

all. When asked by the friends of the girl to produce the note he said he had mislaid or destroyed it. Miss Clawson had a valise at the house of a friend. Herman got this shortly after the trunk was taken away and had it conveyed to his room, but no one seems to know what eventually became of it.

Herman left here for Montana in February last. He went to Butte, Helena and Crookston, Minnesota, in the order given. A month ago he was summoned back to Salt Lake by his church conference. The demand for his return was made by telegraph. The case was a very urgent one and related to financial matters. He was short in his accounts but settled up so far as he was able and was allowed to leave the city.

In a recent letter to a Salt Lake friend he says that he accidentally met Miss Clausen in Helena while in that city. He described the incident in this way: While walking along the street he had his attention directed in front of him by a young woman gaily clad in the latest of fine fashioned garments. She turned her face somewhat and to his astonishment he discovered that this person was none other than that of Miss Clawson. He says she gave her head a haughty toss and went on. He increased his pace and endeavored to overtake her but failed. She disappeared by going into one of the most handsome buildings on the street. That night he passed a variety theater and had the curiosity to go inside and there, again, he was astonished by seeing Miss Clausen in paint and powder and abbreviated attire thrumming a guitar and denoting to the music she thus made. He waited until the performance was over and then presented himself at the back door where he was reluctantly received. Here he caught another glimpse of Miss Clausen, but on again seeing him she disappeared behind some of the scenes and slipped out of a side door, when he gave up further efforts to see her.

Immediately after the disappearance of Miss Clausen from this city—the next day, the parson ordered a big fire built in the basement of the church furnace. It was kept burning all day. Persons residing in the neighborhood remember it distinctly—also a bad odor that was produced and they remonstrated but he said he wanted to give the furnace a thorough test before cold weather. It was in this furnace that the charred remains were found, together with two blackened razors, a butcher knife and a part of a woman's garter. The Rev. Mr. Marker, with another member of the church made the ghastly find and immediately summoned Chief Pratt who with Detective Janney went to the place and had the ashes, bones and articles named conveyed to the police station where they now are situated.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MAY 23

This has been an exciting and eventful day in the attempted solution of the Scandinavian Methodist church mystery and one that has furnished a very strong clue with reference to the suspected fate of Miss Henrietta Clausen. When the charred remains of the human skeleton were taken from the

furnace in the basement at midnight on Wednesday last, the officers were baffled at not finding some article of absolute identification. They were informed by the doctors whose attention had been directed to the case and whose advice had been sought in the matter that it was strange that none of the woman's teeth were among the other horrifying relics of cremation. It was known that Miss Clausen wore false teeth, five or six in number, and the doctors said that they would, under ordinary circumstances, be the last to yield to the terrific heat. In order to ascertain, if possible, if the missing tell-tale molars could not be brought to light, a most thorough examination of the furnace was made today. For a long time Detective Janney, Officer Cannon, members of the church and representatives of the daily press, searched uninterruptedly and finally Mr. Janney surprised those present by ferretting out from the cinders and ashes a single false front tooth with metallic rivets. The search continued as carefully as before and eventually the party left the church without any further evidence of this character. It was determined on the way to the police station to carefully sift the sack of ashes that was taken from the furnace on the first night of the gruesome discovery. This was done this afternoon about 1 o'clock and with the result that another tooth similar to the one taken from the furnace ash box in the church an hour before, also containing two metallic rivets, was found. But this was all. This leaves either three or four more missing molars. It is doubtful if they will ever be found now.

CHICAGO, May 24.—The Rev. Francis Herman of Salt Lake, who is accused of the murder of his housekeeper, Henrietta Clausen, in September, 1895, was in the city three weeks ago. Among those who saw him was the Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the Norwegian Methodist church. To him Parson Herman said he had been making a trip through the east collecting money for a new church in Salt Lake. When he had been in the city a few days he received a telegram calling him to Salt Lake. In reply to an inquiry sent by a friend of Herman's, President Elder Mock telegraphed the following peremptory order: "He must come back; he must obey."

He then, it is supposed, returned home. While here he had his talk with the Methodist Book Concern. Rev. Mr. Johnson and others speak well of the Salt Lake clergyman and say he is the last man in the world they would suspect of being the perpetrator of the crimes of which he stands accused.

KANSAS CITY, May 24.—Rev. Francis Herman, whose name is connected with the disappearance of two Salt Lake girls, and who is said to have started for Kansas City May 7, has, as far as can be learned, left no trace here. Careful inquiry at police headquarters and in church circles in which he would most likely have been identified, reveal nothing that would indicate that he had been here, or at least made any extended stay in the city.

At an early hour this morning Chief Pratt dispatched an excavating party under Detective Janney to the base-

ment of the church, where they until noon piled their labors with much zeal, spurred on by the expectation of obtaining additional clues. A vast amount of earth was removed and a number of bones found, some of which were partially burned and in such a condition as to make it impossible to tell whether they were human or not. Others were plainly recognized as being those of beavers and fowls. The place seemed to be a veritable bone yard. A certain spot of apparently "made-earth"—soil that bore evidences of having been disturbed at a date not very remote was discovered in the coal chute beneath a cellar stairway. Into this the party dug and not more than twelve or fourteen inches below the surface a woman's shoe—that is, the sole and heel—was found. It was of the stylish foot-wear order and may or may not have been Miss Clausen's. The upper was entirely missing. The removal of another shovelful or two of dirt brought forth very damaging evidence in the shape of a pair of bib (high cut) overalls which, it is claimed by the tenants of the church, were worn by their pastor while he was engaged in laboratory and other work, separate and apart from his books. The overalls were bloodstained on almost every part. Ed. Johnson, the young man whose room was heated to such a high degree of temperature the day the minister built the big fire in the furnace, declares that Herman had them on when the latter was met by him on the basement stairway with a gunny sack under his arm. He said he also wore a jumper of like material at the same time. But all efforts to find this article of clothing were futile. Then came a piece of confirmatory evidence as to what became of it. The furnace ashes on being sifted were found to contain the requisite number of steel buttons for such an article of apparel and the strong point is that they correspond exactly with those on the blood saturated overalls.

Evidence against Herman continues to pile up very fast. This afternoon the detectives found in a second hand store, Miss Clawson's trunk which the pastor claims to have sent to her by an unknown expressman some weeks after her disappearance. The trunk, it transpires, contained the wearing apparel of the missing girl. Among the articles of clothing was the dress in which Miss Clawson had the photograph taken, now in the possession of the police. In addition to this it now happens that Herman sold the trunk and clothing himself and that he disposed of the girl's guitar at the same time. The date of this transaction was December 11th last, just two months and eleven days after the girl disappeared.

One by one the points of evidence accumulate. This afternoon Captain Donovan and Detective Janney found and interviewed the second hand dealer who bought Miss Clausen's clothes from the preacher. This person was Mrs. L. Enslin, whose place of business is at 266 State street. She says that she went to the pastor's study two or three times at his solicitation to look at the trunk and its contents, which comprised four or five dresses, underwear and night robes. Most of this has since