

He was born on the 15th of Oct., 1870.

John was knocked against a shade tree and fell in the ditch. At the same instant he saw by the light of the flash, a door key, and afterwards told a neighbor where to find it.

Before J. Elliston, who saw the accident, could reach the spot, John had crawled out of the ditch and cried for help, exclaiming: my brother is dead! These facts show that he was not at any moment insensible, although he was burnt from the right hand to the armpit, thence obliquely across the body and down the left leg, and his shoe torn off. His clothes were not injured.

The lightning struck the ground about three feet from the trunk of a shade tree, making a hole nearly a foot square and three inches deep. The tree was uninjured.

J. G. B.

Correspondence.

Not Killed as Reported.

BILLING'S A. & P. R. R.,
Arizona Territory, Oct. 8th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

You have no doubt long since seen an account of the killing of Brother Hendrickson and party by the Apache Indians, at or near Black River, A. T., about the 25th of August. It has been currently reported in this Territory and also in New Mexico, that I, with my traveling companions, viz.: Nephi Spafford of Springville, Israel Evans of Lehi, and Charles Ingram of Nephi, were killed, at or near the same place about that time. Thank kind Providence I am able and happy to state that the report is not true as to the killing of myself and party. We left Smithville, on the Gila River, August 21st, the same day that Brother Hendrickson and party left, with all calculation of traveling together for safety. We traveled down the south side of the river, 18 miles, to Camp Thomas, a U. S. Post; two or three companies of troops stationed there. I called to see the Quartermaster to get the use of his small boat to ferry our buggy, grub, blankets, etc., across the river, as it was very high. To the credit of the Quartermaster he gave me the use of his boat to cross the river, and sent a soldier to man the boat for us. We crossed that evening in good shape. Brother Hendrickson and party declined crossing in this way, choosing to keep down on the south side, some 18 or 20 miles to the old ford, thinking they could ford it, but in this they were mistaken, consequently they turned back at the ford, with the understanding that they would go to Camp Thomas and ferry at that place, and follow us on the north side. I saw nor heard anything of them till a few days ago. The sad news reached me at my old camp in the Zuni mountains, where I had left three sons and one daughter to spend the summer, while I journeyed south, that I and my company, with Bro. H's were all killed. The best information I have is that Bro. Hendrickson was following close after me, and was, as near as I could learn, about 24 hours in our rear. The fight with the troops and Apaches took place just after we passed Camp Apache. There was great excitement all along our line of travel. We saw quite a number of the natives, they treated us kindly, asking who we were, where we were going, and what we wanted, &c., and we would reply "waner-amigo."

I send you this communication in order that all may know that I still live in the flesh, and my weight is 185 pounds net.

I remain your brother,
J. D. HOLLADAY.

HOLBROOK BAKERY,
Holbrook, Apache County,
Arizona, Oct. 22, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

As I take a general interest in all railroad matters in Utah and adjacent Territories, I will first recall to memory a speech of John Taylor's, delivered at the opening of the Utah Central Railroad, on observing that the rails of that road were laid across the street beyond the track pointing south, said: This is an indication that we will never cease building railroads until all parts of this Territory are reached by the locomotive. On looking out of my bakehouse door, yesterday, October 21st, and watching the operations of the track-layers putting down the rails of the Atlantic and Pacific road, it brought vividly to my memory the fact that President Taylor's words

were more than fulfilled as pertaining to this arid zone.

To-day, the 22d, they finished the switch destined as a siding for all freight for the upper country and Camp Apache, where the late disturbance of the reds took place, as was reported here, in which 16 men and officers lost their lives. At half-past 4 o'clock p.m., the rails were laid down (on the 21st) opposite the bakery, and at 5 p.m. the engine No. 85 of the construction train stopped at the same place. As a peace offering, I presented the engineer and stoker, Messrs. J. Woods and A. J. Potter, with a few ginger snaps of my own make. I was invited up on the engine and had quite a social chat with the boys, and to-day was invited up to the boarding cars at noon, about three miles above here. I could not take in much of the situation in the course of a dinner hour, but I was sufficient to convince me that the workmen on this road were well cared for in regard to their mess, both boss and common hands were supplied with victuals that an English Lord might envy. One car was entirely devoted to and fitted up as a boot, shoe, clothing and grocery department, and some drugs. I observed that in all departments of the Cook and Baker everything goes on like clockwork, leaving no loophole for grumblers to get through, in fact, all departments in the construction of this road are so arranged that further improvements are almost impossible in railroad building; but you know Solomon once said, there nothing new under the sun, and this in a great measure may explain how we poor mortals know so little at the present day. Father Abraham, if he were here to-day, could tell us more of the science of how to create worlds than all the astronomers, ancient or modern.

