

FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR THEIR LIVES.

Evidence of a Desperate Struggle On the Occasion of the Hanna Mine Disaster.

CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN A TRAP

How Nina Foreman Battle and Four Others Did Everything Possible To Save Themselves.

(Special to the "News.") Hanna, Wyo., Dec. 7.—It was a pathetic sight that met the gaze of the relief workers when they removed the last brattice separating the main slope from a little chamber at the very bottom of mine No. 1 of the Hanna Coal company, in which a terrific explosion on June 30 had wrecked the interior workings of the property and snuffed out the lives of 169 miners and others employed in the colliery, for in that small compartment, one and one-half miles from the mouth of the slope, were the remains of five brave men who had fought heroically for their lives. A battle waged against great odds, but one that was waged with a determination born of desperation and of the thought that where there is life there is hope.

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For Injuries Received Axel E. Hokanson Asks the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

D. J. SHARP MADE DEFENDANT

Plaintiff Formerly Sued Pleasant Valley Coal Company, Which Action Was Dismissed.

A new complaint in the damage suit of Axel E. Hokanson against D. J. Sharp was filed in the district court today. The former complaint by the same plaintiff against the Pleasant Valley Coal company and D. J. Sharp was dismissed last week by Judge Stewart without prejudice after the trial of the case was commenced. The new complaint asks for \$5,000 damages for personal injuries received by plaintiff on Sept. 17, 1902, near the corner of Second South and Second West streets. Plaintiff alleges that while riding in his buggy he was run into by a coal wagon belonging to defendant, knocked out of the buggy and in falling to the pavement broke his leg and otherwise severely injured himself.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

WATER PERMITS.

Report of Supt. Hines Shows 726 Issued in Eleven Months.

According to the report of Superintendent of Waterworks Hines there have been 726 water permits issued by the department during the past year, the year which is an average of 68 per month. There were 221 issued in the first part of the year, 22 in the second, 19 in the fourth, and 50 in the fifth. During the past 10 years, not including this year, there were 3,213 water permits issued in the city. The average per year during that time was 288, and the average per month 24, which means that 92 permits were issued this month the total number for the year will then equal that of last year, otherwise it will fall short.

Amusements

The most royal and whole souled things in the way of receptions and ovations that the walls of the Salt Lake Theater have echoed with, for many a day past, were those accorded J. H. Stoddard and Bob Easton when they stepped upon the stage last night. Easton came first singing in the guise of an English dandy, and his rich notes had no sooner been recognized in the strains of "Annie Laurie," than the house broke loose in a tempest of applause. The waves of sound rose and fell till Easton had sung the old favorite three times, and he was equally applauded in the following acts when he gave, with all his old fervor and tenderness, "Mary of Argyle," and "Bonnie Doon." It was a reception he forgot, and it was visible agitated him. The uproar was tremendous, scarcely subsided before Earl Stoddard, stepped upon the boards, and pandemonium broke loose again. Once or twice he ceased to speak, but the humor of the audience seemed to be to force him to stand still and receive their tribute, willy-nilly, and the grand old actor, simply stood in silence, bowing and waving his hand in the simple, homey style so characteristic of him, till the reception wore itself out, and he coughed "good night."

A FRUITLESS STRUGGLE.

But the sight in the little chamber at the bottom of the mine had not been equalled during the weeks and months of search in the hundreds of chambers, and every effort of the rescuing party was doomed to tears as he gazed about and saw the evidence of the fruitless struggle of the five men caught like rats in a trap.

John Battle, mine foreman, and assistant to Supt. Brooks, fireboss John Cox, fireboss John Massey and miners John Nokana and Axel Laitson had penetrated to the utmost depths of the mine on the morning of June 29 and when the awful explosion came they were at work on a new air shaft, the positions of the men and tools showed that they had done little work that morning prior to the explosion. But there were evidences of plenty of work having been performed after the explosion.

All were experienced miners, and Battle and Cox were probably two of the best miners in the state. The former had been in charge of coal mines for many years, had been in any number of explosions and other mine accidents, and he knew just what to do and when to do it.

The condition of the walls and timbers in the lower workings showed that the force of the explosion in the room occupied by Foreman Battle and his companions had not been of sufficient force to injure them, but it was sufficient to convince them that they were cut off from the rest of the workings, and that all avenues of escape had been closed.

ERECTED A BRATTICE.

Probably under the supervision of Foreman Battle the men erected a brattice across the entrance of their chamber to prevent the after damp entering. There was only one piece of canvas, or regular brattice material, at hand, and this was not large enough to cover the opening, so the men rolled huge chunks of coal up to the entrance, filled in with smaller pieces, and strung the small and priceless piece of brattice across the opening. Probably to the chagrin of the poor fellows they discovered there was insufficient material at hand to complete the brattice and make it airtight, and the feelings of the men at this time as the after damp crept in upon them, can be well imagined. But some one of the party was seized with a lucky thought, and quickly the prisoners divested themselves of jackets, overalls and other extra clothing, and these now pressed into wool and cotton were pressed into service and made to supplement the regular brattice material. And with the clothing of the men the brattice was completed and the foul air shut off.

