

attendance was not as large as usual, but the Spirit of the Lord was poured out in rich abundance, causing a renewal of spiritual strength among the people.

SYLVESTER LOW,
Stake Clerk.

OGDEN WATERWORKS SUIT.

An affidavit has been filed in the United States circuit court setting forth that owing to prejudice against certain defendants that a fair trial cannot be had in the State court and asking that the case be tried in the Federal court. The suit is between Ogden City vs the Bear Lake River Waterworks and Irrigation company, the Bear River Irrigation and Ogden Waterworks company, Samuel M. Jarvis and Roland R. Conklin. The affidavit is signed by D. Van Dam and W. H. Rowe and they say that the defendants, Samuel H. Jarvis and Roland R. Conklin, of whom they are the agents and attorneys, are residents of the state of New York and that owing to local prejudice and influence Jarvis and Conklin and the other defendants in the action will not be able to obtain justice in the State courts and that no party to the suit will be prejudiced by a trial in the circuit court.

They state that such prejudice and local influence has been engendered against the right of the defendants to own or control the waterworks system by which the city of Ogden is supplied with water and which the defendants constructed and do own, that they cannot obtain a fair trial in the State courts; that the city, through its mayor and city council and the agents, have subsidized the Ogden Standard and a large number of other newspapers, to publish all over the State of Utah that the defendants had no right or title to the waterworks and that the same should be the property of the city of Ogden; that they have caused the agents and servants of the defendants to be cartooned and made ridiculous and have advised the people of Ogden not to pay the water rentals to the company, and the mayor and city council have neglected to pay water rentals for certain fire hydrants which they had agreed to pay and have by other methods undertaken to poison and prejudice the minds of the people of the State of Utah and the State courts by paid publications in the newspapers.

It is also stated that pursuant to the general plan of the city to break down and destroy the defendants and manufacture local prejudice against them, an ordinance was passed by the city council by which the city was permitted to issue \$25,000 in bonds, with which to construct a competitive system of waterworks and for the purpose of gaining the approval of the people for such ordinance the council subsidized space in newspapers in which the agents of the defendants were cartooned and made ridiculous and caused false matter to be distributed and so poisoned the minds of the people that the ordinance mentioned received the approval of a large majority of the people of Ogden, who were led to believe that the defendants were not entitled to any part of the water system, that they had obtained it through fraud and that it ought to be confiscated to the city and that the suit was brought for that purpose. It is further alleged that the city council caused to be published false statements to the effect that the water supplied by the defendants was impure and fouled with deleterious matter which caused disease. It is charged that the people of Ogden were taught to believe that because Jarvis and Conklin are non-residents of Ogden they ought not to be permitted to do business in Ogden or own anything there. The affiant also says that the mayor and city council secured the ser-

vices of Messrs. C. C. Richards, J. H. MacMillan, Richards & Richards and others as counsel in the case for the political influence and for their purpose of engendering prejudice against the defendants with the courts of the State.

The suit was originally filed in the Second judicial district court at Ogden and on motion of defendants was transferred to the United States court. The ground taken at that time was that some of defendants were not residents of Utah. The plaintiff then filed a motion in the circuit court asking that the case be sent back to the State court and in opposition to this, the defendants filed the above affidavit.

A LETTER FROM RHODE ISLAND.

25 River St., Providence, R. I.
Dec. 10, 1897.

I left my home at Bluff Dale, Salt Lake county, Utah, July 15, 1896, and after a journey of nearly twenty-seven hundred miles I arrived here, where I have labored most of the time.

We found many of the people fenced in by a wall of prejudice which, thanks to our Father, is gradually giving way before the rays of truth. We have been able to reach some of the honest in heart, and lead five repentant believers into the waters of baptism, and several others say they will follow soon.

Last June while Elder O. O. Crockett and I were traveling without purse or scrip through central Massachusetts, we had the pleasure of meeting a Mrs. Mary H. Thompson who said she had heard so much evil spoken of the Mormons that she had been led to think there must be some good in them.

Our conversation lasted for about twenty-five minutes. Before leaving we gave her a Voice of Warning, and it is the fruit of this little message that I wish particularly to call to the attention of your readers.

