

ately taxed so long as they shall be owned and used exclusively for such purpose."

I am of opinion that under these constitutional provisions both provisions of the Legislature referred to are unconstitutional and void. The people in their sovereign capacity, represented by the constitutional convention, have declared that all property in the State not specially exempted shall be taxed according to its value. They have also declared what property shall be exempt, but in doing so have failed to include the property of the persons mentioned in said sections.

This, in my opinion, is tantamount to a constitutional limitation upon the taxing powers of the State and upon all public officers who have to deal therewith, including the Legislature.

While the expediency of such a limitation of power may be questioned, there are also reasons for its adoption, but neither is to be considered in determining what the law is.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Mr. Samuel Hobson of Brownstown, Fayette Co., Ill., would like to learn of the whereabouts of his father, John Hobson, who joined the Mormon Church at Manchester, England, in the year 1850, and emigrated to America in 1852, making his home in St. Louis, Missouri.

Pleasant Grove, Sept. 12th, 1897.

Junius, the 12-year-old son of Wm. H. Freeman, was thrown from a horse and had his arm broken last evening.

Wm. Wadley has purchased a distillery and is making whiskey from the surplus fruit in this vicinity.

Frank M. Driggs left for Washington D. C. this morning, where will enter the College for the Deaf and complete his studies in that his chosen profession. Mr. Driggs has been granted a year's absence from the Utah School for the Deaf at Ogden, by the board, to allow him to attend the above institution.

Howard R. Driggs and wife left on last night's train for Cedar City. Last evening they were joined here by Miss Spencer of Salt Lake. Mr. Driggs and Miss Spencer are instructors in the Southern Branch Utah University Normal school at Cedar.

Elders who have labored in the East Tennessee conference are holding a reunion here today and tomorrow. A large percentage of those who have filled missions in that district are in attendance.

When a recapitulation of the figures showing the attendance of the public schools on the opening day was made last evening it was discovered that the 10,000 mark was very nearly reached. The exact number was 9,909 or 580 over the total of the opening day one year ago. Today witnessed additions at nearly all of the schools and now the 10,000 mark has not only been reached but passed by considerable. It is believed that the average attendance this year will exceed by nearly if not quite 1,000 the average attendance of last year, which was 11,311. The enrollment at the different buildings a year ago and last night was as follows:

School.	1896.	1897.
Bryant	469	448
Bonneville	71	66
Davis	51	49
Emerson	193	210
Franklin	634	705
Fremont	407	413
Grant	761	784
Hamilton	476	555
Irving	93	149
Jackson	671	730
Lincoln	464	426
Lowell	777	876
Longfellow	174	180

Ninth	82	70
Oquirrh	696	757
Summer	526	578
Thirteenth	22	...
Tenth	297	275
Twelfth	155	163
Utah	171	150
Wasatch	492	538
Washington	668	701
Whittier	205	209
High	450	480
Training	324	359
Eighth	...	20
Lake Breeze	...	18

Total 9,329 9,909

After the long but pleasant summer, the Latter-day Saints' College opened its doors yesterday morning and welcomed to its halls nearly three hundred students. All the professors and instructors were on hand to witness the beginning of what they believe will be the most auspicious year in the history of the college.

This institution was organized at first as a grammar school and was developed into its present organization by the growth of ideas, and the force of experience and circumstances. To the regular High School and commercial departments there have been added the departments of music and kindergarten work.

Not less noticeable than the development of the courses of instruction have been the remodeling of the building and the extension of the equipment. The rooms of the High School department have been painted and calcimined and furnished with new desks and benches, which give them an inviting and fresh appearance.

In the business department the rooms have been thoroughly cleansed and remodeled, and this branch of the college begins its school year with first-class and well equipped real estate, insurance and banking offices, besides its wholesale and retail departments, thus affording all students the chance of taking a thorough and practical course, in business methods.