Just at this point I hear the whistle of the A. & P. R. R., half-past 9 p.m., in Holbrook, with more ties and iron in their anxiety for the completion of this road, so that it won't be "my own copy" (Moan Copy) as your contemporary the Herald used to express it, but it will be Holbrook from henceforth, and from that depot all goods will be shipped to the southeastern settlements of Arizona, and I will here repeat the appeal to our Gentile neighbors in this desert country, gentlemen, give us room to dwell, we will do you all the good we can while we stay in your midst: I extract an item to be found in a book published by R. Moore, entitled the "Universal Assistant and Complete Mechanic," a book that would be valuable for every Latter-day Saint to peruse. Recent examinations of the Arizona mining region by Professor Cox, of Indiana, has demonstrated that the mining property of south Arizona, once developed, would supply the world with precious metals. Three shafts in the Tough Nut Mine, in the Tombstone district, averaging ten feet deep, show a solid body of ore, which at the low average of \$700 to the ton, will yield \$2,400,000. He was present when assays were made of ore from this mine, going from \$1,000 to \$2,700 per ton. The conditions as regards timber and water are vastly superior to similar surroundings in the mining regions of Colorado and Nevada. I make this extract merely to show to artizans who may choose settling in Arizona what they may expect in coming here. In Holbrook the ground is staked off for a town, and city lots I hope will be taken up pretty soon, with an industrious and law abiding class of citizens, welcome at all times and seasons; so come along and build up the waste places of the desert, where you can live at peace. We have a fine store here belonging to John W. Young, but lately organized into a co-operative by advice of Brother Erastus Snow, where all articles necessary to the comforts of life can be had, but we are waiting for the advent of the freight cars to locate at the freight siding here, and also the mail cars, which will not only cheapen things considerably, but will facilitate mail communication with our beloved at home, (and no thanks to Star route swindlers.)

In this connection I may state that a freighter to whom I sold some bread a few days ago, made the remark that he carried the mail through this part of the country three years ago, and if anybody had informed him that a bakery would be set up here he would have called the baker a darned fool. But it so happens that I, the baker, can hold my own in Holbrook, and serve everybody politely as they come along. Faithfully yours,
A. CROLL.

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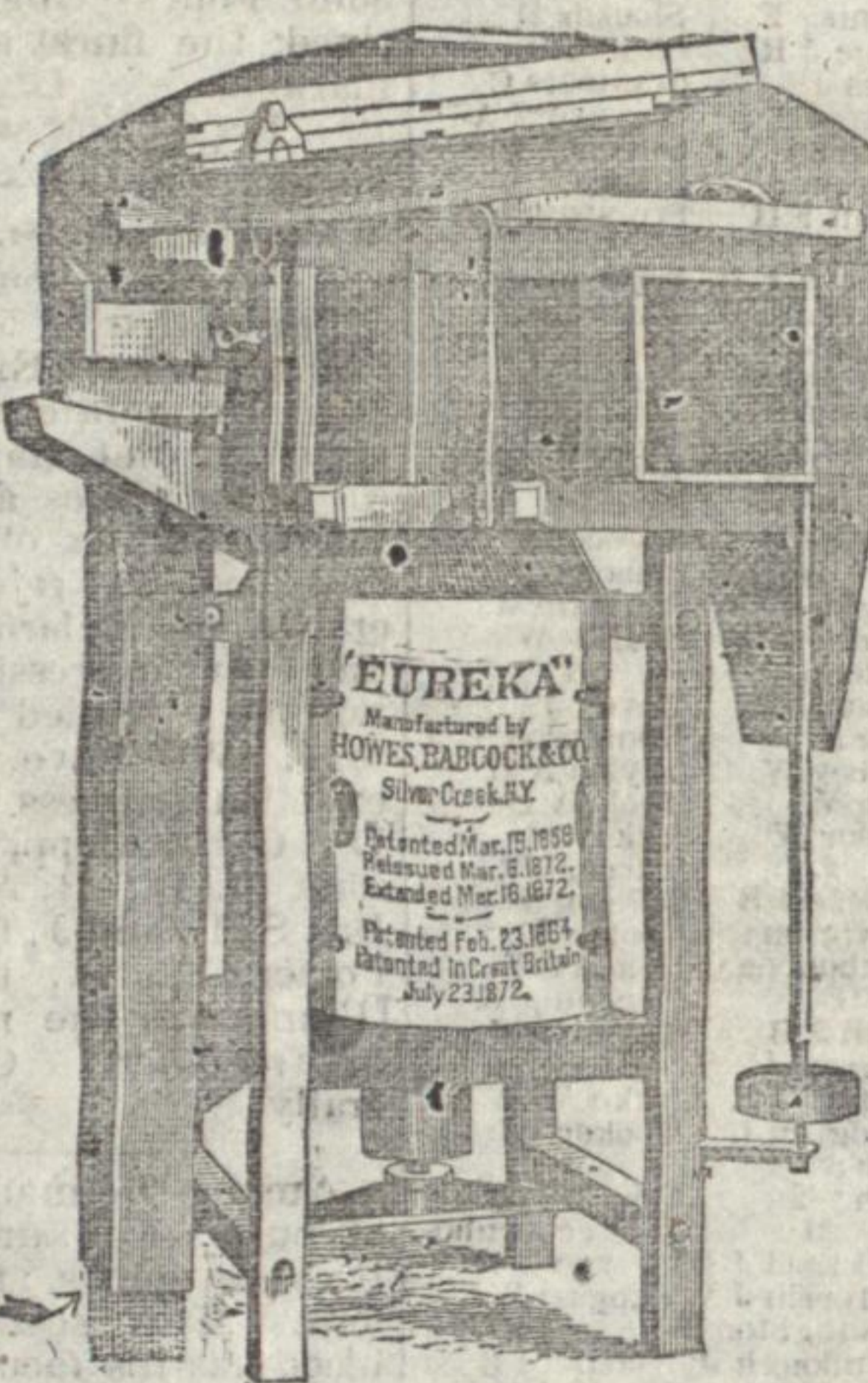
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