

According to my best recollection, my total indebtedness up to the time of my imprisonment was not to exceed \$1,000 to offset which, as I have already stated, I owned real and personal property the value of which was not less than \$20,000.

I have never been advised, either by my attorney or otherwise—though I have many times requested it—as to what disposition, if any, was ever made of the proceeds of sale of my belongings. I have no means of knowing what disposition was made of the remainder of my property not mentioned in the files referred to. Whether or not all the claims, just and otherwise, against me were satisfied out of the money received from the sale, though I had many times requested my attorney to furnish me such information, and that whatever surplus there might be from such sale be paid to my little daughter.

Trusting that you will accede to the wish of one who has all along protested his innocence of the crime for which he has been convicted and sentenced to die, and of which he again enters his plea of innocence, I remain, yours very respectfully,

CHARLES H. THIEDE.

The letter being written in good form, although it was in Thiede's own handwriting, doubts were entertained that he was the author of it. Inquiry at the county jail elicited the information from the guards of the death watch and Day Jaffor Nealey that Thiede positively did write the letter. Mr. Nealey says that since his incarceration in the county jail Thiede had improved himself in many ways and has proven to be a peaceable man. He is not, however, resigned to his impending doom, because he still insists that there will be some interposition in his favor before the fatal noose tightens about his neck. What the nature of this interference will be is not apparent to others and does not assume a tangible form in the eyes of the condemned man himself—it is simply a faith born of a hope that remains while there is life.

The execution, for which everything is in readiness, will occur two weeks from tomorrow if all goes as arranged.

### COLONIA OAXACA.

COLONIA OAXACA, Sonora, Mex.  
July 6th, 1896.

Thinking a few lines from this colony would be of interest to our friends in Utah, I take pleasure in sending a few items which I hope will appear in your valuable columns, for the benefit of any of your numerous readers who may desire a home with us in this favored land.

We are in need of some patient workers to help us to develop the resources of this country. We have the best of land, covered with a heavy growth of mesquite, plenty of wood and water and excellent range for stock. The climate is good and any looking for a good mild climate to enjoy health cannot do better than make a home with us, as our colonists are remarkably healthy. It is a good place to make a home, and the title to our land is good. We are forming a very pleasant settlement.

I wish to say, for the information of any wishing to make their homes with us, that they should communicate with Col. Emilia Kosterhelt, Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico, or Frank Scott, Colonia Oaxaca, Sonora, Mexico, for information. It is necessary to

send us a list of everything the colonist wishes to bring into the country so he can enjoy the advantages of freedom from duty enjoyed by those colonizing with us. Do not start until you have received all the information needed so as not to be detained or disappointed. It should be stated on your list the animals, wagons, harness, stoves, organs, tools, furniture, machinery, windows, doors, provisions, and building material. Make a careful list of everything you purpose bringing. Also send names, ages and occupation of all in the family and where born. All colonists must have good recommends from their bishops and certificate from a judge or justice of the peace, stating that they are good law abiding citizens—all this should be furnished us at least thirty days before leaving present residence. Do not be in a hurry; obtain all information needed and follow instructions, and then there will be no delays or disappointments. We shall be pleased to give information.

Respectfully,

FRANK SCOTT.

### TOUCHING TRIBUTES.

The Chamber of Commerce this afternoon showed its appreciation of the life and efforts of Apostle Abraham H. Cannon by the unanimous adoption of the following tribute to his memory:

The members of the board of directors of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, extend to the relatives and friends of the late Abraham H. Cannon their sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

The untimely death of Mr. Cannon removes from this community an ideal citizen who generously and unhesitatingly gave to the promotion of every interest his best efforts and energy.

His was a singular and impartial mind; and his life, illustrated by generous deeds, simple methods, just estimates and noble endeavors, stands a perpetual model for the young men of Utah of this day and generation.

True to himself and every conviction of his heart, he could not fail to have what he takes with him to the grave, the esteem and affection of every person whose good fortune it was to be admitted to his acquaintance and friendship.

A faithful adherent to the religion he professed, he exemplified its teaching in every act of his life. He was inherently good; all of his traits were beneficent, and his manifold virtues were given greater splendor by his unfaltering trust in his Maker, and by his strict obedience to the rules of his faith.

In his private life he was the embodiment of purity, simplicity and affectionate consideration for those around him.

In positions of trust he was faithful to a high degree.

In all matters of public concern he took an intense interest, and by that interest gave to them an impetus which irresistibly led to their success.

In all scholarly attainments he had reached a high degree of excellence, which made him honored by every bright intellect in the State.

As a business man his career was filled with activity and was characterized by commanding ability.

These, and many more, were the attributes of Mr. Cannon, and because of them, though dead—he will still live in the affections of the people of Utah.

For many years he was an active member of this chamber, and at the time of his death was its first vice president. To the keen interest which he took in

its affairs, to his wise council and unerring judgment, is due in great measure whatever success it has attained in recent years. His loss to this institution is irreparable, and its directory closes in the universal grief at his demise.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 25, 1896,

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J. E. CAINE,

Directors.

The board of equalization expresses its regret of the death of Mr. Cannon in the following heartfelt language:

This board having learned of the death of Hon. Abraham H. Cannon, a loved citizen of Utah, pauses for a while from its deliberations to enter upon its records a tribute of respect to his memory.

In Abraham H. Cannon Utah had a son of whom she could well be proud. At an early age called to a high office, he discharged its duties with such humble grace and manly dignity as to win his way into the hearts of his people, and as his great intellectual strength developed, to many gazing into the future the form of Abraham H. Cannon loomed up like a prophet pointing to greater days.

Placed in a position where enterprises affecting to a large extent the material prosperity of his State rested upon his young shoulders he, in his quiet manner, assumed these important duties as if "to the manner born," and created by his sterling integrity that feeling which begets confidence and is in itself a forerunner of success.

Faithful to every trust, his life and work is a fitting example for men to follow.

But a few days ago and he stood before us eloquent and forceful, honest and true, and of commanding personality, and now nothing remains save the sad evidence of man's mortality. In a day, as it were, a pillar among men has been stricken down and the hopes of thousands vanished forever.

It remains for us to write these few lines and close the chapter—for the pride of a father and the hope of a people is gone. The intellect which shone so brightly is dark in death. The warm heart which beat for all is cold and still. A career which would have become illustrious in the annals of Utah is ended.

To his family we tender our sympathy, and in common with the people of Utah we mourn.

### A LIGHT FOR THIEDE.

What at present appears to be a streak of promising light through the dark and lowering clouds hanging over the doomed head of Charles Thiede, has developed itself within the past few days. On Wednesday last Mr. C. J. Schmidt of Sandy received a letter from Attorney J. M. Hamilton of this city, which contained cheering news for Thiede.

Mr. Schmidt is a brother-in-law of Thiede and is very much interested in anything that would tend to lighten the sentence or free the man against whom circumstantial evidence has so far been so strong. The letter was as follows: