

land, Tomstown, Franklin Co., Pennsylvania.

The prospect for a bountiful harvest of precious souls is not as flattering as we could wish, but as long as there is one precious soul that is seeking for salvation we intend to exert ourselves to find that one and to warn the inhabitants of the judgments of a just God that will be shortly poured out upon the earth.

Ever praying for the triumph of truth, I remain your brother in the great cause of truth,

LORENZO DUFFEE,  
Clerk of Conference.

#### JACKSON COUNTY AND TEMPLE LOT

WOODRUFF, Apache Co., Ariz.,  
March 25th, 1895.

My father's family were driven out of Jackson county, with the rest of the brethren and we went over the river into Clay county and have been with the Saints ever since. I went up into the pine country twice for lumber for the Temple and the Nauvoo House. The first time I was gone nearly a year; I have worked on three temples since.

When we went to Jackson county we settled about twelve miles west of Independence. Then we moved into Independence and stayed there until we had to leave. When we had to leave Nauvoo I had been married some three or four months, and I worked for a man by the name of J. D. Lee. He agreed to take me to California for that was the place the Saints started for. When we got as far as Placerville he set down there, and from there I went down into Clay county, Mo., and stopped there until I obtained an outfit of my own and then I came to the valley—this was in 1852.

While in Clay county I went over into Jackson county and went onto the Temple lot. The people of Independence had cut off all the timber from the lot and sold all but what was fenced for taxes. I was well acquainted with the lot for I was well acquainted with the land. I always understood that it was an eighty-acre lot and that Bishop Partridge entered it himself. I am satisfied from my own knowledge that it was Brother Partridge and Isaac Morley and a man by the name of John Carl who lived in the field, and there was a school house on the northeast corner of the lot; the brethren had a graveyard near the southeast corner, in which I have a brother and sister buried.

Your brother,

HORACE B. OWENS.

#### TEA OR TOE NAIL?

FARMINGTON, April 1, 1895.

At our Stake conference on the 3rd of last month Elder Heber J. Grant, in speaking on the Word of Wisdom, made mention of offensive articles being found in tea that created such a disgust in the minds of those finding the articles and others of their friends that they could not afterwards bear to drink it; many others who continued to use the beverage, would carefully examine the same when preparing it.

That such examinations are necessary, I enclose ample evidence to prove; the same being part of a toe nail found in a package of tea by a family

residing in Farmington, and two pieces of nature's toe protector found in a package of tea by a family residing in Bountiful. The one nail was found the day after conference, and the two samples just one week later. Both families are strict temperance people now, or teetotalers as regards tea, as they have not tasted it since making their discovery, and do not think they will have use for any more in the future.

"China's Tea Trade," as written up by Frank Carpenter for the DESERET NEWS of March 26th, no doubt accounts for the toe nails. The letter states that he "saw a coolie with a portion of his scanty supply of clothing off and picking out of the seams certain unmentionable animals, which he cracked between his fingers and ate. A moment later I saw that same coolie with his pantaloons pulled up to his knees, standing in a box of tea which was about to be shipped to England and treading the leaves within it in order to pack them closely to ship them." C. T.

#### FIRE DAMP'S TERRIFIC FORCE.

RED CANYON, Uinta, Wyoming.

March 31, 1895.

In a casual stroll in the vicinity of the late terrible disaster of the C. P. No. 5 mine, the sad scenes of scattered fragments around the entrance to the mine of a once respectable surface plant meets the eye in every direction; and in silent pondering as to "cause and effect" the thought arises, what must be the force developed by the gas explosion of this mine to produce such a general upheaval, apart from the surface plant, that has thrown 61 helpless victims into the great beyond. A cubic foot of fire damp (methyl hydride) when lighted, gives ten cubic feet of flame, which creates a partial vacuum of 9 cubic feet. At sea level a vacuum is equal to thirty pounds pressure per square inch, but in these high mountain regions, where the barometer does not rise higher than 25 inches, it gives an atmospheric pressure of 12.27 pounds per square inch, or 1768.88 pounds per square foot. Hence the pressure on the partial vacuum would be equal to 1590.92 pounds per square foot. Who can wonder at the destruction of life and property, with a force developed on every square foot of surface in the mine like this! If we take one entry at 10x10 feet equal to 100 square feet area, there would be a force of 159,000 pounds rushing through the entry at the speed of this fire vacuum forcing away everything before it. What chance then for frail humanity to stand against the blast in such a storm! R. R. HODGSON.

P. S.—The C. P. company, I am given to understand, has already given \$380 to the bereaved families. I will send account of money received up to the latter part of the week.

#### MISTAKES IN NAMES.

RIVERTON, Utah,

March 26, 1895.

In your paper of Friday, March 22, you said that Sheriff Hardy and Assistant County Attorney Harrington went to Riverton to take part in the hearing of the case before the justice of the peace of that precinct in which Bates, Henderson and two others are

charged with petit larceny. Your informant seems to have got things somewhat mixed in regard to names and dates. About one year ago Earnest and John Bates were arrested on a charge of petit larceny and discharged, there being no evidence against them whatever. Mr. Henderson has never been arrested and brought before this court on any charge whatever at any time.

Mr. Harrington and Mr. Hardy came to Riverton on March 20 to be present at the hearing of one Heber Thorne charged with burglary.

I wish you would set the matter right before the public as the parties interested think that an injustice has been done them.

CHARLES E. MILLER,  
Justice of the Peace, Riverton Precinct.

A letter to the same purport as the above has been received from Mr. Henderson himself. The NEWS truly regrets the error, which was caused through imperfect orthography and perhaps poor proof-reading. [EDITOR DESERET NEWS]

#### TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

JEANSVILLE, Pa., March 30.—Three persons were instantly killed, two fatally injured and ten others slightly hurt on the Lehigh Traction company road by jumping from a runaway trolley car on the mountain near here.

The accident was due in part to a panic among the passengers who crowded about the conductor and gripman of the unmanageable car. The disaster occurred on car No. 20. As it passed on to the grade leading down the mountain, Gripman Reitz applied the brake but the chain snapped. He then threw the safety lever. This refused to work, and the terrified motorman sprang to the reverse brake, hoping to control the car by the current.

Mrs. Williams was the first to jump. Her body struck a post, breaking her back and causing instant death. Mrs. Early next flung herself off and was dashed to death. She tried to save her boy, but he shared the same fate.

The remaining passengers, with one exception, then jumped. Mrs. Evans was the only person to remain in the car, with the exception of the motorman and conductor. The car kept the track until the crossing at the foot of the incline was reached. Here it jumped the track and crashed into a telegraph pole. The front of the car was stove in and a piece of board penetrated Mrs. Evans's side. The screams of the frantic passengers as the car rushed down the mountain could be heard half a mile.

The residents of this part hastened to the scene of the accident and did all they could to relieve the suffering. Had the passengers remained in the car, the accident could have been averted, as the rear brake would have held the car and prevented the runaway. There are six attachments on each car, provided for such an emergency, but the conductor was wedged so tightly against the dasher by the panic-stricken women that he was unable to move his arms until the car had gotten beyond control. The motorman and conductor were but slightly injured.