

the Gospel of Christ. Let us live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, that His blessing may abide with us. Whatever the servants of God say under the influence of the Holy Ghost is the word of God, for that spirit takes of the things of heaven and reveals them to men.

The Saints are praying and working for the salvation of all mankind. The latter may speak evil and persecute us, but it is still our duty to love them and bring to them salvation. I testify that the Church of Christ is here on the earth today; it is here to stay, for God will give us the victory. May we put on the whole armor of Christ, serving Him in all things by working righteousness in our lives, that the peace, and the joy, and the light and guidance of the Holy Ghost may ever be with us.

Sister Louie Poulton sang "The Lord is my light," and the choir rendered the anthem, "I will extol Thee, O Lord."

Benediction was offered by Elder Andrew Jensen.

A PREMATURE STEP.

The course of the superintendent of the gas works in obtaining an injunction, stopping the work on the sewers and aiming to prevent any sewer being laid within fifteen feet of the gas mains, is commented upon very unfavorably in numerous quarters.

If the sewer work has actually damaged the gas company, there is a proper and pacific way to obtain reparation. The gas company could confer with the City Council, and it is positively certain that all that is right would be done in the premises. There was no need to apply to the courts.

We understand that the action taken was that of the superintendent alone, and that the Board of Directors did not authorize anything of this kind. It was right for that officer to protect the company's interests and prevent inconvenience to the public from loss of light. But this manner of proceeding we think was impolitic and needless, and we hope the matter will be arranged on pacific principles, with a due regard for both public and private rights and properties.

This sewer work must not be obstructed, the gas pipes must not be interfered with. There is no need for wrath, and there is no excuse at present for litigation. Let us have peace.

TRIAL OF T. E. RICKS.

We published in this issue a communication from our Blackfoot correspondent which gave some details of the case of Col. Thomas E.

Ricks, of Rexburg, before Judge Berry. The grand jury appeared in court, stated they had no business before them and asked for discharge. In place of complying with this request the Court granted a motion of the District Attorney for dismissal of an old indictment against Mr. Ricks, and sent the jury back to their quarters, the result being a fresh indictment, dating from January 1st, 1889. Upon this presentment the defendant was forced to immediate trial, a request by counsel for time to prepare being peremptorily denied. Following is an account of the trial, including Judge Berry's charge, one of the most unfair that ever emanated from the American bench:

H. M. Yager being first duly sworn for the prosecution testifies as follows:

Q. Where do you reside?

A. I reside on Moody Creek.

Q. What County and Territory is that in?

A. Bingham County, Idaho.

Defendant now objects to any evidence being introduced under this indictment on the grounds that the facts stated in this indictment do not constitute a public offense.

Overruled by court. Defendant takes exceptions.

Q. Do you know the defendant?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where does he reside?

A. He resides at Rexburg.

Q. How long has he resided there to your knowledge?

A. I believe for the last five or six years.

Q. Do you know his residence at Rexburg?

A. I know several houses there known as his residences.

Q. How many residences has he there.

A. There are three residences or houses there known as his houses.

Q. Are they situated in Rexburg?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How far are they apart?

A. One is just opposite the Co-op. store and the next opposite that, and east and on the opposite, and there is one opposite the titling office.

Q. Do you know whether anybody else resides there? Any other Ricks?

A. I have seen children coming out of there, that is half grown boys coming out of the house—the house in front of the titling office—and I have seen a lady coming out of that house.

Q. Will you please draw a plan of the way these houses are situated?

A. This is the road running east and west. Here is one of the Ricks houses opposite the Co-op. store; there is the other house, and here is the titling office; and this is the house opposite the titling office.

Q. How much land is there in each block?

A. I believe ten acres, and there are four lots to the block, and these houses of Ricks all stand on corner lots.

Q. Do you know which one of these houses has been occupied by the defendant?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know whether he occupies any of them at all—have you seen him at any of them?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At which house have you seen him?

A. I have seen him at the house in front of the Co-op. store.

Q. Have you seen him at any of the other houses?

A. Yes, sir, in front of the one opposite of the titling office; I don't when that was.

Q. Have you seen either of the women residing at either of those houses?

A. Yes, sir, both in front of the house opposite the titling office and the one opposite the Co-op. store.

Q. Do you know the name of the one living in front of the Co-op?

A. Yes, sir, it is Jane Ricks.

Q. Do you know the names of the others?

A. The one opposite the titling office is called Tana Ricks.

Q. Have either of those women families?

A. The one opposite the titling office has a daughter.

Q. How about the one opposite the Co-op?

A. She has several boys and one girl that I know of.

Q. What is the name of the woman that lives on the middle block?

A. She is known as Ellen Ricks.

Q. That is the house in distinction from the one opposite the Co-op and the one opposite the titling office?

A. The one opposite the Co-op is Jane's house, the one opposite the titling office is Tana's house, and the other is Ellen's house.

Q. Do you know Ellen Ricks?

A. No, sir; I am not personally acquainted with her.

Q. Do you know whether there is any woman living in that house?

A. I don't know; I have only seen a woman at the door.

Q. Is there any family there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are there any children?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How many?

A. I could not say; there are so many of the Ricks I could not keep track of them; I don't know the one family from the other.

Q. How long have you been acquainted with these three houses?

A. Ever since they have been built.

Q. Have they been occupied by these three women since that time?

A. Two of them have since they have been built.

Q. Which ones are they?

A. The one opposite the Co-op and the one opposite the titling office.

Q. Where have you known the defendant to reside?

A. At Rexburg.

Q. Has he been residing there ever since you have known him?

A. Yes, sir; he is absent a good deal of the time.

Q. The two women you have mentioned, you say, have families?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who is known as the husband of these two women?

Defendant objects.

Q. Who is known as the father of those children?