

sent and on which their action had been such as to give the proposition the stamp of official and lawful disapproval.

Readers of this paper will remember that Councilman Wantland and some of his councilmanic colleagues took an almost unaccountable interest in a scheme which the former embodied in the following resolution, which he introduced in the Council on April 21st last:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to engage the services of a suitable person for a period not to exceed six months, at a salary not to exceed \$150 per month, for the purpose of watching the canyons and protecting the water rights of the city, said employe to also perform such duties, keep such records and make such reports in connection with the irrigation and water departments and public grounds of the city as may be ordered by the Mayor and Council.

The measure immediately precipitated a wordy and acrimonious conflict. The Democrats regarded it as a political plum to be conferred by the Mayor upon some favorite henchman for services rendered. In view of the fact that the city watermaster had a numerous corps of assistants, a number of whom it seemed were not earning all the money they were getting from the taxpayers, even some of the "Liberal" members were compelled to admit that if the proposition was carried out it would create a sinecure for which no kind of an excuse could be satisfactorily given.

The matter was finally temporarily disposed of by referring it to the committee on ways and means. After the committee had carefully considered the resolution it reported adversely upon it. The action greatly displeased the Mayor and Wantland et al., as the gift of its provisions had already been promised, it is said to ex-Councilman Pendleton.

For a time nothing was publicly said or done in the premises, but when it was presumed that sufficient time had elapsed to allow a change of sentiment to take place, the supporters of the resolution quoted introduced another which authorized the Mayor to employ Mr. Pendleton as was originally proposed. This brought Moran to his feet in an instant and on motion the resolution was tabled indefinitely. This of course shut off all debate and the opposers of the proposition considered that they had won a permanent victory. It now transpires that in this they were greatly mistaken, for while Wantland et al. were reported to have been sulking in their tents over their defeat, it seems that a plan was quietly formulated whereby the original scheme could be carried out and the majority of the members outwitted. It was done, too, but it will result in trouble. A few days ago some of the councilmen discovered that Mr. Pendleton's name was on the city pay roll. An investigation was instituted from which it was learned that the Mayor had appointed Pendleton to the position named without consulting the council or asking it to confirm his action.

"Mayor Baskin has played his cards well," said the News' informant, "but I for one shall raise my voice and use my individual and official influence

against such unlawful and Czar-like methods. It must be understood once for all that we do not live in autocratic Russia. I do not want to divest the Mayor of any of his lawful prerogatives, but his appointments should be by and with the consent and confirmation of the council. To allow him to appoint his friends to office without consulting the members of the council and without a protest on our part, would be a glaring exhibition of dereliction of duty."

It is said that other appointments have been made on the quiet by the Mayor, and the matter will be further investigated. It is expected to come up for discussion at the next regular meeting of the council.

NEWS FROM STAR VALLEY.

The inhabitants of Star and Salt River valleys convened in conference today for the purpose of being organized into a Stake of Zion.

Present on the stand, President Joseph F. Smith, Apostle F. M. Lyman, President Wm. Budge, Counselor George Osmond, and a number of other brethren from Bear Lake.

Apostle F. M. Lyman spoke on the great improvement in these valleys since his last visit. He advised the Saints to start right in their new undertaking and live in peace with all mankind. They should make their improvements substantial and in the right place, and learn our children to be patient, kind, charitable and just to all, to reverence the Deity and pray for their enemies.

President Joseph F. Smith wished the Saints to remember their covenants with each other, all parties should settle their own difficulties. He gave some excellent advice to the young.

2 P. M.—President Wm. Budge felt pleased to meet under so favorable circumstances; showed the necessity of good order to secure our advancement.

President Geo. Osmond expressed surprise at the rapid progress of the people during his absence on his mission.

Reports of the different wards were given by the Bishops. They were good.

Sunday, Aug. 14th, 10 a. m.—Pres. Joseph F. Smith asked the Saints if they wished to have a Stake organization. The response was affirmatively unanimous. Apostle F. M. Lyman presented the general authorities of the Church, who were sustained by the people. He named the boundary lines of the Stake and presented the name of George Osmond as President and Wm. W. Burton as his first and Anson V. Call as his Second Counsellor. He then presented the names of twelve men to constitute the High Council, of Star Valley Stake.

