

The enormous expense that garbage district No. 1 involved, the ordinance is an unjust discrimination against at least 80 per cent of the inhabitants of the city. Inequitable and unreasonable, as there exists no more reason why the city treasury should be at the expense of removing garbage from a place in the business district than from a store outside of that district. The ordinance makes a class distinction pure and simple, and is within the inhibition of the act of Congress restricting legislation in the territories. It is no argument as I have heard councilmen advance in justification that other cities have the same ordinance. It exists in some cities by suffrage of the citizens or under charter from the state where there is no congressional interference with the state in delegating its power to its municipalities. Besides, those city governments aid and sustain their health departments in maintaining and enforcing proper and effective sanitary measures throughout the limits of those cities. Not the fitful intermittent efforts attempted by our city solons in that direction. Our city authorities seem to consider a health department of the least importance of any in city organization. They have had scores of thousands of dollars to squander in a district having sewer drainage, and where the surface accumulation can only be objectionable to the eye, and a paltry \$3600 in a district embracing at least 80 per cent of the inhabited area, without sewerage and where the accumulations are obnoxious to the senses and creative and promotive of all our preventable diseases. They seem to think that all that is necessary is to have a well considered health system on paper, and fire and occasional garbage ordinance or sanitary regulation into a newspaper and presto change, the city is as clean and pure as the aisles of a temple and the uncleanly vagabond becomes a model citizen. And because a councilman never dies in office, why ergo there exists no disease in the city, as if disease could affect some types of the genus. From the velocity with which the food inspection proceeds one would conclude that they suspect some attempt to disarrange their stomachic organism, or perhaps it is a suspicion of the latent possibilities to an accumulation of rotten eggs that moves the food inspection at this two forty gait.

Gentlemen of the council, the proprietors of the show announced when you began the season that you would perform only approved metropolitan airs, and the spectators who paid for season tickets are dissatisfied with the snide substitutes you have been exhibiting and desire you to quit playing exclusively to the nine reserved boxes of garbage district number one with Showell as star, and play a genuine drama to the entire audience with the health department in the title role.

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

PULLENS, N. C., Sept. 26, 1893.—The North Carolina conference convened at Sandy Level, Pittsylvania county, Va., Sept. 23 and 24. There were present at the conference Elder J. G. Kimball, president of the Southern States mission; Elder Wm. C. Winder,

president of the North Carolina conference, and traveling Elders Solon Barber, N. P. Lee, Kepler Sessions, C. A. Griffin, Henry Foster, Willis Johnson, George M. Smith, Serenus Gardner, James W. Wilson, Moroni Miner, C. E. Layton, C. E. Jones and S. T. Leigh.

Under the able direction of Elder Kimball, system was established and subjects were assigned to the Elders, thus benefiting them and making our conference a success. The turnout to Saturday's meeting was small on account of this being the farmers' busy season in their tobacco, but on Sunday we had a large attendance, and a general good feeling prevailed throughout. To add to our pleasure, the good things of the earth were generously provided by the people to refresh the inner man, and the Elders were well cared for during their stay. The kindness of the people in thus aiding our glorious work is worthy of admiration, and we say, God bless and prosper our friends.

The instructions of Presidents Kimball and Winder to the Elders were timely and wise, and their encouraging remarks gave entire satisfaction and comfort. On Monday we met in council and the Elders received their appointments to labor as follows:

Elders Wilson and Foster to Randolph county.

Elders Johnson and Layton to Rockingham county.

Elders Sessions and Jones to Anson county.

Elders Barber and Winder to Pittsylvania county.

Elders Griffin and Smith to Cabarrus county.

Elders Gardner and Miner to Durham and Person counties.

Elders Lee and Leigh to Surry county.

The release of Elder Winder to soon return home is regretted by the Elders, who all love him. His release necessitated a new appointment which fell to the lot of Elder Barber, who is very worthy and will (as others have) receive the hearty support of all the Elders. The able management of Elder Winder and his predecessors has put the conference in a prosperous condition. The health of the Elders is excellent, generally, and their ambition as messengers of truth is equal to any emergency or hardship. They are enjoying their labors and feel encouraged with the future prospects of carrying the Gospel into new parts.

In the last six months there have been twenty baptisms of worthy persons, this causing joy in the hearts of the Elders to see fruits of their labors, and they press on with a zeal.

Among the good things which cheer and comfort the true born sons of Zion is the weekly arrival of the pioneer paper of the Rockies. N. P. LEE.

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE.

HINCKLEY, Sept. 23, 1893.

I believe the following would be of some interest to the readers of the NEWS:

Not long since I noticed in your columns a correction as to who were the first Mormon missionaries appointed to China, from Levi W. Savage, of Washington county. I

had quite a long talk with Brother Jas. Lewis, one of those missionaries, at his home in Kanab, Kane county, about a year ago. He told me how, while at San Francisco, after they had applied in various ways, the Lord provided means for their departure; and when they arrived at China how cold and hardened the people were; and had it not been for the kindly aid of an "American ambassador" they would have starved to death, unless Providence had given other aid.

GEO. W. TERRY.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder Thomas Fleming, of this city, who has been absent on a mission to Great Britain, is again back among his friends. He left on September 5, 1891, and returned last Saturday, September 30. He says he has had a varied experience in the missionary field, but has enjoyed his labors immensely. He has been traveling in the Sheffield conference.

Elders F. Woodbury, of this city, and M. L. Nichols, of Brigham City, have returned from a mission to Indian Territory. They left on October 16, 1891, and arrived in this city again last Sunday, October 1. Elder Woodbury has labored among four different nations, Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Seminoles, while Elder Nichols' labors have been among the first named two nations. The mission is reported to be in a prosperous condition, many baptisms having occurred during the last years. The Elders have enjoyed good health during their absence.

On Saturday evening Elders C. P. Larson, of Manti, and Martin Nielsen, of Levan, arrived in this city on their return from a mission to Scandinavia. They left this city August 29th, 1891, and started on their return from Copenhagen on September 7th. There were with them several people bound for Utah, among these being some returning missionaries. Elders Schultness and Kyle, from the Swiss and German mission, were in the company. Elder Schultness resides in this city and Elder Kyle at Tintic. Elder Thomas Flemming, of this city, also came, having been released from his labors in the British Mission, where he has been engaged for the past two years.

Elders Larson and Nielsen report that in Denmark they were well treated by the people. Prejudice against the Latter-day Saints is fast giving way, and the better class of people no longer believe the sensational falsehoods sent out by anti-Mormons. It is very rare now to have the newspapers attack the Mormons. The political officers treat the Saints kindly, and no agitation is raised against them except occasionally by a priest of the state church. Elder Larson labored in the Copenhagen branch and presided over it during the latter part of his mission. Elder Nielsen acted in a similar capacity in the Aarhus branch.

Not all the brigands are in Italy, nor all the pirates Algerines. The American train robber is a species much in evidence, bold and blood-thirsty as the worst of them.