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—The illness of Mme. Louisa Tetrazzini of the Manhattan opera company, who was scheduled tonight to sing the leading part in the opera "Lucia," resulted in the money being refunded to the seat holders, and the performance being cancelled. Mme. Tetrazzini is suffering from vocal trouble, and her doctor advised a two days' rest.

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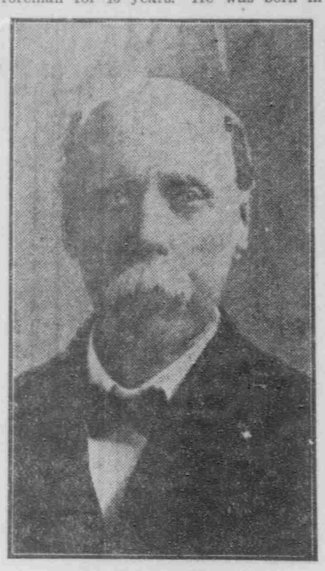
OLD-TIME PRINTER GOES TO REWARD

Robert T. McEwan Dies of General Debility at Age of 84 Years.

Robert T. McEwan, a resident of Salt Lake and Utah since 1872, and for 16 years foreman printer of the Salt Lake Herald, passed away, from general debility, at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. D. B. McBride, 834 East Tenth South street, yesterday morning at 7:15 o'clock. He was 84 years of age.

In 1872 Mr. McEwan came to Salt Lake to take charge of the composing room of the Salt Lake Herald, coming from the Liverpool Courier, of which he was foreman for 15 years. He was born in



ROBERT T. M'EWAN

Glasgow, Scotland, on September 18, 1825. For 16 years he remained in his position with the Herald, after which he engaged in the real estate business with Fuller & Young, now known as Young & Young. About 1890 Mr. McEwan and his son, Robert C. McEwan, conducted a Democratic evening newspaper in Ogden, known as the Evening Sun. The paper was practically a campaign sheet for the Democratic party, and after the defeat of the party publication was suspended. Mr. McEwan then re-entered the real estate business, in which he remained until about six years ago, when he retired.

His son, Robert, jr., was assistant foreman of the Deseret News until he died, about three years ago, and a brother, Henry McEwan, was also a foreman for the Deseret News.

He is survived by one son, Thomas C. McEwan of this city; a sister, Mrs. William Reid of Manti, and a brother, Joseph McEwan. In addition to these, he has 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom are living.

For 15 years he was secretary of the Tabernacle choir and was well known in musical circles. He had been working for some time on a history of his life.

Mr. McEwan will be buried from his stepdaughter's home on Sunday at 11 o'clock, and interment will be in the City cemetery. The services will be under the charge of Bishop Atwood of the Emerson ward. Mr. McEwan was a strong Democrat all his life. He has two nephews in this city—Henry McEwan, cashier of the State Bank of Utah, and William McEwan, paying teller of the Zion's Savings Bank & Trust company. He was an honorary member of the Typographical union.

KNOCKOUT BLOW BY A FEDERAL JURIST

Kansas Bank Guaranty Law Is Declared Inoperative by Judge Pollock.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 24.—The Kansas bank guaranty law received a knockout blow from Judge Pollock of the federal court here today. Two injunctions were granted by Judge Pollock.

One of the cases decided was that of Frank S. Larabee, a stockholder in the Exchange State bank of Hutchinson, against the officers and directors of the bank and J. D. Dolley, state bank-ling commissioner. His contention was that a stockholder in a state bank could object and prevent the participation of his bank in the guaranty law. Judge Pollock held that this contention was good and granted an injunction.

The other case was that of the Abilene National bank against the bank commissioner and state treasurer on the ground that the state guaranty law is unconstitutional. Judge Pollock granted a temporary injunction in this case, holding that the law was inoperative and fixed a bond of $50,000 to be given by the bank pending the final disposition of the case.

Attorney General Jackson refused to discuss the decision, but A. Mitchell of Lawrence, who is associated with him in the case, said:

"The guaranty law has not been killed past resurrection. The state will continue to fight this question."

Bank Commissioner Dolley refused to discuss the decision.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 24.—Senator Fred H. Quincy, author of the guaranty law, said today:

"Judge Pollock's decision was about what I expected. The case will be appealed. It is a fight between the bankers and the people. If the law is finally held void the people will see to it that the law is remedied by the legislature."

