

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, DECEMBER 8.

Mrs. Harriet Smith, No. 9 Sanders street, Emscote, Warwick, England, wishes to know the whereabouts of her aunt, Mrs. Moreton Boys, who left England some years ago and emigrated to Utah.

Elder Martin E. Christopherson, oldest son of ex-County Selectman Martin Christopherson, called on the "News" today having returned on Monday last from a mission to Scandinavia. Elder Christopherson left home October 12, 1895 and went direct to Norway, his father's native country, and at once set to work to learn the language of the Norwegian people. In this he succeeded very well and met with much kindness and hospitality. He enjoyed good health during his entire labors and returns home in the best of spirits.

Racine, Wisconsin, Dec. 4th, 1897.

Some time ago I called as traveling Elder on a family which has folks in Utah, and they were anxious to know their address. Mrs. Chester Northrop has a nephew who joined the Church long ago and went to Salt Lake City. His name is Davison. He had one brother by the name of John who died near Peoria, Ill.; another brother died near the same place also long ago. His father's name was Lewis Davison, and he died about 1854, also in Peoria, Ills. His mother's maiden name was Marian Thomas; the three boys were raised with their grandparents, Thomas until nearly grown. His age is about 60 years. Any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by Mrs. Chester Northrop, Ringwood, Ill.

CHARLES JENSEN.

Elder Fred Pleper of the Twentieth ward of this city, who returned home on Sunday, reports his missionary labors of the past three years in Europe to be of a most satisfactory character. He left home in October, 1894, and for several months traveled and preached in Germany, meeting with good success. In March, 1895, he was transferred to the Netherlands mission, as he could speak French and Dutch, as well as German and English. He performed missionary labors in Holland and Belgium, as traveling Elder, and then was called to the presidency of the Netherlands mission. This mission he reports to be in a most gratifying condition, the increase of Church members of late years being quite rapid. There are now about 900 Saints there. The mission has been subdivided into six conferences, and there are now twenty-eight Elders in that field. The people are very hospitable and courteous, and being generally religiously inclined, are willing to listen to and investigate the message the Elders have to deliver.

Denver Republican: "It required 40 years to build the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City," said M. H. Lipman of Milwaukee, at the Brown Palace, "and scores of men began working on that building when young men, and died without having worked at anything else. I lived in Salt Lake for 25 years. The Temple was commenced in 1853, and dedicated in 1893. The stone used in its construction was taken from a quarry some miles distant from the city, and before railroads were built in that State, these stones were hauled to Salt Lake City by oxen. Each stone was cut at the quarry and marked, so that when landed in the city it was ready to be put into place. The hauling of the stone by oxen was slow work, and Brigham Young built

a canal from the quarry almost to the city, in hopes of being able to save time by floating the rocks on barges, but the canal was not a success, and so oxen were used until a railroad was built through the State. It ran within a few miles of the quarry, and Young built a branch to connect with it. After that the work on the building was much more rapid."

The "News" had a call yesterday from Elder Horton A. Eldredge of Bountiful, who returned from the British mission field last Thursday. Elder Eldredge left home October 12, 1895, and labored in the Leeds conference, England, where he reports the Gospel work in good shape, and conditions favorable for its acceptance in time to come. He had good health while away, enjoyed his labors very much and was met by his wife at New York where, together, they spent two weeks visiting and sight-seeing.

Elder Carl A. Ahlquist of Sugar ward, Salt Lake county, returned from the Scandinavian mission field Monday and called on the "News" yesterday. Elder Ahlquist left home Oct. 12, 1895, and has labored while away in the Stockholm conference, Sweden. The first few months he spent in the Upsala branch of the conference mentioned, after which he was called upon to preside over the conference, which place he filled up to the time of his release. He says the work of the ministry is prospering in that section and the Elders are much encouraged in their labors. He had good health while away and enjoyed his labors very much.

Elder Ahlquist reports that the gift from the Scandinavians of Utah to King Oscar is now on exhibition in a Stockholm museum, and is attracting much attention.

