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## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF AN EARLY VALLEY SETTLER

Walter Turner Barney was born in Lake Fork, Sangamon County, Ill. September 18th 1836. When Walter was about eight years old he moved with his parents to Nauvoo, Ill. where he saw and heard prophet Joseph Smith many times and become personally acquainted with him.

After the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith he with his father's family left Nauvoo in the year of 1845 with the first company of saints crossed the Mississippi River and continued to Council Bluffs where the family remained while his father Lewis Barney continued across the plains and arrived in Salt Lake Valley, July 24th 1847 with the first company of saints. In the fall of 1847 he returned to Council Bluffs and after many hardships arrived with the family in Salt Lake Valley in Sept. 1852.

The family moved to Spanish Fork, where they made their home for a number of years. While there the Walker Indians war broke out in which Walter served, for which he received a pension from the U. S. Government until his death.

He aided in building the first canal from the Spanish Fork River for irrigation purposes. This canal was dug with only fifteen shovels. Thirty men kept the shovels going, taking turns of about thirty minutes each.

At the age of eighteen years he made a trip by mule team to San Bernardino, Calif. and returned two and one half years later.

On his return home he was called by President Brigham Young to work under the direction of Lot Smith, who sent him other men to guard the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon, to prevent the entrance of Johnson's army in the valley.

October 13, 1858 he was married to Sarah Matelda Parr, and while they remained in the vicinity of Spanish Fork and Springville Walter Francis and Sarah Elizabeth were born to their union. The family then moved to Sanpete where Alanzo Marion was born, then to the Circle Valley where Delilah was born.

While in Circle Valley the Black Hawk Indian War began, and the Indian trouble again commenced. Mr. Barney spent much of his time guarding against the Indians and very narrowly escaped death several times. His brother and uncle were killed by the Indians during these times. The Indian hostilities were so bad the settlers were forced to leave their homes in Circle Valley and flee for safety.

Mr. Barney with his family then settled in Beaver where they again had to guard against and fight the Indians. In the fall of 1866 the Barney family moved to Kanosh where Orin, Azelia V Van Buren, Chloe and Lilly were born to their union.

In 1884 he was called by the Church to Arizona arriving in the Gila Valley, he rented one hundred and sixty acres of land near Solomonville, which was then nothing but a mosquito grove. In the early pioneer days in Arizona the Apache Indians were very hostile having been excited by Geronimo and Mr. Barney again guarded and protecting his family and others against the Indians and many times narrowly escaped death. He lived on the homestead near Solomonville until the time of his death, except for a few years that he owned and run a store in Glenbar, Arizona.

Mr. Barney lived a life of adventure, and endured the hardships of pioneer life. He was one



**S**INCE the time when the Nation dedicated Memorial Day or Decoration Day, as a day of Remembrance of our Heroic Dead, we have drawn closer the bonds of Unity and Fraternity. North, South, East and West, in Peace, in War, in Loving Memory of those who have Died that the Nation Might Live.

### FAMILY GATHERING

#### AT WADDELL HOME

Mrs. T. L. Stapley and three children arrived here Saturday from their home in Tempe and will visit for some time at the home of Mrs. Stapley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Waddell.

Saturday night was a happy time at the Waddell home, for, with the coming of Mrs. Stapley, all the children, except Dick who is in Los Angeles, were gathered under the parental roof for the first time in about five years. Included in the reunion of the Waddell family, were the husbands, wives and children of the members.

A very pleasant evening was spent in talking over old times and in the telling of new experiences that each child had met with during their absence. During the evening ice cream and cake were served.

### VOTE FOR ROUTE NO. 3

#### MAIN STREET FROM END TO END

### MAN KILLED BY

#### DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Will McCargo was instantly killed in the McCargo mine at Tombstone Wednesday May 24, when a charge of powder accidentally went off, hurling his body several feet and mangleing it horribly. McCargo, with his father Alex McCargo, was operating the McCargo lease which lies between the Silver Thread and Tranquility properties on the edge of Tombstone.

According to reports received shortly after the blast, young McCargo had gone to a level just below the surface where the powder was stored to get a charge for a blast in another shaft. A few minutes later the explosion, which was heard for miles around, occurred.

The shaft was completely blocked and rescue parties began digging thru from another shaft. At 3:30 o'clock they were in sight of the accident. Young McCargo's body was seen hanging over some timbers.

