

The force of the explosion seemed to go all in one direction.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Carl Madison, a fireman in the employ of the Bell Telephone company, had a very narrow escape from death Monday while working upon the top of one of the telephone poles. While in that position he lost his hold and fell, but luckily there had been a platform arranged a short distance below him, upon which a fellow-workman was engaged at work. He spied Madison just as he loosened his hold and fell. He pulled him onto the platform as he descended and there held him for a few minutes, then let him down to the ground with a rope.

WEATHER CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT IDAHO.

FOR the week ending Aug. 12 the weather man reports the following summary of conditions prevailing throughout Idaho:

The week opened with the temperature slightly below normal over most of the state, and this relatively cool period continued till the morning of the 8th, when minimum temperatures of 45 degrees to 50 degrees were of common occurrence. After that time the temperature rose rapidly, and the most severe hot spell of the season culminated on the 10th in maximum temperatures of 100 degrees or higher in all the lower valleys, and between 90 degrees and 100 degrees at plateau and mountain stations. The 11th and 12th were slightly cooler, but the mean on these days was still above normal. A cool wave reached the western counties on the 13th, too late for discussion in this bulletin. The mean temperature for the week was considerably above normal, having been about 74 degrees in northern and eastern counties, and 79 degrees in southwestern counties. The sky was generally clear on the 10th inclusive. The 11th and 12th were partly cloudy at most stations, and on these dates local thunderstorms visited nearly all sections of the state. In some of these storms the electrical display was unusually brilliant, and some localities experienced brief gusts of high wind, and the total precipitation was generally above normal, but no excessive amounts were reported. Some localities are suffering from lack of water for irrigation, but in most sections the supply is better than is usual at this date.

LIGHTNING KILLS STOCK AT BRYAN.

Special Correspondence.
BRYAN, Idaho, Aug. 12.—A severe lightning storm visited this place today doing some damage. Augustus Furnis had a cow and young heifer killed by the lightning. They were eating through a wire fence, the bolt striking the wire killing them instantly. Peter Hattvigsen lost about 50 small chickens and Annie Morrell 11 chickens. The loss of the cow is keenly felt by Mr. Furnis because he had no more.

Cutting grain is in full blast, and the farmers expect a heavy yield.

ANOTHER WOMAN TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER IN NEW YORK.



Murders done by women in the eastern states are furnishing a knotty problem for jurists, educators, students of economics and others interested in the subject of criminal violence. More than a dozen murderesses in the last three years have been arraigned before justice in courts established in and within one hundred miles of Greater New York.

The latest addition to the list of women who have taken life is Marie Schabaro, a pretty Italian girl, who in view of thousands, shot and killed Nicola Ferrante in Mulberry Bend Park, New York City, recently. Betrayal is mentioned as the motive for the deed.

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF CROP IMPROVEMENT.

In the "Iowa Homestead," Prof. C. P. Bull of the Minnesota Experiment Station, makes the following sound suggestions about improving crops:

The average state yields of our field crops as a whole are abnormally and shamefully low, when we know that under good systems of farming it is possible to get 60 to 100 bushels of corn per acre; 30 to 40 of wheat; 40 to 50 of barley; 60 to 80 of oats; 20 or more of flax, etc. To know this and examine statistics, it is ridiculous to find the average yield of corn to be below 35 bushels per acre, wheat below 15 bushels, barley below 20, oats below 40, etc. Certainly there are some miserably poor farmers in the land, and a whole lot more that do not farm in the most profitable manner. If this is the case, we

Sidelights on the Democratic Platform

BUDGE ROASTS DUBOIS.

William Budge of Paris, Bear Lake county, handed Senator Dubois a fragrant bouquet of calumny and milkweed in Wednesday's Portland Oregonian. In an interview he said:

"Senator Dubois is an adventurer. He is looking out for himself, and not for the state of Idaho. His actions are guided by personal selfishness, and away down in his heart he surely knows that he is doing the Mormon people a gross and cruel injustice. His conscience is not hand in hand with his actions."

"Under the fiction that the church sanctions polygamy and that it directs its people in politics, Senator Dubois is attempting to have us disfranchised. It is simply a political ruse on his part. He is a man of brains, I must admit, but he is also unscrupulous. He knows that he is misrepresenting us and doing us an almost irreparable injury, but he does not care as long as he can retain his seat in the senate. By making the fight against the Mormons an issue he thinks he can remain in the senate, but I believe his political career is about to end."

