

## DIRE CALAMITY AT BANCROFT, DA.

Ralph Creer and Delbert Bowers  
Overcome by Foul Gas  
In Old Well.

### YOUNG MAN KILLED BY CARS.

Louie Martin, a Half-Breed Indian  
Meets Death on Railroad  
Track.

#### Special Correspondence.

Bancroft, Idaho, Aug. 28.—A calamity of a serious character happened yesterday afternoon at the ranch of W. O. Creer, ten miles south of this place which plunged the entire community in sorrow, death instantly taking two well known and most honorable citizens, Ralph Creer and Delbert Bowers. Mr. Bowers is a young man, 21 years of age, unmarried and was working at the ranch of W. O. Creer. Ralph Creer was married and leaves a wife and two small children.

The two men were removing some pipe from an old abandoned well, that had been filled up to the depth of about 50 feet. Mr. Bowers went down on a rope to adjust a coupling and was overpowered by the foul gas that had accumulated. Mr. Creer suspecting that something was wrong but of course not realizing the true cause of the young man's silence, immediately lowered himself to assist his companion and was likewise overcome by the effects of the gas. Help was soon summoned and the unfortunate men were drawn out by ropes that were cast down. Both were dead when recovered. The remains of both will be taken to Spanish Fork for interment. The bereaved and sorrowing relative have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

Both young men were born and raised in Spanish Fork, where they have many relatives, and where they were held in high esteem.

#### KILLED ON RAILROAD.

At an early hour this morning news reached town that a man had been killed on the railroad track about two miles west of this station. Justice of the Peace, George H. Fisher at once impounded a coroner's jury and a hand car went to the scene. The corpse proved to be that of a young half-breed Indian by the name of Louie Martin, who was laboring on a hay ranch near here. But one wound was found and that was a deep cut in the head. The body was brought to town and Indian Agent Caldwell at Bannock, Idaho, notified. The remains will be sent there for burial. It is supposed that the young man was under the influence of liquor some extent and had laid down by the track. It was east bound passenger train that dealt the blow.

#### NO TRACE OF ATWOOD BOY.

Many Persons Join Search for Missing  
Lad, But Without Result.

As yet no trace has been found of Harmon Atwood, the 14-year-old son of Frank Atwood, of Crescent, who has been missing from his home since Monday. The boy went out hunting with a small rifle, and when he did not return a search was instituted by members of the family, friends and neighbors. As many as 20 persons have scoured the country in quest of the lad, but no encouragement whatever has followed their efforts.

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#### DEATH OF PETER D. SIMMONS.

Friend of the Elders Succumbs to Fever at Postle, Oklahoma.

Word comes from Postle, Oklahoma, of the death at that place on Aug. 7, 1907, of Peter D. Simmons, as the result of an attack of the fever. Mr. Simmons moved from Centropolis, Kansas to Postle, Oklahoma, and about July 15 he succumbed to the fever, to which he was afflicted with, and was about 47 years old, and leaves a wife and five children, and one brother in Oklahoma and two brothers and one sister in Kansas.

#### SYLVESTER JAMES SMALL.

Formerly Lived in Missoula, Mont., Which is Still His Home.

Sylvester James Small, international president of the Telegraphers' union, a man about whose timeliness plays prominently at the present time by reason of his efforts on behalf of the striking telegraphers, lived in Missoula for a number of years and there are many of the oldtimers there who have been following his career with more than ordinary interest, says the Missoulian.

Mr. Small really looks upon Missoula as his home, for his mother and two brothers and a sister reside in this city, being Mrs. Stephen Hope, City Treasurer Harry M. Small, John Pope and Mrs. William Goldrick, respectively. It was just three years ago last month that Mr. Small was selected as the head officer of the Telegraphers' union, at the national convention in St. Paul, having gone there from Missoula, where he had been working for a few months as an Associated Press operator.

Mr. Small, as he is familiarly known, went to St. Paul in company with Harry Freeman, one of Montana's well known newspaper men, to suggest the affiliation of the telegraphers with the International Typographical union, and made a speech before the convention in support of this proposition. It is said that this speech was what won for him the election to his important position. He was known to many of the delegates present, having at one time performed efficient work on behalf of the Associated Press men, securing for them an annual two weeks' vacation. They regarded him, therefore, as a man of executive ability and the impression made by him on the convention floor was so favorable that he was seriously considered for president, being the unanimous choice of the organization when the nominations were made.

Sam Small is a self-made man in the truest sense of the word. He has worked his way up the ladder of fame by persistent and conscientious work, and has received many hard knocks, but he has won an enviable position.



