

It also appears there were five instead of four, as before stated, who went up the creek, the fifth and uncaptured one having been subsequently seen cutting across the fields.

The two who went down the creek, Williamson and Smith, probably stayed in the brush, on a part of C. J. Robinson's farm, most of Tuesday evening, as that gentleman walked around his farm and found tracks leading in, but none leading out that evening, and he told parties in pursuit he believed they were in the brush, but they did not make a search there, which would probably have been a dangerous operation, Williamson being armed, and an ambushed party always has a great advantage over a pursuer. Mr. Robinson walked around his farm on Wednesday morning, and then found tracks leading out of the brush, strengthening the opinion that the desperadoes had been secreted in that locality.

Conference at Paris.—A conference was held at Paris, Idaho, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12 and 13, Elder C. C. Rich presiding, Walter Hoge, clerk. The conference was addressed by President C. C. Rich and Elders E. A. Williams and James H. Hart, and Bishops W. Budge, Geo. Osmond, and J. A. Hunt. Meetings were held each day at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. The sacrament was administered on Sunday afternoon.

The following settlements were represented — Georgetown, Bennington, Montpelier, Preston, Liberty, Ovid, Paris, Bloomington, St. Charles and Fish Haven. The other settlements of this stake being so far distant and weather so unfavorable, no reports were received from them. The settlements were represented, generally, in very flourishing condition, a decided improvement in the spirit of the people, tending to a co-operation of labor and an increased desire to honor God's servants and live the lives of Latter-day Saints. A great number in each of the settlements had renewed their covenants by re-baptism, and a greater disposition to honor the law of tithing had been manifested than had ever appeared in our tithing settlements, many having liquidated their entire indebtedness which they had allowed to accumulate since their first settlement in this valley, and the books now showed more square accounts than at any time previously. The Sunday school interest was working a great amount of good amongst the rising generation. Co-operative stores, cattle and sheep herds, were reported as in a progressive and self-sustaining condition; some of which were yielding very large dividends to stockholders. The relief societies were well represented, making efforts to obtain a representation of the manufacturing skill of the pioneers of these mountain regions. It also appeared from the representation given that the population of these valleys was steadily increasing by home growth as well as by the incoming of new settlers, who have left older and less favorable locations to establish themselves in a country where so many facilities exist necessary for their comfort and prosperity.

The general authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained by the congregation, and also the following local authorities were presented and sustained, without a dissenting vote—

Charles C. Rich, president of the Bear Lake Stake of Zion; William Budge, Presiding Bishop.

MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COUNCIL.

Geo W. Serrine, John A. Hunt, Neils C. Edlefsen, Thomas Sleight, Edwin N. Austin, Miner Wilcox, Alonzo Bingham, Geo. Osmond, Neils Williamson, Anders Beck, Hyrum S. Rich, Solomon Wixum.

BISHOPS OF THE DIFFERENT WARDS.

Henry T. Lewis, Georgetown; Joseph W. Moore, Bennington; Charles E. Robinson, Montpelier; Henry H. Dalrymple, Preston; Peter Jensen, Ovid; Edwin N. Austin, Liberty; Henry J. Horne, Paris; George Osmond, Bloomington; John A. Hunt, St. Charles; Hyrum S. Rich, Fish Haven; Isaiah Tufts, Meadowville; Ira Nebeker, Lake Town; Randolph H. Stewart, Randolph; Wm H. Lee, Woodruff; Samuel Pike, Almy; William Burton, Evanston.

HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM. Niels Williamson, President; J. C. Rich and John Nebeker, Counsellors.

SEVENTIES. N. C. Davis, President; Wm. M. Alred and Hugh Findlay, Counsellors.

ELDERS' QUORUM. Wm. A. Hymas, President; Daniel Jacobs and Walter Hoge, Counsellors.

HOME MISSIONARIES. Ira Nebeker, Hugh Findlay, Neils Williamson, Daniel Jacobs, Geo. Osmond, James H. Hart, Robert Price, William A. Hymas, Joseph W. Moore, P. C. Merrill.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THIS STAKE. Bishop Geo. Osmond.

Conference adjourned *sine die*.

WALTER HOGE,

Clerk of Conference.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 18.

Stormy.—Rain, hail and snow to-day.

