

LAST EDITION
Partly cloudy; warmer local snow
Snow.
Silver, 64c per ounce.
Copper (casting), 18 1/2c per pound.
Lead, in ore, \$3.30; New York \$5.47 1/2.

BOB CARRELS DEATH TO STEUNENBERG

WHERE WAS SHEETS FOR HOURS BEFORE MURDER?

Testimony Is Taken at Inquest--Nobody Observed Running From Scene--Track Leads to Naught.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SHEETS MURDER MYSTERY.

All efforts to trace movements of Nephi M. Sheets from the time he left the county recorder's office at 5 p. m. Thursday until he was found dead at 9 o'clock the same evening have been futile. The police believe that information as to where he spent this time may lead to a solution of the mystery as to the death. Any person who saw Mr. Sheets during that time may aid the cause of justice by informing The Herald of the circumstances.

N. W. Sommedecker testified at the inquest that he heard the shot fired at 8:30 o'clock. He stood at Second East and Fifth South streets, within half a block of where the crime was committed, but saw nobody run away from the vicinity.

A bloody trail leading from the vicinity was found to have been made by a dog.

A piece of bone was found by Sergeant John Hempel at Fifth East and Fifth South, where blood stains were found, but it is not believed to have any connection with the murder.

Sergeant Hempel testified at the inquest that Sheets' pipe lay on the ground beside him. It was partly filled with tobacco and Sheets had apparently been shot while smoking.

Information is being sought to establish the identity of a man who was seen running to catch a car at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening near the city and county building.

Efforts made yesterday to trace the movements of Nephi M. Sheets, the murdered man, from 6 o'clock Thursday evening until his dead body was found four hours later in front of the residence of his brother-in-law, J. D. H. McAllister, 24 East Fifth South street, proved futile. There is not even a rumor as to his whereabouts during this time, and in this the police believe lies a clue which might lead to the solution of the murder.

After Sheets left the recorder's office at the city and county building at 5 o'clock he dropped from sight. He went there to look up the payment of the taxes on a mortgage given by H. C. Hoffman to the Sheets estate, of which he was one of the executors. He satisfied himself about the matter and, according to the clerks in the recorder's office, Sheets was in a pleasant, jolly mood, and talked considerably. Detectives George Chase and Joseph Burt worked on rumor after rumor, no matter how remote, to trace down his movements, but nothing tangible resulted. From the fact that Sheets was so well known about the city it seems almost impossible that he could spend four hours downtown and not be seen or heard of by some of his acquaintances. Where he could have gone or what business he had to attend to is only a matter of conjecture even with the members of his family. The contracting cards for the Utah Independent Telephone found in his possession indicated that he had done his work on the day of his death. The irrelevant clues picked up by the police so far have thrown but little light on the case.

TESTIMONY AT INQUEST.

Sommedecker Tells of Watching for Fugitive--Other Witnesses.

The most important testimony brought out at yesterday afternoon's session of the inquest over Nephi M. Sheets, conducted by Justice Dana T. Smith, was given by N. W. Sommedecker, who was within half a block of the scene when the shot was fired, and who is absolutely certain that no one ran from the direction of 24 East Fifth South street, where the body was found.

Mr. Sommedecker had left his home, 356 East Seventh South street, to come up town. When three blocks distant from the City and County building he heard the half after 8 p. m. chimes ring. He judged that the caliber was larger than that which he had used, and he turned to the southeast corner of the City and County building grounds had taken eight minutes. It was at this corner, at approximately 8:30 p. m., that Mr. Sommedecker heard the shot.

"I am at once thought that it had been fired by a highwayman," said Mr. Sommedecker.

"I had walked to the southeast corner of the grounds diagonally from Second East and Fifth South streets. I turned and stood for a full quarter of a minute watching Fifth South street. No one ran from the direction of the sound. I am positive of this. The street was pretty bright and in any event I should have heard had anyone been running."

Having seen nothing to cause him further alarm, Mr. Sommedecker continued up town and knew nothing of the murder until he read the morning papers. He then notified Sergeant P. Richard L. Edgington of what he had heard. Sommedecker's testimony fixes almost to the minute the exact time at which the shot which ended Mr. Sheets' life was fired.

Tell of Blood and Gun.

Other important witnesses were Detective George Raleigh, who was the first to give testimony in the afternoon, and Lamar Nelson, the 12-year-old son of State Superintendent of Schools A. C. Nelson. Mr. Raleigh told of how the blood stains had been traced, while young Nelson told the court and jurors of finding Sheets' revolver a short distance from where the body had fallen.

