

DEATH COMES TO ELDER PETERSON.

Missionary Who Attempted Suicide in San Francisco Succumbs To His Injuries.

FATHER GOES TO THE COAST.

Young Man Was Strong and Robust Prior to Leaving for the Mission Field.

San Francisco, July 22.—A. C. Peterson, a "Mormon" missionary who made a double attempt to end his life by drinking carbolic acid and slashing his wrists and throat with a razor on Tuesday last, is dead. He showed signs of improvement until today, when a relapse set in and death followed.

The news of Elder Peterson's demise will be something of a surprise to his many friends, as it was believed he would recover from the effects of his rash act.

Christian Peterson, father of the unfortunate man, left for San Francisco yesterday morning, hoping to reach his son's bedside in time to render necessary aid. Before leaving, Mr. Peterson stated that his boy had been severely afflicted ever since his departure for the mission field last January, and while the authorities were quite anxious to have him return home, he did not care to do so, hoping to turn for the better. Finally, disheartened and with no prospect of any immediate change in his condition, he concluded to come home and left with a number of his companions who had been released.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

In a letter received by President Joseph F. Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah, Dear Brother: Upon arriving in this city this morning from Los Angeles I was astounded with the reported suicide of Elder Andrew C. Peterson. I repaired at once to the Central Emergency hospital, where I found him in a very precarious condition but rational and sorry for what he had done, but still wanting to die. His voice was gone and he spoke only in a whisper. This was caused by the terrible burning of the carbolic acid he drank, and his throat and stomach must be in a terrible condition, judging from the bits of "cooked" flesh he expectorated. The wound made in his neck, the right side, is deep but we do not anticipate any harm from it nor the several wounds on his left wrist, as the latter are not deep, having been inflicted on the top or bony part of the arm mostly. The physicians are quite hopeful of his recovery but he is too ill now to be removed. However, he recd. the best of treatment, the officers, etc., at the hospital being very kind. From the hospital I went directly to the telegraph office to wire you and while still in the office received your dispatch of inquiry. The Elders knowing that I would be home this morning had awaited my coming before making any report, but had wired Elder Peterson's father to come at once as the boy was dangerously ill. He left Fairview for this city today.

The Elders from New Zealand report that Elder Peterson was very ill with sickness when he arrived in New Zealand and was much emaciated but recovered and for a month was quite well. He then fell ill again and was released because of it. En route he felt much better at times and had decided to ask me to recruit him to remain here and finish his mission, but changed his mind before landing, as he did not feel as well as he had hoped for. His companions did not anticipate his doing himself any harm and asked him to watch his baggage as they returned to the ship for a second lot of it, and when their backs were turned he deliberately walked away. They at once instituted a search for him, calling on the Elders here for assistance and reporting the matter to the police. They landed about noon Monday and could find no trace of him until the police reported his attempt at suicide and that he had been taken to the Emergency hospital yesterday at 2 p. m. Some of the Elders have been with him ever since and we will do all we can for him.

The brethren say that Elder Peterson was very despondent and melancholy the entire trip and was so in New Zealand and that he complained of having a severe headache all the time which prevented him from studying at all the last four months and he seemed to carry a great deal over his inability to perform his labors or learn the Maori language, but had never given them any intimation that he was so discouraged as to do himself injury.

Later, at 4 p. m.—Elder Peterson is much better this afternoon and is quite anxious to recover.

He says that he purchased the poison about 11 o'clock Monday night and took it in the night and vomited it up and then took some more with the same result. "Nor how I suffered for months in New Zealand until I became utterly discouraged," etc.

He says he suffered so during the voyage that he was tempted several times to throw himself overboard, but restrained himself, and had no thought whatever of doing such a thing when he landed.

He was seen Monday night at the International hotel, where he made the attempt on his life, by a fellow-passenger, a Mr. Marks, who asked him why he was not with the other Elders, and he answered: "I don't know where they

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"Mr. Marks informed him they were at the Hotel Brooklyn, and professed to show him the way, but Peterson declined, saying, 'Oh, I will find them in the morning.' This, Mr. Marks told Elder Silver today.