The faculty is to be congratulated on their work and the general appearance of the school's surroundings. The present indications are that new buildings will have to be purchased in the near future. The faculty this year consists of

Willard Done, D. B., president, theology.

Joseph Nelson, D. B., principal of commercial school, business branch.

W. H. Chamberlin, B. A., D. B., mathematics, ancient languages.

John M. Mills, D. B., secretary; assistant in commercial school, Book of Mormon, Spanish, phonography.

John J. McClellan, B. M., principal of school of music, piano, harmony and vocal music.

Levi Edgar Young, B. S., librarian, English.

Bertha Wilcken, lady superintendent, ladies' work, modern languages.

Jed F. Woolley, B. L., history, pedagogy, theology.

Arthur T. Dalley, registrar, natural and physical science.

Arthur Shepherd, assistant in school of music.

Matthew A. Miller, assistant in commercial school.

This afternoon the formal opening exercises were held in the Seventeenth ward chapel and consisted of the following program which was listened to by a large and enthusiastic audience:

Vocal selection... Miss Bessie Edmonds

Address... John M. Mills

Vocal solo... Thos. Ashworth

Address... John Nicholson

Piano duet... John J. McClellan, Arthur Shepherd

Address... C. W. Penrose

Vocal solo... Bessie Edmonds

Business men for business places.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The following are extracts from a letter to President Joseph F. Smith from his son, Elder Hyrum M. Smith, dated South Shields, August 22nd, 1897:

My Dear Father—For some time I have been quite busy and have not written to any of you, but I think of you all just the same. I had a two nights' debate with a negro minister and two white preachers in the Market Square on Mormonism. They failed to prove the Book of Mormon and Mormonism damnable as they thought they could, so they poured forth characteristic abuse upon our people. The people did not take kindly to such methods and plainly told them so. The old Jarman and Stenhouse stories have got pretty stale compared with the testimony of many eminent men which I read to them. My antagonists tried hard to persuade me to continue the discussion, but I refused. They had proven themselves rank enemies to me and my religion as well as showing themselves to be dishonorable men, and I refused to stand upon the same platform with such any more. They had lost the sympathy and respect of the crowd and they knew it, and for that reason they were anxious to continue the discussion that they might have a chance to win it back again. They had the crowd with them the first night, and by reading to them all the sensational and bloodthirsty lies they could think of they raised the indignation of the people, who had never heard them before, against us. The followers of my opponents kept up such a shouting that I could not make myself heard. I told them that I would be there again and came home. At the appointed time I was there and so were our vilifiers and the crowd. By a few chosen words in relation to courtesy and reason, I got the attention of the crowd, and for an hour and a half I held it. We prayed earnestly to the Lord for aid and support, that we might remove all hatred and malice and be able to present the truth of His work in power and simplicity. He answered our prayers and blessed us indeed, and we were successful in completely turning the tables on our adversaries. After I finished—being the first speaker—our opponents tried in vain to win back the people, but the more they tried the deeper in the mud they got, and the more disgusted became the crowd. They never referred to the Bible once, their whole stock in trade was abuse and falsehood. The people showed their disapproval by their deprecatory remarks and shouts. I told the people that I had proven that my opponents were in error and "now," said I, "if they are honest men and conscientious followers of Christ, let them come like men and acknowledge that they have been themselves deceived, and make restitution for their folly and the injury they may have done and then I will freely forgive them and extend the hand of fellowship to them." This they refused to do, whereupon I told the crowd that I considered the man or set of men who exerted all their efforts to perpetuate and confirm a lie and a fraud, to be not one whit better than the man who originated that lie. They began again to speak in turns while the Elders distributed about 500 tracts among the crowd. We then came home and the people at once dispersed, leaving our haters with their immediate followers. We first gave thanks to our heavenly Father for his support when we got home. We believe that we have done a great deal of good in our open air meetings. We have a great many friends, and hatred and prejudice and bias is being gradually removed from the minds of the people.