Fred Conhalm, son of Edward Conhalm, the clothier, made an attempt at self-destruction at his father's store shortly before one o'clock this afternoon. A few minutes before he stepped into Councilman Mulvey's saloon, ordered a glass of whisky and invited Al Dunlap, the bartender, to drink with him. Dunlap politely declined by saying he did not care for anything at that time. Young Conhalm held his glass in his hand for a moment before quaffing its contents and added: "You had better take something, Al—it will be your last opportunity, for I intend to kill myself."

Mr. Dunlap again demurred, thinking that Conhalm was joking, though his words were deliberately and coolly spoken. When the young man had finished his glass of liquor he returned to the store over which he has been exercising a personal supervision during the last week or ten days, while his father has been in San Francisco. As he entered the store he made his way direct to the office and stepping in pulled a .32 caliber revolver from his pocket and fired a bullet into his right breast. The explosion of the weapon caused the attaches of the store to run into the office also. Bert Risley was first to reach the scene. He found Mr. Conhalm lying on the floor in a semi-conscious state and blood trickling from a wound in his breast.

The doors of the store were quickly closed and Drs. Anderson and Ewing summoned. The police also rushed to the place but were denied admission for a considerable time. The wounded man was taken to St. Mark's hospital where the surgeons were probing for the bullet this afternoon. They found that the missile had penetrated the

right lung and say that unless an artery has been severed the patient will have a chance for life though his condition is considered critical. His father will return home from San Francisco tomorrow.

Various reasons are given for the attempted suicide, though none of them could be satisfactorily verified. It is said that there is a woman in the case and that the young man has been addicted to the use of drugs. Money matters are also said to have given him some trouble of late. According to the statement of friends he left a couple of letters clearing up the mystery connected with the case. Copies of these, however, cannot be seen. The young man had a brother who committed suicide in Chicago about three years ago and the police say that Fred once tried to kill himself in Denver.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, DECEMBER 9.

Inquiry at St. Mark's hospital this afternoon elicited the information that Thomas Francis, 343 north Sixth West street, who was injured by a falling crane while at work at the Rio Grande machine shops yesterday is in a critical condition. It appears that he is most seriously injured about the spinal column, and the outcome is a matter of speculation and doubt.

Francis was considered a careful workman and has many friends who regret to hear of his misfortune.

Clerk Folland of the City board of health has issued a statement of vital statistics for the month of November. The average death rate per 1,000 for the month was .78. The total number of deaths reached 55, or 8 more than for the same month last year. Of those who died 23 were males and 32 females. The causes of death are classified as follows: zymotic, 7; dietetic, 2; constitutional, 16; nervous, 5; circulatory, 3; respiratory, 6; digestive, 6; genito urinary, 4; other causes, 6. The social relations of the deceased were—married 22, widowers 3, widows 7, single 23. The nativities were—Utah 16, other parts of the United States 12, foreign 26, not stated 1. Seven bodies were received from outside points and four were shipped to other places for interment. The county records show that seventy-four marriage licenses had been issued. There were 127 births, 65 males and 58 females. The report estimates that 872 cubic yards of garbage and condensed food was burned at the crematory.

Oneida, Ida., Republican: As announced in the Republican last week, a meeting was held at Weston Friday morning for the purpose of deciding upon the question of taking water from Bear river at Soda Point and using it for irrigating purposes.

Representative men were present from every community, and after a thorough discussion of the question the action of the committee was sustained and it was decided to organize a company, incorporate and commence work as soon as sufficient capital could be raised.

A subscription list was opened and \$11,000 subscribed by those present. A committee of three was appointed from each community to solicit stock subscriptions. A committee of five was also appointed to draft articles of incorporation and by-laws. These and other committees appointed are all to report at Oxford on December 22nd, at 11 o'clock.

The meeting was a spirited one throughout, and it is now thought the project will go through successfully.

Thus land in southern Idaho that is now barely worth \$5 per acre, will in a year or two be in good demand at \$25 to \$40 per acre, and yielding more abundant crops increase the wealth of the several counties inter-