Lecture.—Remember the lecture of Elder Joseph F. Smith, at the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, on Monday night, on the "Early History of the Church."

Criminal Matters.—Yesterday James Mayfield, found guilty of larceny, was sentenced by the Court to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for one year. In the case of Dudley Bremen, found guilty of complicity in the same crime, judgment was, at the request of the public prosecutor, suspended, and the prisoner discharged on his own recognizances, subject to be brought before the Court at any time.

Improvement Society.—The Eighteenth Ward Improvement Society was organized last evening, with the following officers—

President, John Nicholson; 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Mahonri M. Young and R. Patrick; Secretary, R. V. Decker; Assistant Secretary, Chas. Smith; Treasurer, Lorenzo Young; Librarian, Edward Kirby; Directors D. O. Calder and B. M. Young.

Besides the foregoing, Bishop L. D. Young was elected Honorary President of the Society.

Storm and Disease.—Dr. O. C. Ormsby, of Logan, was in town for a short time this morning. We learned from him that a most terrible storm has prevailed on the route of the Utah Northern, blockading the road effectually. It will take several days to clear the blockade. He came by sleigh from Logan to Deweyville. The Dr. states that he has had one hundred and twenty-five cases of diphtheria during the winter, that disease being very prevalent in Logan and its vicinity.—*Ogden Junction, March 17.*

In St. Louis.—The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* of Sunday, March 12, thus announces—

"J. E. Taylor, of Salt Lake City, and M. W. Pratt, of St. Louis, elders in the Mormon Church, are to hold service to-day in Union Hall, No. 1310 Broadway, at 2 and 7 o'clock p. m. The first named passed through this city twenty-five years ago, on his way to the land of the Saints. Latterly he has been stationed in Iowa, whither he returns in the interest of the faith which is in him."

Utah Northern.—The sentiment of the people of this county is emphatic in regard to the Utah Northern proposition. Whatever benefits this railroad may be to other portions of the territory, it will be a positive injury to Missoula county. The productions of Utah will wipe out all the wealth that years of patient toil have accumulated here. Our distance of 150 miles, over a rugged road, will practically put us at the foot of the class of which Utah will be the head, and we will have to swarm into some other school.—*Montana Missoulian.*

Supposed Suicide.—It is generally believed that John D. Beck, the man advertised a few days ago as missing from his home in the 14th Ward, committed suicide in Jordan, some articles of clothing having been picked up on the banks of that river, above the 6th Ward Bridge, which have been identified as having belonged to him. Efforts have been made to find the body, but they have been, so far as we can learn, as yet unsuccessful. Mr. Beck had been in low spirits for some time previous to his disappearance.

Home Industrial Company.—Messrs. Joseph Walker, John Rees, John A. Knight and John F. Ob-

lad have associated together in a business capacity under the name and style of the Deseret Carriage and Wagon Company, and have opened the premises recently occupied by Mr. A. Hopper, Second South Street, immediately east of First East Street. It is essentially a home industrial place of business, where vehicles will be made to order, from the farm wagon to the family carriage. The members of the company are practical men, and should be sustained in their enterprise, good home productions always being entitled, on principle, to preference of patronage. We are pleased to see this branching out in this exceedingly important department of home industry.

"Browne's Phonographic Monthly."—We have received No. 5 of *Browne's Phonographic Monthly*, a journal devoted to the interests of Phonography and Phonographers, published at \$2 per year, by D. L. Scott-Browne, 737 Broadway, New York.

Among its contents we notice "Reporting Exercise"; "Phonographic Lessons"; "Easy Style Exercise", from the Vicar of Wakefield; "Offered Improvements" (for reporting style); "American Philological Society"; "Editorial"; "Original Articles", &c., &c., all more or less interesting and instructive to all interested in the acquisition or progress of the beautiful art of phonographic writing.

From a perusal of the contents of the number received we believe the "Phonographic Journal" will be found very useful to beginners in phonography, and that many serviceable hints, suggestions and improvements will be found in its pages by advanced students and reporters, and to all such we recommend it.