Two small bottles containing drops of blood found in the snow in blocks adjoining the scene of the murder were perhaps the most interesting exhibit offered. County Attorney Parley P. Christensen at once had the samples taken to the office of City Chemist Herman Harms, together with a small piece of bone, evidently of an animal nature, for a superficial examination.

Sergeant John Hempel took the blood and bone fragment to Mr. Harms, returning in about an hour with the report that "nothing definite could be said of the piece of bone, and 'the blood is over twenty-four hours old, probably forty-eight, and might be either from man or dog, but not from a bird.'"

The latter statement pertaining to "a bird" was made because one of the theories to account for the blood stains found along the street and leading up to the residence of George Powell was that a dog might have been carrying the neck of one of the turkeys which had been killed in the vicinity a few days before the tragedy.

Blood Stains Traced.

The bloodstains which bore some evidence that might lead up to the solution of the killing fell through yesterday afternoon, when it was found that the stains came from a dog. This was clearly brought out in the testimony of Detective George Raleigh at the inquest. The drops of blood were traced in the snow to Seventh South and Eighth East streets, where they were traced through a lot and left the stains in his tracks. When this was made apparent it left the police without anything whatever to work on.

The authorities are determined to spare no labor or expense in hunting down every clue. Thirty-seven witnesses have been summoned before the jury holding the inquest and exhaustive testimony will be taken from every source.

The inquest adjourned about 5 o'clock last evening after Bishop E. S. Sheets had given an accurate account of his dead brother's movements while they were together during the afternoon. They had attended to some personal business and also some matters in regard to the estate, but it was not of vital importance. The dead man had drawn a check for \$15 at Walker Bros. bank, which had been made out to him by Hyrum Silver. Here is where Bishop Sheets left him. It was shortly afterward that Nephi Sheets met his daughter, Irene, and handed her the money he had drawn. He spoke to her of some business he had to attend to which would keep him away, and that he would not be home until late. After this he went to the city and county building. That is the last seen of him which will show his movements after this time.

This is the stumbling block which seems to have stopped all progress in the case. The efforts of the police and the county officers are turned in this direction.

The inquest will be taken up again

Typesetting Promptly Started.

The compositors were setting type for the regular editions, the New Year's edition and the test runs. They were surrounded by steamfitters and plumbers, electricians, machinists, carpenters, elevator men and a host of helpers. At the press a sturdy crew labored, labored, labored and hurried, hurried, hurried. There were so many vexatious but unavoidable delays.

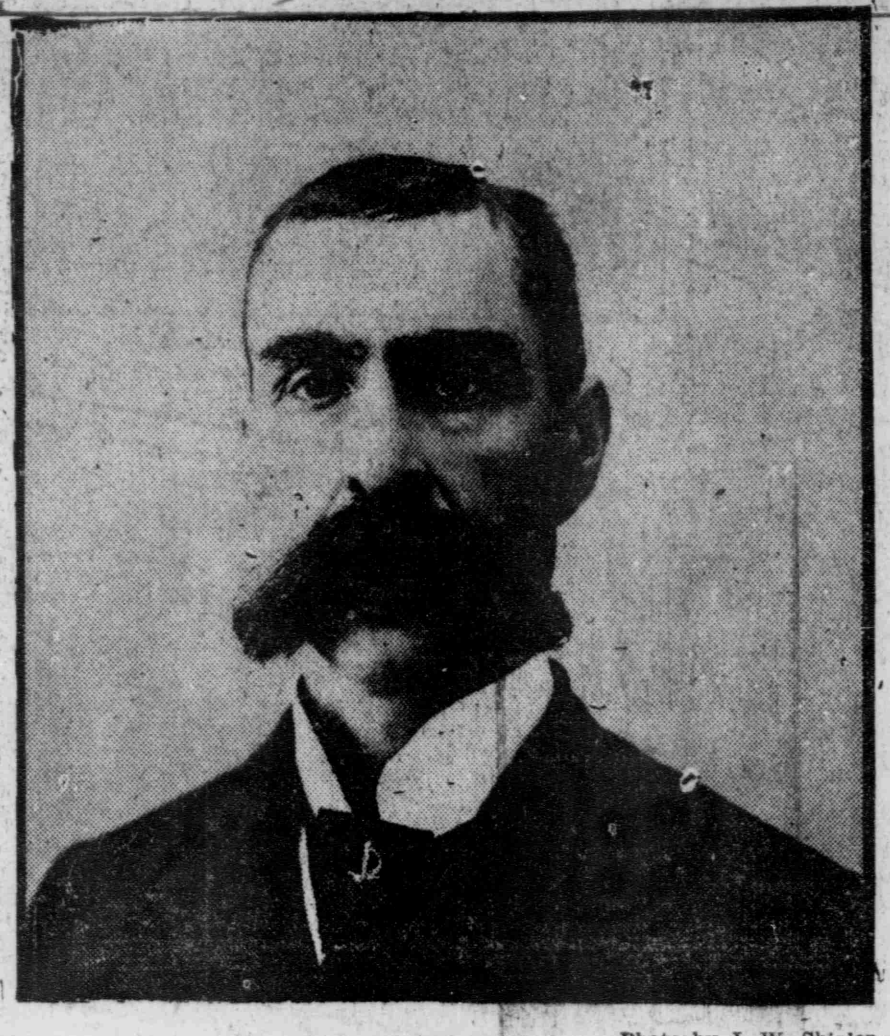
What had become of the comic section? It had left New York Dec. 21 and should have arrived not later than Tuesday. All week the express companies were on watch for it, and finally, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning it arrived. Somewhere it had been caught in the Christmas rush. No matter, though, it had arrived, and another ounce of steam was turned into the hurry.

