BIOGRAPHICAL.

Further Incidents.

Henry W. Bigler tells details of his life.

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Editor Deseret News:

As you have given the [illegible] of myself a place in the [illegible] here to continue my history [illegible] may be written in a [illegible] After the salute had been [illegible] Manoon, one day while [illegible] the wheat at Quincy, [illegible] her way to the [illegible] the wheat. The mate [illegible] hard, chiefly twenty [illegible] month. I had been at [illegible] for one year, during I was [illegible] office. This he said [illegible] and he said I would be [illegible] and he said he would [illegible] for my services. I [illegible] plenty of tobacco [illegible] various kinds, fish, [illegible] tobacco, all at wholesale [illegible] I always had enough [illegible] I was between [illegible] I was a Mormon I would [illegible] was never asked [illegible] gave me any, only called [illegible] another name [illegible] which is another [illegible] joined with the Apostles [illegible] the state of the [illegible] which I was baptized [illegible] to Utah, where I [illegible] living on rented land [illegible] Alamo county, and with [illegible] I was soon all right and [illegible] work as a farm for $12 a month.

In August of this year, [illegible] Poplar having escaped from [illegible] a conference was called and [illegible] Quincy. There I was set apart [illegible] on a mission, having been [illegible] ordained an Elder and then [illegible] to Far West, under the [illegible] Brigham Young and [illegible] with. At the same conference [illegible] by the name of Amos [illegible] ordained a Priest and we [illegible] a morning he was my travel [illegible] panion.

The very first time we [illegible] concerts amongst of salvation [illegible] Zion in peace, we were [illegible] We deserted a severe [illegible] going about to preach Joe [illegible] and that we should be [illegible] ourselves, etc. At another [illegible] were invited to preach, [illegible] having done so in our week's [illegible] this was our first attempt to [illegible] public, at the close of our [illegible] were told that we were a [illegible] Five cars and should be [illegible] some and go home. The [illegible] ning, as we were about to [illegible] an lady fixed her eyes on [illegible] tears came from her eyes [illegible] down her cheeks. She [illegible] pocket a couple of quarters [illegible] ness—perhaps all the money [illegible] Although no invitation was [illegible] to preach, yet we felt the [illegible] was with us. We went to [illegible] our native state. There Brother [illegible] concluded to marry a wife [illegible] into Jackson county, where [illegible] a few and organized a branch [illegible] members, one of whom Brother [illegible] had baptized previously. [illegible] went to the members I ordained [illegible] John D. Vandal an Elder.

Returning home I went [illegible] helping to get out rock for the [illegible] Temple. If my memory [illegible] was in the month of August [illegible] Prophet called a special [illegible] where Elders were called [illegible] missions and to select John [illegible] were two. Among the [illegible] called, and about the first of [illegible] ing September I started, [illegible] with three other Elders, [illegible] instructed that all three [illegible] travel together. About [illegible] met with Elder Alpheus Hart [illegible] he having no companion but [illegible] for one, we traveled together [illegible] weather approached, and we [illegible] poor encouragement, Elder [illegible] concluded to return home to [illegible] the leaving him I felt somewhat [illegible] was good company and I believe [illegible] more. Since then I heard that [illegible] death while crossing a [illegible] before reaching home. This [illegible] my mind Brother Lyons, my [illegible] companion, whatever became [illegible] I could not learn. It was said [illegible] that he was drowned and [illegible] that he went out of the country [illegible] drowned and it was satisfactory [illegible] that he met with foul play [illegible] supposed.

I remember one cold [illegible] in January, 1845. The snow [illegible] the ground about a foot deep. [illegible] by through the woods to several [illegible] before reaching the next settlement [illegible] late in the afternoon; tired, hungry and cold, I came up to a few [illegible] house that seemed to say, "Come [illegible] friend." I did so, and found [illegible] of the house in the kitchen [illegible] his shoe boots. I asked if he [illegible] knew keep a servant of the Lord [illegible] night. He inquired where I was [illegible] and to what order I belonged. [illegible] Nauvoo, and I belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints [illegible] was my reply. He scrutinized me [illegible] with the evil and said he had not [illegible] of that order. I told him we [illegible] known as Mormons, but that was [illegible] our true name. "Oh, yes," said [illegible] "I have heard of the Mormons, [illegible] shall not keep you." He had a [illegible] of grown up children, mostly [illegible] They and their mother stood [illegible] though I was some frightful being.

I left to seek quarters elsewhere, [illegible] had not gone over 100 yards when [illegible] was called back. They told me [illegible] could stay all night. The man said [illegible] wanted to talk with me, and taking [illegible] valise invited me in his house [illegible] me to make myself as comfortable [illegible] could. Pretty soon a sumptuous [illegible] was on the table. Whenever a [illegible] this was asked for there was an [illegible] ery on the part of the wife and [illegible] to listen to what the Mormon [illegible] to say in answer to his questions. While at supper a peddler drove [illegible] and asked to stay all night. We were introduced to each other by our [illegible] The peddler was one of those known [illegible] tion, and what he did not know was [illegible] worth knowing. He seemed to think he had the world by the wind, and could use up Mormonism in less time [illegible] no time and prove myself a false teacher. He did all the talking. I [illegible] not a word to say—could not get in a word edgeways. At last his power [illegible] ed, when it was my turn to talk. Mr. MacMaster, our host, turned to him and said, "It is no use for you to talk any more with him, for he has the Scriptures all on his side."

