

oldest of the original Twelve, chosen in 1835, and who stood at the head, apostatized, and left the church. David W. Patten was the next in age, and the Lord took him to himself, as we are informed in the revelation given on the 19th of Jan., 1841. The Lord says: "My servant David W. Patten, who is with me at this time." The Lord accepted of him. He died in the faith—a martyr in Missouri. "I have taken him to myself." Yet, says the Lord, "another may be appointed to the same calling," and further says that "my servant Lyman Wight is appointed to succeed him." Did that give Lyman Wight power to preside over the Twelve Apostles? No. David W. Patten died in the faith, and so far as we know holds the keys of the presidency of the Twelve, in the world to come. But there may be changes in that world. The original Twelve, first chosen, were all made equal, by the Prophet Joseph Smith. And he said to them in the basement of the Temple as they were to be sent as a council on their first mission, that the oldest should preside in the first Conference, in the following Conference, the next in seniority, and so on, until all had taken their turns in presiding. And you shall be equal, showing respect to the oldest. They were arranged according to their ages, while all their successors were arranged, according to the date of their respective ordinations.

I have given you some of these items in relation to the priesthood, in relation to the Twelve at Jerusalem, and the Twelve Nephite disciples, and the Twelve of these latter times; and now let me say, in regard to the various authorities and councils of the priesthood, there has not been a time since the rise of this church, when the people have been so completely and fully organized as at the present time. Go where we will, through all these mountain valleys, and wherever we see a family, or wherever we can find a small branch of the church, if you make inquiry, you will find it is included in a regular Stake of Zion; it belongs to some Stake, and you will find, too, that they are looked after, if the officers are doing their duties, for they are considered a part and portion of the great family of God. I feel to congratulate the Latter-day Saints, on this occasion, in regard to the perfect organization, as it were, that exists in all our mountain region, and hope that every man will strive to learn his duty, and faithfully and honorably perform the same.

I wish to state still further in regard to the priesthood, while upon the subject, that in the Kirtland Temple when the authorities were presented before the people, they were called upon to vote by quorums. Not that it occurred always in that manner. That was the way Joseph ordained in the Temple; each council voting separately, by standing upon their feet in order that their votes might be better known than they could be by keeping their seats. After one quorum had voted for the highest authority of the church, then another quorum or council would be called upon to give their vote, and so on, until all had voted for the different authorities, and then it was presented to all the church, male and female. Why? It is because God ordained, on the 6th day of April, 1830, as you can read in the Doctrine and Covenants, that all things in this church should be done by common consent. This is the reason for the voting. Although the Lord may give a revelation upon the subject, although he might say, Let my servant Brigham Young be President of the Twelve Apostles; notwithstanding the Lord may give this by revelation, yet he himself was anxious to carry out the principle he had revealed a long time before that; namely, that all this I have named may be brought before the General Conference to be sanctioned and approved, or not to be sanctioned. What the people have a right to reject those whom the Lord names? Yes, they have this right, he gave it to them. "Let them be approved of, or not approved of," showing that he had respect to the people themselves, that they should vote and give their general voice to either sustain or not to sustain. I do not know why, only in the latter days the kingdom is in a little different circumstances upon the face of the earth, that it has been in during any former dispensation. We are living in a free Republic Government, wherein the people vote, and the Lord established this great American Government and gave the Constitution, and he wished the people to have a voice in the officers named; he wished the people to exercise their agency; you may call it a democratic principle. Notwithstanding he himself may point out the persons, and call them by name, yet you may approve of them or disapprove of them at my General Conference.

Perhaps I have said enough; there is a great field open when priesthood is spoken of. May the Lord bless you. Amen.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 13.

**Returned Missionary.**—To day, we were pleased to meet with Elder M. W. Dalton, of Box Elder County, who returned a few days since from a mission to the North-western States and Territories. He left here last April, and labored, in conjunction with the late Elder John Hubbard and Elder Anthony Navarre, in Kansas and Indian Territory. They were everywhere received with kindness by the people, both whites and Indians. The Lord had previously prepared the minds of many they visited, by dreams and visions, and there is an excellent opening for the spread of the gospel in that field.

