

Commissioner Hayt's successor will soon be appointed. Among the gentlemen prominently named for the office are ex-Member Trowbridge, of Michigan, and ex-Member Manypenny, of Ohio, the former is supported by the entire Michigan delegation, and will, in all probability be the lucky man. An effort was made to secure the re-appointment of Mr. Smith, but as he was gotten rid of because he was not a reformer, Schurz would not hear of his reinstatement. He was an able and honest official, better by far than the man who succeeded him.

The proposition to organize a bureau of mines and mining, proposed some time ago, are now considering that subject. Hon. Clarence King, director of geological surveys, was before the sub-committee to-day, and gave his views upon mineral resources of the United States. It is probable that Congress will take steps before long to give more prominent official recognition to this important branch of our national wealth.

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LOGAN, February 14th, 1880.

## Editors Deseret News:

The Cache County Educational Institute met, per adjournment. Roll called, minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. S. Oldham was appointed critic for the session. Mrs. Molen gave a lesson in geography, Miss Langton followed with a select reading from Tennyson entitled "Guinevere." Brother Langton gave an address on the necessity for more school-houses. Owing to the length of the exercises a part of the programme was omitted till the next session. The critic's report was given in a critical manner. Wm. H. Apperley spoke of the importance of engaging the best talent in teaching our primary schools, also referred to the general absence of the Logan trustees from the conventions. He then presented a partial outline of study for the normal school during the summer of 1880, which was adopted, as follows: Elocution selections from the National Fifth Reader; Grammar, correction of errors under the rules of Syntax, commencing on page 173 of Harvey's Grammar, including orthography and punctuation; Mathematics, solving one hundred promiscuous examples commencing on page 314 and equations of the degree containing one unknown quantity, commencing on page 120 Ray's Algebra. Geography, names of all the countries on the Eastern and Western continents, including boundaries, capital cities, present forms of government, principal rivers and mountains of the world. A lecture each day on primary teaching, school government, the graded system or some other popular subject.

Mr. Apperley was in favor of adopting the same order of business during the session as was adopted at the last normal.

It was moved and carried that a standing committee be appointed to act during the normal session, and also to select the best talent in the county to teach during the first week. The following members were appointed to act: J. E. Carlisle, John Donaldson, Ellen Langton, Samuel Oldham, and Jos. Howells.

Mr. Carlisle read the rules and regulations of the Cache County Educational Library, which were adopted.

Programme for March read and approved.

Adjourned till second Saturday in March.

Benediction by J. E. Carlisle.  
MATTIE BLAIR, Secy.

MINERSVILLE,

February 11th, 1880.

## Editors Deseret News:

About 11 weeks since the telegraph office of this place was "cut out," but yesterday it was restored to us, with new instruments from Chicago direct. It occupies its former place—the residence of Mr. Dotson, with Miss Ida Dotson operator, in charge.

Lately we have had some little stir here pertaining to postal matters. It appears that J. Dupax, a bankrupt merchant living at the far extreme southwest end of town, has by some means secured the appointment of postmaster, greatly to the regret of the community at large. Steps have been taken to have the matter adjusted if possible. A petition, setting forth the facts of the case has been forwarded to the Postmaster General, and pray-

ing that W. Wood, Sen., be appointed, and that the office be allowed to remain in its present occupancy—the centre of town. What the result will be the future will develop.

A furniture store is about to be opened here in a building next door west of the Co-op. store, Goodman Brothers, proprietors.

Snow has fallen and still falls occasionally in great abundance, which certainly is a prophecy that water will be plentiful the coming summer, and, as the old lady said, "the Lord be thanked."

Yours truly,

A FARMER.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.

February 11, 1880.

Elders Elias Morris and Samuel L. Evans:

Dear Brethren—It is with pleasure that we acknowledge the good results of your efforts in assisting the worthy poor and destitute Saints from Wales, during the past two years. We learn that you succeeded in gathering some five thousand dollars, and have expended the same in emigrating many families from that country. Others are still calling for aid, and as you are personally acquainted with many, if not all, of those who were benefitted by your exertions, you have our full sanction to use all fair and lawful means to collect the amounts due the P. E. Fund from those who were emigrated by the funds you disbursed in 1878, and to again use the moneys thus collected to emigrate from Wales those who are worthy and still in need of assistance.

