

test against the enormous increase of tax assessment for 1890 over that of last year. Last year's assessment on my property, viz., lot 5, block 60, plat D, was \$5000. This year the same property is assessed at \$16,500.

I also enter protest against \$450 improvements charged on the above property. The only improvements that I have made consists of two sides of a summer kitchen and a chicken coop. I am prepared to prove by the gentleman that did the above work that the cost of the same did not exceed twenty-five dollars.

Hoping you will make my tax reasonable, I remain, gentlemen, respectfully yours,

GEORGE DUNFORD.

The board then adjourned until 8 o'clock August 23rd.

On Saturday, August 23, only the Mayor and four members of the City Council were present at the session of the board of equalization.

Elias Morris made a vigorous complaint over Clute's assessment of his property, which included his residence on Third West Street, his marble works and ware rooms on South Temple Street, the Pioneer roller mill and a brick yard. The county assessor's valuation was about forty thousand dollars, while Clute's made it over eighty thousand dollars. Mr. Morris said it was ridiculous for the assessor to go out and assess property at boom figures. He had his money invested in manufacturing enterprises, and was doing what he could to build up the city, but such assessments would paralyze industry. The valuation was outrageously high, and Mr. Morris stated that he would be willing to turn over the whole works for less than Clute's valuation and retire from business.

M. H. Kimball owned 3x11 in the Seventh Ward, which Clute valued at \$7,000, while the county's valuation was \$3,000. He thought the city assessment was too high.

Hyrum Wagstaff owned a lot which he wanted to sell for \$3,000, yet Mr. Clute valued it at \$4,100.

Mr. Morris asked that the Fifteenth Ward Relief society be exempted from taxation.

Richard Collett objected to his lot in the Nineteenth Ward being valued at \$7,800.

Frank Pierce owns a piece of property in the Eighth Ward, which the city assessor valued at \$8,100, while the county assessor fixed it at \$3,600. He thought Clute was off his base.

T. E. Jacobson owns 2 1/2 x 20 in the Sixth Ward which was valued at \$2,825. He considered it excessive.

J. S. Bowers objected to his lot in the Seventh Ward being valued at \$6,600.

T. J. Brown thought the valuation placed on his lot in the Fifteenth Ward, \$16,640, excessive.

P. L. Williams, in behalf of Mrs. Robert Paterson, who owns a lot in block 59, plat B, protested against Assessor Clute's valuation of \$7,750 on the property. The property was valued by the county assessor at \$4,500, and Mr. Williams insisted that this was high enough.

Mrs. E. L. Carlson, who owns lot 8 in block 119, plat A, objected to the assessor's valuation of \$4700.

The following communication was filed:

To the Mayor and City Council of Salt Lake City, sitting as a board of equalization: Gentlemen: I desire respectfully to call your attention to the matter of the valuation placed on my property by the city assessor and collector, and protest that it is excessive and unjust. In 1889, lot 5, block 39, plat A, Salt Lake City survey, was valued, with improvements thereon, at \$8,000 by city and county assessors. In 1890 the county assessor for this county assessed the same lot and improvements at \$3,000, and personal property thereon at \$500. In 1890 the city assessor and collector assessed the same lot and improvements at \$55,900, and personal property thereon at \$8,900. This valuation by the city assessor is, in my opinion, grossly excessive and far more than the property would bring in the market. There are no gas or water mains in that vicinity, and we therefore lack the conveniences that public improvements in other parts of the city more favored than this offer residents. I am also assessed for \$5,117 money that I am supposed to have in my possession. The facts are, I had a mortgage on a part of my farm in Sugar House Ward, which I sold. This money was paid me before the assessment for this year could be made, and I have expended part of this on the aforesaid city lot, and the balance on my farm in Sugar House Ward. This is a clear case of double assessment. I notified the city assessor of this and he said he would strike it off the books, but it appears this has been overlooked. I desire that you take this case into consideration and strike from the assessment roll the item assessing said money and then you reduce the valuation of said city lot to the same valuation as the county assessor has placed upon it, which I believe in all conscience is a high valuation on said premises.

Respectfully,  
JOHN McDONALD.

The following persons applied for relief on account of poverty, etc.: Mother Preeser, Seventh Ward, \$10.60; Mrs. Mary Boyle, Twenty-first Ward, \$16.40; Jane Findley, Seventh Ward; A. J. Bevan, Ninth Ward, \$10.60; Ann Meyers, Ninth Ward, \$9.80; Julia Silander, Sixteenth Ward, \$9.60; Mrs. T. Hewlitt, \$14.40; Caroline Reese, Third Ward, \$24.80; M. A. Sheldermine, Eighth Ward; Martha S. Adams, Twenty-first Ward, \$6.20.

Juliena Parker, Sixteenth Ward, \$22.40.

S. McLaughlin, Seventh Ward.

S. S. Rogers, Twenty-first Ward, \$10.24.

P. Lynch estate, \$15.

Mary Boyle, Twenty-first Ward, \$16.40.

C. A. Gillett, Ninth Ward.

The board will meet again on Monday, August 25th, at 8 o'clock.

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

### BEAR LAKE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held on August 9th and 10th. On the stand were Apostles John Henry Smith and John W. Taylor; of the first Seven Presidents of Seventies, Seymour B. Young; the Presidency of the Stake and the High Council. President

W. Budge reported the condition of the Stake as progressive. Many of the Bishops reported their wards. The health of the people is good. Local institutions are fully organized and sustained.

The Sabbath schools were reported by Superintendent Galloway. In the administrations of the Apostles and Elder S. B. Young we were greatly blessed. The testimony of the Spirit was abundantly poured out upon the speakers and upon the congregation. The singing was an impressive feature of the conference. At a conference of Seventies held in the evening much good instruction was given by Apostle J. H. Smith and President S. B. Young. Business pertaining to that organization of the Priesthood was transacted.

T. MINSON,  
Stake Clerk.

### SANPETE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Sanpete Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened at Mount Pleasant on August 16.

There were present: Of the Twelve Apostles, Anton H. Lund; President Canute Peterson, his counselors, Henry Beal and John B. Maiben; the Bishops of all the wards of the Stake except three, and a large congregation of Saints. The speakers during conference were Presidents Peterson and Beal, Bishop Seely, Apostle Lund, President Maiben and Elder C. H. Wheelock. The subjects treated were tithing, the observance of the fast days, remembrance of the poor, for all to be diligent in the discharge of their several obligations, and the necessity of laboring for the dead.

The following reported their wards: Bishops John Spencer of Indianola, Paley Christiansen of Mayfield; — Peterson, Fairview; Christen Christensen, Chester; C. N. Lund, Mount Pleasant; C. C. N. Dorius, Ephraim South; Hans Jensen, Manti South, and James A. Allred, Spring City.

The general authorities of the Church were presented to the conference and received a unanimous vote. The Stake authorities were also presented and sustained.

Conference adjourned for three months, to meet in Moroni.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

## HOPE FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

The announcement that Dr. W. H. Burt would explain a new theory on the cause of consumption caused a large attendance at a recent meeting of the Chicago Medical Society at the Grand Pacific Hotel, says a Chicago paper. Eight months ago, when reading of the wonderful change brought about in the obesity of Prince Bismarck, through refraining from the use of water and carb-hydrates, it occurred to him that an opposite treatment ought to result in the cure of all wasting diseases. His experiments since have justified him in the statement that excessive eating and the excessive use of water will cure fifty per cent of all