

graphic communications, other than those furnished by the Western Union Company, be obtained, and in consequence of the rapid growth and urgent demands, the Deseret Telegraph Company was formed and the construction of the lines throughout the Territory was begun and a through circuit was soon completed and business commenced.

"This company has been under the superintendency of but two men; its first being Hon. A. M. Musser, who filled the position for many years very creditably. This gentleman was always a good, kind friend to the fraternity, and occupies a warm place in the hearts of those who served under him. Mr. Musser now fills the position of fish commissioner of Utah, and his face shows plainly that he is one of those who rest at the top of the ladder.

"The present superintendent of the Deseret company is Mr. W. B. Dougall, who succeeded Mr. Musser a number of years back. Mr. Dan S. Spencer, who, for years, was employed as operator and train dispatcher on the "Old Utah Central" (now the Utah division of the Union Pacific), occupies the place of chief clerk in the passenger department of the Union Pacific in this city. No one ever spoke an unkind word for Dan, and his admirers are innumerable. His popularity is a 'big card' for the Union Pacific.

"At the next desk will be found his brother and assistant, 'Jake' Spencer. Well, it is needless to say anything concerning 'Jake's' character to the fraternity. He is a well-known Western Union expert telegrapher, and has more friends than anybody in the business. 'Jake' is, to use the common phrase of the day, simply 'out of sight.' He is married to a happy little lady who meets him at the door of his pleasant home a few minutes after he leaves the office for the day.

"Mr. M. C. Merrie, who is so well and favorably known as chief dispatcher of the Utah division of the Union Pacific, is with the Consolidated Implement Co., in this city, and is deserving of his good fortune. 'Mel' is remembered by the 'boys' as a gentleman and a fine fellow.

"Mr. R. P. Morris, the late freight agent of the Union Pacific, is in the coal business here and verging to the front. 'Dick' was the nominee for city recorder on the Democratic ticket, in the recent election, which was defeated, but the gentleman ran way ahead of his ticket and will probably 'get there' next trip.

"Morris Wilkinson, for a long time the manager of the Deseret Telegraph office in this city, and whose ever smiling face bespoke his genial disposition, can be found almost any hour of the day with a man button-holed on one of our principal streets, talking "real estate." Morris was fortunate during the "boom" and made a nice clean up.

"Charley Pomeroy, whose telegraphic experience dates back to the palmy days of the 60's, has accumulated an independence from brokerage and real estate. Charley prefers Salt Lake City as a place for peace and rest.

"The good old face of Harry Cox, the pioneer battery man and lineman, reminds one of the days when Salt

Lake was the "repeating" point instead of Ogden, and when good salaries were paid. Those were the days which warm one's heart to think of, when thirty men were employed instead of the present small force. When Harry was in his prime and told his "yarns" to John Henderson, manager; "John" Grier, chief operator; Billy Grier, Bob Hamilton, A. A. Honey, Jack and Aleck Morrison, "Bit" Cook, Billy Parr, Mike Conway, Tom Kebae, Geo. McMahon, Jeff. Hayes, Les. Painter and Dick Lewis. He was a great favorite and those of the old force who are "on this side," will always remember the wedding at Wagner's Brewery. Harry has sold his farm and now "does life" in comfort.

"E. L. Carpenter, for some time Supt. Henry Wood's chief clerk, on the Rio Grande Western at this place years ago, is now superintendent of the Pleasant Valley Coal Co., with headquarters here. "Carpey" is doing well.

"E. C. Keeler, an old and much admired telegrapher, has given up the happy practice of "roasting" the man at the other end of the wire and laughing because they cannot come back "hard enough," and is now engaged in the electrical business. Ed. is building up a tremendous trade and is getting rich.

"Douglas A. Swan, who was chief dispatcher on the Utah Northern for a period of years, is with the Deseret National bank, and inhales the air of prosperity.