You are also authorized to collect for the benefit of the Welsh Saints, donations from any parties who feel disposed to aid in this laudable enterprise.

We trust that the brethren and sisters who have realized the benefit of your labors in their behalf, will do all in their power to pay their indebtedness, and thus give you all the aid they can to facilitate the gathering of their poor and destitute friends yet remaining in Wales.

Your Brother in the Gospel,

JOHN TAYLOR.

CYNORTHWY, NEU NI DREN-GWN!

## To the Saints of Latter-Days:

Having been again called on, as per letter of President Taylor to us, to renew our efforts in behalf of the poor, suffering Saints in South Wales. Also to collect from those who were assisted by the P. E. Fund, especially those who were brought here by the funds we collected in 1878 and 1879, and to collect by installment or full settlement, so that others may be helped who are looking with the eye of faith Zionward, for deliverance.

Thanking those who so kindly and liberally assisted us before, and whose co-operation we again solicit.

Any information will be cheerfully given by us.

MORRIS &amp; EVANS.

Box 1065.

AALBORG, Denmark,

January 27, 1880.

## Editors Deseret News:

This winter has thus far been moderate. It set in hard and heavy before Christmas. "Limfjorden" could carry man and beast without danger, but milder weather set in and the ice disappeared, navigation was again unobstructed, and in traveling through the country we found the husbandman engaged in turning over the soil, as though he was preparing for spring. But king frost has again set in and disturbed this kind of labor. The roads are bare, smooth and solid, making traveling easy and enabling people to get around. For our Elders engaged in preaching the gospel, this winter has been much better than that of 1879, as that was a hard one and the roads were impassable owing to the drifting of the snow.

There are in this Conference besides myself five Utah Elders, viz.: N. M. Andersen, Ephraim; N. C. Larsen, Manti; L. C. Mariyer, Kanab; O. C. Sonne, Mendon; C. L. Hansen, Gunnison; these brethren are good, faithful men, trying to do all in their power to disseminate the truth and benefit their fellow beings. All of them were born within the limits of this conference, esteemed and respected by relatives and friends. This helps them to make new acquaintances among the people, which I trust will result in much good. The people here, though ignorant of our doctrine, have more or less been associated with the Latter-day Saints,

and many of them have relatives or friends in Utah. But tradition, false reports, as well as their total ignorance of Scripture, have caused their thoughtless, indifferent state of mind which we find all around regarding religious subjects. I think the incessant use of tobacco and strong drinks, to which nearly all are attached, and that too at a very early age, is doing powerful work to dim the intellect and destroy the energy of this nation. In traveling through the country and looking at the people, seeing the customs, habits, state of mind, and inattention to nature and its laws, reminds one of other nations in times past who, like them have forgotten God, and fallen into sin and wickedness, taken the backward road, proceeded downward unto destruction and ultimate ruin.

The gospel net has gathered many from this land, and many are yearly doing a good work for their relatives and friends, by sending them money to help them gather to Zion, and I think this speaks well for the Danish people. But here are quite a few, who have stood faithful and true for many years, and borne the burden of the mission here, who have no relatives or friends in Utah, to care for them. This prolongs their stay here, and time wears out their lives. Their children get scattered out amongst the wicked, bewildered, and led astray, by the corrupt and contaminating influences they are surrounded with day by day. These things I fear are fully represented and understood at home. The Conference, as well as the Mission, in general is poor, as the rich, in days of prosperity will not listen to the voice of God through his servants. The poorer class of Saints cannot come to Zion, and their long expected hope will vanish and their bodies moulder in the grave, without the privilege of gathering with the Saints, to receive the blessing for which their heart's desires have longed for many years. Many send money for relatives not in the Church. I think those who are one with us should have the preference.