Members of the Council:—Henry Dixon, Thomas W. Lee, Aroet Lucius, Hale, Jr., James Koford, Isaac Biglows, Joseph Corbridge, Hugh Morgan, Charles Kingston, Hans J. Nelson, William Turner, Moroni Coleman, Warren Longhurst.

Alternates:—John Neild, sen., Hyrum D. Clark, Charles C. Leavitt, John Astle, B. H. Allred, Walter R. Barber.

Stake Clerk and Recorder—Wm. H. Kennington.

All were unanimously sustained.

They were set apart on Sunday afternoon, excepting Walter R. Barber, who was not present.

2 p. m.—The Sacrament was administered by Bishop C. D. Cazler and A. L. Hale, Jr. Brother Ezra Clark of Bountiful bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Apostle F. M. Lyman explained the duties of the various officers of the Stake and advised the Bishops to keep a correct record of the wards.

President Wm. Budge hoped all would profit by the instructions given by the brethren.

Brother Thomas F. Burton was chosen to act as second counselor to Bishop C. D. Cazler, of Aston ward.

Benediction by President Jos. F. Smith.

Conference adjourned for three months.

WM. H. KENNINGTON,
Stake Clerk.

AFTON, Star Valley, August 13th, 1892.

THE aggregate railroad mileage of Montana is 2662 miles, the total assessed value of which is \$9,287,532. In this aggregate twenty-nine corporations are represented.

DEATHS.

LOMAX.—At Derby, England, July 18th, 1892, of Rheumatic fever, Orson John, son of John and Alice Lomax of Salt Lake City, aged thirty-six years.

CUSHING.—In the Eleventh Ward of this city, at 7:10 a. m., Aug. 13th, 1892, from dysentery, Sherman John, son of James and Rhoda Cushing; aged 2 years, 3 months and 9 days.

RICHARDS.—In Sugar House Ward, August 11th, 1892, of cholera infantum, Pauline, daughter of Willard B. and Louie Snodgrass Richards, aged ten months and twenty-six days.

ROBINSON.—At sea, on the steamship "Arizona," June 30, 1892, of dysentery, Mary Ann Robinson; born August 11, 1834, at Preston Lancashire, England. She was a firm believer in the Gospel, and died a faithful Latter-day Saint. She leaves her only child, Elizabeth Ann, to mourn her loss.—*Mill. Star*.

SIMPSON.—In St. Louis, Mo., August 9, 1892, of old age, Mary Ann Simpson, relict of the late George Simpson, of Burslem, St. Iffordshire, England, and mother of J. W. Simpson, of this city, in the 85th year of her age. She embraced the Gospel in 1839, and migrated to America in 1865. While crossing the plains her husband died and she immediately returned to relatives in St. Louis, where she has ever since remained, although her son has made three trips east for the purpose of inducing her to return with him to Utah.

PARSONS.—At Willard, Box Elder County, Utah, August 13th, 1892, of old age and general debility, Mary J. Parsons, aged 79 years; born September 28th, 1813, at Matthesfield, Worcestershire, England.

She and her deceased husband, Wm. Parsons, were among the members in Herefordshire who had left the Methodist Church and were waiting for something better and gladly received the Gospel at the hands of President Wilford Woodruff, in 1840. She emigrated to America the same year, in the first ship load of Saints leaving the British Isles. She never faltered in her faith, remaining steadfast and full of hope to the last.

STOWELL.—At Willard, Box Elder County, Utah, July 14th, 1892, of dropsy, in the twenty-eighth year of her age, Ellen M. Stowell, wife of Alfred Stowell and daughter of M. W. and Rosilla Dalton.

Deceased was very exemplary, a faithful teacher in the Sabbath school, conscious, beloved by all who knew her as a faithful Latter-day Saint. Her death is keenly felt; society loses a faithful member.

Her remains were interred in the cemetery on the 15th ult., the ceremonies being conducted by Bishop Abraham Zundel. Consoling remarks were made by Prof. Monch and G. J. March, of Ogden City, and others of this place. —[*Com.*]