

Elder J. H. Parry followed upon the same subject, summing up his observations made, in visiting the various schools of this Stake. He had often noticed the exceptionally high average attendance of the members of such classes as were presided over by teachers who were regular in their attendance, and who have been successful in making their class exercises interesting. It appeared from such examples that the secret of a high average attendance was in creating a steady interest in the class exercises themselves. The speaker had seen classes so deeply absorbed in their teacher's instructions that the members regretted the shortness of the Sunday school session, and awaited with eager anticipation the coming of the next Sabbath, when they could resume their lessons. If our Sabbath schools could be supplied with teachers who, by study and preparation, were fitted to interest their classes, the question of how best to increase the attendance of the children would be of but little moment. The question that concerns the Sunday school officers most is not what outside influences could be best employed to increase the attendance of the children, but what were the best means of creating and maintaining such an interest in the school that the children will be drawn thither.

The calling of a school superintendent was to be a teacher of teachers, and it was their office and duty to instruct their teachers in their work, and if a concerted effort was made, by both officers and teachers, to make the Sunday schools more interesting, the result, the speaker believed, would be a very large increase in attendance.

The meeting adjourned for one month; the Twenty-second Ward is requested to furnish the singing exercises.

The choir sang an anthem and Elder L. W. Richards pronounced the benediction.

J. H. PARRY,
Secretary.

OGDEN ELECTION.

Feb. 8th, both the contending parties here, figuratively speaking, slept on their arms. The interest in the situation abated but very little notwithstanding yesterday was a quiet one and as orderly as Sunday ought to be. However, where two or more men were found conversing, in almost every instance the subject of their discussion was the all-absorbing theme. "How do you think it will go?" was the prevailing question, which when answered would be followed by approval or condemnation, the latter generally flanked by the worm-eaten offer to bet something on the proposition. Everybody seemed to be talking election, nothing but election, and the interest, at times verging on excitement, has not been overstated in any accounts that have reached you.

The "Liberal" party, for the first time since its organization, is divided against itself, the Citizens' ticket (with two exceptions) being composed of the better elements of the party in power, and this is upheld by the People's party. The fusion represents law and order, morality, Christianity, and more than all, the enforcement of the Sun-

day laws. This, if nothing else were present, would create the opposition of the saloon and gambling element, which is championed by the "Liberals" without even an effort at concealment. The issue is thus well made up and sharply defined—virtue and vice, both strongly supported contending for the mastery. It cannot be denied that the latter has the more demonstrative following, there being very few if any saloon loungers, loafers and those who are waiting for something to turn up but what are noisily for the "ring" candidates. This naturally gives a deceptive appearance to the Liberal strength.

One incident illustrative of the great interest taken in the outcome is the appearance of the *Standard* February 9th, brimming full of election paragraphs, strong editorials and bristling locals in support of the party of good government and decency. It does not publish Monday mornings, and has gone to great expense and trouble in aid of the cause.

The day opened beautifully but exceedingly cold. At an early hour the bands were out playing in all directions, and as the day advanced and became somewhat warmer, the streets became filled with people, presenting a very animated appearance.

The voting was light at the opening of the polls and is not very active yet, at noon.

At 11 o'clock, Sheriff Belnap nabbed two illegal voters, armed with "Liberal" tickets, in the Fourth Ward, also one each from the First and the Fifth. They are said to be employed by the proprietor of the Novelty Theatre, who is reported to have quite a list. The two men were marched off to the county jail, where they now are.

The "Liberals" are working hard. Their special police take part in the work at the polls, while the fusionists' deputy sheriffs do not interfere. Illegal voting will be watched for closely.

The first two hours of the polling indicated that the "Liberals" were ahead in every ward, but later the fusionists came in more actively and began the work of filling up the gap. It seems a neck and neck race now.

At one o'clock a counter arrest followed that of Monroe's men, the victims in this case being Sheriff Belnap and brothers, his deputies, on charge of intimidation. But the most sensational event of the day was the arrest of Monroe himself on the charge of bribery. He was taken before Commissioner Wardleigh, where the saloon fraternity soon gave bonds for him. The hearing is set for Friday, at the same time the other cases will be heard. Half of the vote is polled at this hour. Unless a big influx of voters occurs soon, it will be very light for the whole day. There is more apathy than was looked for and the scratching seems to be nearly universal. A good deal of dissatisfaction is apparent.

At 2:30.—The best judgment obtainable shows that the parties are running along tolerably evenly, but it is freely circulated that Turner is running ahead of McNutt by several votes. It is claimed, with apparently good reason, that unless the "Liberals" come in toward the close with an avalanche of votes, they will be defeated on the whole ticket.

There is so much scratching and quiet voting, however, that it is impossible to tell. The Citizens' canvassers and checkers are much more cheerful than the others, and the election is claimed by at least 300.

Another arrest has been made of a "Liberal" for illegal voting.

A VOICE FROM NEW ZEALAND.

WE have been permitted to peruse a letter recently received from Elder J. H. Burton, of the Sixth Ward, this city, who is now laboring as a missionary in New Zealand. The communication is addressed to Brother Arnold Glaue, Supt. of the Sunday School of the ward named, and is in response to a substantial token of esteem received from that institution.

The introductory part of the correspondence is devoted to an exhortation to the youth of the Church at home to prepare themselves, by appropriate study, for future missionary work among the nations. If time is not in this respect taken by the forelock, those who thus neglect golden opportunities will, when called to the ministry, have occasion to regret their carelessness.

The writer also gives some description of Sunday schools among the Maoris. They constitute an agency for the attainment of much good. The Bible, Book of Mormon and articles of faith are the leading means of instruction. There are no seats in those schools, it being a custom of the natives to squat upon the floor on mats.

At a recent quarterly conference held in the district (Wairarapa) in which Elder Burton labors, seats were provided. Instead of the natives regarding this feature in the light of a luxury, many of them during service forsook the benches and took up positions on the floor.

After going into some details of Maori cooking, a description of which has heretofore appeared in these columns, the writer of the letter states that their primitive practices in that regard do not seem to have an impairing effect upon the health of these people, they being, as a rule, finely developed specimens of physical manhood. As an instance of the attainment of unusual proportions Elder Burton cites the fact that he had recently attended the funeral of a chief who had tipped the beam at twenty-six stone (364 pounds) and who had lived to the advanced age of 107 years. This centenarian leaves a son of almost equally mammoth proportions, as he turns the scales at twenty-five stone (350 pounds.)

Elder Burton encloses in his letter the following clipping from the *Wairarapa Standard*, a paper which is evidently conducted by a level-headed editor.

"MORMONISM AMONG THE MAORIS."

"It is well known that Mormon missionaries have been laboring among the Maoris for a considerable time with great success. The government native agent has reported to the government that Mormonism is almost the only religion professed by the natives of the Waikato and King County, and from what we know of the Wairarapa it may be said that the same prevails here. These missionaries have lived a life of self-denial among the natives. They have zealously taught and expounded the Scriptures; they take up