

price of a kit of surgical instruments which had been on exhibition in the window for some time. Mr. Fuller gave him the desired information whereupon he wanted to know if the figure stated was the lowest for which the instruments could be bought. Some dickering followed, but the deal was not closed and Herman left the shop. After he had stepped out Sheets says he remarked in substance, "I wonder what in the — a minister wants with a kit of tools like that." Some time after the instruments were sold, but Mr. Fuller, when visited by a NEWS man and Detective Janney last evening, could not recall the name or features of the purchaser or even approximately the date of the sale. He is under the impression, however, the buyer was a younger man than Herman, although he is not positive on this point. The presumption is, though, that Miss Clausen's body was not cut to pieces with surgical instruments at all, but rather with a butcher knife and two razors, the cutlery that was found in the furnace. If Herman ever came into possession of the instruments referred to he probably took them away with him. But the chances seem to be against him ever having bought them either in person or by proxy.

Hermans, it appears, was suspicious of the Rev. Mr. Hansen, also of the Scandinavian Methodist church. This is plainly shown from what he told Miss Larsen, the melancholy cousin of Miss Samuelson, about February 1st, prior to going to Montana and Minnesota. That lady stated today that the pastor told her that a good for nothing, low-down fellow must not be trusted with a knowledge of any of their affairs; that she must have absolutely nothing to do with him for the reason that if he learned anything it would result in his complete undoing. The Rev. Mr. Hansen in speaking of the incident today said he was not at all suspicious of Hermans at that time and does not know why the pastor looked upon him with such distrust.

The entrance to the now notorious church building still bears on the front door, a metal plate with the name; "Rev. Francis Hermans." It is understood that the plate will shortly be removed some of the parishioners making a demand to that effect. Whether the building will ever again be used for religious worship is a question the members of the congregation are discussing with more or less vigor. Some go so far as to unhesitatingly declare that the structure should be completely razed to the ground, taking the position that the city cannot afford to have it pointed out to strangers as an Emmanuel church within the walls of which scenes fully as bad, if not more, than those enacted in its San Francisco counterpart have been rehearsed.

The officers hope within the next twenty-four hours to be able to find the purchaser of Miss Clausen's trunk—the one who bought it from Mrs. Engleman, the secondhand goods dealer who secured it from Pastor Hermans. The same hope is indulged with reference to the recovery of the missing guitar.

The work of further excavation in the church basement today was entirely suspended and may not be resumed again. It certainly will not be if the

clues already received concerning Miss Samuelson lead up to what they are expected to. There is now no thought she was buried in the basement.

The probability of Governor Wells offering a reward in behalf of the State for the apprehension of the ministerial fugitive has infused a good deal of activity into private detectives, who say if the money is put up that Hermans will surely be run down. In the event that a public reward is not offered, then it is believed that the necessary money will be raised by private subscription.

Manager Brown says that the case stands without a parallel in Utah special telegraphic service. The demand from papers all over the country of their correspondents here has been tremendous. In addition to the regular Associated Press service, which has been heavy, 42,000 words have been sent out the past two nights in the shape of specials.

SUPERIOR, Wis., May 26.—Some of the members of the Norwegian-Danish M. E. church of this city believe that Rev. Francis Hermans their former pastor, is the same Hermans who is wanted at Salt Lake City. Hermans came here about five years ago and took charge of the congregation. Through his efforts the present church was built and he occupied the pulpit four years, after which he left for Utah. He came back here for a visit about three months ago and remained several days at the home of the present pastor of the church. He left rather abruptly without saying where he was going and has not since been heard of by Superior people. Several of his former parishioners say he gave them to understand that he expected to live permanently in Utah and they believe he went direct to Salt Lake from here.

OMAHA, May 25.—Miss Henrietta Clausen, the young woman whose disappearance from Salt Lake has led to suspicions against Rev. Francis Hermans of that city, once lived in Omaha for four years, and yet has a host of friends here who remember her well as an active worker in the Danish-Norwegian Methodist church. Miss Clausen, then 20 years of age, came here from Denmark about nine years ago, having no relatives in this country. The young woman began suffering from ill-health, and at the solicitations of Miss Anderson, who had gone to Salt Lake City, followed her there. When Miss Anderson returned three years ago, Miss Clausen remained. After Rev. Francis Hermans and his wife moved to Salt Lake City her letters frequently contained allusions to them. During the latter part of last summer the letters from Miss Clausen suddenly ceased, without any explanation, although several letters were directed to her. Then as a last effort to reach Miss Clausen, during the winter Miss Anderson wrote her another letter addressed in care of Rev. Francis Hermans, but no reply came.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Rev. Francis Hermans, of Salt Lake, is well known in Chicago. He was here about three weeks ago and was quite mysterious as to where he was stopping or his future movements.

Rev. Dr. Johnson of the Norwegian Methodist church, Sangamon street and Grand avenue, saw him, and he

claimed to be traveling through the East taking up a collection for a new church. He claimed to be stopping at the Merchants' hotel, but his name could not be found on the register, and he left suddenly.

### CARE OF ORCHARDS.

MOAB, Grand county, Utah,  
May 21, 1896.

Dear Sir—There is considerable controversy in regard to the best way to apply fertilizing material to fruit trees. Some advocate spreading the manure or whatever you use out as far as the end of the limbs, as there also is the end of the roots. Now one who will advocate such an idea as that must be one who has never had any experience in horticulture. You can find fine fibers all through the soil—roots are like blind horses, they will go where there is something to eat. I used to haul manure out and throw it in piles; one spring I was crowded with work and did not get the manure spread until very late; when I spread it I found between the manure on the ground covered with little fibers that had come there to feed on the rich plant food. The way I do is to spread the manure when hauled out and plow under as shallow as I can to cover the manure; and I have good results from so doing, as the records will show, as I have received more premiums than any one competing against me. I cultivate as long as I can get through the orchard; weeds and grass that are not cultivated out are hoed out. Some men write that they have an orchard that is older than they are and that has never been plowed or cultivated that they know of and that they receive fruit from it where other orchards have no fruit. That does not signify but that they would receive better and more if they cultivated their orchards. After an orchard comes into bearing it should be kept clear of weeds and grasses; manure every two years and cut back every year; some limbs cut out so there will not be too much top.

Summer has come at last, or spring, as spring has to come before summer.

There will be a paper issued here next week by a gentleman from Denver—a weekly issued every Thursday. It will be neutral in politics and its columns open to all parties to advocate their ideas it touched in a right manner.

The cold storms on the mountains have killed a great many sheep, as the storm came when the ewes were lambing.  
O. W. WARNER.

ST. LOUIS, May 26.—The board of administration of the Southwestern Traffic association had a conference today with the representatives of Mexican lines for the purpose of considering internal rates on some of the products of the republic of Mexico.

A resolution was adopted providing for the application of a rate of \$1.25 per 100 pounds on green tropical fruits from producing points on the Mexican National, Mexican Central, Mexican International and Monterrey & Mexican Gulf railways to St. Louis, Chicago and Omaha, that being the rate in effect from California to the same points.