

conferences, districts or branches in either of those missions, and who have kept journals, that they will kindly lend to the Historian's Office such private journals as they can consistently submit for perusal, for the interest of Church history, on condition that they are well taken care of and returned to the owners as soon as they are used. The brethren who live at a distance might perhaps bring or send their books at the approaching Conference in October next.

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Millard Progress: A strange sight presents itself to the passer in Bear canyon just below the site of Hanson Bros. mill. During the floods last summer, about four acres of the side of the mountain over which ran the road to the mill just mentioned, broke away from its apparently solid foundation and slid about thirty feet down the mountain—sinking about that distance at the same time.

In traveling up the canyon, a person suddenly comes to the end of the road, and is surprised to be so suddenly confronted by a perpendicular chasm, the bottom of which is darkness, on the other side of which stands the sidehill which used to stand to the right of the road away up the mountain side. On looking below you, however, you will see the road you lost, which can be reached and traveled safely up the canyon. As you leave the spot you wonder why nature saw fit to move that part of the mountain as it has, while every tree and shrub is left standing as it originally grew.

Bingham, Sept. 10.—An accident which had some of the elements of a fatality occurred here this morning.

Jacob Feisell, butcher for Dahlen and company, was driving down the canyon to the slaughter house just north of the depot. The Rio Grande train was just pulling in and Feisell stopped his team to let it pass. The horses took fright at the escaping steam of the locomotive and commenced to rear and plunge. Feisell attempted to control and quiet them, but could not, and they sprang across the track and were hit by the engine. Feisell was thrown violently from the wagon and rendered unconscious. He was at once picked up and carried to where he could receive attention at the hands of physicians. Besides being badly bruised he received serious internal injuries, though they are not expected to result fatally.

One of the horses had a leg completely severed by the engine while the other received a broken limb. Both had to be killed. The railway company or employees seem in no way to be responsible for the accident, though great sympathy is felt for Feisell, who is well known and well liked here.

Millard Progress: Two weeks ago last Tuesday, say the saw mill hands, a fire was started by some malicious person in the timber in Bear canyon, south of the steam saw mill which is being run by Wm. McBride of this place, which raged with considerable fury for ten days, destroying about 150,000 feet of timber. It was started on the top of the ridge between Bear and White Pine canyons at the edge of a large patch of fallen timber, and it swept down the side of the mountain like an avalanche, to the very bottom of the canyon. Some parties who were logging in the vicinity became, unawares, surrounded by the fire, when they were on the road to the mill with their carts loaded with logs, and some mighty quick work was done to save themselves and teams; as it was they and their horses got somewhat singed, while one cart, belonging to Harvey King, was destroyed. The heavy rains in Bear canyon last Thursday extinguished the fire, or the

loss in timber would have been greater than it is. As it is, you can now roll a glass marble from the top to the bottom of the mountain, where but a short time ago trees stood and lay so dense that it was almost impossible for a man to get through on foot.

McGlone, Carter Co., Ky.,

Sept. 6, 1897.

A shooting affair took place on Dry Fork of Little Sinking which may possibly terminate in the death of W. R. Moreland.

The Mormon Elders were holding meetings at his home on Sunday morning (Sept. 5) and had just begun services when Cal. James, a distant relative of Jesse James, came in and acted quite rudely, seemingly to break up the meeting. He then left the house and in company with Albert Counts went out in front of the yard, in the road, and fired off a pistol. Mr. Moreland arose and went out to them and asked them to come in and not disturb the meeting or else go on up the road. James then began swearing and cursing, and put his hand to his pocket, when Mr. Moreland threw a few rocks at him and turned to come back to the house. He walked away from James about thirty yards, when the latter followed him a short distance, drew his pistol and fired three or four shots in quick succession, the first one taking effect in Mr. Moreland's hip just below the right kidney. The other shots missed their mark. Mr. Moreland arose and though badly wounded followed James a few hundred yards; but was unable to overtake him. He was then carried back to the house and a doctor summoned, who probed for the bullet but was unable to find it.

