



# Gospel News

## FROM FAR AND NEAR

which seemed reasonable and made clear many passages of the Holy Bible. On the morning of July 14th I was honored with the privilege of baptizing six sons and daughters of Father Lehi. No one can possibly imagine the joy coupled with hope that filled my heart on that beautiful day. For I saw made plain to my heart that if I was faithful and patient, my heart should be made to rejoice over the blessings of the Gospel. That that hour and the present moment, there have been calls to visit the people and preach to them in so many directions, that notwithstanding my natural energy and promptness I have not been able to fill the calls, and this is why the case at the present writing. The Elders are constantly on the go here and there, and the good seed is being sown in many parts of the land.

not molested, and he preached the Gospel to them. We went to see some Saints on the 24th of December and held services. The people in Cedar Keys are more interested than they have been before. Several are reading my books and they say Elder Jensen preached the best sermon they ever heard. I believe some will obey the Gospel. I hope the scattered Saints will set a good example. Tobacco, coffee and whiskey are a great curse to this part of the country.

### RETURNED MISSIONARIES

✓ Elder David McCleary of Murray, Salt Lake county, returned Jan. 2 from missionary labors in Great Britain, whither he was sent Dec. 4, 1900. He labored with success and satisfaction in the Liverpool conference, where he reports the work is in a thriving condition.

✓ Elder Willem A. Koldewyn of Ogden returned from the Netherlands Jan. 2. He was set apart for that mission March 23, 1900. He began his ministerial labors in the Amsterdam conference, laboring afterwards for several months in the Rotterdam, Arnhem and Groningen conferences. The Gospel work in Holland, he says, is meeting with great success. Meetings are well attended by strangers and large Sunday schools flourish in the branches. Elder Koldewyn baptized 23 converts while absent.

✓ Elder David L. Dowling of Sandy, Salt Lake county, returned Jan. 2 from a mission to Great Britain, where he has been laboring since Oct. 2, 1900. His fields of labor were the Birmingham and Bristol conferences. The mission work in both these districts is greatly improved and appears very promising for the future.

✓ Elder David A. Loss of Lehi, Utah, in a letter dated Jan. 13, reports that he left his home Jan. 3, 1901, to perform a mission to the Northern States. He was assigned to labor in southern Indiana and met with fair success. He assisted in baptizing a few persons, and secured many good friends. He had excellent health. He returned home Dec. 19, 1902.

✓ Elder George Farrell of Logan, Cache county, returned Jan. 11 from missionary labors in Germany, to which he was assigned April 24, 1901. He labored in the Berlin and Dresden conferences where the work is making splendid progress; many are investigating the truth with a good number of conversions. Elder Farrell was the victim of an attack of smallpox shortly after his arrival in Germany and suffered otherwise from ill health. In all other respects he greatly enjoyed his mission.

✓ Elder Martin C. Reeder of Iowa, Bingham county, Ida., passed through this city Jan. 11 on his return from a mission to the Southern States, to which he was assigned Nov. 21, 1900. He labored for 18 months in South Carolina and was then transferred to the Virginia conference, now in the Middle States mission. He reports the work in these fields making excellent progress; the Elders, with few exceptions, being well received and hospitably entertained by the kind people of the south. The work of the Sunday school was the special pillar of Elder Reeder, during most of his mission.

✓ Elder Wm. H. Wilcox of Farmington, Davis county, was set apart Aug. 23, 1900, for the Southern States mission, returned Jan. 14. He labored in the Chattanooga and Ohio conferences, and since last June has been president of the North Ohio conference, where the Gospel work is making encouraging progress. He was well treated by the hospitable southern people, but found a growing indifference to the Gospel.

✓ Elder Ira A. Call of Bancroft, Idaho, returned Jan. 15 from a mission in the Eastern States, for which he was set apart Dec. 26, 1900. The East Pennsylvania conference was his field of labor, where the work is prospering fairly. The Elders and many friends are allying much prejudice.

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### FARMERS' TELEPHONES.

In many parts of the country private telephone lines run between the houses of farmers, bringing the principal families of the community in communion with each other, and have become very popular. There is no better factor for eliminating the isolation and loneliness of farm life.