As yet he has not been able to swallow any nourishment, but he can make himself understood much better now and the doctors say he may be removed to some private hospital. This we may not do until his father arrives.

Yours most respectfully,

JOS. E. ROBINSON.

COMPANIONS INTERVIEWED.

Dealing with the Peterson suicide, the San Francisco Chronicle of Wednesday last has this to say:

He came on the Sonoma with four other members of the "Mormon" Church, some of whom had been doing missionary work in Australia and some in New Zealand. He wandered away from the rest of the company at the pier and they heard nothing more of him. When he failed to show up yesterday morning his four friends went to the police, said he had been ill and that they feared something had happened to him.

D. R. Young, a "Mormon" Elder who has been working in Australia and was a passenger on the ship with Peterson, said:

"Mr. Peterson intended to take a morning train for Utah tomorrow. He was very seasick on the trip over to New Zealand, and also on the way back. That made him despondent. He secured his release as an Elder after six months' work on the island. Before departing for Utah he expected to pay a visit to Rev. Joseph E. Robinson, who is at the head of the California mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He did not know Mr. Robinson, and it was simply to be in the nature of a friendly visit."

"I last saw Peterson at the pier, where he was talking with the customs-house officers about his baggage. He said when he left me that he might go to the International hotel. He did not go back to the pier to claim his baggage, and when he failed to put in an appearance the rest of us were worried."

James W. Silver, one of Peterson's friends, has taken charge of his belongings and had them removed to the Brooklyn hotel.

Elder Clark, also a member of the "Mormon" Church, said Peterson had been called home from New Zealand by a cable message from his superiors. He said that, so far as he knew, the man's work for the Church had been satisfactory, and he was recalled solely for the reason that his health was poor. He has a wife and one child. Mr. Silver notified Peterson's father immediately after learning of the attempt at suicide.

Detective E. J. Wren, who looked after the case for the police, found a comb, cheap pen, memorandum book and \$8.55 in money in Peterson's room.

DIED LAST NIGHT.

According to a telegram received this morning at the office of the First Presidency in this city, Elder Peterson passed away at 10 o'clock last night, and not this morning, as indicated in the dispatch given above.

UTAH, IDAHO, THE WORLD.

Three new maps, just issued, Utah and Idaho, and the World on the reverse side, including population of countries and towns according to the 1900 census, with a brief sketch of every country in the world. Size 27x31 1/2 inches, value 15 cents; sent to any address for 25c. Address Deseret News Book Store, Salt Lake City, Utah.

FOR A "BLUE AND GRAY" CONVENTION.

General Horatio C. King of New York, leader in movements of a patriotic nature and a man of manifold accomplishments, has proposed a peace convention of the blue and the gray. He has been president for the past year



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of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, and it was at a recent gathering of this organization that General King suggested the holding of a convention at which veterans both of the Union and Confederate armies might fraternize. The proposition was received with great apparent enthusiasm, and it is likely that it will be carried into effect.

Turkish women eat rose leaves with butter to secure plumpness.

BADLY BURNED BY ELECTRICITY.

Benjamin Harmon Has a Frightful Experience at Bear River Power Plant.

CURRENT PASSED THROUGH LEGS

Must Have Received from 12,000 to 14,000 Volts—How the Accident Occurred.

(Special to the "News.")

Brigham City, July 22.—Benjamin Harmon of Honeyville was badly burned at the Bear River power plant yesterday, coming in contact with a heavily charged electric wire. Mr. Harmon was doing some carpenter work in the high tension room when he climbed on to some piling and stepped on a transformer case. The current dropped two feet from the live wire, ran through the transformer and passed down his left leg to a ground wire. Then it jumped to the right leg, passing through it also. Both legs were badly burned, the left leg the worst. As the current struck the unfortunate man an arc light formed between his legs and the wire, lighting the building most brilliantly. From 12,000 to 14,000 volts must have passed through his limbs. His clothing was badly burned, and he was rendered in a state of unconsciousness. A doctor was in attendance within an hour, and in the afternoon the injured man was taken to Salt Lake and placed in the hospital. He was accompanied there by his wife and a trained nurse.

