AN INTERPRETER'S EXPERIENCES.

A Religious Man's Hard Fate.—Evil Work of Fire Water.

(Correspondence of the DESERET NEWS.)

BLUFF, San Juan County, Utah, October 30th, 1892.

For the last two days it has been raining slowly, the first we have had since May, except a small shower on the 8th inst. It is cloudy and raining a little yet. In the hot sandy places in our country it may start the grass if it does warm, otherwise feed will be very scarce this winter.

The Navajoes are peaceable at present although there is always something brewing amongst this warlike tribe. They very recently killed a "bad medicine man" of this tribe whom they think was a wizard. For children died very suddenly and they claim he did it. It is not so easy to secure the responsibility of being a doctor among them as among the whites. "Kill or cure," we think it is alright; but let one of them among the Indians make one or two failures and they are condemned and put out of the way themselves by being beaten to death with clubs and stones. They show great pluck as they never murmur nor complain while dying in this terrible manner. This makes the second one in my experience. The government will probably look into this affair and try and stop the superstitious custom, but it will not be without some trouble, as the Indians learn slowly that there is a law to which they are subject. This seems to be their hardest lesson. If the agents of the government would try to teach them concerning the law instead of trying to Christianize them—which is only temporary at best, there being no language in this dialect to properly lay before them Christianity or the gospel—it would be more profitable. But the "civilizers" do not adopt the simple mode of showing them to kindness something about laws and regulations amongst men, but nearly always threaten them with soldiers, etc., and invariably show a will to crush them if they do not yield—this, too, without sufficiently showing them the point. The Indians are very much like other human beings, they are easy to be led, but slow to be driven; and if there were more interpreters and fewer soldiers it would soon work a reformation.

There are, however, many military men who are well disposed towards them. Recently Lieut. Osden Gerovits, of Fort Whipple, Arizona, with a posse of soldiers from Fort Wingate, N. M., traveled through the Navajo reservation with a view to ascertaining how to increase their water supply and farming facilities. This is indeed a step in the right direction. The Navajoes have suffered greatly this dry season in consequence of which, no doubt, they were in a measure compelled to trespass more or less upon the white settlers by moving off their reservation. Many complaints have been made this summer to the governor of Arizona and the Navajo agent—justly, too; but much more justice has been exercised to the poor Indians, the people knowing their situation. There is one thing, however, the people can justly complain about, and that is the unscrupulous liquor vendor. Many serious consequences may result from this unlawful traffic, as an Indian is the most unreasonable and turbulent human being when drunk. I disarmed one at one time who with a Winchester rifle drove his own people away and threatened everybody else, who dared come near. The Indians tried to prevail on me not to go near as he would surely shoot me; but I saw the dangers that might occur to others and I slipped up to him gently, taking an empty bottle in my hand, which I showed him while approaching him cautiously; he thought I had more liquor for him and this served to decoy him. When I got near enough I jumped on him and disarmed him. I sat down on him for three hours, which nearly wore me out. When I had accomplished this nearly forty Indians came sallying out of the hills; they had fled like so many sheep before a lion. On another occasion I dragged a drunken Indian out of the Little Colorado river when dry. He had four bottles of liquor on his person and was completely helpless. A few minutes afterwards, the river raised fully five feet and he would certainly have been drowned.

I have seen an Indian offer $15 for one bottle of liquor. During shearing time they have plenty of money, and when they once get a taste of the fire-water, it is quite profitable for dealers to trifle with the law and also endanger human life; but who cares, so long as the money is forthcoming.

Frontier life is not quite so dangerous as it used to be, but it is not without to say that many trials and difficulties and dangers still exist. This country ought to be settled up. There are many facilities here. Minerals have been found on the Elko mountain in great quantities, both gold and silver, and the miners are jubilant over their prospects and they are begining to ship ore to Durango. Assays have been had as high as $1600 per ton. If this Utes removal question was settled San Juan county would soon fill up, and still add wealth and population to blessed Utah.

Yours truly,

C. L. CHRISTENSEN.

ANTHRAX IN DELAWARE.

An important meeting of the farmers of New Castle county was held to consider measures for stamping out an outbreak of anthrax, a fatal contagious disease among the cattle of this vicinity.

The meeting was attended by about 200 of the most substantial farmers of the county. It is reported that twenty-three cows and three horses have died of the disease within a radius of two miles of Newport within a month.

The meeting was addressed by Dr. Leonard Pearson, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. H. P. Eves, of Wilmington, professor of veterinary surgery at Delaware college. Dr. Pearson explained that the early symptoms of the disease were similar to carbuncle, it was almost always fatal in its results and that the bacilli of the disease propagated with extraordinary rapidity and were extremely hard to destroy, the only sure way to get rid of them being to fire. Dr. Eves, who has made post mortem examinations of several anthrax carcasses, agreed with Dr. Pearson as to symptoms, and said that there was no remedy to cure, and recommend except the slaughtering of animals affected by the disease and the destruction of the carcasses by fire or deep burial, the graves to be not less than five feet from the level of the ground.

The meeting appointed a committee to secure needed legislation for the efficient extermination of affected cattle and the remuneration of their owners.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A VILLAGE HOSEHOUSE.

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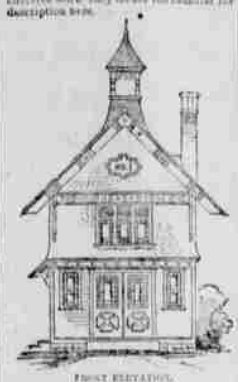
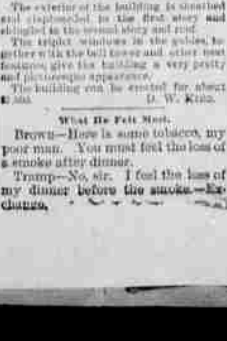


FRONT ELEVATION.

The good results of such departments have extended beyond the limits of cities and nearly every town and village in the country has made some attempt in the direction of organizing a fire department. In small towns and villages these organizations are mostly the results of individual enterprise on the part of some public spirited citizen, who, after enlisting among the business men for the purpose of raising money to purchase the necessary apparatus and procure a hall, on account of expense, in a small village, shows the engine is not of the question, but it is always possible to purchase 300 feet of hose and a hook-and-ladder cart and rack.

When there is a system of waterworks, with sufficient hose to force the water to the tops of the buildings, very efficient work can be done by attaching hose by means of the hose. Upon the sound of the alarm of fire the active members of the hose company immediately assemble at the hosehouse, and load the hose cart to the scene of the fire, and while two men are attaching the hose to the hydrant the others reel off the hose and put on the nozzle, ready for work by the time the water is turned on. After being used at a fire the hose should be suspended upon hooks along the side of the house to enable the hose to dry out and prevent it from rotting. An engine or hosehouse should be centrally located and easily accessible from all directions, and should be a substantially constructed building, although they are too often mere sheds, with insufficient accommodation and totally devoid of comfort.

Here is a hosehouse which was erected in a village of 2700 inhabitants. It is of good size, with a pretty front, and would become an ornament to any rural village. In the first story is ample room for two hose carts, with plenty of wall space for drying out the hose when required. A side staircase in the rear leads to the assembly room above, with an entrance on the side street, sheltered by a neat hood, as shown. In the second story is a large assembly room, suitable for a meeting place for the company, or for entertainments when desired. The assembly room has a strongly constructed floor, calculated to support 150 pounds per square foot. The side walls and ceilings of the assembly room are sheathed with yellow pine.



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