

In company with Elders Parcell and Blsel I traveled from Salt Lake City to Kansas City, where the headquarters was then. On our arrival we found none to welcome us and not having the address to the office were rather lost. We later had the privilege of visiting the Temple block at Independence, Mo., there we were successful in obtaining the address, and on our arrival were warmly greeted by Elder L. A. Kelsch, Elder C. Burton and other Elders who were laboring in that city. It was here we were separated; Elder Henry Blsel was appointed to labor in Iowa, while Brother John L. Parcell and I were sent to this state. On our arrival at Crumstown, where we were told to dismount the train, we were kindly asked by a well-dressed gentleman if he could assist us in carrying our load and direct us to a hotel. Our reply was negative, but he seemed to be greatly interested in our business. At last he introduced himself as Elder Ernest M. Boyer, president of the northern Indiana conference. Here we remained for one week holding meetings each night; Elder D. J. Davis, companion of Elder Boyer's, labored in St. Joseph county, Ind., with Elder J. S. Parcell; Elder Boyer and myself spent a few pleasant weeks visiting with the kind and benevolent family of Rakestraw's at Metz, Ind., then returned to our field of labor which was at Logansport, Ind. We began our work in canvassing the city. Not able to obtain a place to hold meetings, we traveled some in the country and were successful in getting places to explain the principles of the Gospel, and in so doing, the Lord blessed us with kind friends on every hand. Your co-laborer in the Gospel of truth,

J. H. HALE JR.

FROM EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

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I arrived in this county with my companion, Elder John C. Bertock, on the 25th of February. My companion had been in the county for a month previous and had the county seat worked. Since that time we have been canvassing the rest of the county and have succeeded in making many friends. The Spirit of God is working among the people. Satan also has his agents at work and is trying hard to impede the progress of the Gospel. One of the papers is publishing "A Study in Scarlet," one of the most harrowing stories ever written against our people. Some of the people are making a canvass of the county, reading all of the outrageous histories against us that they can secure. It is, however, making friends for us from the more intelligent part of the people.

Our president, W. E. Robinson, and his companion, Elder S. B. Thatcher, have been visiting with us the past week. Yesterday we held three meetings in a church kindly tendered us by the Truelfights, and made a large number of friends, having a great many invitations to visit. This is a new field for the Elders, and I sincerely hope that many may see the beauty and splendor of the Gospel.

ASHTON B. COSBY.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS.

At the local navy pay office, San Francisco, orders are being issued for hardware supplies to be shipped to Manila on the City of Peking.

There are now in the Volunteer camp at Boise, Ida., over 500 men. The strict medical examination has thrown out about 15 per cent of those who volunteered.

Arrangements are being made to supply the police department of San Francisco with gatling guns and 400

Springfield rifles. As there are about 1,700 Springfield rifles and 200 Krag-Jorgenson rifles in the arsenal at Benicia, there will be no difficulty in securing all the arms required there.

All the reservoirs and exposed vital properties of the Spring Valley Waterworks, which supply San Francisco with water are guarded against treachery from a foreign foe by an armed patrol which watches day and night. It is feared that attempts may be made to blow up reservoirs with dynamite and then set fire to the city.

At Denver, Colo., Friday afternoon, Capt. E. F. Wilcox, U. S. A., began mustering in the one regiment of infantry and two troops of cavalry required by Colorado under the President's proclamation calling for volunteers. The two infantry regiments of the Colorado national guard have been consolidated in one, and from the three troops of cavalry in the guard one has been formed. Both the infantry and the cavalry will be recruited up to the maximum limit.

George Whittell, one of San Francisco's leading business men and capitalists, was sued in the superior court Wednesday for more than a million dollars. The plaintiff is Oscar Luning, a son of the late Nicholas Luning and a brother-in-law of Whittell. Luning declares that he has been defrauded of the money for which he sues. He charges that he has applied to Whittell for redress and settlement, but to no purpose. Hence his sensational appeal to the courts.

A dispatch from Denver Friday, says that a sensation was caused in military circles when companies A and C of the First regiment of the national guard voted not to enlist in the new consolidated regiment of volunteers because they object to the officers appointed by the governor to command them. Twenty of the seventy-three members of company A, which is from Denver, finally consented to enlist, but company C, from Longmont, refused in a body. The chaplain of the regiment was a member of company C, and will retire with the company.

