

was found at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, near the Gulf of Mexico, and on it was a letter to the S. F. Chronicle divulging the reason for his suicide. It appears that he was wounded in the head at the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1864, and since that time had been troubled with temporary aberration of mind which led him to rush away from the presence of his best friends. Lately it had developed into an occasional momentary desire to kill those whom he loved, and fearing its results, he had fled and killed himself that he might not be led to destroy others. He spoke in terms of the strongest endearment of his faithful wife, and two little children and implored the commiseration of the public. His case is a singular one and calls for pity more than censure.

#### NEW WATER REGULATIONS.

ALL owners of lots or parts of lots in this city, who want to use water for irrigation during the present year, should pay attention to the new ordinance in relation to this matter. There have perhaps been more difficulties arising over the irrigation question than any other that interests the citizens of this Territory. The ordinance in question has been passed with a view to avoid trouble and conflict, and to secure every citizen in his lawful rights. As soon as the required forms are issued, application should be made to the Watermaster for the water for such amount of land as the applicant wishes to irrigate. The ordinance requires this to be done before the 15th of March. But as the application cannot be made until the forms are furnished, the strict letter of the law cannot be complied with, this year, so far as the date is concerned. After this form is filled up, the sum of one dollar must be paid to the City Treasurer for each full lot to be watered and fifty cents for each fraction of a lot. The receipt for this payment must be presented to the Watermaster, who will give in return a certificate, showing that the holder is entitled to water for the land as paid for. Prompt attention to this simple matter will save our citizens and the city officers much trouble and waste of time. We may have further to say on this subject when we have more space at our command.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

A special session of Congress is to be called to meet March 18th. It is hardly probable that our Delegate will be able to come home during the interim.

At the meeting of the U. P. shareholders in Boston, to-day, Bishop John Sharp of this City was re-elected a Director of the Company. The stockholders showed their good sense in this selection.

Congress has adjourned without anything being done towards throwing Utah open to the birds and beasts of prey that have been gloating over anticipated feasts. There will be gloom among the impetuous and rage among the radicals. So be it.

The "returns" from Tooele County, as cooked up by the canvassing board, were presented to the Third District Court this morning and placed on file. Now it remains to be seen whether or not the Court will maintain its own authority and see that its mandates are obeyed.

Official immigration returns show an increase in 1878 over the previous year of 22,704 persons. Yet the whole number is not large, being only 153,207; the labor market in the United States is over-crowded, and though the suffering of the millions of the working people of the Old World is intense, the New does not offer any very promising inducements for their emigration.

From the *Millennial Star* we learn that a new tract has been issued from the Liverpool office, entitled, "The Only True Gospel, or the Primitive Christian Faith." It contains in four pages a clear and forcible exposition of the first principles of the gospel, and is from the pen of President William Budge. It is printed on good paper and sold at fifteen shillings per thousand.

Harvard College is now open to women. The same privileges of study, instructors and facilities

are accorded to female as to male pupils, the only distinction being that the lady graduates will receive certificates instead of diplomas. Even this difference will no doubt be soon removed, and the agitators for the full rights of women may score another victory.

The Supreme Court of the United States met yesterday morning. One of the cases immediately before the Court is that of Caine vs. Jennings, involving the title to the valuable Eagle Emporium corner in this city. Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, the brave and talented lady lawyer, was admitted to practice before the Court, a great and deserved triumph, after years of battling for the rights of her sex.

Parson Newman, late of Washington, has never forgiven his humiliating defeat when he attempted to vanquish "Mormonism" with three Hebrew roots and the aid of Leviticus slightly twisted. Last evening in orating upon the Chinese question, in New York, he went out of his way to give the "Mormons" a spiteful dig. Poor creature! everybody knows his motive and despises his anti-Christian but fruitless anger.