**The Dejected Four.**—This afternoon four live Salt Lake merchants marched into the City Hall and stood in a "row" before Justice Pyper. They were armed with a legal document, in the form of an affidavit against Lawrence A. Bethune, of Stockton, Tooele County. Lawrence is an official representative of the "Republic of Tooele," being a justice of the peace, we believe, in that part of the world. According to the allegations of aforementioned affidavit the accused obtained considerable quantities of goods from the affiants under false pretenses, with a plain intention of perpetrating a fraud.

Bethune, it is alleged, represented that he was about to commence the mercantile business in Stockton with the goods he was purchasing, and that he expected means from various quarters to pay for them. All these representations were characterized by the complainants as false, and, on their showing, a warrant was issued for the arrest of the accused.

**Organizing the Priesthood.**—President A. M. Cannon and Counselors D. O. Calder and J. E. Taylor met with the Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons of the Farmer's, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh wards, in the Sixth Ward Meeting-house last evening, when the following brethren were unanimously sustained in the positions named, and all set apart excepting some who were absent.

Robert R. Irvine, President of the Elders' Quorum, composed of the Elders in the five wards above named; Thomas Winter and John R. Wilson, Counselors.

Olinthus L. Peart, President of the Deacons' Quorum in the Farmer's Ward; Edward McLelland and Asahel Woodruff, Counselors.

Wm. Brimley, President of the Deacons' Quorum in the Fifth Ward; Timothy Winters and Hyrum Marcroft, Counselors.

Wallace Fenton, President of the Deacons' Quorum in the Sixth Ward; James C. Poulton and Orson W. West, Counselors.

David Lambert, President of the Deacons' Quorum in the Seventh Ward; Henry C. Foster and John Cowley, Jr., Counselors.

The Deacons in the Fourth Ward were not fully prepared, so their organization was deferred.

The Presidency of the Stake will meet with the Priesthood of the Nineteenth Ward this evening, at seven o'clock, in the Meeting-house of that Ward, for the purpose of organizing the Quorums there.

**The Festive Season.**—The season when pleasure and social parties are in vogue is approaching. Dancing appears to be preferred, especially by the young people, more than any other amusement. A word to the Latter-day Saints with regard to the nature and management of social parties may not be out of place.

Care should be taken to exclude from such gatherings all objectionable characters. We mean, those who, by their course of life and conversation have not shown a proper regard for the principles of chastity and virtue; who are in the habit of taking the name of the Deity in vain, or using any blasphemous or unchaste language; who are habitually intemperate and dissolute.

There need be no reasoning upon the advisability of such exclusion, the example of and contact with characters of that stamp never failing to have a pernicious effect upon the innocent, the young and unwary.

In our view, dancing, or other parties should not be prolonged to unseasonably late hours, as such a practice has a deleterious effect upon the health as well as the morals of any community. The good sense of all persons should be sufficient to admonish them that to expose themselves to the cold, raw air of a winter night, with but little addition to the generally light clothing worn in the ball room, is not only injurious but positively dangerous. Many hundreds who have been prematurely cut off, perhaps in the prime of life, have dated their consumptive tendencies from this cause.

No exhibitions whatever of rough uncouth or unseemly conduct should be tolerated or permitted at any social party composed of Latter-day Saints.

It should not be understood that because wisdom and judgment should be exercised we think it necessary to be sombre and rigidly restrained. There is nothing in-

consistent between the observance of a gentlemanly and ladylike deportment and the utmost freedom, (not license) sociability and happiness. The parties of the Latter-day Saints should always be conducted so that the spirit of peace, the spirit of the Lord will be present. The pleasure enjoyed under such circumstances is inconceivably greater than under any other.

In the matter of amusements, however, we think those of an intellectual tendency should be encouraged. They have a more elevating tone and influence than dancing parties, at which, aside from the social intercourse enjoyed, the exercises are almost entirely physical.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 14.

**Military.**—Companies B. & C., of the Fourteenth Infantry, Captains Burke and Kennington, arrived at Camp Douglas last night.