I rejoice in the work of God. We add some good, honest souls to the Church now and then, spread the printed word out among the people, and have a good many meetings round about in the country. Not much opposition is met, people listening with the greatest attention and composure, and it is not often that the reverend of this land honor us with their presence. But religious freedom or liberty has received a check, and laws are construed so as to prohibit the sale of religious pamphlets, and sometimes our Elders have to, for the sin of trying to enlighten their fellow beings with the plan of salvation, take the consequence of the law, and put up in a poorly provided cellar and take for a living "bread and water," of which they get barely enough to keep in existence.

We take great interest in reading the DESERET NEWS, it reminds us of home, gives us a correct idea of things as they are, and discloses the machinations of those who oppose the course of Zion, and defends the rights of the long tried, oppressed and persecuted people composing the kingdom of God, with whom we are identified. Although we have relatives, and some of us parents here, and are in the land that gave us birth, we must acknowledge that we are strangers in a strange land, for light and darkness cannot embrace each other, and the Spirit of God and the spirit of this world cannot unite together, any more than oil and water.

With kind regard to you and friends and families at home, I sign myself your brother in the Gospel and co-laborer in the cause of truth.

N. P. RASMUSSEN.

MONTPELIER, Idaho,

Feb'y 1st, 1880.

## Editor Deseret News:

The residents of this place enjoyed a rich treat last Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18, in a local Ward conference, held by the Presidency of the Stake for the benefit of the Saints on "this side of the river" (as we term it) more particularly.

There were present on the stand President C. C. Rich, of the Twelve Apostles; J. H. Hart and George Osmond of the Presidency of the Stake; Elders J. Pugmire, A. Gallo-way, J. U. (or Y.) Stucki and S. W. Richards, from other parts of this valley, and the authorities of this Ward and others, on this side of the river.

Five meetings were held, all of which were very well attended, and

some excellent instructions, wise counsels and fatherly advice were given alternately, by the brethren mentioned.

The subjects treated on were: Unity, sustaining the authorities in the Priesthood and wards. The Word of Wisdom and evil effects from the use of intoxicating spirits, tithing and improvement of the mind, by subscribing for and reading such papers as the News, Juvenile Instructor, Woman's Exponent, Young People's Magazine, and Church works in general, as also reliable works on history, science, etc.

Urged the Saints to think more, and cultivate the mind, in preference to the toes.

The genial face of President Rich, (who is much beloved by the Saints of Bear Lake Valley) and his good counsels are always welcome with pleasure as he travels around among the settlements.

Sunday eve the brethren rode on to Bennington and Georgetown to hold meetings there Monday and Tuesday.

President Rich and Elder Richards remained here and occupied the time at Sunday evening meetings, relating some very interesting incidents of the history of the Church during the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The Montpelier Dramatic Association—organized a few weeks ago—gave its first public performance last night in the ward school house, to a crowded house, performing the pieces "All that Glitters is not Gold," and "The Two Polts," in a creditable and highly interesting manner for amateurs.

We have had no snow fall of late but the weather is extremely cold.

The health of the people is generally good. Sunday school and meetings are well attended. Our day school is in a flourishing condition. There are over ninety names enrolled. Requires two teachers.

A painful accident occurred yesterday morning to one of the members of Bishop C. E. Robison's family. His little daughter Lenora, between three and four years old, fell from the bed to the floor and broke her arm just above the elbow. A brother here set the injured limb, and the little patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Yours, &amp;c. R. P. S.

CROYDON, Morgan Co.,

February 5, 1880.

## Editors Deseret News:

Our picturesque little town, in a pocket of the mountains, near the Weber, the past few weeks has been passing under the dark cloud of affliction, nearly all the rising generation, from the small infant up to the young man and lady, all down with the measles, almost at one time.

Two instances, the infant daughters, one of Counselor Geo. Knight, the other of Wm. Thomas Walker, the measles were followed by inflammation and brain fever, causing their demise on the 4th inst.; Mary Jane Knight about 3 o'clock p. m., and Laura Belle Walker about 5 o'clock p. m.; both went into a calm sleep after much suffering.