RESCUE WHICH NEVER CAME.

What followed can only be imagined, for there was nothing to do but sit down and wait for the rescue that never came. The men evidently lived for several days. They were without food, except the regular noon-day luncheon and this was seized with out and lasted as long as did the limited supply of fresh air.

FAMILY OF MUSICIANS.

Interesting Orchestra Discourses Sweet Music on East Temple Street.

There is an interesting family gathering during the afternoons and evenings of the first three days of this week, at the piano and music workrooms of the Beesley Music company on East Temple street in celebration of the embarkation of the company in the piano forte business, as well as in sheet music. The Beesley family have for years been noted for their musical ability, individually and collectively, and the family orchestra is furnishing excellent instrumental music on most occasions to crowds of listeners. The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Prof. E. Beesley, Sr., leader and first violin; Mrs. Phoebe Beesley, first violin; E. Beesley of Teton valley, Ida., second violin; Fred Beesley, double bass; Alvin A. Beesley, first clarinet; Lorenzo Beesley, second clarinet; Frank Beesley, Eureka, cornet; Mrs. Amy Beesley, Lena, Toulon, piano; Adelbert Beesley, xylophone; drums, bells, etc. Those whose residence is not given live in Salt Lake. The orchestra plays well, and deserves commendation.

FOURTH WARD FAIR.

Contest for Queen is Open to Every Ward in the City.

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 11, and continuing for five nights, the Fourth ward entertainment committee will give a grand carnival and fair in the ward meetinghouse. The opening night will

NORWEGIAN REUNION.

Organization of Christiania Branch to Be Commemorated.

A reunion in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Christiania branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be held in the Fourteenth ward assembly room on Thursday evening, Dec. 10, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. The program is as follows:

Song, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning"; Choir. Song, "O My Father, Thou That Dwell'st"; Choir. Speech of Welcome, M. O. Proulxland; Song, "The Messengers of Truth"; Choir. History of Christiania Branch Organization; C. C. A. Christiansen; Norwegian melodies; O. Berkhoel "Aase's Death," from "Per Gynt"; Arnt Eugh Selection; Norwegian Quartet Remarks; Judge M. Nielsen Duet, M. Pedersen and Nine Halvorsen "The Priest's Sermon at the Grave," from "Per Gynt"; Carl Lund Song, "When Shall We All Meet Again"; Choir. After the program there will be games and friendly chat. All interested are invited to attend.

INFANT SON DEAD.

Friends will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eldredge, Jr. In the death of their infant son, who passed away at the family residence at 233 this morning and was buried this afternoon. The little fellow was just about a week old. Mrs. Eldredge is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

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POLE ORDINANCE.

Gen. Mgr. Murray Criticizes the Action of the City Council.

General Manager D. S. Murray of the Bell Telephone company, says relative to last night's action of the city council: "The action of the council in changing the ordinance is not understood. On April 27 of this year, the council passed a similar ordinance, the effect of which was to require this and other companies whose franchises did not provide for specific pole locations to make application to the city engineer for leave to set poles wherever needed instead of applying to the city engineer, as was customary in years gone by. This occasioned some delay to the companies as applications would have to go to the street committee, which would authorize the city engineer to make the locations. When this was discovered to be burdensome the ordinance was revoked, and the old ordinance was re-enacted, which enabled the companies to get pole locations from the city engineer direct. The proposed change seems to be identical with the ordinance of April 27, except that it leaves out the clause providing that the companies may refer to the city council for applications and seems to be an effort to take away the engineer's authority, and not provide specifically for applications to be made to the council."

"The morning papers seem both to have information that the council's action is an attempt to work a hardship on the Bell company, as it has been claimed by parties interested that this company does not hold an overhead franchise from the city. Such a claim is without foundation, as a franchise was granted to William Jennings and others in 1897, which was afterwards assigned to the Bell company; and has been ruled on by the courts, and passed on by city attorneys and other lawyers to the effect that the franchise was valid. We have the opinion, among others, of the present city attorney also to that effect. I do not believe that this is an effort intended to hamper this company more than any other company holding a franchise, in occupying the streets with poles, and all will be affected alike, except those companies holding franchises providing specifically where poles are to be set, and I believe the only company directly affected is the Western Union. It is difficult to see what object the council may have in requiring application to be made direct to the council instead of to the city engineer, as only in the last few weeks the council decided that such a plan was unsatisfactory. It would look as though they were acting on something they were not informed about."

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HELLO ST. GEORGE!

Salt Lake Will be Able to Talk to Dixie Soon.

