

made by the Elders to U. S. Consul Doty, who came to the United States on the same vessel with Elder Cannon, and the consul insisted that no discrimination should be made against American citizens because they were Mormons. The native officials, however, persisted in their hostile course, and the matter was referred to the United States secretary of state. The latter took up the case promptly, and a communication from Secretary of State Olney brought the natives to time. Mr. Olney emphatically insisted that the United States would not permit its citizens interfered with in any rights they had on the islands under treaty with France, and that no distinction would be allowed against Mormons. Since this was done there has been no official interference with the Elders.

Elder Cannon reached home in excellent health and spirits, and appreciates highly the privilege he has enjoyed of preaching the G.ospel of salvation to many people who were in ignorance of the divine message committed to the Saints in latter days.

Elder M. M. Harmon and wife, and two children, of St. George, Washington county, and Walter Scholes and wife and child, of this city, made a call at the NEWS Wednesday. They returned Tuesday from the Hawaiian Islands, where they have been laboring as missionaries. Elder Harmon and wife left this city on April 23, 1893; he was engaged most of the time in teaching the Lale school, while she spent much of her time in keeping the store.

Elder Scholes left this city July 2, 1893, and held the position of assistant manager of the Lale plantation. His wife joined him ten months later, and assisted in missionary labors as circumstances required. They report the Hawaiian mission to be in a prosperous condition, and much good is being done among the natives. The return voyage was a pleasant one though marred somewhat by seasickness. Young Irvin Harmon, who was born on the islands misses the native "poi," of which he has become very fond, though his parents did not take very kindly to that kind of food.

Elder W. D. Bowring has returned from the Indian Territory mission, for which place he left this city on September 1, 1894, to preach the Gospel. He has been home once before since then—in 1895, when he made the trip with an Elder who was ill, and returned immediately to his field. The greater portion of his time Elder Bowring has spent in Kansas, principally in and around St. John, the headquarters of the mission, where his duties as secretary required him to be, and where he traveled and preached. He also had the opportunity of traveling and preaching in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arkansas, which, with Kansas, make up the Indian Territory mission. The last year Elder Bowring's health has been good, and he returns home in excellent spirits. He reports the whole mission as being in a most satisfactory condition, both as to present work and future prospects.

PIUTE COUNTY ITEMS.

KOOSHAREM, Utah, Aug. 4, 1896.

Since last I wrote to the NEWS three deaths have occurred in our little ward

from diphtheria, viz: W. F. Wright's child, a girl four years old, and two of William Manwilli's children, a girl six years old and a boy two years old. This makes six deaths in two weeks in our ward, which have cast a gloom over the whole community and the bereaved ones have the sympathy of all.

My attention has been called to an article in the SEMI WEEKLY NEWS of July 26, which in commenting on the weather report the following language is used: "The heaviest rainfall occurred in Koosharem, Piute county, where 2.65 inches was recorded and the lucern crop was almost entirely destroyed." I will say with regard to the lucern crop that not over ten loads have been destroyed by the heavy rain. The lucern cut at the time was damaged a little but the greater portion of it was still standing. I have resided here twenty years and have never seen a better crop of lucern here than this year.

On May 29 last we were favored with a visit from Elders Lyman and Smith, of the Apostles. They held a meeting here in the evening and at the close Brother Lyman prayed earnestly to the Lord in behalf of the people that we might be blessed with rain and moisture and raise a good crop; and as a people we feel that the prayer of Brother Lyman has been heard and answered.

J. C. ANDERSEN.

BRIEF LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
August 6, 1896.

Hon. A. C. Bishop, Attorney General

Dear Sir—Appropriations having been made for the various institutions of the State for maintenance, repairs, improvements and other specific purposes, what kind of authority, voucher or order should be presented to this office by the respective boards of those institutions when applying for State warrants for a portion or all of such appropriations, some of which are limited by the provision that so much thereof as may be necessary only shall be drawn.

A prompt answer will oblige

Yours truly,

MORGAN RICHARDS JR.,
State Auditor.

MARYSVALE, Utah,
Aug. 3, 1896, 10 p.m.

Attorney D. J. Frew of Salt Lake City, met with a terrible accident this afternoon.

It appears he left Marysvale for the Crystal mine in Cottonwood canyon near here, at about 1:30 p.m. on horseback, taking with him another animal. When descending the steep trail to the mine, one of the horses took the wrong path, and in reaching over, the saddle girth on Frew's horse gave way, hurling him with terrific force on the rocks, breaking his leg near the thigh, also dislocating his right hand and badly lacerating his face. He lay several hours, until discovered by some person cutting timber. News was immediately sent to the mine and he was brought to his room at Marysvale. Dr. Steiner of Panguitch has made the patient as comfortable as circumstances will permit and a messenger has gone to Monroe for chloroform, when an effort will be made to set the injured leg and hand. Mr. Frew is well known

here, and has the sympathy of the whole community.

J. W.

State Treasurer Chipman has submitted a report to State Auditor Morgan Richards on the financial position of the State. The report shows a list of receipts as follows:

Balance on hand per June statement.	\$ 19,216 77
Fees, county recorder Box Elder.	775 00
Fees, State auditor.	70 25
Salt Lake county, from John D. Spencer, taxes.	500 00
Agricultural College, from U. S. treasurer on appropriation.	22,000
Kane county, taxes.	106 95
State bonds.	198,845 34
Fees, clerk Supreme court.	400 00
J. W. Whitehead, ex-treasurer.	76
State land fund.	632 32
John R. Twelves, ex-court commis-sioner at Provo.	73 76
Fees, clerk Supreme court.	35 00
Fees, county clerk Rich county.	19 00
Fees, county clerk Summit county.	257 30
Fees, Iron county.	40 70

The total amount paid out on warrants, of which a detailed statement is attached to the report, is \$142,560.10. The balance on hand is \$99,913.05.

The item of \$22,000 received from the United States treasurer in the credit of the Agricultural College is subject, of course, only to the order of that institution and cannot be used for the payment of regular accounts against the State.

RIVERTON, Aug. 6, 1896.—A fire started in the Riverton tithing yard at about 7 o'clock p. m. Thursday, which looked at first as likely to be very disastrous because of a strong wind blowing from the south. It began in the lower yard in a lot of old dry manure. Its origin is not known and perhaps never will be. A lot of little boys had been playing there about an hour before, but all deny having used matches. The indication is that a match had been dropped there, as the boys had an air gun and were using it to shoot sparrows, and among the ammunition they may accidentally have had a match and dropped it where the reflection of the sun and the heat of manure ignited it. After about three hours hard work with a bucket and team brigade the fire was extinguished. By that time a ditch had been made and a good stream of water turned loose in the yard to wet the ground and manure. No damage was done, except to a few old boards in a fence which got a little charred. Thanks to the citizens of Riverton for their energy in turning out en masse, although it is a very busy time. Through their efforts over a thousand dollars worth of property was saved.

N. J. C.

If the following meets the eyes of the Elder Ross referred to or any of his friends, we trust that it will receive the prompt attention it deserves:

564 South Fourth West St.,

Salt Lake City, Aug. 7.

In explanation of the enclosed, I may be stated that I sent a letter to Elder S. W. Ross to call on a cousin of mine sometime previous to leaving Belfast for Utah, and preach the Gospel to him. I subsequently got a letter from my cousin, stating that he was greatly pleased to see the gentleman from Utah, and hear his history of the Mormons, in which he said he was much interested. About the end of June it was mentioned in the NEWS that Elder Ross had called at the office before leaving for his home in