

Streets—Parsons, Cohn, Hall, Pendleton, James.
 Waterworks—Anderson, Spafford, Armsong, Hall, Noble.
 Finance—Lynn, Anderson, Karriek.
 Sewerage—Noble, James, Pickard, Parsons, Spafford.
 Public Works—James, Parsons, Cohn.
 Improvements—Hall, Lynn, Anderson.
 City Prison—Pickard, Armstrong, Karriek.
 Irrigation—Pendleton, Heath, Hall, Armstrong, Karriek.
 License—Cohn, Karriek, Pickard.
 Markets—Spafford, Noble, Pendleton.
 Elections—Heath, Wolstenholme, Lynn.
 Revision—Pembroke, Lynn, Pendleton.
 Police—Wolstenholme, Anderson, Pendleton, Parsons, Heath.
 Sanitary Regulations and Quarantine—Armstrong, Pickard, Hall, Heath, James.
 Jordan and Salt Lake Canal—Karriek, Pendleton, Cohn, James, Spafford.
 Public Grounds—Parsons, James, Pickard, Wolstenholme, Noble.
 Fire Department—Anderson, Parsons, Pembroke.
 Municipal Laws—Lynn, Armstrong, Heath, Spafford, Parsons.
 Claims—James, Pembroke, Pickard.
 Cemetery—Cohn, Karriek, Pickard.
 Enrolment—Pembroke, Lynn, Anderson.
 Unfinished business—Wolstenholme, Pendleton, Spafford.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

EPHRAIM.

The conference of this Stake was held on February 15th and 16th, at Ephraim. There were present of the authorities, Apostle A. H. Lund, Counselor D. H. Wells, President C. Peterson and his counselors, and a good representation of High Councilors. A majority of the wards was represented by the Bishops thereof. There was a large gathering of Saints at the meetings.

Conference commenced at 10 a.m. on the 15th, President Peterson presiding. After the opening exercises he made some general remarks and reviewed the present condition of the people.

The following Bishops reported concerning their several wards: James A. Alfred, Spring City; Hans Jensen, Manti South; C. C. N. Dorius, Ephraim South; Counselor Barnson of Fountain Green; O. C. Olsen of Mayfield.

The speakers during the conference in the following order were: President Paxman, Juab Stake; Apostle A. H. Lund, President Peterson, Counselor Beal, Counselor Sperry, Juab Stake; Apostle A. H. Lund, President D. H. Wells, Counselor Maibon and President Peterson.

The general duties of the Saints were dwelt upon by the several

speakers, also the many blessings which they enjoy as a people.

The statistical report of the Stake was read.

The general and Stake authorities were presented, and all sustained by unanimous vote. There were submitted the names of thirty Seventies and Elders of advanced age, to be ordained High Priests, and these were sustained.

Conference adjourned to meet at Manti three months hence.

GEORGE TAYLOR,
Clerk of Conference.

EMERY.

The Quarterly Conference of Emery Stake convened at Huntington on Sunday, February 9th. On the stand were the Presidency of the Stake and representatives of the Bishopric from every ward, also from the different Quorums and organizations in the Stake. Four very spirited meetings were held during the two days, and a good portion of each meeting was profitably occupied by Prof. Karl G. Maeser, who visited us in the interest of our projected Stake Academy. He gave an eloquent address upon the object of the Saints gathering to these mountains and upon the great and important mission which parents have to perform. Having enlarged upon the subject of education, Professor Maeser said he felt very glad the time had come for this Stake to have an academy. He admonished the people to sustain it with their faith and prayers, and in return they would realize joy and satisfaction.

Reports were presented from the Presidency of the Stake and the Bishops of wards. These all showed favorably for Emery County; that the Sunday schools, day schools and all other organizations were in fair running order, that the poor were looked after, and no one was suffering. Timely advice was given to the people generally.

At a special Priesthood meeting, the question of location for the Stake Academy, was brought up, and after some explanations and advice from Brother Maeser, a vote was taken showing ten in favor of Huntington and twenty-nine in favor of Castle Dale.

Alexander Jameson, late of the B. Y. Academy was sustained as principal of the new institution.

The speakers during Conference, besides the leading authorities referred to, were Uriah Curtis and Warren Peacock, recently returned missionaries; also Alexander Jameson. L. M. Olson, Superintendent of District Schools gave some appropriate instructions.

The Woman's Suffrage Association had a well attended meeting, and the question of "emancipation" was handled, with fond hope for its speedy consummation.

All the meetings were filled to overflowing. The Huntington choir, under the leadership of Brother Fowler, deserve worthy mention. Their sweet music greatly added to the pleasure of the occasion.

O. J. ANDERSON,
Stake Clerk.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The first business done in Judge Zane's court Feb. 21, was the ruling on the demurrer to the conspiracy indictment against E. A. Smith, Francis Armstrong, E. M. Weiler and Samuel Bennion. The case was submitted last Saturday, and the demurrer was based on the ground that the indictment did not charge a public offense; that the allegation that the county court paid funds to an unauthorized officer was not supported by the law. Judge Zane ruled that the office of county superintendent of affairs was one which the county court was not authorized to create, and that the allegations in the indictment did set forth a public offense. The case should therefore come before a jury on its merits, that it could be determined whether the offense of conspiracy had been committed. The question now was, did the accused conspire to defraud the county—did they have an intention to use county means for a purpose they knew to be unlawful. This question was one that should be submitted to the jury, and the demurrer was overruled.

In the conspiracy charge against the members of the Hydraulic Canal Company, the demurrer was also overruled, the court holding that the indictment described a public offense. The question remaining was, are the statements in the indictment true? and it should be settled by the jury.

The time for pleading in both cases was fixed for February 24.

In the case of the People vs. John T. Sweeney, Mr. McDowell, his attorney, asked for an immediate trial. Mr. Sweeney was tried yesterday for passing a forged check, and was acquitted. It was the same check which in this case he was accused of forging, and the evidence yesterday showed that he could not write at all. He had been confined in the penitentiary for three months, in default of bail, while his wife had to support their children as best she could by her labor. Under these circumstances there should be an immediate trial, the case should be dismissed, or the defendant be allowed to go on his own recognizances.

Mr. Varian said he could not go to a trial without the witness whose name had been forged, Col. Ferry, who he understood was so ill that it might be several weeks before he could be out, but promised to investigate the circumstances.

The case of the People vs. Luke McCartin, the man who voted the "Liberal" ticket last July, at the Fifteenth district election for trustees, was called. Judge Powers was attorney for the defense, but he was in California and no one knew just when he would be back, so the court appointed Mr. Bowman to defend him. This afternoon McCartin's trial took place. It was proved, and he admitted that he voted. He was not a citizen, having been in the United States less than a year before the election. Somebody told him he could vote if he wanted to,