To-day at 2.30 p. m. the obsequies took place in the District School-house, the infant corpses lying near the centre in their little coffins robed in white.

All the people who could, assembled to tender their condolence with the bereaved. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Prest. W. G. Smith and Bishop J. Hopkin.

The inhabitants have vied with each other in rendering aid to the sick, the Elders also going to administer, cheer, comfort and console the people. Yours with kind regards,

GEO. K. BOWERING.

## The Work in the South.

TILSON'S MILL, Blande Co. Va.,

February 12th, 1880.

## Editors Deseret News:

Dear Brethren—The following are the minutes of a two day's conference held in this district at the Litz School-house, Burk's Garden, Tazewell County, Va., Saturday and Sunday, February 7th and 8th, 1880.

Saturday 10 a. m.

Elders present: Elder John Morgan, President of the Southern States mission; Wm. W. Fife and Matthias F. Cowley, traveling elders in the Virginia Conference.

President Morgan addressed the congregation on the gathering of the Saints, in which he spoke forcibly of Zion extending her borders, and the settlement of the Saints in Colorado,

recommending the Saints to gather to that point and assist in building up the Kingdom of God.

2 p. m.

Elder Fife addressed the people present on the first principles of the gospel and bore a strong testimony to the truth of the same.

Elder Cowley spoke of the necessity of the Saints living their religion and as soon as practicable gathering to Zion.

President Morgan followed with a spirited address, principally on gathering, and being governed by the revelations of God.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

In addition to the Elders present on the first day, were Elders George R. Hill and Richard A. Ballantyne, from the Tennessee conference.

President Morgan delivered an excellent discourse on the pre-existent, present and future life of man, and the resurrection, by request of the children of Brother Philip Heninger, in honor of their father and mother, deceased members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A large congregation were in attendance and paid strict attention to the instructions given.

2 p. m.

Elder George R. Hill addressed the congregation in a spirited manner on the unchangeable character of the gospel, bearing a strong testimony to the truth of its principles.

Elder Cowley followed on the first principles of the gospel and promises made to the Saints on conditions of obedience to God's commandments.

Conference adjourned.

Since the 29th of last June 51 souls have been added to the Church and 27 emigrated from this district. Prospects are favorable for more baptisms in the near future, and the Saints generally are anxious to gather to Zion. During the past summer the Elders have been going out into the surrounding country and finding openings to preach in different localities. Invitations have been given us to hold meetings in several neighborhoods, where we have not been able to devote any time on account of the limited force of elders in this district.

There are good openings for several more good energetic elders in this immediate section of country, while there are doubtless thousands of people in the surrounding counties, as well as throughout the Southern States who never heard the voice of an elder in Israel. The power of God has been manifest in our labors. The honest in heart are convinced of the truth by "hearing the word of God," while the Pharisee element who seek for a sign, thereby prove themselves to be a "wicked and an adulterous generation." Many people in this, as well as in other parts of the land begin to feel a little shaky about the condition of affairs in the government. They are convinced that trouble is coming upon them, but like the Antediluvians they do not believe in the mode of escape which the Lord has prepared. Confidence is fast leaving the people; not only in the administration of government officials, but between man and man, and the result is of course, that very little interest is taken in public enterprise, and especially in the education of the youth.

The weather in this section has been remarkably warm for the winter season, with but very little snow. The climate is generally healthful in this part of the State, which makes it agreeable to the Elders traveling and preaching in this locality. We have enjoyed very much the visit of Prest. Morgan, and the other Elders to this district. We are all well in body and spirits, and feel desirous to fill our missions in honor to God and the holy priesthood. Our two days' conference has been well attended and will result in great good.

Prest. Morgan leaves in a few days for the North Carolina Conference.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion, in which the brethren join, I remain your brother in the gospel,  
M. F. COWLEY.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of JOHN FORBES, SR., deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, administrator of the estate of John Forbes, Sr., deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at his residence in Kaysville City, County of Davis, Territory of Utah.

WM. N. NALDER,  
Administrator of the estate of John Forbes, Sr., deceased.  
Dated at Kaysville, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1880. w2 3t