Salt Lake people will be able to ring up St. George in 60 days, and make the inquiries as to climatological conditions down there, as well as to the health of friends and acquaintances. General Manager Murray of the Bell Telephone company has ordered the poles distributed between Cedar City and St. George, and by Feb. 8 the wires will be strung, and the terminal connections at the metropolis on the Rio Virgin all made. This will be interesting intelligence to the citizens of this state, as then St. George will be in immediate touch with all of the outer world by telephone. There is already regular telephonic connections with Cedar City.

DON H. PORTER OPERATED UPON.

Landlord Don H. Porter of the Kenyon, who is in southern California for his health, has just submitted to a successful surgical operation on his back which, the doctors say, will restore him fully to health and strength again. This is learned from parties from Los Angeles, and the many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Porter, both in this city and elsewhere, will be pleased to learn of his convalescence.

DEED.

KNOIGHT—In this city, Dec. 6, 1903, at 3:20 p. m., Mrs. Flossie Smith Knight, daughter of Mrs. Jessie Main, aged 21 years, and 3 months.

ELDRIDGE—In this city, at 3 a. m., Dec. 7, 1903, of hemorrhage of the brain, Joseph L., infant son of Mary J. and J. L. Eldredge, Jr.

SHANKS—At Provo, Dec. 7, of general debility, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, Isabel Shank.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Nuttall, 723 south Third West street, was brilliant last night on the occasion of the celebration of their china wedding. About 50 friends of the happy couple were present and after supper, which was served about 7:30, the guests were treated to an excellent musical program and participated in amusing games the rest of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall were showered with congratulations.

Tonight the younger pupils of Mrs. Graham Putnam will give a recital at Unity hall, assisted by Miss Esther Allen and Miss Olive Jennings.

Bishop Funston, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald during his stay in the city, left yesterday for St. Anthony, Ida.

Mrs. Thompson and Miss Ruby Thompson, of Cache valley, have come to the city to make their home.

Miss Ella Cottle leaves shortly for New York to study vocal music.

The formal opening of the new building of the Greenwald Furniture company, 235-251 West Third South street, yesterday, was a pronounced success. Those who came to inspect the elegant stock found a most cordial welcome and were delighted with what they saw.

The store presents a beautiful appearance. The selection of the stock carried has been made with great taste and the general arrangement is fine.

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Among the decorative features of note are two chandeliers, "Abigail" and "Paphos," which ornament the post of the main staircase to the second deck of the first floor.

"Salt Lake has occasion to be proud of her many modern stores, and the Greenwald Furniture store is a most welcome addition to the family."

IMPORTANT TO RETAILERS.

To the Public: The Executive Committee of the Pacific Fire Underwriters of the Pacific has been authorized to call the attention of the public to the dangers to life and property from Christmas displays, decorations, signs, etc., in churches, parlors, and especially in department stores. The use of Christmas greens, harvest appendages and other inflammable material, such as scenery, cotton, to represent snow, and the use, especially in connection with electrical and other lighting systems, is decidedly an increase of hazard, it being impossible to make displays of that nature perfectly safe. One of the conditions of any insurance policy is that: "This entire policy, unless otherwise provided by agreement, endorsed hereon, or added hereto, shall be void if the hazard be increased by any means within the control or knowledge of the insured." The making of such displays, would, therefore, under a strict interpretation of the conditions of the policy, render the contract of insurance void, unless the policy is endorsed with a special permission for the increased hazard, which will generally be granted only in consideration of an additional premium commensurate with the hazard. In addition to the danger to property from displays referred to, the danger to life in crowded stores or places of meeting by reason of a panic occasioned by a fire, even though it be small and easily controlled, is so great that the underwriters, who have made a study of such hazards, would only be rationally fulfilling their duty should they fail to give this warning. BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS OF THE PACIFIC. By H. E. PARKHURST, Surveyor-in-Charge, District 7.

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BIG DROP IN CHINA.

Wong Sing, a gentleman from Canton, fell through an opening into the cellar of the Vermont building on State street last evening, and peeled an acre or so of bark from his shins. The gentleman lay in unconscious semi-conscious for the space of one hour before "coming to," and finally pulled himself up onto the street, a gruesome spectacle. A Chinese medicine man was summoned, a basket of yellow paper was burned, the head of a yellow rooster was cut off, and six yards of prayer-cloth were reefed off from the sacred machine in front of the Commercial street Joss. The sufferer was then declared restored to the full enjoyment of his faculties.

Oriental Pedestrian Comes to Grief—Weird Perscription Follows.

M. A. G. Giauque, president of the Board of Education, Salt Lake City, writes: Every family should have an encyclopedia. A good one is invaluable.

On July 18th, Chas. W. Forester, Editor of the Deseret News, wrote the publishers as follows: The Encyclopaedia Britannica has long been known as the great work of reference in both hemispheres. Its excellence has been universally recognized. The old English edition, however, have had to be supplemented by additions that were absolutely necessary to bring the work up to date.

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