AT THE RESORTS.

Tomorrow is the day for the big outing at Lagoon of the city, county and state officials and employees. The committee in charge has arranged a good program of sports, including a ball game between the city and county teams, and a large number of handsome prizes have been secured for the winners of the various contests. Much interest is being manifested in the most popular young lady in the building. Among the young ladies mentioned for that honor are Miss Ethel McDonald, Miss Annie Lagan, Miss Lillian James, Miss Addie Dunbar, Miss Maud Hampton, Miss Mamie Callister, Miss Violet Williams, Miss Hazel Young, Miss Opal Hicks and several others. The judges will decide all contests and award all the prizes for the day.

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W. J. H. Ding, a newspaperman from Cedar Rapids, is visiting in this city with his brother, the general agent for the Colorado Midland.

Salt Laker will feel to rejoice that once more E. T. Jeffery is on top in Rio Grande affairs.

George L. Hickey, trainmaster of the Montana division, is numbered among the Peacetto officials who were in town last night.

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Mme. Patti planted suit for divorce against the Marquis de Caux. The Independent Republicans met in New York to nominate a ticket against Blaine and Logan.

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GEO. W. HEINTZ LANDS A PLUM.

Former Salt Lake Passenger Office Appointed Huntington's Confidential Agent.

IN CHARGE OF ELECTRIC LINES.

One-Time General Passenger Agent of Rio Grande Western Gets a Good Billet.

George Willer Heintz, one of the best known old-time passenger men of Salt Lake, has been appointed confidential agent for Huntington's big system of electric trolley lines in California. The news of Mr. Heintz's appointment was brought to Salt Lake by J. Henry Myers, vice president of the California & Northwestern, who was in this city yesterday afternoon on his way through to the coast. In course of conversation, Mr. Myers stated that Mr. Heintz had made a very good impression as a hustler since he has been in San Francisco, and was regarded as being a very valuable man.

G. W. Heintz is best known in Utah as the general passenger agent for the Rio Grande Western, a position to which he was appointed January 1, 1900, after having been with the western since Dec. 10, 1892. Following the absorption of the Rio Grande by the Denver & Rio Grande he held the position here of assistant to General Passenger Agent S. K. Hooper, but owing to a misunderstanding with Assistant Traffic Manager S. H. Babcock he voluntarily handed in his resignation. Shortly afterwards he went to the Pacific coast as general freight and passenger agent for the North Shore, a small road running out of San Francisco.

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As long as the recent injunction prevails, there can be no distribution to its stockholders by the Northern Securities company and no valid meeting of the Northern Pacific stockholders can be held. In the meantime the board of directors chosen at the last annual meeting will, by the terms of the company's charter, continue in office. When the orders of the courts permit a meeting of stockholders, it will be duly called.

HAWLEY IN CONTROL.

Elected President of Des Moines & Fort Dodge Railroad.

New York, July 22.—Edward Hawley and his friends have, says the Herald, been put in control of the Des Moines & Fort Dodge railroad, which formerly was dominated by a group of Wall street capitalists known as the Hooley-Stow syndicate. Representatives of this syndicate, who owned the roads prior to the failure of Edwin S. Hooley & Company, and W. L. Stow & Co., and who acquired it again after Messrs. Hooley and Stow had settled with their creditors, resigned and the following new directors were elected:

Edwin S. Hawley, F. H. Davis, L. F. Day, H. Huntington, George Crocker and L. C. Weir.

The new board elected the following officers:

President, Edwin Hawley; vice president, L. F. Day; treasurer, F. H. Davis, and secretary, W. S. Crandell.

Edwin Hawley also is president of the Minneapolis & St. Louis and Iowa Central railroads.

Upon the termination of the lease of the Des Moines & Fort Dodge to the Rock Island it is expected that the road will be operated in connection with the Hawley system.

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