A writer in the *Woman's Journal* complains of meeting in Boston young ladies reduced to the appearance of idiocy by a peculiar method of combing the hair down over the forehead, familiarly known as "banging," and asks: "Is it a protest against being considered strong-minded that the young women thus assume what is evidently copied from the lunatic asylums?" The young ladies of this city who deprive themselves of woman's greatest adornment, and disfigure their fair brows with short and frizzled locks, would do well to note the foregoing query.

Omaha, this year has to pay taxes at the rate of forty-eight mills on the dollar, or nearly five per cent. Fancy Salt Lake City being burdened with such a financial incubus! Yet Omaha complains of special levies for sewers and the lack of a hydrant fire and water system, permanent sidewalks, etc., which are necessary to the safety as well as comfort of the people. Salt Laker ought to appreciate the low taxes and economical administration of affairs here, and treat as public enemies those who resist payment of lawful dues and encourage resistance to the collection of local revenues.

Appleton & Co., New York, are publishing a series of small books, called *Health Primers*, which we think will prove of vast benefit to society. No. 1 is on Exercise and Training. It is a treatise in three parts, showing the general principles of the subject, the various kinds of exercise suited to different ages, temperaments and physical developments, and the best methods of training the body for fatigue and endurance. It is illustrated with cuts. No. 4 is on Premature Death, and how to prevent it. Each book, neatly bound in cloth, can be had of Dwyer for 40 cents. They are written by eminent authors, and each Primer is complete in itself, and is a good book for the young.

Bill Brazleton of Arizona, a desperado, who had robbed stages and committed many depredations, was shot and killed "on sight" a short time since by the sheriff of Tucson. He went with a posse to arrest him, and did not wait a moment to give Brazleton a chance to "get the drop on him," but as soon as he sighted him fired without parley. For this the Sheriff has been highly complimented. On the body were two belts full of cartridges; two revolvers, a Spencer rifle, a mask and some valuables. If the sheriff had been a "Mormon" officer, this would have offered a splendid opening for a lively prosecuting attorney, after the lapse of a few years, and that which the Arizonians call justice promptly executed would be, magnified into a first class "Mormon" outrage. It makes all the difference in the world who does a thing.

Persons accustomed to the noise, passion and personalities which degrade the State and National Legislatures of this country, are surprised when they witness the quiet and gentlemanly deportment of a "Mormon" Legislative Assembly. We do not think that strong and decided opinions need to be maintained by invective, nor that opposing views should be supported by passionate and insulting attacks on character and motive.

The scenes in the Senate and the House towards the close of the late Congress, although not so violent as at some of its predecessors, were entirely out of place in a deliberative body, and worthy only of the stock exchange or the pugilistic ring. A few "Mormon" legislators ought to be sent to Washington to give our national Solons a lesson in parliamentary decorum.

#### UTAH STAKE CONFERENCE.

Minutes of Utah Stake Quarterly Conference, held in Provo City, commencing 10 a.m., March 1, 1879.

Present—Albert Carrington, of the Twelve Apostles, Joseph E. Taylor, of the Presidency of the Salt Lake Stake, the Presidency of the Utah Stake, and the Bishops of the Wards.

President H. H. Cluff spoke of the great assurances possessed by the Latter-day Saints of the approbation of the Almighty, the manner in which the promises made through holy men of God were being fulfilled, and of the necessity of so acting that our lives may be in consonance with the professions we make.

President Joseph E. Taylor alluded to the necessity of men holding the Priesthood understanding fully the character and nature of their callings and authority, that Zion may be built up and through the influence of the organization of the Priesthood the power of the Gospel take pre-eminence in the temporal and spiritual affairs of this life.

The afternoon was occupied by presentation of the authorities and statistical and financial reports of the Stake; followed by an address from Apostle Carrington, who made a strong appeal in behalf of gathering the poor saints from the nations of the earth through the channel of the P. E. Fund, calling on those indebted to the fund to make strong efforts to discharge their indebtedness that the means might again be used for the same blessing it had procured them.