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tion and his oldtime Missoula friends are proud of him.

President Small was born in Adams county, Pa., 42 years ago. Early in life he took a liking to the telegraph business and when he was 17 years old he assumed charge of a telegraph office at the Clifton house at Niagara Falls. After working there for a time he went to Dundas, Ont., and later worked in St. Paul and Chicago commercial offices, finally coming west to Helena, where he entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph company.

About 21 years ago being broken in health by reason of his steady application to his work, Sam Small came to Missoula and entered the dairy business, conducting a milk ranch in Pattee canyon and remaining here about two years. He then went to the Pacific coast and re-entered the telegraph business, working successively in San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. In the latter city he took the Associated Press report for the Post-Intelligencer for 11 years. Three and a half years ago President Small came to Missoula, and he took the Associated Press report in the Missoulian office for a few months before going to the St. Paul convention. Since his election he has been busy much in his campaign to better the conditions of the telegraph operators throughout the country.

Free day for boys and girls, Wandamere Saturday.

You can't afford to miss Saltair Labor Day.

#### LOCAL WEATHER.

Summary of Meteorological Conditions for Last Week.

The local weather bulletin for the week ending Monday evening last is summarized as follows: The weather of the past week was generally unsettled and changeable for all portions of the state. The first two or three days were generally fair and warm, being succeeded by cloudy and showery conditions during the middle and latter parts of the week. The nights continued unseasonably cool, and the tendency in temperature was due mainly to this cause, as the temperatures during the daytime were as a rule about normal. Light to damaging frosts were reported at a few localities in the northern portion of the state on the morning of the 28th. The temperature average was considerably below the normal for the middle and northern portions, and slightly above for the southern portions of the state. The highest temperature reported for the week was 86 degrees, recorded at Corlaine, Boxelder county, on the 22nd, and the lowest, 41 degrees, at Snowville, Boxelder county, on the 18th.

The precipitation for the section as a whole, averaged somewhat above the normal. The rainfall was unevenly distributed. At some points none occurred, while in other localities the amount was considerable. In Utah and Idaho, rain was reported by unusually heavy rainstorms, closely resembling cloud-bursts, and amounting to several inches. At Levan, Juab county, 1.71 inches of rain and hail fell in about one hour. In Oklahoma, heavy rain was reported during the week, and in some instances were accompanied by hail which did considerable damage. High water was reported in some of the valleys of the Iron county.

The amount of sunshine for the week was below the normal. Cloudy conditions were general during the latter part of the week, though the week was marked by fair and generally favorable weather.

#### DEATH OF MRS. BURCHARDT.

Mrs. S. J. Burchardt, proprietress of the St. Nicholas hotel, died yesterday afternoon, at the Keogh-Hammond hospital from the effects of an operation performed two weeks ago. She was 38 years old, and came to Salt Lake from Baker City, Or., two years ago. Her husband and two children survive her.

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#### "THERE'S A REASON."

Read the "little health classic," "The Road to Wellville," in pink.

## EIGHT CLERKS TO DECIPHER MAIL

It Requires That Number of Experts to Handle Illegible Addresses in New York.

### CRANK LETTER WRITERS.

Nice Discrimination Necessary to Evolve "New Jersey" Out of "Negligios"—Other Freaks.

It takes the service of eight men in the New York City postoffice to decipher mail which has been illegibly, wrongly or queerly addressed.

Between 70,000 and 80,000 letters monthly are passed over to the blind readers, as the clerks who handle this class of mail are known. The number some sixty odd thousand eventually reach their destination. The puzzles of the postoffice have various causes—poor writing, carelessness, foreign ignorance of American geography, false or defective knowledge of particular addresses and the whims and oddities of ingenious cranks who like to make public display of their wit and humor.

It is a sad fact, says The Strand, that nearly 25 per cent of wrongly addressed mail comes from reputable business houses, careless typewriters making the mistakes. For instance, many letters are addressed to Dearborn or South Market street, New York City. Of course the ordinary sorter knows that Dearborn street is in Chicago and that South Market street is one of the principal thoroughfares of Philadelphia, so that this mail does not go to the hard desk.

It is a part of the regular assorting clerk's equipment to be familiar with the principal streets of every city in the United States, and he can tell at a glance which of the letters would utterly confuse the outsider are intended to go.

#### THE CRANK LETTER WRITER.

Nowadays the product of the crank letter writer gets short shrift, but there was a time when rivalry between the dead letter office at Washington and the New York City postoffice put the blind readers on their mettle, and no letters on which they might try their skill was discarded. This kind of humor is now flatly discouraged, and a crank letter goes directly to the dead letter office without any attempt to unravel its mystery.