"The Utah Central railroad has a very able train master in the personage of John V. Hampton. We all know John to be a brilliant railroader and an uncommonly agreeable gentleman. His long service as operator, agent and chief dispatcher on the Utah division of the Union Pacific was an excellent schooling, and when John sells his big herd of sheep he will float unobstructed into prominence and power.

"With our prominent practicing lawyers, stands our old and highly esteemed friend and co-laborer, Mr. S. A. Kenner. This gentleman holds an enviable place at the bar of justice and in journalistic circles. His good Merse has 'gone to rest,' but his eloquence is often heard and read and is as smooth as was his 'stuff' in early days. We think a whole lot of 'Seip.'

"S. F. Fenton is manager of the Inter-Mountain Electric Company and represents a large and prosperous business. Sam will probably never return to telegraphing.

"Charley Ingalls, traveling passenger agent of the Union Pacific system, will be remembered by many as the 'Fat Operator' of the Rio Grande Western General Freight and Passenger office, a few years ago.

"C. F. Annett, an old-time Western Union and Union Pacific man, was recently appointed assistant manager of the Salt Lake Power, Light and Heating Company. Mr. Annett has been wonderfully successful and is a remarkably bright man.

"Charley Emeis is to be found at Shiley's ticket office. Many of 'Charley's' friends will be glad to know of his success. Should it not be encouraging to members of the craft to read of the success of their brothers? We all may

do as well as those whose names I have mentioned if we but apply ourselves.

The employees of the Western Union office in this city were recently made happy when they learned that the office was to be enlarged and made more comfortable. This improvement will be made sometime in March, and the public as well as the attaches will appreciate the change. The force in this office consists of M. B. Brown, manager; A. W. Long, day chief; Burke Spencer, in charge nights; W. N. Fashbaugh, day press man; Billy Maycock, on night report, and Val Hall on the split trick; Miss Howe, book-keeper; Mrs. Stoddard, receiving clerk; Del. Burnfield, day delivery clerk; Clarence M. Heese, night receiver and delivery clerk. Andy Wilson is at the Knutsford Hotel (branch office). Mgr. Brown, Fashbaugh and Spencer use Machines. At the Union Pacific dispatcher's office will be found: A. H. Stewart, chief; E. W. Mack, E. B. Reppart and H. M. Harris, dispatchers and F. P. Goddard, operator. The Rio Grande Western force consists of S. O. Snyder, train master; A. T. Miller, chief; C. W. King, F. P. Hummel, dispatchers and "Fatty" Hamilton, operator. Harry Clark is operator at the Union Pacific general freight and passenger office. R. L. Pitts does the telegraphing at the general offices of the Rio Grande Western. The Deseret Telegraph office is under the management of Mr. W. J. Ridd, W. S. Spencer, for a long time train dispatcher on the Utah division of the Union Pacific, and Frank Rumel (Casey) are in the abstract business and are a hard "team" to beat in that line. E. N. Botsfords, a Union Pacific dispatcher, has resigned his position. Quite a number of the "boys" have recently subscribed for the *Telegraph Age*, and the general sentiment is that it is the best telegraph paper ever published. Surely no telegrapher can afford to be without it. VINDEX.

NORWICH CONFERENCE.

A friend in England has forwarded to us a copy of the *Lowestoft Journal* of March 26th, which contains the following fair and impartial report of a conference of the Saints held in that town:

"The humble little edifice in Chapel street, where the small band of what are known as Latter-day Saints, or Mormons, meet to worship God after their own light, is, in all probability, unknown to the majority of the inhabitants of Lowestoft. Yet here, in obscurity, the seed of the creed of the sect is sown and watered till it bears fruit in the shape of emigrants to the new Land of Promise beyond the sea, the Great Salt Lake community of the United States. A few weeks ago we gave some extracts in reference to Utah, feeling that they might interest our readers, there having been many Lowestoft converts to the teachings of the Latter-day Saints who are now men of substance in the far-away metropolis of the new—or, as it is claimed by its exponents, the Restored religion.

"Utah, the Zion of the Latter-day Saints, in situation and surroundings, is said to be a very picturesque and