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—TERMS IN ADVANCE—

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 14.

**Information Wanted.**—William Ford, of Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, England, wishes to know the whereabouts of Ellen Ford and his sisters who emigrated to Utah from Merthyr Branch, South Wales, about five years ago. Address as above, care of C. Abbott, No. 11, Tudor Street.

**Broken Leg.**—A man named Joseph Holt, of Sessions, had the misfortune to break his leg about eight o'clock this morning. He was standing up in his wagon in the Tithing yard, while his brother was unhitching the horses, one of them a "scarey" young animal, when a covered buggy drove by very close to the standing team, and caused the young horse to jump suddenly. The wagon being jerked violently, threw Mr. Holt out upon the ground, with the unfortunate result above stated. Dr. Richards was at once summoned to the scene, and the broken limb was set in place. The injured man was feeling pretty comfortable at last accounts and was conveyed home by a friend from the same settlement, in a light vehicle. The limb broken was the right, and the fracture took place near the ankle.

**Fire at Farmington.**—On Monday morning, about 4 o'clock, the residence of James Hollingsworth, of Farmington, a one-story log house, took fire from the bursting of a coal oil lamp, and with the exception of one or two articles of furniture, the building and everything inanimate within were consumed. The flames spread so rapidly that scarcely anything could be rescued. All the clothing of the family, a stove and a new sewing machine were among the chief articles destroyed. The lamp had been kept burning during the night on account of the sickness of one of Mr. Hollingsworth's children, and several times had flickered and showed alarming symptoms, but excited no apprehension of danger until the explosion occurred and the frightened household were obliged to fly for safety.

**The Chester Suicide.**—The body of Jens Nielsen, of Chester, Sanpete County, whose supposed suicide in the Sanpitch River, the News chronicled a few weeks ago together with the fact that the body had not been recovered, was found last Wednesday in the river. It will be remembered that the deceased was reported to have been financially embarrassed and that his hopes of relieving himself were destroyed by the flooding of his fine crops. He was out in the field attending to his grain, and was observed to start for the river, with a shovel upon his shoulder, it was thought to attempt to divert the water from his property. His shovel was afterwards found upon the bank of the stream, but Nielsen was missing. This gave rise to the supposition of suicide, which upon the finding of the body was confirmed by the verdict of the coroner's jury which sat upon the case.

**Painful Accident.**—A correspondent of the Ogden Herald, writing from Harrisville, on the 12th inst., states that Thos. Guthrie, section foreman on the U. & N. R. R., at Market Lake, Idaho, arrived at his home in Harrisville, on the morning's train, having met with a severe though, it was hoped, not fatal accident. On Friday last, as the men were returning from their day's labor, (there were eleven men engaged) the side-board of the hand-car upon which they were riding, gave way, precipitating three of the

men from their positions. They fell under the hand-car. Mr. Guthrie was in a dangerous and critical position. His watch case was dented, being pressed upon his abdomen, causing the most excruciating pain. The car was thrown from the track with the remaining men on it. On the injured man's arriving home, Dr. Allen, of Ogden, was summoned and after a thorough examination, found that no bones were broken, and that although the patient was suffering great pain, no serious injuries had been sustained. He will be confined to his bed for some time to come. The other two men, who were thrown from the car, were also badly hurt.

**From Scotland.**—We had a pleasant call this morning from Elder Wm. C. McGregor, of Parowan, Iron County, who returned on the 10th inst. from a mission to Europe, upon which he started in April, 1880. He labored during his absence in the Glasgow Conference, Scotland, principally in Greenock and Ayrshire. He was kindly received and entertained by his relatives, through whose influence he gained access to the circles in which they moved. Among these he distributed tracts, and was invited to participate in some of their social gatherings. They manifested a spirit to shun religious conversation, however, and plied most of their questions with respect to the advantages offered to capitalists in Utah. Their minds seemed to run most upon investments and money matters. Among the poorer classes, in the streets and byways, he did considerable preaching, but a great deal of indifference was manifested. Often when he and his brethren had hired halls for preaching purposes, no one would come out to hear them. He baptized seven persons, new converts, and rebaptized several others. He enjoyed good health while away, and is very happy to be home once more among the Saints. He leaves on Thursday for the South.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY JUNE 15.

