

Sunday morning, No. 7 picked up a broken rail near Rawlins and ditched one car, but did little damage.

A disobedience of orders caused a freight wreck near Point of Rocks. Number 19 westbound freight ran by her orders and crashed into eastbound No. 2, ditching both trains and wrecking the engines and tenders besides smashing many cars. The crew on No. 2 was asleep and running at a leisurely speed, or the result might have been terribly fatal.

MR. HARDY EXPLAINS.

My attention having been called to an article published in the *Herald* of the 11th inst. under the flaring headlines of "Careless officials," "Why taxpayers receive no notice," "Wrong addresses," etc. In reply to the aforesaid article permit me to say, so far as the insinuation regarding the work done in this office is concerned, that the person who penned the article referred to has simply lied.

The taxpayers have had all the notices the law requires, and about seven thousand persons have had one notice extra, as I had sent out about that number between the 1st of September and the 17th of said month, as the last named date was the one on which the "Territorial board" gave notice to the County Court that the valuation of all real estate would be advanced ten per cent. That upon the issuing of said order the following notice was stamped:

"You are further notified that in pursuance of an order of the Territorial board of equalization, made September 17th, 1892, the valuation of the above land (exclusive of improvements) and the amount each of the above taxes thereon are increased by the amount of 10 per cent thereof as above stated.

L. G. HARDY, Collector."

This appeared upon the face of the regular notice and was either delivered or mailed as the law requires to the address furnished on the tax roll by the assessor.

The law requires the assessor to furnish a blank to each taxpayer to fill out, giving his name and address and a full description of his or her property, and return the same to his office within 20 days, and any person who fails to make such return shall be assessed arbitrarily and said taxpayer can have no appeal from said assessment. The law was not complied with to any great extent, therefore the people have no one to blame but themselves.

Further, if the person who is so anxious to benefit the public by making charges that he cannot sustain and tell the truth, will look over the list of delinquents he will notice the word "bal" opposite many of the names; that means that the persons whose name appears has been in this office and paid the regular tax, and refused to pay the tax added by the board, thus making him or her the judge of the legality of the tax; and when we erase the names of such persons from the list and those who have bought lots in the "additions" to Salt Lake, of which we have about 350, many of which are what is termed "wildcat additions," you will find that there are not a great many of the residents of this county who are advertised.

Respectfully,
L. G. HARDY, Collector.

KENDALL'S CALCULATIONS.

Every few days when we look at either of the morning papers we find we are treated to a chapter on the marvelous achievements of our energetic (?) food inspector. Certainly our city fathers made a happy selection when they secured the services of this remarkable man, for who but he could make such discoveries? Now as "figures do not lie," let us look at his; he states, according to last Sunday's *Tribune*, that he condemned last week 4833 pounds of various kinds of provisions—and this for a month, say of twenty-seven days would make 21,748½ pounds.

Now were it not generally known by the storekeepers, that this vigilant and efficient official was constantly on the alert looking after the public interest what would be the consequence? It is but natural to suppose that at least we should have as much more on the market offered for sale this would make 43,470 pounds per month. Just think of it; and this in midwinter! Have we not a priceless boon in such an officer? But what about the spring, summer and autumn? If provisions spoil at this rate in winter—say four months—what will they not do in the other eight? Why, they will decay and spoil four times as fast. But to be within bounds let us say twice as fast; this would be 86,940 pounds per month. At even this low estimation the four winter months total to 173,988 pounds, and the other eight to 695,952 pounds, making a grand total of 869,940 pounds, or about forty-three and one-half carloads of rotten provisions. Can it be possible that the inhabitants of this city have endured this fearful infliction? Have we been devouring unwholesome food at this rate—before Mr. Kendall's advent. "And are we yet alive and see each other's face."

We are told that we must "endure all things," but this is really too much to endure. Now, in all seriousness, is it not about time that certain newspapers should discard such ridiculous twaddle? If not people at a distance will think we are as bad as the Digger Indians.

No common sense business man would attempt to keep spoiled provisions, and should they go bad on his hands he cannot give them away for human food, much more sell them, in this community. They have always been dumped into the dirt barrel and given to the garbage man. Then how can bad food be condemned? It condemns itself; no one would buy it; people know better. I know this from many years' experience in this city as do all other business men. Name the men who are selling spurious goods that all this noise is about. I think this would poison Mr. Kendall. It looks like "much ado about nothing," in order to cover up the way the public are being robbed, to keep men in office who are not needed, let the public look at the long list of delinquent taxes that people find so burdensome to meet. Would it not be far better to oust some of these unnecessary officials and reduce public expenses these fearful times?

One word more. The only article that I know of that people can be deceived with is bogus butter, and Mr.

Kendall has proved that he does not know it from the genuine. I for one would like to know why it is necessary to pay him to condemn any article when, for reasons above stated, they condemn themselves, and I certainly think an intelligent public out to know at least how to examine the goods they buy as well as Mr. Kendall.

G. W. DAVIS.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Evanston's flouring mill, with a capacity of fifty barrels a day, started up last week.

The Grand Junction *Star* has reconsidered its determination to suspend its daily issue after January 1st, and will continue as heretofore.

The war department has advertised for bids for the construction of one set of stone barracks at Fort Washakie, Wyoming. The bids will be opened December 15.

The old St. Johns canal, at Phoenix, Arizona, is being opened up again and 20,000 acres of land will be watered by it. This canal was ruined by the flood two years ago.

Caldwell (Idaho) *Tribune*—Diphtheria is raging throughout the country, and a number of deaths have already been reported. The Payette valley and Boise valley are alike affected.

A conference of county authorities has been held at Denver at which the question as to what should be done in regard to the pauper problem was discussed at length.

Two important gatherings begin their sessions in Denver on Wednesday, December 28. They are the State Teachers' association and the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union.

The Denver Stamp & Glue company is employing fifty men on tinware and cans exclusively. The company is shipping extensively to Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico.

The Union Pacific police force seems to be centering in Cheyenne. A great many brakemen and conductors are being watched, and it is expected a number of removals will shortly be made.—*Cheyenne Sun*.

Hoo Doo, one of the San Francisco highlanders arrested some time ago for wearing a coat of mail and carrying concealed weapons, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the house of correction.

The Dillon, Mont., General Electric company has been incorporated by Earl P. Wetmore, Charles H. Alexander and Josiah Bowden, with a capital stock of \$40,000, in 400 shares of \$100 each.

The agricultural college department of the University of Wyoming has issued bulletin number 8, which treats of "Irrigation and Duty of Water." The bulletin is from the pen of Prof. B. C. Buffum, professor of horticulture.

It is understood that the owners of the Monarch mine, at Marysville, are negotiating for the sale of that property to a syndicate, says a local exchange, and the deal will probably be soon consummated. If the sale is made