

President F. A. Hammond, Counselors Wm. Halls and Wm. Adams, Sister Zina Young, Bishop Jens Nielsen, of the Bluff Ward, Bishop R. H. Stewart, of Moab Ward, and F. J. Jones, of Monticello Branch. After the opening services Apostle J. H. Smith offered the dedicatory prayer, dedicating the new ward house unto the Lord.

A financial account of the building committee was read, showing the total cost of the building to be \$1,181.40, and that all has been paid up.

Apostle Smith addressed the conference, congratulating the Saints upon their labors in erecting such a good and comfortable house. He trusted all would keep themselves pure. He spoke upon the Words of Wisdom, and counseled all to control and overcome their evil passions.

President F. A. Hammond also spoke, and conference adjourned until 2 p.m., after singing, and benediction by Counselor Wm. Halls.

At 2 p.m., after the opening exercises, the Sacrament was administered.

President F. A. Hammond said he was highly gratified to meet with the Saints under such favorable circumstances. He spoke of the financial condition as good.

Some verbal reports of the various wards were given.

Apostle Smith next addressed the conference and dilated upon the ways of the atheist and infidel. We should cultivate all the attributes which lead to a pure life. He bore a faithful testimony to the divinity of the Godhead, and showed the great advantages of the believer compared with those of the unbeliever.

President Hammond having addressed the meeting, conference adjourned.

At 10 a.m. on Monday, after the usual opening exercises, Apostle Smith again took the stand and spoke upon the sustaining of the general and local officers of the Church.

The general and local officers were afterwards presented by Counselor Wm. Halls and sustained by the conference.

Elder Henson Walker was chosen as second counselor to Bishop R. H. Stewart of the Moab Ward.

Stake Counselor Wm. Adams bore strong testimony to the work of the Lord.

Elder Samuel Hammond, representing the Mancos Ward, gave a favorable account of the Saints both temporally and spiritually.

Apostle Smith spoke upon the principle of prayer and the sacrament, and the various gifts of the Gospel.

A vote of thanks was accorded Apostle Smith and Sister Zina Young for their visit.

Singing, and benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith.

Conference was then adjourned for three months.

The Relief, Primary and Young Ladies held their conferences, and altogether we had the best time ever witnessed in this our little mountain valley. W. A. PEIRCE.

Assistant Stake Clerk.

#### OGDEN ITEMS.

The gaming hells of Ogden are illuminated every night and players busy at work. They are not quite so well patronized as at first but they are running all the same.

There are twenty districts in Weber County where the school tax is collected. The assessor values the whole county at a trifle over six million dollars. Of this amount Ogden City gives four million and three quarters. The tax amounts to a little over fifteen thousand dollars, and is raised by levying a quarter of one per cent on Ogden, Mound Fort, Bingham Fort, Harrisville, North Ogden, Randall, Lynne, Wilson, Taylor's, Salt Creek, Hooper and Plain City; half of one per cent on Kaneshville, Riverdale, Uinta and Eden; three quarters per cent on Huntsville, one per cent on Liberty and Pleasant View, and two and a quarter per cent on West Weber. Some of the landowners of the latter place are not over pleased at having to pay \$1200 for school purposes on a valuation of \$53,000.

I have not noticed much in the NEWS about our last week's sensation. I furnished nothing because the whole affair made me sick and sad. I was in the court at the examination and there beheld a sight of a nature to make an angel weep and humanity blush. Birdie Booth is a mere child. She is said to be sixteen, but looks younger. There she sat in the presence of the commissioner and the lawyers and the representatives of the press, and of the partner of her shame, but, saddest of all, in the presence of her fond, doting father, for Birdie is very beautiful and has the reputation of being a sweet girl. There she sat and confessed her guilt. Washburn sat with downcast looks, while his lawyer, L. R. Rogers, was trying to get him off on a mere technicality. The story is but a repetition of what is occurring every day of the week. Washburn is nearly old enough to be the girl's father. He had known her for several years; he saw that she was beautiful and discovered that she was frail and easily led astray. Surely he might have pitied her and her broken hearted father and mother. Why this same man stood by my side only a few weeks ago and pointed to a "Mormon" who had two wives and said that he would like to give that man seven years, and rejoiced at the victory of the Liberals because, forsooth, it would put down immorality. Why, some of the Liberals of Ogden gloat over immorality and revel in it. The *Daily Commercial*, the organ of Liberalism, puts in the largest type the words "Rich, Rare and Racy," as the heading for this sad tale, and then tells the story in a most flippant and disgusting manner. Washburn was held to appear before the grand jury. Will he be punished? There would be no room for doubt on that head if he were only a "Mormon." Personally I wish Washburn no harm and can give it as my candid opinion that he is very far from being the worst of his party, but truly Ogden

is in the throes of pollution. Many people are trying to associate A. Z. Washburn with "Mormonism," because he is employed at the court house by the County Recorder. But he is not a "Mormon" and never has been. There are no "Mormons" employed at the city jail under Liberal control.

#### MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE.

On Oct. 9th we received a visit from Elder Joseph S. Allen, who returned yesterday (Oct. 8th) from a mission to the Southern States. He is a resident of Richmond, Cache County, and left Utah for his field Oct. 10th, 1887. He labored in the State of Mississippi until last June. As a rule he got along well, although he had a hot time occasionally, having been assailed by mobs three times. The first occasion was on the 12th of May, 1888, in Lafayette County, and at other times subsequent to that time. Elder Allen thus tells the story of these episodes:

Elder Wood and myself were laboring in Lafayette together, and started for the postoffice about two miles distant. When we had proceeded half-a-mile or so we came upon a vacant house and sat down upon the porch to rest, having not the slightest suspicion of what was to follow. Shortly afterwards, greatly to our surprise, about a dozen men came around the house from both sides, carrying shotguns in their hands.

They drew their guns down upon us, and informed us that we must consider ourselves their prisoners. We asked them what we had done to call for this, but some few minutes elapsed before they gave us an answer.

Presently one of the number spoke up, saying, "It is for that d— rotten doctrine you are teaching. You can consider yourselves under arrest now, and you must come with us."

With this the mob marched us to a large mill-pond, where a number of other men, upwards of thirty, were awaiting our arrival. Most of them had shotguns. They elected a committee who were deputed to go on one side, consult, and resolve what should be done with us in the way of punishment. The decision of the committee was that I and my companion should leave the locality before four o'clock the same afternoon. This was at nine o'clock in the morning, so we had the day before us.

I told them, however, that they had better call another vote on the matter, as I did not think we could gather up our books, etc., and leave by the hour named for our departure. The suggestion was acted upon and a second vote taken. The majority ruled that the committee adhere to its original resolution.

The mob then declared that they themselves would save us some trouble by getting the books together and burning them. Simultaneously about a dozen of the younger members of the party started off to provide themselves with hickories, but before their re-