A peculiar circumstance of the illegible letters is that in almost every case the words of New York, twisted sometimes beyond all recognition, are written somewhere on the letter. This ignorant foreigner seems firmly possessed of the belief that these cabalistic words are alone enough to insure the letter's delivery. Letters addressed to California, Florida, Mexico and even Canada are labeled "New York," but the blind reader has learned to pay little attention to that kind of thing. He simply grays his pen through the words and sends the letter to its destination.

The hardest problem comes when the letter is addressed in two or more languages. The sender generally writes phonetically, and in many cases starts off in uncertain English and winds up in Russian or Italian. Reading comes the puzzle. Often, however, a syllable and sometimes a single character is enough to determine where the missive is intended to go.

#### "NEGIGIOSI."

A nice discrimination in sounds is imperative. The word "Negligios" looks pretty hopeless. But on pronouncing it the blind reader feels certain it is intended for New Jersey. When a letter marked "Prezavory" came addressed to "Tu vody Tu is Chanler Teen stry" the expert's knowledge of Polish talk was sufficient to enable him to surmise that if he sent it to "Two-forty-two East Hundred Tenth street" he would not be far wrong, nor was he, as the letter was followed up and that it found that it was delivered into the hands of the proper person.

"Insea" was on one occasion deciphered to mean N. C. and "Aniviv-fair" Annava Falls. "Rettin" Reading, "Buttigher" Butler, "Fevetsten-eszi" Fayetteville. "Knohbestock, Maesa" looked formidable enough with its many and capital letters, but it was easily untwisted to mean "102 North Street, Boston, Mass.," while "To Ann Ofter Street Salom, Mass." went through much delay to "2 Hanover street, Salem, Mass."

#### HOPELESS CASES.

Many letters, of course, defy the most assiduous study and they ultimately land in the dead letter office. That is with a single address like John Smith, U. S. A., or Tom Jones, America, goes.

A crank typewritten letter—the first of the kind received—came to the New York City postoffice recently and was solved by Henry Garrison, the chief of the blind reading department, at almost the first glance. The sender had simply used the shift key on a particular kind of typewriter, on which all the keys contained a character and a letter.

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ter and had written characters instead of letters. As soon as this brand of typewriter was located Mr. Garrison set down and wrote off quite neatly the correct address and sent the letter on its way.

A large number of blind addresses are due to the close similarity between names of postoffices in the same state. In New Jersey, for instance, there is a Morristown, a Manicetown and a Moorestown; in Pennsylvania there is a Bela, a Coldcreek and Coles Creek. In New Jersey, for instance, there is a Morristown, a Manicetown and a Moorestown; in Pennsylvania there is a Bela, a Coldcreek and Coles Creek. In New Jersey, for instance, there is a Morristown, a Manicetown and a Moorestown; in Pennsylvania there is a Bela, a Coldcreek and Coles Creek.

HUMOROUS MISTAKES.  
It is the result of this same similarity of sound that produces many humorous mistakes, as in the case of a person mistaken for "Hell Meadow," Dutchess Junction for "Dutch Johnson," Colts Neck for "Cold Snake," Oyster Bay, and "North Dutchtown" for German town.

Nearly every week letters directed to "George Washington, President of the U. S. A.," fall into the hands of the clerks. For years some poor fellow in the south has been writing letters to the various presidents, numbering each letter consecutively. He is now away up in the thousands, as he sends one almost every day. One of these letters was opened at the White house and found to contain only some illegible scratches. Such letters must not be thrown out by the sorters. They must take the course of all mail.

The working apparatus of the blind readers consists of powerful magnifying glasses, books of reference, city directories, trade and occupation dictionaries, the army and navy lists, the register of light houses, registers of persons especially interested in various artistic and scientific pursuits (such as the naturalists' directory), and even the social register, books of codes and cryptograms and many maps.

But the greatest and most effective working tool of the blind reader, and one which cannot be produced or bought with influence or money, is his knowledge of human nature. This he brings to bear many times on blind addresses which otherwise he is relegated to a vault in the dead letter office.

England and perhaps Germany excepted, no other European country has written addresses for handling hard mail that the New York City postoffice possesses. Consequently many letters not intended for America at all reach here. The postmaster of an Italian or a Russian letter receives a letter whose superscription it is impossible for him to decipher. He will guess it is from ten sent it on to New York, although it may be intended for a place five miles from his own station. Experience has taught him that this is the surest way of getting it to its destination.

#### TEACHERS ASSIGNED.

Supt. B. W. Ashton Places Pedagogues in Granite District.

