

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

A private letter received Wednesday under date of July 2nd, from President Pleper of the Netherlands mission, conveys the information that Elder Frank E. Hansen, who is laboring in that section, is seriously ill with typhoid fever, and that his condition is critical. Elder Hansen has not been in good health for some time. In his prostrated condition he is receiving the best possible care and attention, and his restoration to health is confidently hoped for.

The News received a pleasant call from Elder Edward DeRube, of Murray, Salt Lake county, who returned on July 3rd from a mission to Europe, on which he left home October 12, 1895. He was assigned to the Swiss and German mission, and appointed to do missionary labor in French Switzerland, where he traveled and preached during his entire mission. He was received kindly by the people and met with good success in presenting the Gospel message before them. He enjoyed excellent health until about two months ago, when he became ill, and his condition such that his return home earlier than otherwise would have been the case was deemed necessary.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company of this city has just extended and completed branch lines from its Park City exchange to Coalville, Wanship, Kamas and intermediate points; also connecting Wallburg, Midway and Charleston, through Heber City, with the same exchange.

The extensions of telephone lines to these towns will prove of great benefit to business men and other citizens who have occasion to use them. They were tested by the NEWS today and found to be in excellent working order, the slightest sound being distinctly audible from the farthest point. Both company and public alike are to be congratulated on this improvement.

Six-year-old Lawrence Vance, who resides with his parents at 1423 Indiana avenue, just west of the Jordan on Eighth South street, met with a very serious and painful accident about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Lawrence was rolling a quart bottle on the ground stooping over with both hands upon it, when it suddenly struck a rock and burst into fragments. The pressure of the bottle's weight upon it caused the glass to cut the arteries of both wrists, and for a time the wounds bled so profusely that the boy's life was despaired of. Medical attention, however, was quickly summoned, the flow of blood was stopped, and now little Lawrence is in a fair way to recovery.

"Not the Man—Cannon."

Brevity, it is said, is not tedious, but these few words made Sheriff Thomas P. Lewis awfully tired Friday; in fact they caused a deep gloom to pervade the sheriff's usually merry office. The reason for this must be obvious to all who have followed the trend of things for the past few days. Monday morning saw the sheriff full of joyous anticipations, Friday morning found

those anticipations scattered to the winds. Those three words conveyed the information that Hermans wasn't Hermans, after all, but someone else. The next man that comes along with the positive statement that he has got Hermans will be apt to find it hard work to so convince the sheriff.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, July 13, 1897. —The weather of the week ending Monday, July 12, 1897, was unusually cool in the early part followed by a gradual rising of temperature, the period closing with the highest temperature of the season up to date. The rainfall of the week was unusually heavy in the northern section, while in other parts of the state only a few scattered showers have occurred. All irrigated crops are in excellent condition and growing rapidly. Wheat and oats are doing well but only fair crops are expected. Potatoes and garden truck are in thriving condition. All fruits are coming along nicely. Cutting of the first crop of alfalfa is about completed, and the second crop is growing rapidly where irrigated. The ranges are good and the stock is in good condition.

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C. J. Arthur, Esq., of Cedar City, Iron county, delegate to the Trans-Mississippi Congress, favored the NEWS with a call Thursday. He reports the health of the people in his section of country as excellent. The Cedar ward building designed for school purposes, Mr. Arthur thinks will be ready for dedication about the middle of August.

Speaking of this year's crops, he says they will be unusually big, and the farmers feel overjoyed in consequence. Mr. Arthur is secretary and treasurer of the co-operative store of Cedar City. Some time ago that institution became financially embarrassed and was forced to the wall. Yesterday the directors paid a note in this city for \$5,195.28. Two other notes have to be met, one in six months and the other in twelve months. The directors are satisfied of being able to meet these obligations and thus put the institution on a firm footing again.

Business, he says, is improving and he is very enthusiastic over Iron county's future.

LAKE TOWN, Rich Co.,
Utah, July 12, 1897.

Assistant Gen. Supt. George Goddard and Elder George Reynolds of the Deseret Sunday School Union, held forth here as they did in the larger towns betwixt Paris and Lake Town, in the interest of the Sunday school cause they so capably represent.

They will continue their meetings in Randolph, Woodruff and Almy.

Stake Superintendent A. Galloway and assistants were also present. A large and appreciative audience greeted them and the speakers left an impression that will doubtless redound to the further success of our local schools and will be ever remembered by all present especially the children

who so enjoyed Elder Goddard's talk and songs.

As Bear Lake Stake is large the people appreciate the plan of having the brethren on their visits to our Stake gatherings come in at Montpelier, as Elders Goddard and Reynolds did—hold meeting with the Stake at Paris and continue their journey via Evanston, holding meetings in the larger wards so that all the people may participate in these excellent occasions.

All who visited the Stake Sunday school conference report a very fine time—the largest and best gathering ever held in the Tabernacle. Weather fine. Zion prospers, all is well.

JOSEPH IRWIN.

An explosion occurred yesterday at Langton's lime quarry resulting in terrible if not fatal injuries to George Atkins, a young laborer 26 years of age, who lives with his family at the corner of Center and First West streets.

He was engaged in blasting rock, and after drilling a hole and pouring in about a quart of black powder he was preparing to fuse it when the discharge through some means was made. The explosion threw him back several feet and tore the right side of his face almost away. It forced out his right eye, carried away his teeth and cheek and crushed his jawbone.

He was carried to the lime kiln a few yards away and there waited in terrible pain the coming of Dr. Beer, who had been summoned. Dr. Beer dressed the wounds and then carried the man in his buggy to St. Mark's hospital.

The swelling of the face and neck soon made breathing difficult but it has not become necessary to insert tubes into the throat. The patient is now doing as well as could be expected under the careful treatment at the hospital, and it is thought that he may recover.

The accident was caused, it seems, through the dropping of a spark from a cigarette, which Atkins was smoking.

Elizabeth Browett may be said to be one of the living Pioneers. She was born in England June 28, 1813, and was baptized in 1840 by Elder Wilford Woodruff who was on a mission to England at the time. She emigrated to Nauvoo in the same year, Daniel Browett, her husband, being president of the company.

At Nauvoo she was personally acquainted with President Joseph Smith and the Patriarch Hyrum Smith, and at one time went to a wedding with the Prophet Joseph. She was driven out of Nauvoo with the other Saints, and crossed the Plains in Parley Pratt's company, arriving in Salt Lake in the fall of 1847. She drove a team of three yoke of cattle all the way across the Plains, yoking and unyoking her cattle without help from the male members of the company.

She lived one year after her arrival in Salt Lake with George Gates and wife and during that time had erected the first brick house built in Salt Lake City. This memorable house was built in the Fifteenth ward near the court house, the mason work being done by a man named Frank Pullen.

Daniel Browett, her husband, was an officer in the "Morrison Battalion,"