**District Court.**—The only case before the Court to-day was that of W. G. Child vs. Wheeler and Moore. The trial is in progress.

**Zadkiel.**—Zadkiel's Almanac for 1878 is at hand. It is the forty-eighth yearly edition, and contains the usual amount of prognostications. For sale at Dwyer's, price 40 cents.

**Held.**—L. J. A. Bethune, arrested, last evening, on a charge of obtaining goods on false pretenses, was held in \$200, to appear for examination before Justice Pyper, next Saturday.

**New Offices.**—Bishop Edward Hunter is having a couple of rooms nicely fitted up, at the south end of the Tithing office building, for general and private offices.

**Preparatory.**—The sheds of the U. P. Railroad Company, in the vicinity of the depot in this city are well filled with coal, anticipatory of the heavy winter demand for the carboniferous material.

**Specimen Piece.**—Messrs. Morris & Evans are commencing their concrete walk operations in front of their own premises, by way of a specimen. If they didn't use it themselves, other people might suppose they didn't appreciate it.

**Home.**—This morning we were pleased to meet our friend Elder Wm. C. Staines, who arrived home, from New York, last evening. Under his able management the emigration business of the season has been successfully, and therefore satisfactorily, accomplished.

**A Good Man Gone.**—A private dispatch, by Deseret Telegraph, from Kanab, states that Patriarch Philip B. Lewis, of that place, died last evening, of intermittent bilious fever. Deceased bore an excellent character, being highly esteemed by all who knew him as an upright man.

**Anxious to See Father.**—The other night an eight-year old son of Elder H. G. Boyle heard a letter read which stated his father would reach Salt Lake on Monday, the 12th. On Sunday the little fellow, without saying a word to anybody, got on board the train at Payson and came to this City. He wanted to be here in time to meet father.

**Bread Making.**—Bro. Alex. Croll, of Springville, Utah Co., has been corresponding with the Confectioners Journal, a handsome monthly published in Philadelphia, on the subject of bread making. His articles, which appear in that paper are interesting and useful to the bakers of the country, but are too lengthy for reproduction in the DESERET NEWS.

**Y. M. M. I. A.**—We are requested to announce that the Central Committee of the Y. M. M. I. Association will meet in the Council House Saturday evening, November 17th, at 7 o'clock.

The officers and members of all the Associations in the city and adjacent wards, are invited to attend this meeting.

**New School House.**—A new school-house is in course of erection in the First School District of Davis County, which is comprised of the South Bountiful Bishop's Ward. The site of the building is a short distance north of the Hot Springs, not far from the buildings of Macduff Brothers. It is a substantial rock structure, and is now receiving the roof.

The old school-house of the district has also been refitted and improved.

**The Nineteenth Ward Organized.**—The Presidency of the Stake met with the Elders and Lesser Priesthood of the Nineteenth Ward last evening, when the following brethren were unanimously sustained in the positions named, and all were set apart.

Robert Haslam, President of the Elder's Quorum in the Nineteenth Ward; Thomas Slight and John Brooks, Counselors.

Matthew Noall, President of the Deacons in the Nineteenth Ward; Thomas Corbett and Henry Felt, Counselors.

**West Jordan Irrigation Comp'y.**—The West Jordan Irrigation District which comprises the tract of land lying between the South Jordan and Utah and Salt Lake canals, was established by the County Court of Salt Lake County, on petition of the parties interested. It is one mile in width and covers four townships in length.

A mass meeting of the land owners was held at West Jordan on the 9th inst., at which it was decided to construct the Utah and Salt Lake canal. According to the report of the trustees the district comprises about 14,000 acres of good land.

The election of officers of the irrigation company will take place at the County Court House, in this city, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. It is essential that all of the land-owners should be present.

The building of the proposed canal will redeem to fertility and fruitfulness a very fine tract of country.

**City Council.**—Meeting of the City Council, Tuesday evening, Mayor Little presiding.

Fred. Vick petitioned for the privilege of erecting a stand for holding coal, in front of his place of business, on East Temple Street, south of the Wasatch Hotel; granted, said platform to be erected over the water ditch; not to exceed ten feet in length, four feet in width, and two feet in height, and to be constructed under the direction of the Street Supervisor, the grant to continue during the pleasure of the City Council.