The assignment of teachers in the schools of the Granite district has been announced by Supt. B. W. Ashton as follows:

Big Cottonwood—Principal, H. N. Garf; Mary Leigh, Rebecca Stacy, Joe E. Treman, Mabel Wagstaff, Florence Hamilton.

South Cottonwood—Erasmus Howe, principal; Maggie Thompson, Leone Asper, Marie Thomas.  
Sugar District—Principal, Preston D. Richards; Della Pendleton, Jessie Harroun, Katherine Forrester, Bertha Johnson, Laura Young, Mabel Sorenson, Abbie Edwards, Bertha Kunzler, Agnes McMahon, Annie Johnson, Sadie Howell, Amanda Brimm, Lillian Whelan, Christine Olson, Mary Cornell, Elizabeth Caldwell, Esther Hart.  
Mill Creek, North District—Principal, Oliver Jensen; Kathryn Hopp, Annie Shepherd.

Mill Creek, District 21—Principal, C. M. Jensen; Mary Riches, Ely Pinckney, Clifflie Cameron.

District 32, Brighton—Principal, Julia Smith.  
East Mill Creek, District 33—Principal, Andrew D. Allen; Katie Neff, Elaine Neff.

Mill Creek, District 34—Principal, James L. Stock; Miss Florence Shackleford, Annie M. Smith, Theresa Burton, Ladora Carlson, Effie Olsen.

Mill Creek, Wilford School—Lolly Ashton, Mamie Dorius.

Big Cottonwood, Brighton School—Elva Durrant, Emily McDonald.  
Taylorville—Walter Wilson, principal; Gertrude Webster, Emma J. Webster, Emily Dangler, Zereta Frame, Lenora Reunion.  
Mill Creek, District 32—Finner V. Howell, principal; Bert Palmer, Hazel Hill, Jennie Hamilton.  
District 40—C. Ray Bradford, principal; Minnie Margaret, Scott Jones, Alice Burton, Abbie L. Davidson, Ella Christensen, Anor Whipple, Louise Betts, Mabel Gray, Pearl Allenbaugh, Hattie McFarland, Gladys Quayle, Julia Hallen.  
East Granger—Ethelyn Bennion.  
District 47, Pleasant Green—Taylor Brockbank, principal; Phyllis Clayton, Edith Walker.  
District 50—Minnie Haynes, principal; Margaret McDonough.  
West Granger—C. W. Aldrich, principal; Irene Aldrich, Willard Jones, Anna Stolhanske.  
South Taylorville—Elizabeth Bennion, principal; Lizzie Cook.  
Teachers for the Garfield school are still to be named.

The teachers engaged for the High school are as follows: James E. Moss, principal; H. E. Steffenson, A. A. Kerr. The Scott school at Fourteenth south and Fifth East streets will be used as a high school and the pupils from Sugar, Big Cottonwood, Taylorville and Granger will be hauled to and from the school in conveyances. The Garfield school is not yet completed but an effort is being made to secure a temporary building for school purposes until the new building is finished.

#### BOUQUET FOR J. D. SPENCER.

New York Insurance Journal Says Some Nice Things About Him.

A recent issue of the New York Bulletin, a journal devoted to the interests of life insurance, reproduces a picture of a prominent Salt Lake, John D. Spencer, and has a very complimentary notice of that gentleman.

The statement is made that Mr. Spencer came into the service of the New York Life toward the close of 1897, and immediately springing into prominence in that association, the policies written by him during the 10 years number 70, aggregating in value \$1,578,125. The article in the Bulletin reads as follows:

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Mens' 7c and \$1.00 suspenders for . . . . . 45c

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Our \$4.50 Muttling Suit Case now \$2.50, just a few left.

A Genuine Brush Sale

Hair Brushes up to \$1.50 for 25c.

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## ENJOYABLE RECEPTION Tendered to Retiring Superintendent Of Nurses at L. D. S. Hospital.

The reception tendered last evening to Mrs. Nellie A. Crossland, superintendent of nurses of the Groves L. D. S. hospital, prior to her departure from the city, was largely attended, at least 300 persons, nurses and their friends, being present.

The function was held on the lawn surrounding the nurses' home at the

hospital, hundreds of Chinese lanterns being in evidence. Refreshments were served, and dancing was indulged in upon the ground of the tennis court, which had been covered with canvas.

Mrs. Crossland was presented with an alligator traveling bag, the gift of the nurses, Dr. Joseph S. Richards making the speech of presentation. From the members of the graduating class the guest of honor received a pin. The ladies in charge of the reception were the Misses Hard, Slavin, Ormsby, Studebaker and Willis.

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