TRAGEDY FOLLOWS A MEETING OF ENEMIES

Wagoner, Okla., Dec. 24.—Four men and a woman tonight are nursing wounds, some of which may prove fatal, as the results of a battle between J. M. Collier and Sheriff James Childers, at Childer's home near Wagoner late yesterday.

According to a report that reached here today, Collier met Childers in the road, and, at the point of a gun, forced him to run up and down the road. Collier followed Childers and his brother Anderson, and opened fire through Childer's window, wounding Mrs. Childers. The fire was returned and Collier was probably fatally wounded, but not until after he had shot both the Childers brothers and a neighbor who was in their house.

CAPTAIN "BOB" NOT GOING TO ANTARCTIC

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 24.—Apparently content with his polar laurels, Captain "Bob" Bartlett, commander of the Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt, will not go in search of the South pole as a member of the British Antarctic expedition under Lieutenant Scott. Captain Bartlett has notified the owners of the sealing steamer Southern Cross that he will accept the command of that vessel and will not join the Antarctic expedition.

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OLD FRIENDS SIGN REPORT

Committee of the Explorers' Club Declares Dr. Cook's Mt. McKinley Claims Are Not Worthy of Credence.

New York, Dec. 24.—The board of governors of the Explorers' club met today in executive session, and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads, that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

Coming hard upon the heels of the crushing verdict lately rendered by the University of Copenhagen, the action of the Explorers' club today is the result of independent investigations which in no way touched upon the polar controversy and the weight of its disapproval thus becomes cumulative.

Preliminary to its vote of expulsion, the board met to pass upon the report of its committee that has been investigating the validity of Cook's assertion that he reached the summit of Mount McKinley.

Not Worthy of Credence.

This committee, in concluding an exhaustive report, recommended that "Dr. Cook's claims, that he ascended to the summit of Mount McKinley in 1906, be rejected by the Explorers' club as not worthy of credence."

The committee's recommendations were based on its finding that "Dr. Cook had repeatedly made statements that have not been in accord with facts, and that he had entered into agreements which he has failed to keep, and that the misstatements and broken agreements deal not only with matters appertaining to discovery, but to ordinary transactions, so that no credence can be given to statements made by him."

Report Signed by Friends.

Among the seven signatures appended to this arraignment are those of Caspar Whitney and Anthony Fiala, both personal friends of Dr. Cook. The committee is further explicit in its statement that it undertook its investigation only after first apprising Dr. Cook of its purpose, which he approved in person; and that it has disregarded entirely the testimony of Edward Barrill, Dr. Cook's guide, and of Frederick Printz, his packer—although such testimony was before them—because it wished no cloud of partisan contention or question of financial interest to dim the integrity of its verdict.

Some Prominent Names.

In addition to the findings of the committee as a whole—which are signed by Anthony Fiala, a polar explorer of note; Frederick S. Dallenbaugh of the American Geographic society, Prof. Marshal H. Saville of the chair of archaeology in Columbia university, Walter S. Clarke, Charles H. Townsend, director of the New York aquarium; Henry G. Walsh, secretary of the Explorers' club, and Caspar Whitney—individually signed reports as submitted by Herschel C. Parker, professor of physics at Columbia, and Belmore Brown, both of whom were members of the Cook-McKinley expedition; and by Charles Sheldon, who has recently returned from a year's residence on the slope of Mount McKinley, where he went with the express purpose of studying the configuration of the mountain, with a view to the possibility of its ascent.

Prof. Parker's Report.

Prof. Parker reports that he was a partner with Dr. Cook in the McKinley expedition, both physically and financially.

Dr. Cook assumed the lead with a plan that proved unfeasible and the party escaped with their lives, thanks to the local knowledge of Belmore Brown.

"It was perfectly understood," said Prof. Parker, "that after the misadventure all further attempts were abandoned for the season. Otherwise I would not have left the expedition."

Instead of this, Dr. Cook, it is charged, sidetracked all members of the expedition until there remained only Cook, his guide, Barrill, and one packer, who subsequently was got rid of also. These defections left Dr. Cook, says Prof. Parker, no instruments capable of measuring the altitude he says he attained. Moreover, he adds, the summer's experience had shown that, of all the party, Dr. Cook and Barrill were the least fitted physically for arduous mountain climbing.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Commander Peary, president of the Explorers' club, when told tonight of the expulsion of Dr. Cook, refused to discuss the matter further than to make the following statement:

"All the information I have on the subject I have received from the newspapers. Aside from that I know absolutely nothing of the affair. None of the governors have ever spoken or even written to me anything concerning the investigation. It is a matter in which I have no more connection than if I were not even a member of the club."