It happened to be Saturday night, and the next morning after breakfast Mr. MacMaster invited me to go to meeting with him, and said I might give out an appointment to preach that evening at his house. This surprised and also pleased me. I was introduced to the minister, a Methodist preacher. He was a fine looking man we treated me very courteously, and at the end of his discourse he invited me to speak, which I did, and gave out my appointment. The minister told the people to turn out and hear me for he believed I was a good man. That evening I had a full house and some more had several remained awhile to talk with me and to ask questions. Doors were opened for me and Mr. MacMaster told me to make his house my home while I remained in the neighborhood.

There was a Campbellite preacher, I think his name was Moses Brown. He went next on at my meetings and fight the truth and do all he could to prejudice the people against me and the doctrines I advocate. At one of my evening meetings a party came into talking to me, frown and fling me on a rail. The man of the house told the men to come in and relieve themselves and hear what I had to say. "For I pay, don't," he added, "I will use my rifle on the first man that attempts to molest him while under my care."

One evening I was going with snow balls. I had just left meeting in a school house. As the meeting was going on, two horsemen rode up and inquired for Mr. Martin's preacher. Being pointed out they invited me to get up behind one of them and go with them. I complied but I felt dubious, not knowing what was about. However, I did so they rode on and had not gone far when they told me they were bothered with families on their way to Nauvoo, but that cold weather and deep snow had prevented them from traveling and they had stopped for the winter at a neighbor's, name, Lilum. At a late hour that evening they heard of my meeting and had come in haste, hoping to arrive before its close. They lived six miles distant. They were Irishmen and a brother-in-law. Through these brethren I had the Irish sympathies to preach to, and although there was considerable prejudice I had friends and homes during the cold winter months. I simply mention these incidents to show how easy it is for the Lord to provide for His servants and open the way that the people may be warned. The Book of Mormon and Voice of Warning were read by many, but strange to say not a soul offered themselves for baptism. One young man by the name of Jonathan Chunes at one time gave me $5. He professed to be an infidel, but said if there was any truth in the Bible the Mormons were right. H. W. BIGLER.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS BUDGET.

(Prepared from Recent Dispatches for the DESERET NEWS.)

SWEDEN.

The epidemic of small-pox in Gothenburg is still raging fearfully.

The population of Stockholm is 191,000, according to the latest statistics.

The name of the peace paper published in Stockholm by E. Wrattmary is *Dagen Haft The Arm.*

Dr. F. Under, of Arvika, died at the age of 86 years. He was known as a very able physician.

The number of Methodists in Sweden has considerably increased during the last two years.

A Scandinavian Sailors' Home will be built in Cardiff. It will be a branch of the Home in London.

Lieutenant E. J. V. Quenel, who had similar rank in the French army in Tonkin, Africa, died at a hospital in Algiers.

King Oscar will arrange some big elk hunts this summer, to which Emperor William and the Prince of Wales will be invited.

Mrs. Cecilia Beath Holmberg, the authoress, is at present writing a work on Gordon Pasha, which will soon be published.

Stockholm has fifteenight printing offices, where the work done is equal in perfection to the best of similar establishments abroad.

The contents of the great Northern Museum have greatly increased since 1873. Said year the objects numbered 5,000. At the close of 1875 the collection amounted to 10,000 various objects. The growth since then has been rapid, and in 1890 the museum contained 20,000 objects, increasing by the end of 1892 to 67,000, and in 1893 to 77,649. These figures, however, do not exactly represent the total number of objects in the collection, some many articles are duplicated, some being represented by as many as a hundred specimens.

NORWAY.

Heavy snowstorms are reported from the Arendal district.

Many foreign workingmen have made Christiania their home during the last years.

Their golden wedding was celebrated by Dr. Dietrichson, of Lexanger, and his wife.

Some of Sturman's old and famous drama will again be performed at the Christiania Theater.

Their golden wedding was celebrated by I. Christensen, a merchant of Tvedstrand, and his wife.

The expenses of the state railroads in Norway amount to about 14,000,000 crowns, while the receipts amount to 13,000,000 more.

Notwithstanding the political trouble between the united kingdoms, the number of Swedes in Christiania swells to a census every year.

Manufacturing of phosphorous matches has reached a high degree in Norway, and the competition with Sweden in this respect is carried successfully on.

The tourist traffic promises to be very profitable this year. A large number of tourists have already made arrangements for visiting the country in May and June.

A bill which proposed the granting of an appropriation of 11,677 kroner to pay the expenses for the transport of the Viking ship to and from Washington was defeated in the storting with 51 votes against 43 yeas.

The Norwegian railways (as well as the Swedish) commence a striking contrast to the English and American lines. The rate of traveling is very slow, and the day trains stop for dinner and the night trains for supper at certain selected stations.

A change of the president and secretaries at the Storthing has taken place. Postmaster S. Nielsen has been elected president, and Viggo Ullmann vice president. The Odelsting has elected Dr. Horn president, and Editor Loveland vice president.

DENMARK.

Scarlet fever and diphtheria are raging epidemically in Helsingor.

Rev. A. Nielsen, known as an able preacher, died at Kolding.

M. A. Hansen, a well-known blacksmith of Copenhagen, died at the advanced age of 91.

The Diet will again take up the question of building stronger forts around Copenhagen.

The directors of the Thingvalla Line propose the purchase of a new and large steamer for the passenger traffic.

Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, of Copenhagen, has been elected an honorary member of the Laryngological Society of London.

A young man, who for the time being was in a delirious state of mind, took a trip on his bicycle from Hagelse to Vibjerg. He soon met a lady and gentleman, whom he supposed to be his friends twins. The gentleman stopped and exclaimed enthusiastically: "Oh, what a nice time we had last night!" The gentleman said they might exchange their talk. Half-done. The cyclist left his wheel to the gentleman, and introduced himself to the lady. The new cyclist seemed to be the greatest sort of an amateur, coming into the third several times. But as soon as he got out of reach he suddenly speed away like a crack wheelman, and disappointed never to return.

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