"The people of northern Idaho know but little about the Mormons and there is where he is making his strongest fight. He is poisoning their minds against us. With the support of the anarchists who are fighting Governor Gooding's administration because of his prosecution of those implicated in the Steenberg murder, disgruntled Republicans and Mormon-hating voters of the different political parties in northern Idaho he hopes to sweep the state."

"We have not to fear the people of southern Idaho. They have lived with us and know us. But we do have to fear and make allowances for the voters of northern Idaho who do not know us and to whom we have been shamefully misrepresented."

"That Dubois is nothing more than a political rogue is shown by his speech made in the senate two years ago. He then declared that polygamy was dead in Idaho. To use his own words: 'So dead in fact that it could not be dead.' He is not saying that now. Because he hopes to be elected by opposing us. Then he thought he could win Mormon votes. That is the kind of character of a man we have to fight."

"There is no connection between the state and the church. Mormons belong to both Republican and Democratic parties and their vote is by no means solid. They are as hard to control as are the gentiles when it comes to politics. Besides the church does not want to guide them in politics and they are as independent and as free to vote for whomever they choose as the Gentiles."

WALLACE TIMES.

(Democratic.)

"The Mormon question will be more potent than it was two years ago," said Judge Stockslager last evening. "We will gain more by it this fall than we did in the previous election. In the southern counties we shall gain many gentile votes and we have nothing to lose in the Mormon following. At the same time I expect to get votes from many of the younger generation of Mormons."

"The young men are growing tired of the church dictation. In Fremont county I have heard instances, as for example, where a young man had an

ambition to run for assessor. He consulted his father, who turned him to see the bishop. The bishop praised him for his ambition but informed the young man that Elder Jones would run for assessor at the coming election and that the young man must wait till his turn came. The young man are getting tired of this kind of dictation and many of them are anxious to break away."

"A great many people two years ago, did not know exactly what we meant by our anti-Mormon plank. Now we have made it plainer; that it means the revulsion of the last oath."

"Will the re-enactment of the test oath have the effect of disfranchising nearly all the Mormons, or will it have the effect of breaking up church dictation?" Judge Stockslager was asked.

"It will have the effect of breaking up church dictation. The test oath will disfranchise any man living in polygamy or any man holding the dictates of his church above the laws of the nation. I look for it to break up the church dictation rather than to disfranchise the Mormons."

"As to other issues of this campaign one of the most important will be the exposure of the present administration. Many of the departments have issued deficiency warrants."

"We shall also attack the action of the state land board in granting leases on such extensive bodies of land to the big sheep growers in Fremont county as it has done. The state land board has also committed many other acts which will be shown up to the public."

"Do you construe your plank with reference to the Steenberg assassination as an endorsement of the governor's stand or the reverse?"

"It cannot be construed as either. We simply pledge ourselves to uphold the law. That is always done. The law, in fact, takes care of that itself and there was really no need of mentioning it. We certainly do not approve of Governor Gooding's advertising himself the way he has done in this case."

"The plank favoring the law granting public prosecutors a change of venue will be an important thing for the state. This plank I suggested myself."

"What will be the effect of your plank referring to the 'six bit' insurance companies?"

"It will mean that every insurance company that does not pay its San Francisco losses in full will be barred from doing business in this state."

"Will the fact that the Republican party endorsed a candidate for United States senator in convention strengthen them?"

"Yes, I think it will."

POCATELLO TRIBUNE.

(Republican.)

"The campaign which Dubois is making in Idaho is the desperate expedient of a bankrupt political adventurer, in search of 'issue' for a present emergency."

"With this vigorous sentence the Portland Oregonian begins an editorial on the Idaho political situation. It then points out how Dubois has been everything by turns and nothing long. How, no longer having credit with the Republican party, he swung through the disreputable silver mine and Populism into the Democratic party. 'Gone broke' there also, he now sets up the pretense that the few Mormons in Idaho are a peril to that proud state; and of course he is the only man who can be Idaho's deliverer."

