

I am with great respect,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. W. JUDD.

Judge Judd will remain in the Territory and will engage in the practice of law. He will be associated with Judge Sutherland.

Among the applicants for the office are George Sutherland, Esq., of Provo, and Judge Blackburn, late of Colorado, but now of this city.

It is understood that Judge Henderson will send in his resignation within a short time, and a petition is being circulated asking that J. N. Kimball, of Ogden, be named as his successor.

#### Alleged Outrage.

The following, from the New York Sun of Monday last gives further details of the alleged outrage on "Mormon" Elders, which was briefly referred to in the press dispatches:

"BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 25.—News reached this city tonight of the whipping of three Mormon Elders, by white caps in Marion County on Friday night. The scene of the whipping is about eighty miles west of this city. Three Mormon Elders, whose names are Taylor, Engel and Laird, have been proselying in that county for several months. They have made a number of converts, mostly women, and had grown very bold in their work. Some time ago they made converts of two young married women, who left their husbands to follow the Elders and aid them in their work. On Thursday night a band of twenty men, disguised by white masks, called at the house where the Elders and the two women were stopping and left the following written notice, directed to all Mormon Elders in Marion County:

"If you are in the county tomorrow night you will be in hell next day. WHITE CAPS."

The Elders decided to remain, and their converts in the neighborhood agreed to protect them. On Friday night a band of 100 men, all wearing white caps, took the three Elders into the woods and suspended them to a limb by their thumbs. They then gave each one fifty lashes with heavy switches, and warned them to leave the county at once under penalty of death. Elder Taylor fainted from the effects of the punishment and was almost dead when released. The two women were warned that unless they returned to their husbands at once they would be dealt with in a similar manner. The better class of citizens in the county denounce the whipping as an outrage. They have no sympathy with Mormons, but believe in upholding the law and oppose violence."

Of course the statement about the women leaving their husbands to aid the Elders in their work is a falsehood, told as an excuse to justify the outrage. Women are not under any circumstances permitted by the Elders to follow and aid them. That is no part of the method of preaching the Gospel,

and is in direct conflict with teachings imparted to the missionaries sent into the world to perform evangelical labor.

There are two Elders named Taylor laboring in the Southern States, but none named Engel or Laird.

#### The Church Sheep.

The only persons who have given bonds to Receiver Dyer for the Church sheep awarded to them on the bids submitted to the Supreme Court are Samuel R. Bennion and Wm. A. Bills, who get a little less than 7,800 muttons. Two others reported themselves, but declined to give any security for the return of the sheep in as good condition as they received them, saying that was not their custom. The other bidders have not reported themselves thus far, and probably will not do so. The receiver therefore still has a large number on his hands which ought to be leased. The Supreme Court will not meet again for a month.

The reason given by some of those who were awarded sheep is that since submitting their bids the prospects of a hard winter have become so marked that they do not care to take the risks and give bonds to return as many and as good sheep as they would receive at the present time; therefore they propose to retire altogether.

#### Judge Anderson's Charge.

The following is an extract from Judge Anderson's charge to the grand jury, at Beaver, on Monday:

"We desire to especially enjoin upon you the duty of investigating all violations of these laws of the United States against bigamy, polygamy, unlawful cohabitation and adultery. These are the prevailing crimes in this Territory, and are committed by a large number of its inhabitants. Incredible as it may seem, the commission of these crimes is justified, upheld and taught by large numbers of the people under the pretense of religious sanction and religious duty. The open and notorious commission of this class of crimes by the people of this Territory has long been a public scandal and disgrace, and among the most important of your duties as grand jurors will be the indicting of any and all persons within this district who may be guilty of a violation of the laws referred to, to the end that these degrading crimes against the law, the sanctity of the home and its marriage relations, may be promptly punished and suppressed."

#### Davis Stake Academy.

The Davis Stake Academy at Farmington opened on Sept. 2 with an attendance of upward of 100 pupils. Prof. Joshua Greenwood is the principal, his assistants being Henry L. Steed and Mrs. Emmie Welling.

#### STAKE CONFERENCES.

The regular quarterly conference of Snowflake Stake of Zion was held at St. Joseph on Sept. 1st and 2nd,

President Jesse N. Smith presiding. There were also on the stand Counselor H. Richards, President Robson and Counselor C. R. Hakes, of the Maricopa Stake, some visiting brethren and most of the local authorities. The attendance was fair, but some of the remote wards were not very well represented.

The speakers during conference were President Jesse N. Smith and Counselor J. H. Richards, President Robson and C. R. Hakes, of the Maricopa Stake, and Brothers John Cope, F. Dexter, J. Docke, S. H. Rogers, and Joseph W. Smith.

The subjects of "Marriage," "Work for the Dead," the "Duties of the Saints," "Forgiving each Other," "The Training of Children" and many others of importance were spoken upon, much valuable counsel and instruction being given to the Saints.

The statistical report was read, showing a total of 1505 in the Stake.

The written reports of the Bishops were not quite so favorable as heretofore. They nevertheless showed that the majority of the Saints were striving to live their religion. The crops, it appeared, have been a little above the average and the health of the people has been good.

The general and local authorities were presented and sustained by the vote of the conference.

A Priesthood meeting was held on Sunday evening, at which much valuable instruction was given.

The weather was very favorable and the hospitable people of St. Joseph did everything in their power to make those who came from a distance comfortable and their visit a pleasant one.

Conference adjourned to meet at Taylor three months hence.

JOSEPH FISH, Clerk.

MILLARD.

The regular quarterly conference of the Millard Stake was held in Fillmore City on Sunday and Monday, August 25th and 26th. None of the members of the Stake Presidency were present nor any of the authorities of the Church.

Conference was called to order on Sunday at 10 a.m., by C. Anderson, who moved that Jesse B. Martin, senior member of the High Council, preside in the absence of the Stake Presidency. The motion was carried unanimously, and Elder Martin assumed charge of the meetings.

All the wards were represented and reported by Bishops or Counselors, except Oak Creek, as being in a very good condition spiritually.

The following brethren addressed the conference: President Hiram Mace, sen., Elders Peter Nielson, Platte D. Lyman, J. E. Hickman, George Crane, Jesse B. Martin, C. Anderson, B. H. Watts, and Allen Russell.

The main topics discussed were kindness, patience, integrity, union and proper education.

Joseph L. Robison, Stake Superintendent of Sabbath Schools, was honorably released from that position, he being so circumstanced that he cannot attend to the duties of the office, and Joseph D. Smith was chosen to fill the vacancy.