The telephone is not such an old conceit as is only about 25 years since the telephone was discovered, and the peculiar thing about it is that its possibilities were never dreamed of for a long time after it was discovered. Some 15 years ago business men began using it as a convenience, and then it got to be a necessity, and the last two or three years it transpired that the telephone is adapted to the farm, that the farmer needs it worse than anybody else, and that the farmer can get a telephone cheaper than anybody else. He can build his own line and maintain it cheaper than can the business man in the city, for the simple reason that lines in the country cost far less than lines in the city.

The following is taken from an address delivered before the Wisconsin State Farmers' Institute, by George Wright of Morrisville, Wis., and shows how easily a farmers' telephone company can be organized and how cheaply the system can be installed and operated. Mr. Wylie says: A farmers' line is largely a question of organization. Personally, I would not advise farmers to form large companies and go into the business of carrying an entire county, because it takes too much time to run the company after it is organized; but circumstances alter cases and conditions are different in different localities.

In our locality we go about it in this way: A few farmers get together and organize a line. Our company was organized by five of us getting together and talking the matter over. We organized to build 10 miles of line, and after estimating the cost estimated what we could afford to let anyone else come in for. When we came to build the line we found that nearly everybody wanted to get into it. We commenced in the country and built in toward the city, and we exercised as to whom we could get to attend to the business in the station. We came to the conclusion that we would have to buy a telephone there and put some one there to attend to that end of the business.

**BUSINESS MEN WANT CONNECTION.**  
We found when we got to the station that nearly every business man in that station notwithstanding the fact that it was not connected with the farmers' line. This was a surprise at first, but it was easy to see why it was. They were there for the purpose of doing business with the farmers, and the farmers' telephone helped their trade. First we saw a telephone set up, then the elevator man, the doctor and the merchant. The result was that the line was a greater success than we anticipated.

As to the cost, I find that the farmers are very much at sea as to the cost of a line, and they have an idea that it takes some technical skill and practical knowledge in order to build a telephone line. This is a mistake. The fact is that any man that can dig a post hole and set a post and draw a wire can put up a telephone line. Any man that can saw a telephone set together and set up can set up telephones himself. It is the simplest proposition imaginable, but now most manufacturers send out their phones all set up.

Some farmers are a little afraid to go into a company with anybody else. They are afraid of this word "co-operation." They get their idea from co-operative creameries or co-operative factories of some kind, and they have been misled by the word. A co-operative telephone line of this kind is an entirely different proposition from a co-operative creamery or a co-operative anything else, and for this reason: You build a co-operative creamery, and as you build it you put in the machinery. You build a telephone line, and when it is built that is all there is to it. It runs itself; it must only be kept in repair. There is always money enough in the treasury to employ a man to go out and repair the line.

**BUILDING AND COST.**  
We find, too, that there are certain toll line men that are opposed to farmers' lines. The idea is simply this: The toll line men are not in their business for their health, and their idea is that if the farmers will only wait long enough they will get around some day to build a line for them. The farmer can build cheaper than anybody else can do it for him. I have seen some figures showing the cost, approximately, of a telephone line per mile. They may not be exactly correct, but are based upon prices quoted within the last six months:

White or burr oak poles, 25c each.  
32 to the mile ..... \$ 8.00  
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Stringing and fastening wires to poles ..... 2.00  
Total cost, one mile ..... \$21.22

If the work is done by the farmers themselves, as it can be, it deducts \$5.00 for digging holes, setting poles and stringing and fastening wire, leaving \$16.22 the actual cash outlay for one mile, or, if the farmers themselves can furnish poles suitable, deduct \$8, leaving the actual cash outlay for one mile \$8.22. If cedar poles are used, add 25 cents per pole additional, making the total cost of one mile with cedar poles and No. 10 wire \$29.52.

The above figures are for a single wire or ground line. For a metallic circuit double the cost of wire and the expense of stringing and tying the wire to poles. For a neighborhood line, covering say, 40 or 50 miles, a ground circuit will be found to give equally as good service, if not better, than a metallic circuit. A ground circuit can easily be changed to a metallic at any time after the line is built.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.  
Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Perkus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had her shoulder set back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for rheumatism and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother, that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by all druggists.

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