

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
July 22, 1896.

To C. J. Schmidt, Esq., addressed:

Dear Sir:—I feel that something can yet be done for your relative, Charles Thiede, and believing as I do that I can get certain evidence tending to show that some person other than Thiede killed Mrs. Thiede, I will undertake to secure another hearing before the board of pardons, etc., provided I am paid the sum of three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars in manner following, to-wit: One hundred and fifty (\$150.00) at once and the remainder, two hundred (\$200.00) dollars when the said board of pardons shall have commuted said Thiede's sentence from death to imprisonment for life. In the event the death sentence is carried into effect, I am not to have any sum or amount except the above mentioned one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

Yours, etc.,
J. M. HAMILTON.

Mr. Schmidt had an interview with the lawyer in which he learned that the \$150 was for the purpose of going to Nebraska and Nevada for important witnesses. However, the family had decided to let the matter drop when another letter was received as follows:

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To Charles J. Schmidt, Esq., Sandy, Utah:

Dear Sir:—I drop you this line to advise you that I am called to Tooele county on legal business for a few days. Will return Saturday morning. I take it that you and your friends have concluded to await the interview, action, etc., of the Governor before doing anything in the line I have suggested. I earnestly hope that after the Governor has had his talk with Thiede he will see his way clear to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment and thereby save any further trouble or expense. However, should no favorable action be taken, I would like to have you and all parties in interest call and see me Tuesday between 2 and 3 o'clock p.m.

Assuring you that I feel that Thiede should not be executed on the evidence given, and especially in view of the information I believe that I can get, I am in haste, yours truly,

J. M. HAMILTON,
O'Meara block.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Charles Marshall, found guilty of murder in the second degree, was sentenced by Superior Judge Noyes at Riverside, Cal., on Tuesday to serve a term of sixty years in jail.

Herman Bath was killed by lightning near Fort Collins, Wyo., on Thursday. His clothing was torn to shreds, his horse instantly killed, and several horses near by were stunned by the shock.

Tuesday afternoon Grace Reed of Franktown, Nevada, drank six ounces of carbolic acid, dying almost immediately. Despondency was the cause. She had recently secured a divorce from a man named Wood.

Charles Pierson, a laborer at Sequoia Mills, Cal., was fatally crushed by a log on Friday last, and the remains were brought to Fresno Wednesday in a coffin made from the log which caused his death. Pierson was 27 years of age and unmarried.

Mrs. Susie Pinkerton, who was married when she was sixteen years of age and by the time she was twenty-

one had three children and was deserted by her husband, became despondent on Friday afternoon at not being able to earn sufficient to support her babes, and committed suicide in San Francisco.

The republic of Costa Rica has determined to adopt a gold standard after a long trial of silver. On July 3rd last a decree was issued by the government abolishing the coinage of silver, declaring all foreign coins out of circulation, and calling in all foreign silver coins within thirty days. In the future all revenues and taxes must be paid in gold or accepted currency.

A. B. Connelly, a wealthy farmer of Tracy, Cal., met with an accident Tuesday night that caused his death. He was driving from his farm to a neighbor's after dark when his team got scared and ran away, throwing him out. He was dragged some distance and two wheels ran over his chest. He has a sister somewhere in the East.

R. F. Tormey, chief cook at the Brooklyn hotel, San Francisco, was the victim of an accident shortly after midnight Wednesday morning which will probably cost him his life. Tormey went to sleep on the track of the Sutro road near the Cliff House. The last car going out ran over Tormey, crushing both ankles. The doctors say he will not recover, as he is an old man.

Preston, Idaho, New Era: Dr. Canfield was called to Lewiston last Saturday on account of a very serious accident. A young son of Mr. Pond of that place was working in the field with a horse and cultivator, when the animal ran away and the boy was in some manner struck in the back of the head and nearly killed. It took about fourteen stitches to sew up the wound, but the doctor says he is getting along nicely.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the harbor at Oakland, Cal., Thursday morning. It was very poorly clad, and was evidently that of a laboring man. On the body was found a bottle of whiskey, and it suggests a clue as to how the man came to be drowned. The remains are those of a man perhaps 55 years of age and about six feet tall. He wore a beard longer than the average, and it is dark brown, with a few streaks of gray.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Avalanche: A most unheard-of case of absent-mindedness was observed at the Rio Grande depot here Sunday morning. On the arrival of the train from Aspen, a lady carrying a baby on her arm and leading another by the hand, alighted. She walked down toward the end of the platform, and turning suddenly ran back again to the car crying, "Oh! where is my baby?" while the victim of her commotion was sitting quietly on her arm.

G. F. Grabner was found in his room at Virginia City, Nev., Wednesday morning suffering from morphine poisoning and expired shortly afterward. A note addressed to his son, F. Grabner, a member of the local police force, disclosed the fact that the drug was taken with suicidal intent. Grabner was an old resident of the Comstock and in 1875, during the boom in mining shares, became very wealthy,

but subsequently lost his wealth. He was a native of Germany, aged 64.

Governor McConnell of Idaho, received a dispatch Friday evening from Superintendent Curran of the Hunter mine at Mullan, notifying him of a state of lawlessness at that place. The message stated that the company's flume had been blown up on the night of the 22nd and that Friday evening, while the men were at supper, two rifle shots had been fired through the boarding house, narrowly missing one of the employees. Curran said that it was useless to apply to the sheriff for protection.

Chief Justice William J. Pemberton and Miss Eva A. Giller, both of Helena, Mont., were married Tuesday morning in the Hollenbeck hotel parlors. The ceremony was performed by Judge McKinley in the presence of a few friends from the Arcadia. The marriage, though down on the cards, was rather a romantic affair, in that it took place several months before it was expected. The bride had been spending a few weeks in San Francisco, and the judge came and persuaded her to consent to be married at once.

A dispatch from Dayton, Or., says that Walter and Russ Adkins, 20 and 18 years old, respectively, while swimming in the Willamette river Tuesday afternoon, were both overcome and drowned before assistance could reach them. One of the young men had just arrived from the East on a visit to his parents. The scene of the accident is a few miles south of Dayton, and neither of the bodies had been recovered at last accounts. A similar accident occurred at Lebanon, Or., where Joseph Kibler, 22 years old, was drowned while swimming with a lot of boys.

Charlotte Nelson was taken from her home in San Francisco July 10th to be treated for a constitutional disease. After her departure from home her husband, Charles Nelson, deserted his five children, leaving them without means or provision. The eldest, a boy of 18, provided for the others until a day or so ago, when he was taken ill, since which time the little ones have been almost wholly without food. Wednesday an officer of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children visited the Nelson home and found the children without food. Steps were taken for their relief.

The town of Waterloo, in Linn county, Oregon, is without any municipal government as the result of a lawsuit. Recently the child of a minister, named McVicar, was taken sick with measles. The family was visiting at the house of Joseph Misner, and because Misner did not put out a flag to warn people away he was arrested and fined \$15 and costs. He appealed the case to the circuit court and won the suit. The costs, amounting to \$53, were taxed against the city. The officers, not relishing the decision, and the city having no funds in the treasury, the mayor, J. H. Turpin; the recorder, G. P. Siler; the marshal, T. M. Devine, and the whole council resigned in a body, leaving the town without any sort of government.

Leo Elsemann was shot and instantly killed by Joe Lorey on the road between Rodeo and Selby, Cal., about