The will of Eugenie F. Emeric, deceased wife of Henry F. Emeric, of San Francisco, was filed for probate Wednesday. A contest of its provisions has been threatened by the husband, who, by the terms of the will, is divested of property which he claims to have deeded to his wife when in fear of death. The testatrix bequeathed the bulk of her estate to her sister, Lorena Myrtle Barbier. This devise includes 1,700 acres of the San Pablo ranch in Contra Costa county which Emeric conveyed to his wife by one deed, and 300 acres, including the Emeric home at San Pablo, which was conveyed by another deed.

The profound mystery surrounding the suicide of Phyllis H. Lamoureux, who shot himself through the head on the water front at Oakland, Cal., Tuesday night, is still unsolved. His friends and relatives, who knew that he suffered with some affection of the heart, have come to the conclusion that Lamoureux took his life while temporarily insane. They say that he had conceived the idea that he had a cancer in his stomach and he brooded over this trouble a great deal. He bought a medical book and studied it and in time grew to worrying over his condition. No one thought for a moment, however, that he contemplated any such rash act as taking his life.

Eight tough gamblers from Seattle, Wash., went over to the camp grounds of the First regiment of Washington troops at Tacoma, Sunday, and attempted to open up a nut shell and other film-flam games. The commanding officer was advised of their presence and at once sent a detail to drive

them off from the premises. Two of the gamblers drew revolvers, but they were overpowered before they had time to use them and placed in the guard house by the soldiers until civil officers could be summoned. The prisoners were taken to the county jail, where four of them gave bail in the sum of \$500. The other four are still in jail. It is understood that "Soapy" Smith of Skaguay was at the head of the gang.

The Denver News says that Game Warden Wilcox of Routt county fame is in the city for the purpose of consulting with the state game warden and the governor. Mr. Wilcox is going to ask whether the state will not bear the expense of maintaining a patrol on the western border to give warning if the Indians attempt to descend upon the game preserves of the state. He says a company of mounted men is being enrolled at Steamboat Springs and perhaps the state would pay the expense of the company in camp on the western border if the Indians give evidences of ebullition. The warden talks guardedly on the subject of Indian invasions, but wants to be prepared to stop any movement in its inception. He says the soldiers at Fort Duchesne are not quick enough in their movements and required eight days to travel over a country last season which can be covered by a cowboy in twelve hours. Hence the superiority of cowboys for service on the danger line.

A big advance in transcontinental freight rates, both east and west bound, will go into effect next Monday, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The new rates have been prepared in Chicago under the direction of Agent R. H. Countiss of the Transcontinental Freight bureau, and they represent the result of the recent meeting of the traffic officials of the transcontinental lines at Del Monte and at San Jose. The new rates have been published in the form of supplements to the east and west bound transcontinental tariffs, and a big installment of advance copies was received from the east yesterday by General Freight Agent A. D. Shephard of the Southern Pacific company. The advances over existing rates will probably average 25 per cent. In some cases the advances are much higher, and in others much lower. The rates on absorbent cotton and lint, for instance, have been advanced from \$1.50 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds in less than carload lots. On canned goods the advance is a little more than 13 per cent.

Lying in the open, about fifty feet from the cross that surmounts Lone Mountain, Cal., was found Sunday afternoon the body of a man with a bullet hole in his head, who was identified as David Beker, a baker who formerly worked at the corner of Mason and Pacific streets, San Francisco. The body was attired in a suit of gray clothes and a soft buff-colored felt hat. The face was clean shaven, evidently preparatory to the work of self-destruction. The deceased had no letters or cards of any description that gave his name, but in his pockets were found receipts for making cakes and members of the Bakers' association soon identified him as above stated. He had \$6.75 in his purse and his right hand clutched a new revolver of 40 caliber and cheap make. He had shot himself in the right temple and that side of his face was covered with blood. The man evidently had been dead for several days, as decomposition had already set in. He was a Bavarian about 38 years of age, single, and was said by those who knew him to be in good circumstances. He at one time worked at San Mateo.

Why doesn't a man wear a frieze coat in order to keep warm?