The City Marshal presented bills for merchandise purchased during the month of October; for City Hall, \$185.25; for City Prison, \$48; which were allowed and appropriated.

Bill of Wm. R. Adkins, for twenty-three days labor on Union Square, in October; allowed and appropriated.

A motion to require the Salt Lake City Gas Company to comply with the terms of their charter, by extending the gas mains within the limits therein prescribed, elicited considerable discussion, and was finally referred to the committee on improvements, with instructions to inquire into the whole matter and report at the next meeting.

Council adjourned to Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

**Missionary Matters.**—Last night Elders Henry G. Boyle and Jonathan S. Page, Jr., of Payson, and Elder D. C. Thomas, of Plain City, arrived from Texas. The last named Elder had been visiting relatives in Texas and Mississippi, and the other two had been on missions to the Southern States.

They were accompanied from Texas by a small company of emigrants, composed of the following persons:

M. Harris, George A., Mary K., Martha J. E., Sarah H., Neadis, Octavia, Thomas, May, Elizabeth and James V. Phelps; A. V., Polly A., Melvina C., Susan V., Sarah W. and Stansell Greer; Albert, Lucy A., Harris and Eddie Miller.

The following from Elder Hinson's field of labor, in Nebraska, joined the company at Omaha:

Mary J., Hans R., Carrie Maria and Hans J. Jensen; Theodore and Charles Anderson.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Elder Boyle this morning. He left, on his last mission, for the Southern States Missionary District, over which he presided, November 20 h, 1876. He proceeded directly to Arkansas, where twelve persons were soon added to the Church, and he at once organized the company which left that State for New Mexico and Arizona, whose journeyings and arrival at their destinations have been heretofore mentioned in the News. We may here state incidentally that Elder Boyle is informed by latest advices from the company that they are well satisfied with their location and surroundings.

Accompanied by Elder Page, he

proceeded to Texas, where the two labored in the counties of Bosque, Bell, Johnson, Hill and Ellis, and were well received and treated.

In the last three months, twenty-five persons have been added to the Church by baptism in the Southern States District, and forty-four have either already emigrated direct to this city or are now on the way, including those who arrived a short time since in company with Elders John W. Sharp and Joseph Argyle, those who came last night and a small party from Mississippi expected soon to arrive in company with Elder D. L. Pearce.

Another company will soon leave Alabama and Georgia, the field in which Elders John Morgan, J. T. Lisonbee and Jesse C. Murphy are laboring. It will be composed of about 100 persons, who will proceed to New Mexico for the purpose of settling in that Territory. They will travel by rail via St. Louis to Los Animas, Trinidad or Almore, which ever of the three points is found to be the best outfitting place to prepare for proceeding by team to their destination.

Elder Boyle speaks highly of the diligence and faithfulness of the Elders named, especially Elder Morgan, who has shown great energy and activity and met with excellent success.

Elder Boyle is a veteran in the missionary field, having been connected with the Church thirty-four years, and at least three-fourths of that time has been spent in the work of the ministry. His labors have been crowned with almost unvarying success. He has generally adopted the effective policy of concentrating his personal labors to a comparatively small field instead of scattering them over a wide extent of country.

**District Court.**—Tuesday, November 13th.

John Crain vs. Charles Crow, trial before the Court; judgment for the plaintiff, \$25 damages and costs.

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## BABY CARRIAGES,



## WALL PAPER,

## Building and Roofing Paper,

## REFRIGERATORS,

## CUPBOARDS, DESKS,

## INVALID CHAIRS, BEE HIVES,

## PARLOR BRACKETS,

## Parlor Suits,

## WINDOW BLINDS,

## WINDOW CORNICES,

## FEATHERS,

## Hair and Wire Mattresses,

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THERE being several hundred copies of the above Song Book remaining unsold, they can be obtained at the Deseret News Office for 25 cents per copy. W. M. WILLIAMS. S. L. City, March 31st, 1876.