There are two color pages and two black pages in the comic section this morning. That means that twelve plates had to be made for the colored plates and two for the blacks. There was an endless task for routing, or cutting away the surplus metal, but the job was finished, and the result is before you.

To give an idea of what The Herald's mechanical department has been through, examine the record of Thursday night. First a section of the New Year's paper was gotten out of the way. Then came the regular mail edition, then the Inter-mountain Catholic, then the Semi-Weekly

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Picture of the Murdered Man



NEPHI M. SHEETS. -Photo by J. W. Shipley.

Any Person Who Saw This Man Between 5 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Thursday Evening May Aid the Cause of Justice by Informing The Herald of the Circumstances.

HOW THE HERALD WAS GOTTEN OUT BY LOCAL BANKS

Difficulties Encountered During the Week Ended Yesterday Were Very Numerous.

One hundred and forty miles of paper in The New Year's Herald this morning. A big mechanical plant set up, a great new press broken in, a work that ordinarily requires days, even weeks, crowded into hours. Not a regular edition missed, not a mail missed. It was hard work, trying work, intelligent work. And here's your New Year's Herald!

Sometimes the tired men who labored in the mechanical department of The Herald during the week that ended last night wondered if they would be able to get their New Year's edition out. Sometimes it is to be feared that, "way down in their inner consciousness, they didn't care whether they got it out or not. Sometimes they wished they had never seen the interior of a newspaper office. But, with a perseverance worthy of the cause for which they battled, they kept their work. The result is before the Salt Lake and Inter-mountain public.

Difficulties in the Way.

There were difficulties in the way, difficulties that at times seemed almost insurmountable. To begin at the beginning.

Last Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock every one of the linotype machines on which the matter for The Herald has been regularly set up stood in its accustomed place in the composing room in the Progress building. That night at 6 o'clock the eight machines, each weighing a ton, stood in the new composing room in the new building, and men were setting type with them.

Each of the machines had to be watched for no watch has mechanism more delicate. The lines had to be taken down, sledged through the snow down the alley in the rear and lowered into the basement of the new building. Prior to their arrival the individual motors that operate them had been placed in position and the connections were quickly made. The regular editions had to be prepared in the old editorial rooms. Wednesday morning the last paper was issued from the old press.

But this was only a beginning. The rush to get out the New Year's edition was on. Under no circumstances could they be interrupted. At the same time the big new color press had to be broken in, and one who has never been through that experience can have but the faintest idea of what this means. On the bucking and the bumping, the false starts, the sudden stops, the adjustment of colors, the arrangement of the plates, and through it all was heard the one word, "Hurry, hurry, hurry!"

Reach Into Other States.

A feature of the local banking situation that is of vital importance is the number of branch banks established all over the intermountain country by the banks of Salt Lake City. Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada and all parts of Utah are being developed as the direct result of the enterprise of the local bankers. Few cities in the country make better showings as to banking than is made by the capital city of Utah at the opening of 1906.