### MARRIED

Miss Ruth Elliott and Moroni Jensen were quietly married at the home of President H. L. Payne in Layton Thursday evening. The wedding was a very quiet affair and the ceremony was performed by President Payne.

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of the earliest pioneers of both Utah and Arizona. He was eighty six years of age at the time of his death. His wife preceeded him in death about eight years ago. His children who survive him are: Mrs. Sarah E. Anderson of Pima Arizona, Mrs. Delilah Barney, of St. George, Utah, Oran and Van Barney, and Mrs. Chloe Mathews of Solomonville, Arizona and Mrs. Lillie Larson of Safford, Arizona.

### HIGHWAY ELECTION

#### CALLED FOR SATURDAY

At a meeting of the town council held last night, the recommendation made at mass meeting of the citizens of the town held last Friday, were accepted and in accordance with these recommendations an election for the purpose of determining which one of the five proposed routes shall be recommended to the state highway engineer and highway commission shall be used as the paved highway through the town has been called.

The election will be held at the town hall on Saturday, June 3rd, and only the property taxpayers of the town who are registered will be allowed to vote on this proposition. Five proposed routes have been placed on the ballot and provision has been made for a first and second choice routes.

The election officers appointed to serve at this election are: Inspector, J. R. Welker; Judges, Mrs. W. D. French and F. W. Andrews, Clerk, Mrs. Weaver Brier.

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### COMMERCIAL COMPANY'S

#### DOLLAR DAY SALE

On Thursday, June 1st, the Solomon Commercial Co. will put on one of its popular Dollar Day Sales and are offering many bargains in dr. goods for that day.

The Solomon Commercial Co. is an old established business in the valley and has built up a reputation for selling only reliable and dependable merchandise and its many patrons can rest assured that anything offered at bargain prices will always be found to be a real bargain. Another feature that makes the bargains offered at its sales is the assurance it gives that one can get his money back if not satisfied with the purchase made.

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### MUSIC CLUB HOLDS

#### ENJOYABLE MEETING

A very enjoyable session of the Graham County Music Club was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Virgie R. Wilson. This meeting was attended by a greater number of the members than have been present at the sessions for some time.

A number of business matters were disposed of and it was voted to adjourn for the months of July and August. Following the business session, an interesting program was rendered and consisted of the following numbers:

Piano Solo ..... Mrs. R. A. Armstrong  
Reading ..... Mrs. F. H. John  
Vocal Solo ..... Mrs. J. A. McNeil  
Guitar Solo ..... Mrs. Virgie Wilson  
Piano Duet .....  
Mrs. S. L. Crandall and Mrs. R. A. Armstrong.

### YOUNG GIRL MEETS

#### WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Miss Ollie Elmer, the 14 year old daughter of Brig Elmer, who was injured by a fall from a buggy at her father's ranch in Artesia one day last week is reported to be getting along very nicely. Miss Elmer is suffering from a dislocation of the right shoulder and the breaking of the right arm just below the shoulder joint. When the accident happened she was brought immediately to Safford and taken to the office of Dr. J. N. Stratton, who after taking an x-ray picture of the injury, rendered medical aid. She was then taken to Mrs. Alma Burn's hospital, where she spent a couple of days under the care of a nurse before being taken back to her home in Artesia.

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### NINE MEXICANS HELD

#### FOR U. S. INSPECTION

About 11:00 o'clock Wednesday night a big super-six Studebaker car, containing 9 Mexicans, arrived in town and stopped on Main street. Sheriff Skaggs, who was in the street at the time, became suspicious of their appearance and interviewed the gentlemen from the foreign country. An examination of the men revealed that only one of the nine had identification or naturalization papers. The others claimed to be citizens of the United States but could not produce their papers and their word was not sufficient to satisfy Sheriff Skaggs so he decided to hold them on a charge of evading the immigration laws of the U. S. The sheriff got in communication with the federal officers and they will arrive tomorrow to conduct the hearing.

### CONFER WITH FARM

#### BUREAU OFFICIAL

County Agriculture Agent W. L. Gilpin and Home demonstrator, Miss Sinclair in company with Messrs. Warner and McGaff, were here during last week to confer with the farm bureau officials and the leaders of the boy's and girl's clubs regarding the work being done in this county along similar lines.

