

an accident October 9 which cost him his life. He was engaged, with two others, in removing a stub and had just made the first stroke of the pick, when a cave occurred which completely buried the unfortunate Andrews. He was taken out with all possible haste, but died a few minutes later.

A coroner's jury was immediately summoned and the company held responsible in sending the man to work in an unsafe place.

Mr. Andrews was about 58 years of age, was married, but had no family. He was greatly respected by all who knew him, being a sober and industrious citizen. His wife was visiting at Mill Creek when the accident occurred.

The company will suffer no loss by being held responsible for the accident, as they are fully covered by an insurance policy, which pays all damages for which the company may be held liable.

Dr. H. J. Faust returned from the Deep Creek country October 11 after a two months' absence from home and during which he visited every mining district in western Utah.

The doctor brought with him some curio specimens in the shape of stumps of telegraph poles dug up by himself from the ground of the Fleb Springs desert. The object in bringing them home was simply to show the preservative properties of the alkali of the desert when applied to wood. The poles in question were set in 1861 under the direction of President Brigham Young who was under contract with William Street to build the telegraph line westward across and out of the Territory. Incredibly as it may seem, the wood of these poles, as proved by the specimens exhibited by Dr. Faust, is almost as fresh and free from decay today as any piece of finely seasoned timber that could be picked from one of the city lumber yards.

This fact Dr. Faust very properly cites to show that when any company shall be enterprising enough to build a railroad to the Deep Creek region, one set of ties will last for an almost indefinite period and thus the constant expense of replacing old ones by new be done away with. The contour of the country, too, is very smooth and level as is well known and the ground very easy to work.

AURORA, Sevier County,

October 13, 1895.

I have the painful duty to record in my family record the death of another of my children which died on the 11th inst. of summer complaint and pneumonia. It was nine months and nine days old.

Also Brother Wilford Ivie and wife, of this place, lost their baby on the 24th of September, aged two years, of fever. Some say it was scarletina, of which disease (whatever it may be) many children have been very sick in this place of late. Two others of my children have been down with the same or some other fever, but are nearly recovered.

The sanitary condition of the water in this place is such that it is a wonder we don't all die. We depend wholly on the water of the river for domestic use through our canal, and hundreds of hogs are running at large and wallowing in it every day, also ducks and

geese, and at Segard, just above where our canal comes out of the river, are several stock yards, hog pens and chicken-coops on the very brink, the manure extending to the water's edge. Would you advise us through your valued columns what to do in this matter to save the lives of our families? We have long ago appealed to the county attorney who wrote some of the parties but did no more, and still the nuisance continually increases.

WM. M. PALMER.

A shocking accident happened here Tuesday afternoon. Dwight Shurtliff, aged 14, and Matthew Wild, 13 years old, against the wishes of their parents, went out west of town across the Weber river, shooting. They left home between 8 and 9 a.m. The boys had got some game and were returning home about 3 p.m. When a mile and a half west of the river, on the sand ridge, Dwight Shurtliff, who was ahead of his companion, stopped and let the butt of his gun rest on the ground with the muzzle under his chin. While in this position the gun went off, killing him instantly. The little Wild boy was about fifty feet behind. Running up to his companion he found him dead, with one half of his jaw and parts of his throat and ear shot off. The little boy ran in the direction of home, when he met Mr. Charles Van Viles in a cart about a mile from the body. They saw a wagon approaching, and Mr. Van Viles ran out as directed by the boy, to the body, while the boy came along with the wagon. Being in big sagebrush and cedars, it was difficult for them to find the body. The boy not being able to locate the place where he had left it, they set a dog to work, who soon let them know where the body was, and it was brought to town and taken to Richey, the undertaker's. The inquest was held at 9 a.m. this morning.

Little Dwight was a bright, kind, good natured boy, with a host of companions attracted by his good nature. He was the son of Ezra and Martha Cheney Shurtliff, who resides on lower Twenty-eighth street, and whose house is now one of deep mourning.

H. H. Bean, George T. Peay Jr. and Wm. W. Peay have commenced a new industry for this section, in a small way. Mr. Bean and his two sons started a blacksmithing and general repair shop in this city last spring. In addition to doing such work as was brought them by the farmers they have put up a three-quarter farm wagon as a sample of what they propose to do, whenever they can get sufficient capital to engage in manufacturing wagons on a larger scale. The wagon compares favorably with any of the imported makes, and from figures submitted to the NEWS representative by Mr. Bean, there can be no question about the practicability of wagons being manufactured in Utah at a profit. Mr. Bean was engaged in making wagons in Chicago before the great fire. At that time he and his partner, a Mr. Sommers, were burned out, and Mr. Bean afterwards worked for the different wagon manufacturers there for several years and understood every detail of the business.

Messrs. Bean and Peay Bros. have also partly finished about 20 or 30 cutters and sleighs, and will have

them ready for market before the snow flies. Every part of these vehicles, except the iron, is home product. The runners are made from Utah grown locust, which is proving to be a very superior wood for that purpose, and the bodies are made from white pine. Like the wagon the cutters will be strong and well finished.

A son of Mr. Bean, Norman H. Bean, has inherited the mechanical ability of his father and is making guitars. The reporter does not know as much about musical instruments as he does about farm wagons, but those shown him compare favorably with the imported in appearance and finish, and the musical people who have used them say they are superior in tone to the eastern make.

Referring to the excitement caused and the many rumors circulated and the unwarranted deductions drawn from the published reports of his remarks at the Priesthood meeting on Monday last, President Joseph F. Smith authorizes the NEWS to make the following statement:

"In the first place, you may say for me that I heartily and sincerely endorse the card written by President Woodruff which you publish this evening. He expresses my sentiments; and I desire furthermore to renew the assurance of my conviction that in political affairs every man has the right to a free ballot without coercion or dictation. Fairly construed, my remarks at the Priesthood meeting are not susceptible of the meaning which individuals in both political parties have placed upon them. I was speaking upon Church discipline—not upon politics at all; and I neither said, nor intended to say, anything that should be interpreted as a desire to compass the defeat of any candidate. The obligations under which a man holding the Priesthood is to those who are his superiors in authority, are one thing. His political faith and conduct are another thing. I referred to the former, and had no thought whatever of being understood as meaning the latter.

"I most certainly object to being misquoted, and am equally averse to being misconstrued. I accordingly desire to reiterate that I neither wished nor intended to influence any man's vote; and if any persons then present have sought to use my name or my remarks to win others from their political allegiance, they have done me an injustice, and have taken a liberty which I strongly disapprove of and hereby disclaim. I want the people to be honest, true, consistent and reliable in all their doings—religiously, commercially and politically. Least of all do I desire to bring success to any candidate or party, or defeat to any other candidate or party, by the exercise of either dictation or suggestion that may derive weight only because of my position in the Church."

Monday afternoon the grand jury came into court and presented 35 indictments under Utah laws, some of them being as follows:

Harry Haynes, of Murray, is indicted for defrauding the county in drawing \$3.45 for sixteen days of eight hours each in sprinkling streets at Murray, where as it is asserted that