SIX BODIES RECOVERED.

Victims of the Colliery Explosion Caused by Carelessness.

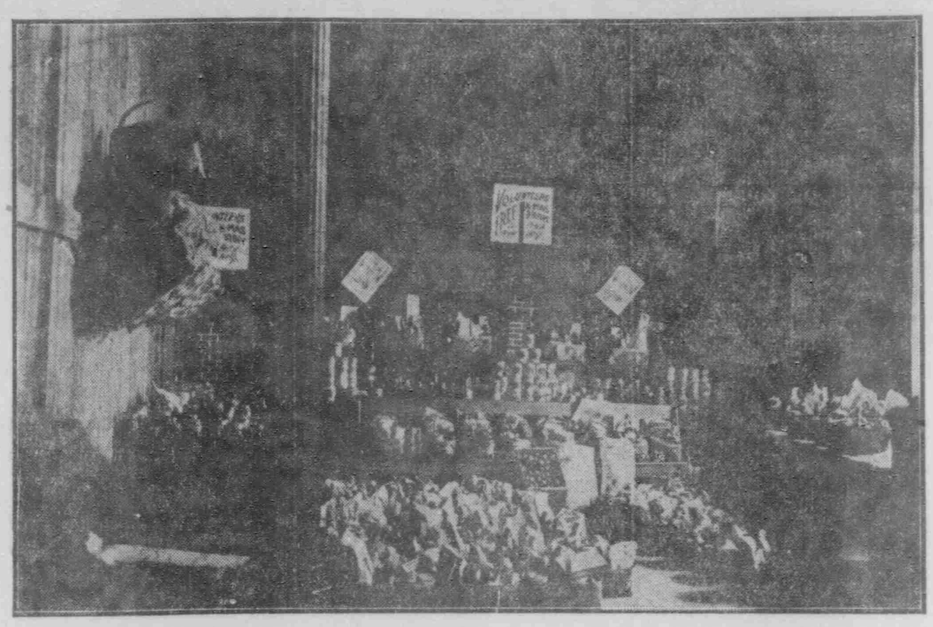
St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Messages from Herrin, Ill., tell of the recovery early today of the bodies of the six men whose open lamps caused a gas explosion in a colliery last night, eight deaths resulting. The bodies are those of W. T. Pierce, his two helpers, Eugene Barrett and Geordon Schaffer, and Thomas Williams, one of the assistant managers of the mine.

Pierce, it was said today, ventured into mine A of the Chicago and Carterville Coal company without a guide, with unprotected lamps and against the orders of the mine managers and the advice of the miners. It is thought he reached the gaseous entry and was waiting for a "straw boss" to come and pilot him out when the gas ignited.

Schaffer was a stranger to the mine officials. He had been taken into the mine by Pierce as an emergency helper, and his identity was not known until his body was recovered.

Pierce had charge of thirty mines in the Herrin district. He was making a survey of an abandoned section where there had been a "squeeze," to determine the feasibility of retimbering.

Volunteers Dispense Cheer To Army of City's Poor



Showing the Provisions Gathered by the Volunteers of America for Distribution Among Poor Families Yesterday.

From 1,500 to 2,000 men, women and children of Salt Lake will sit down to a real Christmas dinner today by the grace and activity of the Volunteers of America. That Christmas dinner, dispensed to more than 350 persons at the Volunteer home, in East First South street, yesterday afternoon consisted of the following:

Chickens, 350; beef, 200 pounds; potatoes, 1,000 pounds, cranberries, two barrels; canned vegetables and fruit, 500 cans; bread, 450 loaves; butter, three cases; coffee, three cases; sugar, 400 pounds.

All day yesterday there was a constant stream of persons whose poverty has reduced them to the extremity of either getting their Christmas dinners from some charitable institution or going without. All day long, as the stream of hungry humanity surged backward and onward through the inviting doors of the Volunteers' home, baskets were packed with the proper proportions of food and sent into homes in every quarter of the city.

Captain N. W. Edson and his daughter, together with a corps of workers, were busy all day packing, checking and sending away parcels of cheer.

A shivering woman, poorly clad, and carrying a child beneath her thin shawl, asked for a basket.

"Have you a card?" asked Miss Edson.

"No, I haven't," said the woman. "I didn't receive a card, but some one told me that I could get something to eat for my little ones if I came here."

"Where is your husband?" interposed the captain.

"O, I don't know," the woman sighed wearily. "If I waited for him to bring us a Christmas dinner we would starve to death. I have five children."