James was promptly arrested and witnesses summoned to appear before the district magistrate.

The affair caused considerable excitement.

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FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Elder Alonzo W. Platt of this city called on the "News" yesterday afternoon and reported his return from the mission field, whither he went June 1, 1895. Elder Platt labored in the state of Kentucky, where he says the work is progressing nicely, the health of the Elders being good and the people manifesting a spirit of inquiry. He says he looks for a rich harvest there in the near future, as a result of the seeds being sown at the present time. Elder Platt had good health, enjoyed his labors very much and arrived in this city on the return journey on Wednesday, Sept. 8th.

The "News" this morning and reported Elder T. F. Trane of Lehi called on his return from the California mission field, where he has been laboring for the past 17 months. Elder Trane's work has been in San Francisco, Sacramento and Eldorado. In which cities he reports a keen investigation and inquiry into Gospel principles. There is a good feeling among the people, he says, and the Mormon Elders are being well received and are doing good work under the able direction of Elder Nye, president of the California mission. Four branches of the Church have been organized, viz., Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. These are in a flourishing condition and the Saints are living their religion and yielding obedience to the requirements of the Gospel. For some time Elder Trane had charge of the Sacramento branch and he returns home in good health and well pleased with the privilege he has had.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Forrest F. Eccles, or "Forey" as he was familiarly called by his family and friends, has at last succumbed to

the inevitable—he has given up his life after five years, of studious and careful effort to prolong it. The end came at the family residence at noon yesterday (Sunday), and as a consequence the hearts of many are filled with sorrow.

Mr. Eccles was one of the most popular young railway men in Utah. He was entitled to the distinction for various reasons, chief among which were his integrity, ability, unassuming disposition and pleasant manner. He served as city ticket agent for the Rio Grande Western and Union Pacific, while he also represented the Southern Pacific, and for a time was engaged in traffic matters in Mexico. When five years ago he recovered from a severe seige of typhoid fever sufficiently to attend to business again, he was made city freight solicitor for the Union Pacific. But a complication of ailments followed in the wake of the deadly fever, and at last, after trips to Honolulu and elsewhere in search of health, he has been compelled to yield to the summons he was reluctant to obey.

Forey Eccles was the youngest brother of S. W. Eccles, general traffic manager of the Oregon Short Line, and was 38 years of age. He leaves a wife, daughter of the late S. S. Walker, and a 2-year-old son to mourn his demise.

In his death his family have not only been deprived of a loving, affectionate and wise protector, but railway business and social circles have also sustained a serious loss, for "Forey" Eccles was successful and highly esteemed by all.

Attorney General Bishop today gave out the following opinion to Joseph S. Peery, attorney for Weber county:

Dear Sir: I have before me your favor of recent date in which you ask for a construction of section 75 of the "Revenue Act" and section 15 of the county government bill relating to the power of the county board of equalization and the board of county commissioners respectively to remit and abate the taxes of any insane, idiotic, infirm or indigent person to an amount not exceeding ten dollars for the current year.

You ask whether the board of county commissioners as commissioners at their regular sessions may remit or abate said taxes or whether such remitting or abating must be made by the commissioners while sitting as a county board of equalization.

Section 2 of article 13 of the Constitution provides that all property of the State not exempt under the laws of the United States or under this Constitution shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as provided by law.

Section 3 of the same article of the Constitution provides: "The Legislature shall provide by law a uniform and equal rate of taxation on all property in the State, according to its value in money, and shall prescribe by general law such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property; so that every person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property; provided further that the property of the United States, of the State, counties, cities, towns, school districts, municipal corporations and public libraries, lots with the buildings thereon used exclusively for either religious worship or charitable purposes, and places of burial not held or used for private or corporate benefit, shall be exempt from taxation. Ditches, canals and flumes, owned and used by individuals or corporations for irrigating lands owned by such individuals or corporations, or the individual members thereof, shall not be separ-