Important is the announcement that in the year now opening the Utah Savings & Trust company will erect a fine new bank building on the east side of Main street between Second and Third South streets on a fine piece of property just purchased. The National Bank of the Republic was completely remodelled during the past year and is now one of the handsome banks of the west.

Herald, and finally the regular city edition. And after that was off another section of the New Year's edition was set.

After that was finished the press crew went home for a few hours of rest. At 9 o'clock Friday morning every man was at his post of duty; not one left the room, except for an hour when they were driven out in order that they might wash their faces. That is practically forty-two successive hours of the hardest, most exacting kind of duty; not one left the room, except for an hour when they were driven out in order that they might wash their faces, or one that was better natured. There was never a time when the men refused to smile and joke, never a time when their alertness failed, though never a time when they weren't on guard in fact as well as in name.

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W. MONT FERRY WINS THE FIGHT

Beats Councilman Hartenstein by Small Margin of Two Votes in the Fourth.

TUDDENHAM PULLS THRO'

CONTEST IS DECIDED WHOLLY ON TECHNICALITIES.

Councilman E. A. Hartenstein of the Fourth municipal ward failed of reelection to the council by a margin of two votes, according to the decision of Judge M. L. Ritchie in the election contest cases yesterday. The count as declared by Judge Ritchie gives Mr. Hartenstein 1,318 votes against 1,320 for W. Mont Ferry, the American party candidate.

The decision in the case of Perry J. Anson, the American party candidate for short term councilman from the Fourth, was decided in favor of Councilman W. J. Tuddenham, who, the court held, received thirteen votes more than Mr. Anson, the figures in this instance being 1,339 for Mr. Tuddenham and 1,326 for Mr. Anson.

Will Probably Be Appealed.

An appeal will probably be taken on behalf of Mr. Hartenstein. Judge William H. King, of counsel for Messrs. Hartenstein and Tuddenham noted an exception to the court, so that the right of appeal is preserved. The case of Anson and Tuddenham will not be carried further. S. P. Armstrong of counsel for Messrs. Ferry and Anson announced this in court when he explained that he conceded the election to Mr. Tuddenham. Mr. Tuddenham has a lead of thirteen votes in the count, and as Mr. Anson alleged that only nine persons voted illegally, it would be impossible to make up the difference, even if all the charges of illegality were sustained by the court.

Ferry Wins on a Minority.

Mr. Hartenstein, when informed of the result, said:

"It appears that I got more votes, but that Mr. Ferry has won on technicalities. If he is willing to accept office under those conditions, he is welcome to the place. My further action in the matter rests entirely with the Democratic party. If the party wishes me to fight the case through to the supreme court I will undertake it. Otherwise I shall let it stand as it is. I have no complaint to make. I understand the court was absolutely fair to both sides in the case and that is all anyone could ask."

Mr. Hartenstein's statement that he got more votes is supported by the facts in the case. The ballots proved clearly that wrong marking by Democrats resulted in the defeat of the Democratic candidate. Of seventeen votes counted by the election judges, but rejected by the court, fourteen were lost by Mr. Hartenstein and only three by Mr. Ferry. The intent of the voters in these cases was reasonably clear, but the ballots were declared by Judge Ritchie to be illegal by reason of improper markings.

Some of the voters, not content with putting the cross after the names of their choice, drew lines through the names of all other candidates on the ballot, others spilled ink over their ballots, etc., so that several votes were lost in this way. One straight American ballot in District 42 bore the name "Elizabeth Tuckfield" written in ink beneath the American party emblem. The writing of this name cost Messrs. Ferry and Anson and other candidates on the American ticket one vote each, as the ballot was ruled out by the court. The result of the court count, contrasted with the result of the count by the election judges is as follows:

District	Hartenstein	Ferry	Tuddenham	Anson
1st	219	220	94	95
2nd	144	144	174	175
3rd	146	148	180	180
4th	227	220	155	164
5th	283	282	168	171
6th	180	182	226	228
7th	119	121	312	312
Total	1,318	1,320	1,320	1,320

FORMER GOVERNOR OF IDAHO IS ASSASSINATED

Frank Steunenberg Blown Up by Dynamite While Entering His Gate--Reward of \$5000 Offered.

Boise, Ida., Dec. 30.—Frank Steunenberg, former governor of the state, was killed at 6:40 this evening at his home in the suburbs of Caldwell. A dynamite bomb had been placed at his front gate with some contrivance by which it was exploded as he entered. Both legs were blown off and he lived but twenty minutes.