An extra ration was put in the basket, and when the woman gave her name and address she wore a happy smile.

From year to year the Volunteers keep a record of those to whom they give Christmas dinners, and, by adding new names and referring to old, they have a complete list of names and addresses. Postal card notices are sent to each family in distress or want, and these cards are turned in at the Volunteers' home so there will be no duplication.

When the first one to seek Christmas dinner arrived yesterday morning there were piles of baskets all ready for distribution, and the force of workers were arranging more.

The stream kept going in and out of the doors all day and until late into the night. Captain Edson says he gave away 350 baskets, and it is calculated that the average of five persons to each dinner applies here. That would mean that between 1,500 and 2,000 persons will be guests today of the Volunteers of America.

WOULD OPEN ARMS TO HER

Brokaw Willing to Take His Wife Back if She Will Be Good and Cease Making Accusations Against Him.

New York, Dec. 24.—One week of happiness in two years of married life was the best W. Gould Brokaw could get out of his bargain, he testified in court today. And yet he is willing to take his wife back. She, however, seems to prefer separation and $60,000 a year alimony.

"I bear absolutely no rancor toward my wife," he volunteered in his testimony today. "And if she will promise to be good I will take her back in my arms. All I want her to promise is that she will not accuse me of going with other women and that she will stop calling me names. If she makes that promise, I will wish her a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Mrs. Brokaw was not present to hear her husband's offer of reconciliation. A severe cold kept her away today.

Lawyer Doubts Sincerity.

But her counsel was disinclined to credit Brokaw's sincerity.

"If Mr. Brokaw means what he said," commented Mr. Baldwin to the court, "there is no reason why they should not be reconciled, but I believe it is nothing more than a well-planned scheme to create favor for the defendant."

At the resumption of hearings today Brokaw was asked to describe the single week of wedded bliss he would allow. He was sick at the time, and quarrels and worry were not good for him, he said. His physicians advised him not to see Mrs. Brokaw, but he insisted and won.

Loving for a Week.

"I could not seem to get Mrs. Brokaw off my mind," he said. "And finally the doctors said she could visit me. I drove half-way to meet her and for a week she was loving and affectionate."

Brokaw's lawyer did not press him for the quarrel that terminated his one bright week. Instead, Mr. McIntyre brought out denials that Brokaw ever set his servants to spying on his wife, or that he was jealous of her physicians. He never suspected, he said, that Mrs. Brokaw would elope with one of the doctors, whose name has figured in the suit, because, said Brokaw, the doctor was too effeminate.

He never heard his wife mention the name of "Bunnie" Wells, whose presence in a house party at Great Neck, L. I., precipitated the final estrangement. He only knew that a man had slept in his private room—what man he could not find out.

Man Slept in His Bed.

"I was deeply grieved," testified Brokaw, "to learn that a man occupied my room when there were bachelor quarters upstairs. Nobody except myself had ever slept in my bed before. I had given orders that nobody should sleep in my private room and Mrs. Brokaw knew of it."

Brokaw described how close his room was to his wife's and how he demanded the name of the man who occupied it. Brokaw then explained why he twice broke down the door of his wife's private room. Every time he tried to talk confidentially with her, he said, either he found the door locked or there was a maid in the room. Once, he admitted, these tactics drove him to exasperation, and the other time he feared his wife had attempted suicide.

He denied that he ever spent $30,000 in one year on his wife. A better estimate, he said, would be $8,000. During their separation he directed his lawyers to pay her $150 a week.

He denied that he ever spent $35,000 on jewels for her.

"The most I ever paid, he testified, "was $1,600 for her engagement ring."

"Did you ever buy her any other jewelry?"

"Yes, a necklace of pearls and emeralds to replace one of my mother's that she had been wearing. When I gave it to her she said it was paste and threw it in my face."

As proof that Mrs. Brokaw was mistaken about the gems being paste, her husband said, Mrs. "Jimmy" Martin afterwards offered to buy the necklace.

"Mrs. Martin," he said, with an air of finality, "does not wear paste."

Court adjourned until Monday.

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Wife Gets Her Veranda and Now Cantractor Is Suing

Is a veranda a luxury or a necessity?

This is a question which confronts Justice Stanley A. Hanks in a contest which involves a husband and a wife and a contractor who built the veranda. All have different views on the situation and, while the wife and the husband disagree as to the necessity of the porch, the contractor says that he certainly must be paid by either the husband or the wife for the installation of the porch.

