

which God had given to man, and urged the Latter-day Saints to improve on the same.

Monday afternoon, the local and general authorities were presented and sustained. The statistical reports were read. Elder Benjamin Cluff spoke upon the duties of the members of the High Priests' quorum, and exhorted them by all means to sustain the authorities of the Church. Patriarch P. C. Merrill gave some of his experience in missionary life, and the testimony that the Elders are now sealing upon the nations of the earth; referred to prophecies concerning famine and pestilence that would take place in the latter days—that we were seeing many of them fulfilled, and that it behoved the Latter-day Saints to live their religion. Elder Johnson made a few closing remarks. All felt we had had a good time.

F. W. MOODY, Clerk.

### A MISSIONARY SHIP.

The Reorganized Church of the Latter-day Saints has built and will launch from Holder's shipyard, in this city, on Tuesday next, "the Ship of Zion, Evanelia," says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The vessel, as its name implies in the Maorian language, is a gospel ship and has been built for the purpose of spreading the gospel of the sect which owns it among the natives of the Society Islands of the Pacific.

In an interview at the shipyard, on Channel street, yesterday, Bishop E. L. Kelly, of Lamoni, Ia., who came here in June last to arrange for and superintend the building of the vessel, and Captain J. F. Burton, an old sea captain, but now a missionary of the church who is to command the new ship, told its history.

"When I arrived here," said Bishop Kelly, "I expected to buy a vessel such as would suit our purposes. The money for the purchase, amounting to about \$3,000, had been contributed by the pupils in the Sunday schools of our church. In the Society Islands we have already upward of 2,000 native converts to our faith; the work of a few missionaries, who have traveled from island to island spreading our gospel at great risk of life and with many hardships. They reported to us constantly that if they only had a boat so arranged that they could live in it and travel quickly from port to port they could do far more work, and so we decided to send them a gospel ship. When I arrived here I consulted with Captain Burton, an old seafaring man, who has been one of our missionaries here for some time, and together we looked over the craft in the bay, but found none to suit us. Then we decided to build a boat, and," pointing to the craft standing upon the ways, "there she is. Now, let Captain Burton, who is to sail her, tell you about the ship, for she is as staunch and true, we hope and believe, as the gospels she will carry abroad."

"The Evanelia," said Captain Burton, "is built for our special purpose and hence differs in many ways from other vessels of her class. She is to be schooner rigged, but you will see from her breadth of beam and her outlines generally that she conforms to the lines of noiset model. The changes were made to give us room in the

cabin and between decks, give us a little draught and a fast boat, for, after her cruise from this port to the islands, the Evanelia will only make short voyages. The dimensions of the boat, as surveyed today by the customs authorities, are as follows: Over all, 45 feet; beam, 15 feet; depth of hold, 6 feet, with a tonnage of 20 tons. The very best material obtainable has been put into her. All the seams are caulked with cotton, then painted with white lead and sheathed with heavy copper. The draught is about 6 feet, and I think she will be very speedy. The Evanelia will carry all told a crew of seven. She has the latest patent steering gear, and above and below decks will be fitted out for comfort without considering cost. In the cabin will be four double bunks, separated by curtains at night, dividing the cabin into four little staterooms. In addition arrangements are made for sleeping on deck under awnings, for in the tropics the deck will be preferable to the cabin. The galley is complete with cooking utensils. We have a full set of charts and instruments necessary for navigation, and as a boat for the purpose designed, she will carry in comfort and safety the missionaries from port to port in less than a third of the time it now takes them to travel. The ship will fly the American flag, and claim San Francisco as her home. I will sail her to the islands, and then turn her over to a native preacher who holds a license from the French government as a pilot and shipmaster. Then I will come home to California again."

"There are a few things I want to add," said Bishop Kelly. "We have three American missionaries now in the islands and will send three more on the Evanelia. We hope to launch the boat on Tuesday next and to dedicate it on September 23. Just when she will sail we are not certain, but we hope to have her at the islands by October 6th next, when the conference is held there. Another thing; please do not mix this church of Latter Day Saints with the Mormon Church of that name in Utah. We have been declared by the United States courts to be the legal succession of the Church founded by Joseph Smith, whose son is at the head of our church. Our headquarters are at Lamoni, Ia., and in this city at 320 Post street. We do not believe in polygamy, but in original religion as revealed. There was some objection for a time to our building a boat out here, as the bulk of our church is in the East, and they wanted the gospel ship built there, but we have a grand boat and we hope for grand results from the venture."

The builder of the gospel ship, Daniel Holder, added a final word: "The craft is as staunch as the hand of man can make her." After being launched the Evanelia will be towed to Harrison street wharf for the final touches.

### TERRITORIAL FAIR MATTERS.

It is now definitely decided that each baby on exhibition at the greatest of baby shows this year will receive a beautiful silver medal, a prize which can be kept through life as a charming souvenir of the day the baby represented a sprig of Utah's best crop. This will be tied to a ribbon and suspended

on every baby's neck. A blank will be left on the medal for engraving the name of the little one.

Babies competing for the premium for weight alone should register at the store of H. Dinwoodey Furniture Co., but all others will only be required to be present on the day of the show and register on the grounds. Great interest is already manifested in this interesting exhibit, and the 200 babies expected to be present are already in lung training for the occasion.

W. T. Monsarrat has been appointed veterinary surgeon for the Utah Territorial Fair for 1894. Mr. Monsarrat is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary college—class of '89, and for four years was government veterinarian and inspector of stock on the Sandwich Islands.

Mrs. Kate Shiels, of Ogden, the mother of three daughters—triplets—has been asked to come to the Fair and show her wonderful children. They are three years old.

James H. Banks, the candy man, will also have the privilege of selling gum on the Fair grounds.

V. M. Pratt was allowed the privilege of writing visiting cards on the grounds.

The rate for running phonographs at the Fair has been fixed at \$25 per phonograph.

The executive committee have decided not to permit shows at the Fair of 1894—that is, the side show business. The desire is to protect the public in these hard times as much as possible, and not have the visitors fleeced by "fakes."

### THE TERRITORY'S VALUATION.

Chairman Sowles, of the Territorial board of equalization, last evening filed the final report of the total assessed valuation of the Territory with Auditor Caine, and fixes it at \$99,503,243.40. Mr. Caine has just completed figuring up the taxes which each county will have to pay into the Territorial treasury, including general and school. The following amounts will be charged against the counties and notices to that effect are being sent out.

Beaver	\$ 5,421.68
Box Elder	20,765.13
Cache	26,278.84
Carbon	4,444.58
Davis	15,394.18
Emery	5,131.59
Grand	4,49.29
Garfield	1,943.17
Iron	3,732.62
Juab	10,369.07
Kane	2,770.43
Millard	6,091.76
Morgan	3,647.35
Piute	1,400.67
Rich	3,798.45
Salt Lake	205,813.25
San Juan	1,302.32
Sanpete	18,438.05
Sevier	6,299.77
Summit	17,249.33
Tooele	6,903.92
Utah	44,134.81
Uintah	3,028.89
Wasatch	4,683.88
Wayne	1,257.37
Washington	4,679.65
Weber	68,006.16

This furnishes a total of \$497,516.12, of which three-fifths is school and the remaining two-fifths general. Of this amount Salt Lake pays \$205,813.25, or but \$42,945.81 less than one half of the entire tax.