Nothing could be more pitiful than the career of such a politician, continues the Oregonian. All "the great principles of the Democratic party," which Dubois was wont to laud so much, have passed into a shadowy, unobtainable bankruptcy. Should Dubois again go through Idaho talking for silver, as he did a few years ago, when he was proclaiming the free-currency nostrum as the only hope of salvation for the country, he would make himself utterly ridiculous. People would laugh him off the stump. He knows it. So he invents something different. He is now running a tilt against Mormonism—endeavoring to make the people of Idaho believe that upon his re-election to the senate depends their hope of deliverance from the threatened union of church and state, under a Mormon theocracy."

Even in Utah, the home of this creed, the Mormon Church, has lost part of its power and is fast losing the remainder of it. Influx of people from all parts has reduced the influence and power of "the apostles" in affairs. Polygamy has been virtually destroyed, and soon will wholly disappear; for though it is asserted for political or party reasons, that plural marriages continue, there has been no proof of it in a single instance, and the last of the old polygamous Mormons, now only a handful, will presently pass. Since this is the situation in Utah, where such Mormonism as exists is confined to limited districts on the Utah border?

"Get the glass eyes," exclaims old King Lear, "and like the scurvy politician pretend to see the things thou dost not." The scurvy politician the old man has in mind must have been the present candidate for re-election to the senate from Idaho.

To prevent and punish polygamy is a proper concern of the state. But everybody knows that polygamy, as instituted under Mormonism, is virtually at an end, and soon will be wholly extinct. It cannot bear the pressure of the forces that have been encompassing it on all sides these last 20 years. As a religious creed, the Mormon "revelation" is no more at variance with average reason than many other creeds and revelations of ancient and modern times.

But such things are in no wise the concern of the state. In the matter of religious faith, creed or doctrine, we allow every person to be as "absurd" as he pleases. No religious sect can control any American state—not even Utah.

Dubois, reduced to extremity, is playing in Idaho the part of a desperate political gambler. The fictitious "issue" which he now throws into the game is apparently his last stake. He was "out" absolutely, through his former follies, and snatched at this expedient because neither the course of events nor his own invention could supply any other to his bankrupt political adventurer who is forced this year to meet the people of Idaho.

IDAHO STATESMAN.

(Republican.)

Senator Dubois, seeing he is foredoomed to defeat, should set about at once to secure a political appointment. The people are going to elect that brilliant and forceful leader, William E. Borah, to take his seat in the senate, but they will not object if he should land in some fat-salaried appointment seat.

be realized from our staple crops. The man who gets in on the ground floor is first to succeed.

PROVO CANYON EXCURSION

Via D & R G. Sunday, Aug. 19.

Round trip fare to Heber, \$1.50. Upper Falls, Forks, and Spring Dell, \$1.25. First class meals at Upper Falls and Spring Dell. Leave Salt Lake 8:00 a. m. Returning leave Heber at 2:15 p. m. permitting passengers stop at Upper Falls or Spring Dell until 8:00 p. m. arriving at Salt Lake 10:15 p. m.

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No. 10—For Heber, Provo and Marysville	8:00 a. m.
No. 12—For Ogden	8:10 a. m.
No. 14—For Park City	8:15 a. m.
No. 16—For Denver and East	8:30 a. m.
No. 18—For Ogden and Local Points	10:15 a. m.
No. 2—For Ogden and West	10:30 a. m.
No. 4—For Ogden and West	1:15 p. m.
No. 6—For Denver and East	2:30 p. m.
No. 8—For Provo and Eureka	3:00 p. m.
No. 10—For Brigham	3:15 p. m.
No. 12—For Ogden and Local Points	4:00 p. m.
No. 14—For Denver and East	4:30 p. m.
No. 16—For Ogden and West	11:10 p. m.

ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY:	
No. 10—From Ogden and the West	2:40 p. m.
No. 12—From Ogden and the West	3:40 a. m.
No. 14—From Eureka and Provo	3:50 a. m.
No. 16—From Denver and East	10:25 a. m.
No. 18—From Denver and East	1:35 p. m.
No. 2—From Ogden and the West	2:10 p. m.
No. 4—From Ogden and the West	2:40 p. m.
No. 6—From Heber, Provo and Marysville	3:05 p. m.
No. 8—From Ogden	4:20 p. m.
No. 10—From Brigham	10:50 a. m.
No. 12—From Ogden and the West	1:40 p. m.
No. 14—From Denver and East	7:50 p. m.
No. 16—From Denver and East	11:30 p. m.

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4:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
10:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
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*Sunday, last train leaves Saltair at 11:00 p. m.	