

THIRTY TWO IN KATHEN 1970

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TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

Passed Away.—Brother Lauritz Larsen, writing from Mt. Pleasant on the 24th, sends the account of the death, on Tuesday the 17th, of *his son Charles, a promising boy of nearly 17 years.* The deceased in company with his older brother and several other young men, attended the Sanpete Stake Conference at Ephraim on the 14th, and returned next day feeling well and telling of what he had heard at the meetings. He inquired anxiously if his younger brother George had been baptized, and was answered in the affirmative. He retired to bed and in the night was seized with a cramp in the stomach. He suffered great pain until Tuesday morning, when it ceased. Towards night he called his oldest brother to his bedside, and asked him to stay at home and be good to his mother, as he himself would have to go. Between 11 and 12 o'clock p. m., he bade farewell to his father and mother and the rest, and passed peacefully away. He was much beloved by all who knew him, and his loss is deeply felt, especially by the bereaved parents and relatives. The funeral was held on Friday last.

FIRE IN OGDEN.

Rumors were current in this city, this morning, to the effect that the Transfer Depot of the U. P. and C. P. R. R. Companies in Ogden, had been destroyed by fire, and in connection therewith that 50 car loads of merchandise (one report said 30) had met with a similar fate. A News reporter was soon out gathering up the facts, and ascertained as follows: A brief dispatch, received at the Salt Lake depot this morning, was the foundation for the above report, but not responsible for its exaggeration. It was not until the arrival of the morning express, due here at 11.20, but late about 15 or 20 minutes, that any of the particulars were made known. Inquiry then elicited the fact that the transfer depot had been destroyed as rumored, but reduced the number of burnt cars to twenty. The fire is stated to have occurred as follows: About 4 o'clock this morning, several of the transfer hands went into one of a train of cars, standing upon the track alongside of the depot building, and as it was rather dusky at that early hour, they took a lamp with them for the purpose of checking freight. The car they entered was laden with gasoline, and some of the fluid having been spilt and the car being very close, the atmosphere was highly charged with the combustible gas. The moment the door was opened and the lamp put inside, the gas ignited, and before the workmen could recover from their astonishment and alarm, the car with its contents was in flames. Strenuous exertions were soon made, however, to save the remainder of the train, and several times the burning car was pulled away and run up the track out of contact with the others, but as often as this was accomplished, owing to the intense heat of the flames which now completely enveloped their prey, the men were obliged to let loose, whereupon the burning mass sped backward down the grade against the main body of the train. The result was that the other cars and the building alongside, were soon wrapped in the deadly embrace of the ravaging element. The alarm was sounded and the Ogden fire brigade and an excited multitude gathered to the scene of the conflagration, which as may well be imagined, illuminated the surrounding neighborhood in a manner grand and fearful to behold. The firemen soon had the water playing upon the flames, and in addition to their efforts, two of the railroad engines were pumping away to quench the fire fiend's fury. All efforts were unavailing, however, to save the building, which steadily consumed until only a smoldering heap of ruins marked the spot where it had stood. Of the cars which were destroyed, 17 belonged to the Central Pacific and the remaining three to the Union Pacific Company. They were loaded with agricultural machinery, gas piping, boiler iron, groceries and other articles, but whether bound for this city or any other Utah town, or whether it was through freight, we were not able to learn. Everything being in such confusion, it was impossible for full particulars to be obtained. The papers of both companies, which were contained in safes inside the building, were found among the debris after the fire. The safes being opened the documents were discovered to be somewhat damp from the water thrown over the flames, but otherwise they were uninjured. At 9.40 a.m. when the Utah Central express left Ogden, the ruins were still burning slightly. Their location is on the line of the U. P., about a block south of the Union Hotel. Our informants are the officers and employees of the U. C. R. R. Fuller and possibly more accurate details will be known by to-morrow. Gen'l Agent McConnell, of the U. P. R. R., and Hon. James Sharp, General Freight and Ticket Agent of the U. C. R. R., with others, went to Ogden this afternoon, to ascertain more of the event. The loss cannot be clearly estimated at present, but undoubtedly is very heavy.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt says Conkling has made a grave mistake.