

Our Country Contemporaries

Ogden Junction, Oct. 19—

About three weeks ago, Thomas Hull, Sen., of Hooper City, provided a man named Richard Lowry with a home, as the latter was in destitute circumstances, on condition that Lowry would assist in the fall work on the farm.

On the 7th inst. Mr. Hull being under the necessity of raising some money, it was arranged to send Lowry to Salt Lake with a load of grain to sell, and he accordingly started in company with Mr. Hull's son Brigham, who went with another team.

The wheat was sold for \$40.50 in cash, and on Thursday, the 8th inst., Lowry and Mr. Hull left the city together, but on arriving at the Bath House just outside of town, the former declined to come any further at that time, making the excuse that he had to get some hay for the horses, but telling Mr. Hull that he would overtake him that night, but Mr. Hull on arriving at Hooper, reported Lowry in the rear. About 12 o'clock that night, fearing something wrong had happened in consequence of Lowry's non-appearance, Thomas Hull, Sen. started his two sons Brigham and William with a team, on the back track. They drove to Salt Lake without hearing of him, and on arriving there and looking around town, found the team Lowry had driven, hitched to the wagon and standing on Commercial Street, but could find nothing of Lowry, who had evidently decamped with the money received for the wheat. Mr. Hull's sons returned home with the team, which had evidently been without food or drink for two nights and one day.

On learning of the occurrence, Constable Gilbert Belknap, Jr. started in pursuit. He tracked the thief from Salt Lake City westward, and finally overhauled him at Sheridan Smelting works in Tooele County, and brought him back. Lowry says he bought a suit of clothes and got drunk, and knows nothing of the balance of the money.

Ogden Junction, Oct. 20—

By letter to D. M. Stuart, Esq., we learn that Mr. A. J. Kershaw of St. Louis, who recently visited this city, met with a severe accident while returning home. On arriving at Kansas City he got on the Northern Kansas train instead of the Missouri Pacific, but discovering his mistake he got off and returned to the depot, arriving just as the M. P. had started. In attempting to get aboard he fell over a switch bar putting his shoulder out of joint and severely bruising his arm and side. A surgeon put his shoulder in place and he was able to start home next day, but he has suffered severely ever since. This will be a source of great regret to Mr. Kershaw's many friends in Utah.

Yesterday afternoon the engine drawing the Utah Northern train, due here at 4:30 p. m., was thrown from the track a short distance this side of Ogden River, at a point where a wagon road crosses the line. The accident was caused by some small stones which had been placed between the rails and the planks of the crossing, thus filling up the groove through which the flanges of the car wheels pass. When the engine reached the spot, the front driving wheels were raised up by the stones, and thrown from the track. Luckily, the train was not going at a rapid rate, and the engineer was enabled to stop it almost instantly, thus avoiding serious damage.

A similar attempt was made at that precise point about four weeks ago, which was frustrated by the watchfulness of the engineer, who saw the stones in time to stop the engine before reaching them. And like attempts are frequently made at different points along the line.