**Old Folk's Excursion.**—Those who design to show their appreciation of the Old Folk's Excursion enterprise, will confer a special favor by forwarding their contributions to George Goddard, at the Tithing Office, immediately, to enable the committee to mature their arrangements in seasonable time.

**Body Found.**—Brother Milo Andrus, writing from Blake City on the 8th instant, informs us of the recovery of the body of his little daughter Minna, who, as recorded in the News at the time, was accidentally drowned in Green River, on the 13th of May. The body was recovered on the 6th inst., after being in the water 24 days, and was not marred, but in a perfect state, excepting the loss of her hair. She was buried on the 7th inst. The numerous friends of Bro. Andrus will join with him in gratitude to Providence for the recovery.

**Drowned.**—A three-and-a-half year old son of Joseph J. William, Jr., Joseph Alexander by name, was accidentally drowned in the South Jordan Canal yesterday afternoon. His body was recovered, drifting down the stream, half a mile from where the little fellow fell in. His mother was busy washing at the time the sad event occurred. The child had only left the house a moment or two before he was missed. This melancholy accident, coupled with the fact that the family lost their infant boy a few weeks since, makes their sorrow grievous and heavy to be borne. We deeply sympathize with them.

**Returned Missionary.**—Elder Thomas Weeks, of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois, arrived in the city last evening with a portion of his family, intending to locate permanently in Utah. He joined the Church in 1850, in the Birmingham Conference, England, and emigrated to America in 1861, and settled in Kewanee, where he resided for a number of years. He came to Utah in 1877, and returned to Illinois for the purpose of selling out his property there, and bringing his family to Utah. He was set apart while here, as a missionary, and instructed to labor in Illinois until the way

opened up for him to remove west. The opportunity came last May, when he disposed of his property, and prepared to emigrate. He designs settling at Fountain Green, Sanpete County.

**A Devilish Scheme.**—A special telegram from Silver Reef, received last evening, states that the town was thrown into a state of great excitement yesterday afternoon by the divulgence of a plot to burn his store for the sake of insurance, by S. Greenbaum, a merchant there. He made a bargain with a party to set fire to his store for a bonus of \$150. The party revealed it to the officers, and the premises were closed and watched. In a narrow enclosure between Woolf & Jordan's building and Greenbaum's place, a large quantity of inflammable material was prepared, saturated with coal oil and a candle set in a box of furniture packing shavings ready for the event which was to come off at night. The officers made a raid on the premises last evening, and found everything ready to fire. Greenbaum and his partner were arrested and lodged in jail. Had the fire occurred it would have burned the greater part of town.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY JUNE 16.

**The Electric Light.**—We have learned that the cause of the sudden extinction of the electric light, the other evening, was due to an accident at the works—the bursting of one of the boilers it is stated—which will cause the suspension of operations for about three weeks. Yesterday discarded gas chandeliers were being hunted up, and put in place. We have not learned whether it was followed by a corresponding rise in gas stock. It's a good thing we have the gas to rely on.

**Fillmore Items.**—Correspondence from Fillmore furnishes the following notes:

General health good.  
Fruit prospects would be excellent were it not for the codling moth.  
Farmers are confident of fine crops.

Most of the "men folks" are away on the railroad. They are getting to be as "precious as fine gold."

The school year has closed. The trustee election resulted in the choice of H. J. McCullough. No opposition. A tax of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 per cent. was voted.

The regular district school consists of three grades with four teachers. It was attended last winter by 240 pupils. Besides this school is the Presbyterian, attended by the children of the non-"Mormon" element.

**The Hand of Death.**—Patriarch John Stoker, of Bountiful, a man well known and highly respected, died on Saturday evening shortly before 7 o'clock, and was buried Saturday morning. For some time he had been suffering from paralysis, which among other things affected his speech, and from the obituary notice, which will be found elsewhere, it appears that his death was the result of this affliction. He was a fine man in every respect, and greatly esteemed by all, especially beloved by the Latter-day Saints, among whom he was an example of high integrity and moral worth. His loss will be deeply felt. Although for several years unable to take as active a part as formerly in the affairs of his Ward, over which he faithfully presided 23 years, and therefore had been relieved from the labors and responsibilities of the bishopric, his interest in the work of God never for a moment flagged, and to the last his influence was felt for good throughout the settlement.