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Bishop Paxman commented upon the exhibit of tithing payments, read, making explanations in regard thereto, and showing that the higher principles of the gospel could not be enjoyed unless prefaced by a practical observance of the minor duties of our daily lives.

Apostle Albert Carrington said when rightly understood, tithing is an investment for the temporal and present good of all members of the church, the Lord having stated positively that the payment of one-tenth of our receipts shall bring blessings greater than we can contain.

Prest. Jos. E. Taylor occupied the remainder of the morning.

Sunday, 2 p.m.

After the administration of the sacrament Bishop John Brown alluded to the joy and happiness experienced in listening to the wise instructions of the inspired servants of God, which was transitory in its nature, unless followed by a practical observance thereof.

President A. O. Smoot briefly alluded to the law of tithing; called attention to the claims and the destitution of the ungathered Saints, making a strong appeal in their behalf, and requested the Bishops of the Wards to attend to the collection of the amounts due the P. E. Fund; referred to the spirit of criticism so rife in the land; the technical application of the written word to the action of the executive priesthood and showed that while the written law must not be ignored, the living priesthood of God may receive revelations for their guidance.

Brother David Holdaway was then presented to the conference, and sustained as a High Councilor of the Stake, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Councilor S. P. Curtis.

President David John spoke encouragingly, commending the people for their endeavors; the investments made in temples, school houses and other public institutions would bring their reward in the blessing of God.

Apostle Albert Carrington, in conclusion, urged upon the people the necessity of being zealous for the cause of God.

Conference then adjourned sine die.

Benediction by Prest. Joseph E. Taylor.

The improvement in President

Smoot's health permitting him to appear, was a source of satisfaction to the conference. The hymns and anthems sung by the choir during the meetings were well rendered, and aided in producing the enjoyment of the conference.

A. JONES, Clerk.

#### SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

RICHFIELD, Sevier County, Feb. 28, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

It devolves upon me to forward a synopsis in brief of proceedings at our quarterly conference held on the 22d and 23d inst., which was well attended. A full quorum of the presidency of the Stake was present, as also the members of the High Council, the presidency of the High Priests, bishops of the several wards, and counselors generally, two of the pioneers into Salt Lake Valley, and at least one member of the Mormon Battalion, Elder Ephraim Hanks, who gave a spirited address at the High Priests' meeting on the Saturday evening. One of our two patriarchs was present, viz., Elder Farleton Lewis, a pioneer.

Although we had been favored, during the last quarter with a passing visit from Elders Woodruff and Teasdale, and subsequently Elder John W. Young, who each addressed the Saints of Richfield, yet those assembled at conference from all parts were not favored with the presence of any of the Twelve or other visitors, and we realize that we can no longer listen to the soul-stirring appeals of Elder Orson Hyde, but cherish the more what has so often been taught for our salvation.

The statistical report was forwarded at once. The minutes of proceedings are taken for record and will, in due time, be forwarded to the Historian's Office.

To the general local authorities, as presented by the clerk, at the instance of President F. Spencer there was not one dissenting vote, and that we may by a patient continuance in well doing obtain a final and full salvation in the Kingdom of God is the earnest prayer of your brother in the Gospel, WM MORRISON, Stake Clerk.

R. S.—It is worthy of note, that during the last quarter, Richfield Wm. Frampton, of Pleasant Grove, Utah County, having devoted himself assiduously to the cultivation of vocal music among our juveniles for but \$1.50 each, and gave at the close a concert, which was in all respects creditable to him for good taste and efficiency. He is fully entitled to this acknowledgement, and it is freely bestowed by the parties benefitted as expressed in my hearing. Respectfully, W. M.

#### DAVIS COUNTY STAKE CONFERENCE.

Our Conference on Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2d, at Kaysville was well attended.

Elder Brigham Young attended on both days. Elder Angus M. Cannon on Sunday.

Prest. Wm. R. Smith presided. Counselor Call was present. Counselor Layton was absent in consequence of ill health. The wards were all represented by bishops, except two by counselors.