An Unqualified Success.—Yesterday the NEWS mentioned the fact that the water had been turned into the pipes of the waterworks. Later in the afternoon the hydrants were tested and proved to be a complete success. The following is an approximation of the result, as near as could be judged—

From an inch nozzle, a solid stream was thrown a height rising of 80 feet, and from an inch and a quarter nozzle a solid stream about 70 feet, the force being sufficient to carry spray nearly a hundred feet. An inch and a half nozzle sent a solid stream upon the dome of the City Hall. This test demonstrates the fact that the waterworks are an unqualified success, and those who have seen the hydrants at work in the large cities of America state, that those of Salt Lake operate superior to them. As a constructor of waterworks Mr. Ellerbeck has shown himself a master hand, and, together with his successful manipulation of the gas works indicates that he possesses a great deal of mechanical and engineering skill and ingenuity.

One of the Escaped Desperadoes Fatally Shot.—Narrow Escape of Deputy Sheriff Holladay.—About half an hour before sundown yesterday, Deputy Sheriff John D. Holladay, of Santaquin, Utah County, got track of one of the escaped convicts who murdered Warden Berg, and, hastily notifying a posse to get ready to follow and aid him in capturing the desperado, he went on ahead alone, on horseback, following up the tracks of the convict, over the hills, until it became too dark to see them. The officer then took to the travelled road, thinking his man would also do so and he would be able to head him. He was right, for he caught up with him on the road, and saw he had something in his hand that he supposed to be a pistol. In the hope of taking him alive or without any shooting having to be done, Mr. Holladay rode on past the convict, thinking his posse would soon arrive. He met a wagon with five men in it, told them he was going to capture an escaped convict, and wanted their aid to secure him. None of those men being armed, and the officer having two pistols he gave one to one of them. By this time the desperado, who proved to be W. D. Phelps, was close at hand, and, observing that the nerve of the man to whom he gave the weapon failed him somewhat, he took the pistol from him. It was dark, being past eight o'clock; the five men remained sitting in the wagon, and the officer, approaching within a few feet of Phelps, commanded the latter to throw up his hands, which he did not do. He commanded him the second time, when Phelps fired,

the weapon being so close to Mr. Holladay that the flash slightly scorched his right hand and flared in his face, but the ball missed him. The officer instantly attempted to fire both his pistols, but only one was discharged, following as quick as a flash with another shot and then with a blow upon Phelps's head, which brought him to the ground, when he was secured. One of the officer's shots, supposed to be his first, went through the fellow's clothing, at the right shoulder, but did not hurt him, and the other struck him in the left breast, below the nipple, going clear through the body.

Phelps was put upon the wagon already mentioned, taken to York, and a guard placed over him, and, this morning, he was placed on board the Utah Southern train, still in charge of Mr. Holladay. At Pleasant Grove, Dr. J. M. Benedict, who was on the train, rendered what surgical aid could be given to the wounded man, who expired on board the cars, near Cottonwood station, this morning.

On arriving in the City the body was conveyed to the Federal Court House, and placed in the cellar under that building, where it was surgically examined by Dr. Benedict, assisted by Dr. Smith.

Phelps was the same party who, on the night of the break from the Penitentiary, called at the house of Mr. Andrew Cahoon, South Cottonwood, asking leave to warm himself at the stove, and stating that he had been attacked and robbed of a part of his clothing and two horses by a couple of men. Mr. Cahoon, not having yet heard of the jail delivery, gave the fellow a grey overcoat and a pair of gum boots, which Phelps had on when taken.

It has been discovered that Phelps had been secreted for several hours, on the day he was captured, at the house of one William Smith, at Santaquin, father of Jos. Smith, another of the desperadoes, supposed to be now with Williamson, and it was at this house where he was supplied with provisions, a pistol and bowie knife.

After being taken he said that he had resolved to take desperate chances, as he might just as well die anyhow. He stated that he was not aware that Captain Berger was dead. Phelps was about twenty-seven years old.

The reason that Mr. Holladay's posse did not reach him was that they missed him in the darkness. That gentleman showed great coolness, efficiency, and determination in securing his man, sustaining his reputation of being an excellent officer.

To-day Coroner Geo. J. Taylor and a jury held an inquest over the body, Mr. Holladay, his brother, Thomas M. W. Holladay, the five men who witnessed the capture of Phelps and others being among the witnesses.

The parties who secreted and supplied arms to Phelps need looking after.