Reason for the Crime.

There is no known reason for the outrage, but it is charged to some member of the famous inner circle of the Coeur d'Alene dynamiters, whom he prosecuted so relentlessly in 1899 while he was governor.

Governor Gooding is in communication with the authorities of that county and is prepared to put the full support of the state behind the officials there in running down the perpetrator of the crime.

It is thought probable that the leading detective agency of the country will be asked to send some of its best men to the scene.

Deceased was governor of the state from 1897 to 1901, having been twice elected. He was born in Iowa forty-four years ago and had been in Idaho since 1887. He leaves a wife and three children.

Reward of \$5,000.

Governor Gooding has informed the Canyon county officials that the state will offer a reward of \$5,000 for apprehension of the murderer. A special train is leaving here for Caldwell at 10 o'clock, carrying the governor and others who go to assist in organizing the work of running down the criminal.

The latest information from the scene is to the effect that the bomb was probably placed by the gatopost and the moving of the gate exploded it.

When persons rushing to the spot reached the prostrate man the latter said something like "Who shot me." He also said something about turning him over, but he lapsed into unconsciousness at once and died without giving any information. The victim's clothing and his shoes were torn to tatters and his back was terribly injured. Both legs were shattered frightfully.

The shock of the explosion was felt all over the town and broke all the glass in that side of the governor's house. Every road out of town is being guarded and it is hoped to intercept every suspect.

Two men are under suspicion who had been lying about Nampa several days and left for Caldwell today. They lived in the Coeur d'Alenes at the time of the riots there in 1899. Descriptions of them are being wired in every direction.

Assassin Knew His Man.

A Statesman representative who went to Caldwell on the special train sends the following account of visiting the scene of the crime:

"The governor was killed at the west gate, realizing this being most marked in connection with the matter, which reflected the greatest credit upon him.

Man of Integrity.

He was thoroughly democratic in all habits, esteeming honesty in all things and a power in any cause in which his energies were enlisted. Because of his modesty the people became acquainted with him gradually, but when they came to know him they became earnest admirers. In 1899 he had the famous contest with the Coeur d'Alene dynamiters. It was a bitter struggle and the governor was wildly denounced by many of the sympathizers of the miners, in the struggle he showed great force of character. He was elected only after he became thoroughly convinced of the character of the inner circle which counted in the unions, and when he took action he never looked back, realizing this being most marked in connection with the matter, which reflected the greatest credit upon him.

The governor was born in Keokuk, Ia., in 1861. When he grew up he learned the trade of a printer and after coming to Idaho in 1887 he published a paper in Caldwell.

TRUST COMPANY BUYS PROPERTY

Plans to Erect Fine Bank and Office Building on South Main Street.

Real estate is crossing the line from the old to the new year in a lively condition. A deal of more than ordinary importance closed yesterday was the purchase by the Utah Savings & Trust company of the Buckle property at 235 Main street. The significant part of the transfer is the announcement that goes with it to the effect that the purchaser is to erect a fine modern block on the lot, the lower floor to be used for banking purposes by the Trust company.

This deal was closed yesterday afternoon. It was engineered by W. J. Halloran. The directors of the Utah Savings & Trust company were felicitated themselves over the close of the deal. For some time they have felt the need of additional room to accommodate their rapidly growing business. Better banking facilities and additional vault room and safety deposit boxes are now essential. This will be the first bank to go below the corner of Main and Second South street.

The price paid for the property purchased is \$42,000. There is a frontage of twenty-seven feet, so that the price is \$1,500 a foot. It is now occupied by the Buckle Brothers, tailors. It is the understanding that possession is to be given at once and that the Trust company will begin building in the near future. Fine office suites will take up all the stories above the first. It has not been decided how high the building will go.

Another important move to be made

Service Restored.

Klief, Dec. 30.—Passenger service has been restored on the Southwestern railroad and freight traffic is gradually being resumed.

TODAY'S HERALD.

This paper will cost nine cents to mail. Copies wrapped ready for mailing may be had at The Herald office at the usual price, 5 cents.

The paper consists of six sections:

- No. 1—News—16 pages.
- No. 2—Industrial—12 pages.
- No. 3—Salt Lake—12 pages.
- No. 4—Comic—4 pages.
- No. 5—Mining—12 pages.
- No. 6—Magazine—8 pages.

If you don't get them all, Klief.