

Correspondence

SALT LAKE CITY,

April 10th, 1899.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir:—Having just returned from a short visit to the eastern cities, I take pleasure in giving my friends through your columns the following items from my memoranda of travel.—I left home on the 9th of March in company with bro. George Alder, traveled in the coach to Wasatch, situated at the head of Echo, the journey occupying twenty-four hours; the roads being very heavy. There we had to remain till the morning of the 11th, we then took passage in a caboose or box car for Rollins, where we arrived in safety on the morning of the 13th. Here we made a fortunate connection with a through express train and arrived at Omaha without any further detention, on the morning of the 15th. We remained at Omaha two days and left on the Chicago and North Western railway on the 17th at noon. This is a rough road and the fare for travelers at the Company's Station Houses are high and very poor. We arrived in Chicago on the 18th at 3 p.m. in good health and remained in Chicago till the 23d. Having finished my business in that city, I started for Philadelphia, where I arrived safely on the 25th, and visited among my relatives and friends until the 28th when I set out on my return trip. When within nine miles of Booneville, Iowa, a switchman left the switch open and ran part of the train into the ditch. Two lives were lost. I arrived at Omaha in safety on April 4th and left by U. P. R. on the afternoon of the next day and arrived home on the afternoon of the 9th feeling thankful to God who brought me safely back among my friends.

Yours truly,

D. GRENIG.

GRANTSVILLE, April 7, 1899.

Mr. Editor:—Dear Sir—I started for Conference on the morning of the 5th, with my wife and child (an infant of six months) and Sister A. O. Williams, in company with two other teams: Bro. S. W. Woolley and my nephew, Lucius Hale. We had a very pleasant journey until we came to the point of the migration. Bro. Woolley being the hind team, thinking we were not going quite fast enough, tried to go ahead, not thinking we would try to prevent him; and we being of our guard, and driving good teams, thought we would try their speed, which, I confess, was very wrong. We had not run more than 100 yards before my team became unmanageable, and the road being descending and a little sideling, and having a narrow tracked wagon, I got a little to miss a post, which threw my wagon nearly over and threw me out. After I fell the wagon was turned back by some unseen hand, and I, hanging to the lines as long as I could, was dragged under the wheels, which went over me in several places, bruising me on both shoulders and on one leg and foot. I found it impossible to run after my team. It had not gone more than 50 yards after I fell out when Sister Williams, being very much frightened (having been thrown out of a wagon once before), tried to make her escape by jumping, but the wheel, as we suppose, caught her legs and ran over them, breaking one just above the ankle and bruising the other considerably. My wife had the child in her arms. She retained her presence of mind, and thought it best to cling to the wagon as long as she could. The horses ran over the rocky road about two and a half miles, when they were overtaken by Lucius Hale, he having mounted one of Bro. Woolley's best horses, which was stripped of its harness for that purpose. He stopped them just as they were ascending the hill at Black Rock. Nearly everything was thrown out of the wagon. My wife and child escaped unharmed. The child, unconscious of the imminent peril it was in, was laughing and crowing all the time, pleased with its ride. I was taken into the house of Mr. McNasser, where my wounds were dressed, and from there was carried home. Sister Williams was taken into Dr. Clinton's and properly cared for until medical aid could be obtained from the city, which was sent for forthwith. On the 6th the Doctor arrived there and set the broken bone; on the 7th she was brought to her home in Grantsville, and is doing as well as can be expected.

While lying here suffering from the effects of my wounds, I felt it my duty to have these particulars given to the public, thinking it might be a caution to them against running races with teams. Through the blessing of an all wise Providence, I am recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

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