The wife and husband in the case are Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Moon of 918 East Second South street. The husband conducts a loan and investment office at 15 West Second South street. And the complainant in the case, who wants $61.50 for the building of a porch at the residence, is C. M. Woodle, builder and contractor.

It is alleged in answers made by the defendant to the contractor that Mrs. Moon and her husband had been engaged in long disputes over the improvements of their residence. Mrs. Moon wanted a porch added to the buildings, while Mr. Moon said that it was an unnecessary luxury. The household argument resulted in a deadlock, with small signs of progressive development.

Finally Mrs. Moon sent for Woodle, the contractor, and told him to build a porch on the residence. The contractor had carpenters on the scene in almost a moment's notice and it was not long before the porch had been finished.

Then the question of paying the contractor arose. The wife said that the husband was bound to make the payment of the charges. But the husband demurred that the wife should make payment. This failed to result in the presentation of money to the contractor and finally he entered a complaint in the court of Justice Hanks.

WARDLAW SISTERS TO BE EXTRADITED

Arraigned in New York and Committed to the Tombs for Thirty Days.

New York, Dec. 24.—Grewsome phraseology in indictments against the Wardlaw sisters, charged with the murder of Mrs. Ocey Snead, was made public today in the arraignment of Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, the victim's mother, and Mrs. Mary Snead, an aunt. They were recommitted to the Tombs for thirty days, pending extradition to New Jersey.

In the indictments against both it is charged that they did take "the said Ocey Snead with their hands and cast, throw and push said Ocey Snead into a certain bathtub, where there was a great quantity of water, and by means of which the said Ocey Snead was choked, suffocated and drowned."

Another count charges that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead aided, hired and commanded Virginia Wardlaw to murder Ocey Snead.

The grand jury, as an additional precaution, charges all three with aiding and abetting the victim's suicide.

More Documents Unearthed.

Further complications in the maze of contradictory evidence in the Snead case was unearthed today with the discovery of additional documents. They were found by the Brooklyn police in the Henry street house once occupied by the Wardlaws, and imbued the detectives with the belief that the entire family had made a suicide agreement which was only partly fulfilled by the death of Ocey W. Snead.

The alleged compact is said to be revealed by letters signed by Ocey Snead, her husband, Fletcher, Mrs. Martin, her mother, and her aunts, Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Virginia Wardlaw. Accompanying them were several blank forms of power of attorney, all signed by Ocey Snead. The documents have been turned over to the New Jersey authorities.

Victim of Morphine.

Was her own constant use of the hypodermic needle the cause of Ocey W. Snead's death? Colonel Robert J. Haire, counsel for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the bath-tub victim's mother, brought this question to the fore today as he was preparing to appear in court for the third hearing on the cases of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead, whom the New York authorities are holding pending extradition.

Colonel Haire declares he has evidence to show that the young woman was what is known in the popular vernacular as a "dope fiend."

"By that I mean," said the attorney, "that she used drugs, chiefly morphine, for nearly two years before she died. I have learned this from talking with her mother about the case."

FUNERAL OF M'LAURIN.

Brandon, Miss., Dec. 24.—The funeral of the late Senator A. J. McLaurin was held here today. Services were held in the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. C. F. Emery.

DEATH OF PIONEER.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—Robert Patterson, aged 82, an early settler and wealthy owner of land, who came here in 1868, died today. He was an associate in early days of J. J. Hill and Lord Strathcona.

PHOEBE PHILLIPS OBJECT OF SEARCH

Girl Who Ran Away Will Be Forgiven If She Returns to Her Home.

If Phoebe Phillips who disappeared from this city seven months ago, will return to her home and mother, she will satisfy the authorities of the school. State Industrial School, by E. G. Gowans, superintendent.

Hoping that Phoebe Phillips, a former inmate of the Industrial school, who, after release on parole, ran away from her mother's home in Salt Lake, will see an advertisement inserted in the papers of the state, Dr. E. G. Gowans, superintendent of the Industrial school, is taking a novel means of finding her.

A search that is more than state-wide has been started, and the officers of the Industrial school will be satisfied if the girl returns to her mother. She will not be taken to the school, if found, but will be allowed to go back home.

The Phillips girl was committed to the Industrial school in July, 1908, by E. G. Gowans, who was then judge of the juvenile court in Salt Lake. She was released in October of the same year, and went home to her mother. Several months ago she ran away from home, and has not yet been heard from.

The authorities at the Industrial school think that the girl fears she will be returned to the school if she puts in an appearance, and it is for the sake of bringing her back to her mother that they advertise their desire to be lenient.