The speakers were Elders A. Stayner, and B. Young, Saturday morning; the bishops reporting and Elder T. S. Smith Saturday afternoon; Elders A. M. Cannon and B. Young Sunday morning, and the same and Bp. J. H. Hess and Prest. Wm. R. Smith on Sunday afternoon.

The topics of instruction were practical and of vital interest, manifestly indicted by the Holy Spirit and listened to with absorbing attention.

The General Authorities of the Church and of the Stake were presented on Sunday afternoon, the only change being the appointment of Wm. Frith as counselor to Bishop D. S. Cook, South Weber vice Thomas F. King, resigned.

Very respectfully, A. STAYNER, Clerk.

#### SUGAR MAPLE ACER SACCHARINUM.

Solon Robison, Esq., agricultural editor of the N. Y. Tribune, and author of several popular works

writes, "Since the sugar maple is one of the handsomest of all our beautiful American forest trees, and is as easily grown as the apple tree, it is surprising that it is not more cultivated and its delicious products more used by farmers' families."

Another practical writer says—"The sugar maple is a moderate grower, neither very rapid nor very slow. They can be safely tapped when about 4 to 6 inches in diameter. A tree say one foot in diameter, will, in a good season, make from 4 to 6 pounds of sugar. They have no top root, and are admitted by everybody to make the most ornamental shade trees of any tree known except the white elm. They grow best on dry or moderately damp ground."

J. C. Pinney, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, (a climate more rigorous than ours) will send by mail 2 to 4 inch trees, at 20c. for 100—75c. for 1,000, and \$6.00 for 10,000; 4 to 6 inch trees at 40c. for 100, \$1.50 for 1,000, \$10.00 for 10,000. When sent by mail, 50 per cent. additional must be remitted to cover postage and packing.

In giving this free advertisement to Mr. Pinney, whose sugar maple trees seem to me to be cheap, I do it solely to induce this culture, which will produce a delectable and wholesome sweet, both in sugar and syrup, far below the cost of any other kind and at the same time furnish shade and wood to the grower.

I am told that our Box Elder (known also as the Ashleaf Maple) contains a large amount of saccharine. If this is so, and it can easily be tested, there will be but little need for sending abroad for trees.

Could the members of the Y. M. M. I. Associations take hold of a more practical and necessary labor than the cultivation of sugar and syrup-producing trees, or must the members of the Young Ladies' M. I. Societies be appealed to promote this essential work.

Respectfully, A. M. MUSSER.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 24, 1879.

#### PANGUITCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

PANGUITCH, March 3d, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

The Stake Conference came off on the 1st and 2nd inst., and a good time was enjoyed. The house was crowded at every meeting and many had to go away, unable to procure seats.

The presiding brethren of the Stake and wards were present on the stand.

The subjects spoken upon were unity, co-operation, home industries, building a woolen factory and meeting-house, educating our children, mutual improvements, marriage, etc., etc., all of which were handled in a masterly manner by the speakers.

We regretted very much that none of the Apostles were present, but we made the best of it, and all felt that we had enjoyed a feast of fat things.

The statistical report was read, which showed as follows—Patriarchs 1; seventies 33; high priests 40; elders 137; priests 10; teachers 11; deacons 48; members 568; total officers and members 847; children under 8 years 506; total of souls 1,353; families 299; marriages 12; births—males 29; births—females 25; children blessed 59; members received 25; baptized 35; deaths—females 6; deaths—males 5; individuals drawing support 10; amount of support drawn \$95; amount of fast day donations \$2.

The officers were all sustained by the people.

Your brother in the gospel, MAHONRI M. STEEL, Clerk.

Many a man who feels himself great among little people would find himself little if he were among great people.

Such is the universally charitable nature of woman that when she finds a man who has no mind of his own she is always willing to give him a piece of hers.

The whole science of social economy is found in these lines:

Well, while I am a beggar I will rail  
And say there is no sin but to be rich;  
And being rich my virtue then shall be  
To say there is no vice but beggary.