

nated the North Texas conference. Elder Joseph Coulam was appointed to preside, and the following Elders are now located at addresses set opposite their names:

Jos. Coulam and Jos. W. Hess, Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas.

Orson P. Nelson and Arthur V. Lee, Dallas, Dallas county, Texas.

Levi J. Taylor and Jacob L. Workman, Rockwall, Rockwall county, Texas.

Peter G. Clarke and Francis C. Lee, Mansfield, Tarrant county, Texas.

The other Elders mentioned in this article will all labor in the eastern part of the state and their addresses will be sent at a later date.

JOSEPH COULAM, Clerk.

OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 29, 1897.—The prevailing impression around town is to the effect that the coming winter will be the liveliest that San Francisco has experienced for some years past. Though present conditions are not particularly bright, despite the newspaper tales to the contrary, the prospects for the winter are certainly encouraging. The high prices that producers will receive for their crops and stocks will add materially to the circulation, but the main points upon which the prophets base their claims is the attraction California will be as a resort and winter racing center. San Francisco and New Orleans are the only two cities where winter racing is in vogue, and since the yellow fever threatens to prevent racing at the Southern city this year, the wise heads contend that San Francisco will be the objective point for those people who would otherwise go to New Orleans, and consequently many will come here who have never visited the coast before.

The old board of supervisors who were recently removed from office have opened up another proceeding to contest their right to remain in office, but their efforts have very much the appearance of a drowning man grasping at a straw. The matter will be finally decided sometime this week.

Here comes Dr. C. C. O'Donnell with charges against the board of education, praying for their removal, and the "solid nine" of that body are threatened with the same fate that overtook the supervisors, as the charges appear to be well grounded. The petition alleges a violation of the law pertaining to the adoption of text books which the directors appear to have ignored.

Wardens Hale and Aull of San Quentin and Folsome prisons respectively, have gone to Washington on business in connection with the appeals to the United States Supreme Court of the murderers Theodore Durrant, Worden, Benj. Hill and Harry Allonder, which will be heard sometime in October. As the law reads at present it seems to be impossible to execute murderers after they have been sentenced to death and it is hoped the court will render a decision on the proper interpretation of the law that will enable the authorities to carry out the orders of the court.

Every once in a while some overdue ship comes into port with a record of rough sea experiences that are tragic enough to dispell thoughts of adventure by sea from the mind of the most reckless. The record has been broken, however, by the stories told by the crew of the Hahnemann from Newcastle, which arrived here last week after a voyage covering 213 days, during which every known hardship of the sea was encountered, from loss of captain, starvation, sickness and lying in a calm for months under the bleaching heat of the equator.

The sugar beet industry is growing rapidly into prominence in California and if it continues to increase at the present rate more refineries will be in demand. In addition to the colonies that have already been settled to carry on this enterprise, another has appeared upon the scene. The advance guard of the German Catholic Colonization Society, consisting of forty families from Chicago and vicinity, has arrived to settle upon lands in Monterey county, bonded by the society. These lands will be apportioned and sold in 5-acre lots, and the erection of houses and other improvements will begin at once to prepare for the reception of sixty families that are to follow in the near future.

The faculty of Stanford University has adopted a new set of rules and regulations governing entrance to the institution. In future each application will be considered separately and special exceptions have been made in favor of special students.

Prof. David Starr Jordan, president of the Stanford University, has startled the community by his utterances on some advanced theories of criminology and sociology. He believes that if it is proper to hang sane persons convicted of murder, the insane should suffer a like penalty for the same offense. He also urges that the state frame laws to prevent and restrain persons inclined to vice from marrying. The public has taken the matter up and almost every one of any note has offered some expression to the question.

Death has an industrious agent in San Francisco in the form of the deadly trolley car. Monday he added another victim to his credit, making the second for the present month, while twenty-four others have received injuries that are more or less serious. This is a record that even the yellow fever might envy.

