

credit and the system of education in vogue here is recognized as being of a good grade. It is seldom, also, that high school penmanship receives any commendation and the fact that in this case it comes in for special mention is creditable to that branch of the public educational system.

Census Enumerator Parsons and his assistants completed the canvass of the city precincts Thursday. They find that the totals of votes in the five precincts are: Males, 9,816; females, 10,593; grand total, 20,409. The women voters are thus seen to outnumber the men by 777. A detailed table by wards and precincts gives results as follows:

Precincts.	Male Voters.	Female Voters.	Total Voters.	Precinct Totals.
First Precinct—				
Annex.....	179	230	409	
First Ward.....	279	344	623	
Second Ward.....	261	299	564	
Third Ward.....	210	226	446	
Eighth Ward.....	446	501	947	
Ninth Ward.....	827	366	698	
Tenth Ward.....	424	451	875	4557
Second Precinct—				
Fifth Ward.....	890	405	795	
Sixth Ward.....	374	407	781	
Seventh Ward.....	601	606	1107	
Fourth Ward.....	255	304	559	
Fourteenth Ward.....	640	435	1035	
Fifteenth Ward.....	909	800	1608	5925
Third Precinct—				
Sixteenth Ward.....	520	520	1040	
Seventeenth Ward.....	215	353	568	
Nineteenth Ward.....	322	371	693	
Twenty-second Ward.....	432	404	896	
Center Ward.....	50	52	102	
Twenty-third Ward.....	68	58	126	3505
Fourth Precinct—				
Twenty-first Ward.....	613	723	1339	
Eighteenth Ward.....	274	378	652	
Twentieth Ward.....	361	418	779	2764
Fifth Precinct—				
Eleventh Ward.....	682	635	1517	
Twelfth Ward.....	270	474	844	
Thirteenth Ward.....	729	668	1297	3638

These figures will be presented to the county commissioners at the next meeting on Monday and the work of redistricting under the new elections law will be done immediately.

### BANK OF SALT LAKE FAILS.

A great surprise was in store for the general business public Tuesday morning. It was caused by the Bank of Salt Lake failing to open its doors for the transaction of business as usual. The rumor that the affairs of the institution had gone into the hands of an assignee quickly spread and in a very brief space of time had been confirmed. The story of the failure is best told in the words of Mr. J. E. Bacon, president and sole proprietor of the bank. To a NEWS representative he said:

"The deposits are about \$269,000 which with \$30,000 of borrowed money will swell the liabilities to about \$300,000. The assets exceed \$400,000, giving me a full \$100,000 lee way on which to work. Every man and woman doing business with me will not only be paid in full but will receive interest on their deposits as well. Their only loss will be the inconvenience to which they will be temporarily put. All I want is a reasonable time in which to settle and make collections. I have turned my dollar in my possession over to assignee, Mr. Frank W. Ross, for benefit of my creditors. I only have cents left, the amount of change

that happened to be in my pocket at the time the crash came. My wife didn't even reserve her dower right. Everything we had went for the benefit of our creditors, my Sanitarium stocks included.

"I organized the bank in February, and until recently it did a good business. I was president and sole owner and will yet re-establish myself to business and pay every dollar I owe. The fault is not my own. It is not that of any other man. The times alone are to blame."

"Why did you not appeal to the other bankers for assistance?" inquired the NEWS man.

"Well, I thought of that Monday night," replied Mr. Bacon, "and had I been able to get a loan of \$25,000 for only a short time it would have tided me safely over. But I knew it would be bound to leak out—such things always do, for you can't keep them quiet, and then that, too, would have gone; so I determined on closing the doors of the bank and making the loss as small as possible."

"When did you first decide to suspend business?"

"Monday afternoon on a telegraphic demand from New York. I was unable to comply with it and before the closing of the door."

A NEWS representative made an examination of the papers filed with the county recorder. The list of assets and liabilities were given to minute detail and were classified so far as the principal division of assets and liabilities was concerned, but the statement seems to have been so hurriedly drawn up as to have precluded any attempt at tabulation of totaling.

A large amount of real estate is transferred to the receiver by Mr. Bacon and his wife and the agreement is made in the latter part of the statement that if any creditors are omitted they shall, upon proper showing, share equally with those listed.

### RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder Oscar Wilkins of Provo gave the NEWS a call Thursday and reported his labors while absent in the mission field. He left his home October 22, 1893, to fill a mission in Germany and has spent his time in the cities of Berlin and Stettin where he found many friends who extended unto him much hospitality and gave an ear unto the Gospel message which he bore.

Elder Wilkins states that the prospects for a good work there in the future are most promising as a spirit of inquiry into Mormonism is manifest among the people, more so, he believes, than ever before. The better classes of people are being visited by the Elders and the impressions which are made with them are having a tendency to give unto the missionaries a greater degree of freedom in preaching the Gospel. Our caller returned home on May 12 and enjoyed good health during his absence.

The NEWS had a pleasant call Friday from Elder Albert J. Brown of this city, who on Tuesday last returned home from the Indian Territory mission field, where he has been engaged in preaching the Gospel. Elder Brown left home on Sept. 1, 1894, and during

his absence has labored in the Cherokee and Choctaw nations of the Indian Territory and also in Oklahoma.

He reports the mission in those parts in a prosperous condition and states that a spirit of inquiry into Mormonism is awakening among the people. The labors of the Elders are resulting in much good and many are applying for baptism. The work at present is principally among the whites and the prospects for future success in gaining converts are very encouraging. During Elder Brown's absence he has been taken down with sickness on several occasions, but each spell was of comparatively short duration and he returns home in good health and feeling that he has been in the line of his duty.

Elder Charles Morris of this city was a caller at the NEWS office Monday, and reported his labors as a traveling Elder in the Northern States mission. He left home October 10, 1893, and spent the main part of his time in the Pennsylvania conference, where he succeeded in making many warm friends to whom he presented the principles of the Gospel. The work in that section of the country is reported by Elder Morris as being in a fairly prosperous condition, and while a good deal of opposition is met with in certain localities, still as a whole the prospects are very encouraging. A spirit of inquiry seems to be awakening among the people and the testimonies of the Elders are beginning to be received with more seriousness than ever before. Elder Morris has had good health while absent and has enjoyed his labors very much. He returned home on the 18th.

Elder Alonzo Gowans, of Tooele City, called at the NEWS Tuesday, having returned Monday from a mission to the Southern States. He left home October 12, 1895, and was assigned to the Mississippi conference. The first three months he labored in the city of Jackson, and was then transferred to Louisiana. There he was located in a swampy district, where he contracted rheumatism, and was quite ill. He was removed to New Orleans in April last, and then was transferred to the Middle Tennessee conference, but his health continued poor, and he was not able to travel; he was therefore released. Elder Gowans says he enjoyed his mission labors while able to engage therein, and relates some interesting experiences of his treatment by the people, which was very kind. Where formerly there was perfect indifference to the Gospel there is now an eagerness to listen to its principles.

A Downey, Cal., justice sent a hungry man to jail for 180 days for taking six apricots from a tree. The California superior court turned the man loose because the sentence was excessive.

Edward P. Baker, a retired clergyman, riding a bicycle on the Ben Lomond road, near Santa Cruz, Cal., ran off a wagon bridge near Ben Lomond Sunday night and fell a distance of fifty feet into the dry bed of the creek. His skull was crushed and death is believed to have resulted instantly. The accident occurred between 6 and 7 o'clock but the body was not found until 2 o'clock next morning.