About six months after our meeting Mrs. Thompson, we received a letter and a poem from her, which was an exceedingly agreeable surprise to us. Since then I have received two letters from her, in which she recognizes our relation to the rest of the Christian world, and is patiently awaiting an opportunity to be buried in the watery grave by one of the servants of God.

This is the letter referred to:

"East Brookfield, Oct. 29, 1897.

"Mr. Dunyon, Providence, R. I.:

"Dear Sir—Last June two Mormon Elders visited this place, and from them I first learned the doctrines of the Mormon Church and was struck by their purity. They were so different from anything I had heard of the Mormons before.

"One of them also gave me a little book called 'The Voice of Warning,' which I prize very much. It was by reading it that I caught the inspiration to a poem which I send to you, in the hope that you can make some use of it in your publications, and that it may do some good. You are welcome to it and can keep it whether you publish it or not, as I have another copy.

"After reading the book I had a great desire to read the Book of Mormon, and as you told me to write to you for other publications, I would like to know if you can furnish the book and what is the price of it.

"Respectfully,

MRS. MARY H. THOMPSON,
East Brookfield, Mass."

I have sent Mrs. Thompson a Book of Mormon, at her request, and trust it will be no less fruitful than was the Voice of Warning.

During the last two months we have been holding meetings in a small hall here, the rent of which is paid by the Saints and friends.

The Elders of this conference are all well and since our conference, which was held in Cambridge, Nov. 20th and 21st, have been assigned and gone to their various fields of labor for the winter.

I have been assigned to labor with a new companion, Elder Samuel Knight, of Warren, Weber county, Utah, and our field of labor is Lynn, Mass.

Should any of your readers, having friends in this vicinity, desire us to call upon them, we will gladly do so on receipt of their name and address.

Ever laboring and praying for the spread of truth, and the welfare of the human family, we remain your brethren in the Gospel of Christ.

J. W. DUNYON,

SAMUEL KNIGHT,

No. 8, Stickley St., Lynn, Mass.

IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, Dec. 2, 1897.]

Arrivals—The following named Elders from Zion arrived in Liverpool, per American Line steamer Belgenland, on December 1, 1897: For the British Mission—J. C. McFarlane, Ogden; C. E. Rose, Soda Springs; James S. W. Frame, Taylorsville; Oscar Raymond Knight; Payson; Ernest P. Horsley and Abraham Evans, Brigham City; Thomas West, Mount Pleasant. For the Scandinavian Mission—James Jensen Jr., Grover, Wyoming; Nephi Williamsen, St. Charles, Idaho; Axel L. Holmgren, Ogden.

Releases and Appointments—George H. Robinson, president of the Leeds conference, has been honorable released to return home Dec. 18, 1897.

Hadyn L. Smith, traveling Elder in the Leeds conference, has been honorably released to return home Dec. 2, 1897.

Samuel Holt has been honorably released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference to return home Dec. 17, 1897.

Elder Holt came especially to get genealogical information and to do missionary work among his relatives and friends, and has spent a little over three months here.

John H. Bailey Jr. has been appointed to preside over the Leeds conference.

James W. S. Frame has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

C. E. Rose and Oscar Raymond Knight has been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Leeds conference.

Ernest P. Horsley and Abraham Evans have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Sheffield conference.

J. C. McFarlane and Thomas West have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Norwich conference.

W. E. Brown, E. F. Gerald and William C. Mahoney, appraisers of the estate of the late Charles F. Crocker of San Francisco, have filed a report placing the value of the property at \$7,032,129. Of this amount \$6,658,154 is represented by personal property, principally stocks and bonds, and the balance of \$374,475 by real estate.

Friday morning Patrick Joy was terribly crushed at the sugar factory at Salinas, Cal., while engaged in coupling cars on the Pajaro Valley railroad. Joy was standing sideways and when the cars came together he was caught between the bumpers and had his sides crushed in. The engineer saw what had happened and the engine to allow Joy to get out, but the cars had become coupled and Joy was dragged some distance before the train could be stopped. Joy is now in a very dangerous condition. His home is in Watsonville, Cal.