Judge Carroll Cook has placed the ball of Theodore Figel, charged with murder and embezzlement, at \$50,000 and the announcement created quite a surprise, as the judge of the lower court had denied the petition for bail. What makes it more perplexing is the fact that the district attorney requested the release of the prisoner on bail and the special prosecuting attorneys bitterly opposed it.

For the first time on any stage Augustus Thomas's new comedy entitled Don't Tell Her Husband, was presented in this city by the Frawley company to a large and select audience. The local critics claim the piece is not up to the standard of the author's other works and will need a great deal of retouching to make it a success. The company in whose hands the play rested came in for some severe criticism which they will probably remember for some time. They lacked grace and seemed unfamiliar with the surroundings of a drawing room and, worst of all for such an occasion, but few of the players knew their lines.

M. C. Blake, one of the pioneers of California and ex-mayor of this city, died last week at the age of 82. The deceased was a bachelor and had no living relatives in California.

Pony Moore, Charley Mitchell's father-in-law, is in the city looking to make a match for his son-in-law with some local heavy-weight. He approached Thomas Sharkey but the latter failed to connect as he is looking for bigger game. Sharkey may be matched against Peter Jackson, who arrived here last week, though no offers have yet been made for the fight. Solly Smith and George Dixon are matched to fight early next month and a great deal of money is being wagered on the contest at odds 10 to 7 in favor of the colored boy.

Col. Ed Kelly, who at one time conducted a saloon in Salt Lake, has turned up in Frisco and is looking for a berth in politics. Capt. James Black and J. B. Bloor are among the recent arrivals from Utah.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual Sunday school conference convened in the Tabernacle Sunday evening, October 3. In addition of the general superintendency there were present nearly all the members of the union board, many leading Church authorities and a large representation of earnest Sunday school workers. The meeting was called to order by Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard.

The choir sang "Oh, Listen to the Trumpeters."

Elder George Teasdale offered the opening prayer and the choir sang "Glory and Love to Men of Old."

Secretary Whitaker called the roll of Stakes, and presented the general Sunday school authorities, who were unanimously sustained as follows: George Q. Cannon, general superintendent; George Goddard, first assistant superintendent; Karl G. Measer, second assistant superintendent; George Reynolds, general treasurer; as members of the Deseret Sunday School Union board, George Q. Cannon, George Goddard, Karl G. Measer, George Reynolds, Thos. C. Griggs, Jos. W. Summerhays, Levi W. Richards, Francis M. Lyman, Heber J. Grant, Jos. M. Tanner, George Teasdale, Hugh J. Cannon and Andrew Kimball.

President Cannon stated that the reason Elder John C. Cutler's name was omitted from the union board was that he had a great many duties to perform, having recently been made counselor to a Bishop, and these together with many other duties which prevent him performing the labors connected with the Union board.

The secretary then read a circular letter from the general superintendent urging that only such officers be sustained who keep the Word of Wisdom, observe the Sabbath day, pay tithing and sustain the Priesthood.

Elder George Goddard said he remembered forty-eight years ago when all the Sunday school children belonging to the Latter-day Saints could be accommodated in a room 10x15; now it would require eight such tabernacles as the one in which the meeting was being held to accommodate all who were earnest, faithful Sunday school workers. He considered this a wonderful change, but looked forward with great anticipation for a greater increase in the same length of time in the future. He spoke of the pleasure members of the board had in attending the thirty-six annual Sunday school Stake conferences since April last, and noted with pleasure the rapid growth and interest in this work. To further help the officers and teachers he referred to the list of questions regarding the conducting of Sunday schools that have been sent to each school for their guidance, and trusted that close attention would be paid to them by all; in attaining the consummation so much desired. He called attention to the importance of using the letter Sunday school hymn book, and taking part in all the songs of the school. He stated that Elder John M. Whitaker had been called to the Eastern states on a mission—he had been a faithful secretary now for about nine years—and all communications for the Union board should for the present be sent to General Secretary D. S. S. Union board.

Elder George Reynolds called attention to the distribution of Nickel Envelopes to be used on the 31st of Octo-