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## LORENZO CROSBY KILLS HIMSELF

Near Kansas City—Is Well Known  
In Apache County and Was  
On His Way Home.

The following is clipped from the Deseret News of the 20th inst.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20.—Lorenzo Crosby, said to be an elder of the Mormon Church, while enroute from Atlanta, Ga., where he had been stationed recently, to Holbrook, Arizona, shot and fatally wounded himself in a berth in a Pullman sleeper on the Southbound Chicago & Alton train near Higbee, Mo. He was brought to Kansas City and placed in the City Hospital, where it is said he can not live longer than 24 hours.

Until 1902 Crosby was stationed at Richmond, Va., and was a member of the Virginia Conference of the Mormon Church. Later he was transferred to Atlanta, Ga., where he lived until recently. Crosby was unconscious when brought to this city. In his pockets were found two letters, one signed Mollie Crosby, from Greer, Arizona, apparently from his wife, which indicated domestic troubles, and another signed "Olive" from 353 West Fifth South Street, Salt Lake City.

Crosby shot himself twice, one bullet penetrating his brain. He was treated by a railway surgeon who occupied a berth in

the same car with him, but little could be done for the man.

The trainmen said that there had been nothing unusual in the conduct of Crosby. He retired late last night.

Crosby wore clothes of a clerical character and carried with him the report book used by elders of the Mormon Church, besides some memorandum books. His report book indicated active work for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Virginia, but there is no record of his work in Atlanta, and there are indications that his stay there was brief.

### WHO THE YOUNG MAN IS.

As intimated in the dispatch from Kansas City, Lorenzo Crosby, the man who shot himself near Higbee, Mo., this morning, is a Mormon missionary who has been laboring for the past two years in the interest of the church. His home is at Eagar, Arizona which was doubtless his destination at the time of the lamentable affair noted above. Elder Crosby is a son of Geo. H. and Sarah Ann Crosby and was born Feb. 23, 1876, at Hebron, Washington Co., Utah, being therefore 28 years of age. He was set apart to do missionary work April 7, 1902, and had evidently been released to return home.

The address, 353 W. Fifth South St., Salt Lake City, is the home of Alfred Langston, a fellow missionary, on whose family Elder Crosby had been asked to call, on reaching this city. So far as known, he had

no relatives in Salt Lake, and his only purpose in calling here would be to report at church headquarters before continuing his journey home.

Nothing is known here of family troubles, nor will the exact cause of the tragedy be learned until word has been received either from President Rich or the young man's folks in Arizona. Meanwhile particulars will be awaited with interest.

### Later News About Suicide.

From Deseret News, Feb. 22nd. Concerning the reported death of Elder Lorenzo Crosby, who the dispatches state, committed suicide by shooting near Kansas City, Mo., Saturday morning, a private wire was received in this city Saturday night stating that the wounded man was still alive, although in a precarious condition.

Word from President Ben E. Rich to President Joseph F. Smith states that Elder Crosby was in good spirits when he left Atlanta and that at that time there was not the least indication that he would be led to commit suicide. President Rich was due in Kansas City this morning and will fully investigate the causes leading up to the lamentable tragedy.

President James G. Duffin has also been instructed to do everything possible for the wounded missionary and in the event of his death to have the remains carefully embalmed for shipment home.

The friends of Elder Crosby