PROMINENT MAN BURIED.

Funeral Services Held for Late Samuel Williamson.

Samuel Williamson, who died in Pasadena Tuesday morning, and who for many years was prominently known in this city, where he was engaged in the grain business, was buried yesterday afternoon in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

The funeral was held from Mr. Williamson's late residence, 353 Sixth avenue, members of the family and friends attending. The services were in charge of Rev. William M. Paden of the First Presbyterian church.

UNDER BAN OF THE LAW.

Retiring Board of Chicago Police Department Illegal.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The retiring board of the city, which has been accustomed to decide on the physical condition of policemen and to recommend retirement to the pension list, came under the ban of the courts here today.

In a ruling announced by Judge Scanlan of the circuit court, President Elton Lower of the city civil service commission, Health Commissioner W. A. Evans and Dr. W. L. Baum were ousted from the position of members of the retiring board and were fined one cent each for "usurping and intruding into, or unlawfully holding said positions or offices" on the retiring board.

The legality of the retiring board was questioned by policemen who feared that by reason of the medical and physical examination of the board they would lose their positions. The board already had retired scores of veteran policemen.

KNIGHTS TO TOAST GRAND COMMANDER

Utah Commandery No. 1 Will Participate in Great National Ceremony.

GRAND MASTER RESPONDS

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TODAY IS UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL.

Utah commandery No. 1, Knights of Templar, will gather at the Masonic temple this morning to take part in the annual Christmas gathering of the order and, with the other members from Maine to California, they will rise at noon, Washington time, and drink to the health of Henry Warren Rugg, grand master of the order.

Noon, Washington time, means 10 o'clock in Salt Lake, and just a few seconds before Sir John T. Breckon, eminent commander of Utah commandery, will rise and propose the following toast: "To our most eminent grand master, Henry Warren Rugg, with Christmas greetings: May his future be as bright as his shining path of achievement."

Then, at the same instant that Knights Templar in every prominent city in the United States raise their glasses to their lips, the knights of Utah commandery will drink the toast.

To this Christmas greeting, the grand master has sent the following response, which he will make at Washington:

"To the soldiery of the temple, the Knighthood of the Cross, the Brotherhood of Christian Chivalry—Two hundred thousand strong—Greeting and Godspeed:

"It is with profound emotion and grateful appreciation that I respond to the suggestive sentiment, honoring me by its personal reference. Comrades together, we have touched hearts and hands in Templar faith and works. The prestige of the past, the power of the present, the promise of the future, may well inspire us to continued loyal, loving service for our cherished order. Prosperous and strong today as never before, it is one of the world's mightiest forces to translate the truth of the Christian message into mutual helpfulness and universal brotherhood."

Gather in Uniform.

The knights will assemble in uniform at 9:45, and after the ceremony of greeting to the most eminent master, there will be a program that will include a speech on the sentiments of the day by the Rev. Elmer I. Goshen, and remarks by Eminent Commander John T. Breckon. The musical program includes quartet selections, "God Is Love," "Little Town of Bethlehem" and "The Day Is Past and Over."

The officers of Utah commandery are as follow: Sir John T. Breckon, eminent commander; Sir John A. Houghton, generalissimo; Sir Frederick C. Richmond, captain general; Sir Samuel Paul, prelate; Sir William J. Lynch, senior warden; Sir Gilbert B. Pfoutz, junior warden; Sir John T. Treasure, treasurer; Sir Elmer O. Leatherwood, recorder; Sir William H. Tawney, sword bearer; Sir Harry H. Knowles, standard bearer; Sir Ira H. Lewis, warder; Sir Anthon H. Boxrud, first guard; Sir Henry H. Cornforth, second guard; Sir William B. Andrews, third guard, and Sir Adolph Anderson, sentinel.

LAID AT FINAL REST.

Funeral Services Are Held for Mrs. Sarah L. Brown.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah L. Brown, who died Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Sherard, 161 East Sixth South, was held from there yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Brown had been a resident of Salt Lake since 1852, and is survived by four children. They are Mrs. Sherard, Mrs. C. O. Whittemore of Los Angeles, Mrs. M. H. McAllister of Salt Lake and R. T. Brown of Grantsville, Utah. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Maria Watson of Grantsville. The funeral was attended only by relatives and immediate friends.

The funeral address was delivered by Judge William H. King, and the services were presided over by Bishop O. F. Hunter of the Eighth ward. Interment was in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

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