We have also to state, with much regret, the untimely demise of Sister Lucy Perkins, the wife of Brother Jasper Perkins, of the same place, who was taken off in the bloom of life at Randolph, Rich County, on Saturday, June 11th. The funeral was held at Bountiful, at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, President Joseph F. Smith preaching the discourse. Deceased was aged 27, and was a lady much esteemed and respected by all who had her acquaintance.

**Attempted Suicide.**—A Logan correspondent of the Ogden Herald, writing on the 14th inst., details an attempt at suicide committed by a

young man named Andrew Skankee, about 21 or 22 years of age, at Crowther's Camp, Logan Canyon, on the 12th inst. He was married about a year since and was expecting in a short period to become a father. For some time past he has been at work getting out railroad ties, at Crowther's Camp, about 30 miles from Logan City. For several days previous to his rash act his countenance had worn a melancholy appearance, and on the date given he seemed very much depressed. In the afternoon he asked his brother-in-law, a young boy named Charles Jacobson, to procure him a gun, as he desired to go hunting. The gun was obtained and loaded; but as Skankee had been drinking, young Jacobson took the gun outside the door and discharged it. Skankee afterwards got two cartridges, loaded the gun, pointed the muzzle plumb to the heart, placed his thumb on the trigger, but before it was pulled, the boy—seeing Skankee's intention, knocked the gun a little to one side, just as the weapon was discharged. The ball entered the body about one and three-fourth inches to the right of the heart, near the stomach, and came out through the lower lobe of the left lung, inflicting a dangerous wound. Dr. Lamoreaux was sent for and dressed the wound. The injured man was then conveyed in a vehicle to his home in Logan. The result of the reckless deed is yet uncertain. The patient is reticent as to the cause which impelled him to attempt self murder.

**A Frightful Experience.**—Bro. C. Anderson, of Fillmore, Millard County, writing on the 14th, recounts a thrilling and terrible accident which befel Brother Christian Hansen, a member of the High Council of Millard Stake, on the evening of May 30th. He had charge of D. B. Warner's saw mill, in Chalk Creek Canon, and on the evening stated, went out to hunt his horses. His eyesight being defective, owing to an accident, a short time previous, which deprived him of the use of his left eye, he lost his way in the dark, and wandered to the brink of a high cliff. Looking down over it, he imagined he could discern the bottom but a short distance below, and taking hold of the edge of the cliff he let himself down at arm's length. To his surprise and terror he could touch nothing with his feet, excepting the steep face of the precipice, over which he had unwittingly hung himself, and not having the requisite strength to draw himself up again, he was finally compelled from sheer exhaustion to loose his hold. He fell a distance of about 20 feet, striking upon a projecting rock two feet wide, the only thing which had prevented his descent into the abyss a hundred feet below. All night long he lay helpless upon the narrow rock, shivering with cold and writhing in pain, having been, by his fall, not only badly shaken and hurt internally, but also had various bruises inflicted upon his outer person. At daylight next morning he discovered his only visible companion to be a huge rattlesnake, whose warning rattle soon gave the wretched man to understand that if he would escape with his life he must do it without delay. Rallying all his remaining strength, he moved off and crawled and slid all that day down the rugged mountain side, almost fainting with thirst, and thinking he could perhaps reach the water, the sound of which he could hear rising from the creek below. In this way he proceeded a mile and a half. Meanwhile he had been missed, and people were out hunting for him, but he was not found until the morning of June 1st, in an almost dying condition. He suffered much while being handled and carried home, and days elapsed before he could even raise his head from his pillow. At the date of our correspondent's letter, the injured man was much improved, so far as external wounds were concerned, but his inward injuries still confined him to his bed.

We sympathize deeply with Bro. Hansen in his affliction, and hope that his terrible experience of 36 hours will be the last of the kind he will ever have to pass through.

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