The substance of the verdict rendered by the jury is that deceased came to his death from the effects of a pistol shot, at the hands of John D. Holladay, deputy sheriff of Utah county, while in the lawful discharge of his duty. The evidence completely exonerated the officer.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 20.

Refused.—The Court has refused to grant the motion for a new trial in the case of Wiggins, convicted of murder in the first degree.

Randolph.—"Snow" writes from Randolph, March 13, as follows—

"There is plenty of snow here and not much hay. Cattle are dying for the want of feed.

"The ladies here are taking the opportunity of leap year. Mrs. Celia Spencer and Mrs. Fanny Spencer gave a dance on Friday last. There was a full house, all went off quiet, and general good feelings prevailed.

"The health of the people is good at present."

A Lame Evasion.—The law relating to the projecting of stove pipes through the roofs and sides of buildings is now in force. Some people are seeking to evade the ordinance because it says nothing in regard to the ends of buildings. For the benefit of such parties we draw their attention to the fact that there are, to all intents and purposes, four sides to a squarely constructed building, whether they may choose to call the narrower sides ends or not. Anyhow the spirit and in-

tent of the law should always be considered instead of loopholes for outlets and evasions.

Visiting North.—Bishops L. W. Hardy and R. T. Burton have just returned from a preaching and business visit to a number of settlements of the north. On the way they held a meeting at Kaysville, and thence proceeded to Box Elder County, meeting on the way with the people of Call's Fort. They addressed assemblages at Willard, Brigham City, Bear River City and Mantua, at all of which places they found an excellent spirit prevailing, especially at the last named place, where twenty-two families are located, and where the snow is now four feet deep. They have a co-operative store there, and are considerably connected with the co-operative institutions of Brigham City. The people are united, peaceful, healthy and happy, and have an abundance of the necessities of life.

Another Chief Justice.—It will be seen, by a dispatch, that the nomination of Alexander White, for Chief Justice of Utah, has been withdrawn by the President, and that John M. Coghlan, of California, has been nominated for that position.

Judge White leaves the office which he temporarily filled, with the respect of that part of the community who are disposed to the impartial administration of law and justice, and his knowledge of legal principles is probably as extended as that of any Judge that has sat upon the bench in Utah.

An Excellent Discourse.—Yesterday afternoon Elder John Taylor delivered a highly interesting and instructive discourse, at the 16th District school-rooms, the first part of which was devoted to showing how mankind in all ages had been generally opposed to the introduction of the principles of life and salvation, and the latter part was replete with valuable suggestions relative to the course the Latter-day Saints should take in the training and in the shaping of the course of their children, indicating the imperative necessity of the latter being kept free from influences that are in opposition to the truth. He alluded to the greatness of the responsibility that rested upon those who have arrived at the age of maturity with regard to the rising generation, the former being acquainted with and knowing how to meet the opposing and evil influences, while the younger members of the community were not in that position and therefore were liable to be led astray by them, and in this regard parents should exercise care in the selection of the scholastic educators of the children.

[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

TERRITORIAL DISPATCHES.

PER WESTERN UNION TEL. LINE.

Three Men Killed by a Snowslide.

OPHIR, Utah, March 14, 1876.

Between four and five o'clock this morning, the boarding house of the Poorman mine, situated on Ophir Hill, was swept away by an avalanche, carrying with it three men, Wm. Higgins, the foreman of the mine, Jas. Higinson, and Thos. Lynch. One of the men, John Toole, and the Chinaman cook, escaped in some way. The other three men are supposed to have been carried with the wreck over the cliff, near the brink of which the house was built, and but little hope remains of recovering the bodies immediately.

The snow fall this season is without precedent in the history of the district, and fears are entertained that this catastrophe will ere long repeat itself. A furious wind and snow storm has raged here since yesterday p. m., and bids fair to continue throughout to-day.

LATER.—Up to the present, 1:30 p. m., the dead bodies of James Higinson and Thomas Lynch have been recovered from the snowslide of this morning at the Poorman Mine; both are terribly mangled, almost beyond recognition. A force of between 75 and 100 men from Ophir and Dry Cañon are on the ground, and the recovery of the body of William Higgins is momentarily looked for.

—Long continued storms have taken the bottoms out of some of the roads in California as well as in Utah.