

were opened by Receiver Lawrence, and that of F. A. Mitchell, whose offer was \$300 per month, was found to be the highest. October 1 the receiver declined to give the amounts of the other bids, for the reason that the lease to Mr. Mitchell has not been executed.

It is understood that Mr. Mitchell has purchased the whole or a large portion of the blooded stock which has been kept on the farm, and that he will use it for purposes similar to those to which it has in the past been devoted, such as raising fine live stock, hay, etc., and that he will conduct a dairy business.

Alternative Rights of a Widow.

Samuel P. Hoyt, of Summit County, died on the 12th of August, 1889, leaving a will under which he gave all his property, amounting to about \$150,000, to his children by Emma B. Hoyt, his second wife. He provided that his first wife should be maintained out of the estate during her life. Mrs. Emily S. Hoyt, the first wife, now 84 years old, brought an action to recover one-third of all the property, both real and personal, claiming the right of election to take under the law or the will. Probate Judge Shields lately decided that the widow has this right and that she have and recover one-third of all the property, both personal and real, that Samuel P. Hoyt was seized or possessed of at the time of his death.

Another Bereavement.

We are pained to have to announce that another bereavement has occurred in the family of Brother H. W. Naisbett, his daughter Lizzie, aged about 22 years, having died October 8, from Bright's Disease. She had been stopping, during her illness, for some time at Mrs. Priscilla Jennings', where she received every attention that skill and kind hands could bestow. The sympathy which was excited a few days ago by the death of two other children will be revived and intensified by this new bereavement, which is a heavy blow upon Brother Naisbett, now in prison serving sentence under the Edmunds act, and the family generally. Brother Naisbett's term will, we believe, expire in a few days. The deceased was an estimable young lady.

School Taxes.

On October 8th in the Third District Court, P. L. Williams, in behalf of the school board, filed a petition for an alternative writ of mandamus, compelling L. G. Hardy, county collector, to pay to J. B. Walden, treasurer of the board, school taxes collected by him in what were formerly the several school districts of this city. Mr. Williams explained that Mr. Hardy refused to pay over the money because he was uncertain as to his duty, and to settle the legal questions connected with this subject, the action in mandamus was brought.

The writ was granted, returnable on the 18th inst. On the hearing it is probable that the legal aspects of this vexed and important matter

will be duly aired, and that the learned Judge will present a solution of it in his decision.

An Old Veteran Gone.

The funeral services of Elder Daniel Claibourne Thomas were held at the meeting house, Plain City, Sunday, Sept. 28, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Deceased was born December 12, 1815, at Richmond County. He was baptized in 1847 by Elder Preston Thomas, in Austin County, Texas. In 1849 he emigrated to near Council Bluffs and crossed the plains to Utah in 1850, in Aaron Johnson's company. He lived in various places in Utah until 1863, when he moved to Plain City, and in that place he has resided until death, on the 26th of September, 1890.

Brother Thomas leaves a wife and three children, but the children are married and have families. He was unassuming in manner, quiet in disposition, kind to a fault, patient, industrious and truly an honest man. In all the trials of the Saints he has never flinched. True to every principle of the Gospel, he lived and died in the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Adheres to His Position.

There were several applicants for admission to citizenship October 8th before Judge Zane. His honor propounded the questions himself, and subjected each applicant to a thorough examination. Each candidate was admitted, but the spectators of the proceeding were left in the dark as to whether they were "Mormons." They were asked if they believed in polygamy, and replied in the negative, but no question was put, nor reply elicited, which disclosed whether or not they were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Judge Zane maintained the position defined by him October 7th, and the indications are that church membership will not be specially inquired into hereafter, in connection with applications for citizenship in his court. All the candidates this morning were asked if they were willing to obey the laws of the United States relating to polygamy and they answered affirmatively. Some were from Cache County, and it is believed were "Mormons."

Change in the Tabernacle Choir.

At the regular rehearsal meeting of the Tabernacle choir on Friday, October 10, at which Counselors Joseph E. Taylor and C. W. Penrose were present, Professor Beesley tendered his resignation of the leadership of the choir, which he has held for more than nine years. The resignation was accepted with regret.

A number of the members expressed their appreciation of the diligent and faithful services of Brother Beesley, and his ability and efficiency.

Professor Evan Stephens, after some discussion, was unanimously sustained as leader of the choir to commence on the 1st of November.

Counselors Taylor and Penrose

each spoke in the highest terms of Brother Beesley as an estimable gentleman, good Latter-day Saint and talented musician, and of Professor Stephens as a suitable successor to the office.

The outgoing and incoming leaders complimented each other, the best of feeling prevailed, and it is hoped and believed that the Choir will grow in numbers and efficiency and continue to make melody for the Saints of God in this Stake of Zion.

Petition for Pardon.

The following petition, addressed to the President of the United States, has been signed by a large number of influential citizens:

"Your petitioners, all residents in the Territory of Utah, respectfully represent that Hyrum B. Bennett, recently convicted of adultery in the Third District Court of this Territory and sentenced to twelve months in the Utah penitentiary, is now in his 68th year, and is feeble and in ill health, having suffered from lung troubles for some time past.

"His plural wife died May 11, 1890, leaving a family of eleven children, five of whom are under 10 years of age, and his oldest son is now in the Samoan Islands.

"Mr. Bennett was one of the early settlers in Utah and (with the exception of the charge to which he pleaded guilty and was sentenced) has proved himself an honest, industrious man and a good citizen, and by his kindly disposition and unblemished character has gained the esteem of all good citizens.

"Your petitioners, believing that long imprisonment will not only endanger his life, but prove a hardship to his family of motherless children, respectfully urge your Excellency to grant him a pardon, and your petitioners will ever pray."

The document was presented to Governor Thomas for his signature, and he wrote a letter addressed to the President, designed to accompany the petition, recommending that the prayer thereof be granted. It is hoped and believed that such will be the case.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

In the District Court at Ogden, October 2d, Oliver Jacobsen was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. Defendant pleaded not guilty and was admitted to \$500 bail.

Deputy United States Marshal McLellan arrested Robert Baxter of Wellsville on the charge of unlawful cohabitation.

He was taken before Commissioner Goodwin and placed under \$1000 bonds to await the action of the grand jury. His alleged plural wife, Mary Ann Baxter, was held in \$200 bonds to appear as a witness.

The same officer arrested Wm. Halstead at Logan and charged him with adultery. Mariette Ekrely was held as a witness and placed under bonds to appear on the day of trial.

Deputy United States Marshal Whetstone arrested Susan Trapper at Providence, Cache County on the charge of perjury.

Marshal Whetstone also arrested Olvis Jacobson who was indicted for unlawful cohabitation December 6th, 1889, at Randolph, Rich County. Jacobson was taken before the clerk of the district court, and gave bonds for his appearance on the day of trial.—Ogden Standard.

Returned Elders.

Elder John A. Spendlove returned from a mission to the Southern States