

While he was clinging to his engine he could see his own home in East St. Louis being swept away and when the storm had subsided he could look down on the wreck. He, of course, supposed his family was killed and his anxiety over them was pitiful. He did not wish to desert his engine, and at the same time he was wild to know the fate of his wife and children. Finally he could stand the suspense no longer, and turning his engine over to his fireman, he started for his wrecked home. It was not long before he came running back with the intelligence that his family was safe."

WHO IS J. FLANIGAN.

BALD KNOB, Arkansas, May 23.—The object of this writing is to notify the friends and relatives of Joseph F. Flanigan that he was at Hoxie, Arkansas, yesterday raving mad—as crazy as could be. He arrived there about a week ago and hired to the people who keep the hotel, to work in the garden. On the night of the 21st they say he lost his mind. Some young men told me they had examined his pockets to find out where he came from as he had never told where, and that he had a receipt showing that he had paid taxes in Salt Lake City May 7th, 1896. He went out of the town in a southeasterly direction alone and through the woods. This is about all I know of the case.

Pomona, Missouri, is my home and should any of his friends desire to write me they can address me at my home office.

JOSEPH WARD.

The question that arises is, who is Joseph Flanigan? The latest city directory gives the name of Joseph Flanigan and his occupation as that of a waiter at 20 east Second South street. A News man today called at the restaurant that is conducted at that number, and from the proprietor, H. R. Anderson, learned that the Joseph Flanigan referred to in the directory was Joseph P. Flanigan, who, worked for him until he was obliged to discharge him on account of temporary fits of insanity, caused, he claims, through domestic troubles. The man was about 35 years of age and had a very large nose. He was discharged in November last after an attempt to carve the night man up with a butcher knife. Subsequent to this Flanigan went to Mercur to wait on a table there. He soon lost his situation, however, and was at different times re-employed as an "extra," while in his lucid intervals. But finally he went away and Mr. Anderson, who thinks he is the same man described in the letter to the NEWS, lost sight of him. A little later, on account of his mental troubles, he was arrested by the police and sent to jail. However, through the efforts of Mr. Schettler, the banker, who had a mortgage on a piece of his property, his pardon was granted by Mayor Glendinning. Then he left for Florence, Colorado, from which point he about a month ago sent the interest on his mortgage. Since that he has not been heard from so far as known. His wife is said to be in Denver.

Diligent inquiry at the various tax collecting offices today resulted in ascertaining that no receipt was issued

on May 9th of this year, to Joseph F. Flanigan or any other person, as indicated in the above letter to the NEWS. It is possible that the receipt was not a tax receipt at all, but a paper certifying to the payment of money for an altogether different purpose.

BRIEF LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

LEHI, CITY, Utah,
May 26, 1896.

I have seen in the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS a letter written in Oldham, England, by Brother Taylor. There is a mistake in his letter in regard to baptisms being permitted in the public baths for the first time. I baptized five persons in the Oldham public baths the 10th of November, 1869, those in charge of the baths kindly permitting and witnessing the ceremony.

Your brother in the Gospel,
W. W. TAYLOR.

FARMINGTON, Davis County, May 27.—A prisoner confined in the county jail here named Theodore Herman escaped from the jail last night. He had by some means unknown got an ax and chopped a hole in the brick wall large enough to crawl through. The ax was the one that old Mr. Boynton of Kayville was killed with. It had been stored in one of the unused cells with other things, and securely locked. How he gained possession of it is impossible to ascertain as yet. The sheriff is looking for him and expects to catch him, as he is a peculiarly marked man, his nose being entirely gone, of light complexion, five feet eight inches tall. He was being held for trial for stealing.

The Utah county teachers are in favor of keeping the schools out of politics and to that end have submitted the following recommendations to the voters of Utah county: First, That the district school trustees of this county as an organized body, designate the time and place for holding a county nominating convention for county superintendent, when occasion arrives, and that primaries in the various school districts for the election of delegates to said convention be called and presided over by the school trustees and in their respective districts. Second, That for the election of trustees the incumbents issue a call for primaries, wherein the citizens, as such, may meet to nominate their candidates.

SCOTFIELD, May 26, 1896.

There is not much going on here except at the elevator that is being built at Winter Quarters.

The men working at the U. P. mine here anticipate better times if the proposed new management of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern takes hold of this mine.

Summer weather has suddenly dawned upon us up here and the streams have greatly swollen the last few days.

Superintendent W. G. Sharp and Surveyor General Snow have been at Winter Quarters for several days looking over the coal fields.

J. V. Long of the new management of the Castle Valley News was in Scofield yesterday in the interests of that paper. He and W. W. Haach have

leased the plant and are going to try their luck in the newspaper business.

J. E. Ingles is building a new dwelling house near his old one.

Andrew Hood, superintendent of the Sunday school at Winter Quarters, is getting up a cantata with the children, to be given Friday evening, May 29th.

MORMON BOY.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, May 26, 1896.—The weather of the week ending Monday, May 25, 1896, was generally very favorable for the germination of seeds and growth of crops, especially during the latter half, which was warm and pleasant with an abundance of sunshine—conditions which were greatly needed over the state and which will doubtless prove of much benefit to crops; drying winds have done much towards counteracting effects of recent wet weather, and the soil is for the most part in excellent condition for working. Farm work has progressed rapidly and plowing and seeding are nearly finished in all sections; farmers are planting potatoes and garden truck, with a large part of the crops already in. Warm weather of the past few days has given a new impetus to the growth of vegetation which is rapidly recovering from effects of cold and frost and pushing ahead at a lively rate; grain generally looks well, except in a few localities, where it is reported thin; garden truck where above the ground appears fresh and vigorous; grasses continue to thrive. Later reports as to effect of recent frosts seem to indicate that the damage to fruit was less than at first reported; in many places the crop, though frequently exposed to temperatures below the freezing point, has not been materially injured; trees are budding and leafing, and many are blooming profusely. The sudden change to warmer weather is causing a rapid melting of the snow accumulated in the mountains; streams are rising rapidly and much apprehension is felt in exposed places over the prospect of high water and floods.

D. P. MCCALLUM,
Section Director.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder F. W. Ellis, whose home is in North Ogden, and who has for the past two and a half years been laboring as a missionary in Tasmania, arrived in this city Wednesday in charge of a company of returning missionaries and emigrating Saints from different parts of the antipodes.

Elder Ellis left home on Nov. 6, 1893, having been called to open up the Gospel work in Tasmania, after it had been closed for a period of nearly thirty-five years. He was accompanied by Elder L. C. Pond and wife, and the two brethren have labored assiduously during their absence in spreading the Gospel message to the people residing in that portion of country. On their arrival they found that those who had joined the Church so many years before had either passed to the other side or emigrated to this country, so that the work had to be begun anew. It took some time to break down the barriers of prejudice that were existing, but by persistent efforts and the help of the Lord they succeeded in accomplishing the desired end, until at present the prospects are bright for a good work being done there.