If it is found that there is a demand for work along the home demonstrator line, Miss Sinclair will remain in the valley for sometime.

### MRS. OLNEY LEAVES

Mrs. Ben Olney and son left Saturday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the summer and possibly make their home there. The daughter, Miss Grace, will join her mother later.

### MRS. RICHMOND ILL

Mrs. M. Richmond is reported to be quite ill at her home, this week, suffering from nervous trouble.

## MAIN STREET IS MOST FEASIBLE ROUTE THROUGH CITY FOR THE NEW PAVED NATIONAL HIGHWAY

We all understand that the principal argument advanced for voting bonds to build a good road through the valley was that it would bring a large number of tourists this way and give them an opportunity to see the resources of the valley. If we invite them to come through our county we should by all means build the highway through the principal towns and communities, where it is feasible.

Safford is the principal town in the valley, and when strangers pass through they should have an opportunity to see the best part of the town and should pass through the main business street.

There are at present a number of creditable business houses on Main street which have handsome modern fronts which would catch the eye of strangers. A traveler passing through on any of the other proposed routes would only see the rear of these buildings and would not have any clear idea as to the kind of place this is.

If they should turn into Main street at the east end by the George Birdno residence they would at once come in full view of the court house and could look west, the entire length of the street.

It would also be of great help to local merchants as it would give tourists an opportunity to stop and purchase any article they were in need of the stores on Main street.

When passing through Solomonville they travel the main street of that town and they would do the same in passing through Thatcher and Pima. These towns would all show the best they had and why should the principal town not do the same?

Why try to move the business and trade from where it is now located to a street not one-third built up?

At least four-fifths of the busi-

ness houses are on Main street and it is the street to beautify and improve.

It is all conjecture as to what may happen in the future. The sensible thing to do is to build the road through the street which will do the most good at present.

Another reason why it is best to keep in the business section of the town is that the people are more likely to connect with the cement road by laying cement on each side of the road up to the sidewalks. Sidewalks are not yet laid the length of the blocks on any other street.

People's travelling for miles through a hot and arid region like to have monotony broken now and then by passing through modern and up-to-date towns. Why pretend you are going to a town or city and about the time you reach the outskirts duck and pass around it?

What would you think if you were travelling through Florida and should see advertisements announcing some modern, up-to-date town ahead with its streets lined with palms and other tropical foliage and when you reached the place they would dodge around and carry you through some back street where you would see nothing but back yards and barns.

It is no argument to say the road should be on some street because it would suit particular individuals or certain interests. We should be democratic and consider the greatest good for the greatest number. Ask yourself if when you visit a town or city if you do not spend the greater portion of your time upon the best streets and boulevards. You know that you do not hunt out nor go to streets that are not frequented by the public.

**TAXPAYERS OF SAFFORD REMEMBER WHEN YOU VOTE—MAIN STREET FROM END TO END.**

### LEG BROKEN BY

#### DROPPING OF RAIL

About 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon M. P. Foody, who is employed by the Arizona Eastern railroad company, met with an accident that resulted in the breaking of his leg, between the knee and ankle.

The accident occurred just east of Central and was caused by a 75 pound rail falling against the leg in such a manner as to cause the breaking of the bones. Mr. Foody, with several men, was making a tour of inspection of the road and was replacing a rail upon a rack, which is kept at this point for surplus rails, when from some cause it fell off, striking him on the leg. The men immediately lifted the rail while Mr. Foody dragged himself away from it, he was then lifted on to the push car and brought to Safford. Upon arriving here he was taken immediately to the office of Dr. D. Scott Schenck for medical attention. Several x-ray pictures of the injured leg were taken, which revealed a clean-cut break of both bones just above the ankle. After medical aid had been given him, Mr. Foody was taken to his home where he is resting fairly easy today.

The breaking of a leg is no new experience to the patient, as during his many years experience in railroad work he has met with a number of accidents that resulted in broken bones. This is the fourth time that this par-

ticular limb has been injured, and the right one has also suffered an equal number of breaks. Mr. Foody has many friends here who wish him a speedy recovery.

### AT'END EXERCISES

#### AT U. OF A.

Mrs. Martha Prina and daughter Eunice, left Sunday morning for Tucson, to attend the graduation exercises at the state university, from which institution Mrs. Prina's two daughters, Misses Eva and Ruth graduate this year.

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