

showing that there was not a continuous supply. When the tunnel had been made about 80 feet, hard, serpentine rock was encountered, and for 50 feet the tunnel was blasted through the wall. On reaching the other side today a large stream of water rushed into the opening, and it is now flowing steadily. The quantity thus furnished will, it is estimated, be sufficient for the needs of at least 300 families. The indications are that further prosecution of the work for only a short distance will increase the flow of what is believed to be a constant stream.

#### Elders Quorum Organized.

The twentieth quorum of Elders of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was organized last evening, February 24th, 1890, at the Fifteenth Ward Assembly Hall, with the following named brethren as officers: William Gedge, president, Walter H. Brown and Isaac Coon, counselors, and George Jones, secretary.

These brethren were sustained by unanimous votes to act in their respective callings, and were set apart to labor therein under the hands of the Presidency of the Stake. The new quorum consists of all the Elders residing in Brighton, Granger, Hunter, Pleasant Green and North Point Wards. Up to this time they belonged to the Fifth Quorum. Brother Gedge was second counselor in the Presidency of the Fifth Quorum, but being called as president of the Twentieth, Brother Alexander Rankin was nominated, and unanimously sustained to fill the place formerly occupied by Brother Gedge, and was properly installed therein.

#### The Jones Tragedy of 1855.

*To all whom it may concern;*

I, Charles B. Hancock, Sen., formerly of Payson, Utah, have of my own free will taken the first favorable opportunity of appearing before the First District Court on a charge of being a participant in the Jones tragedy of 1855. I was bishop at the time and a colonel in the militia. I had charge of the wandering exiles that came there at that time. As accusations have been hurled broadcast against me publicly and privately for the past thirty-one years as one of the participants of this murder, I would respectfully request all those who can give testimony in this case to appear before the district court on the 17th of this month, the day set for trial. I have as yet neither attorney nor witnesses, but let my accusers not fail to be present, as I desire that this great accusation should come to a close.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES B. HANCOCK.

PROVO JAIL, March 4, 1890.

#### The Logan Election.

At 3 p. m. Monday, March 3rd, 290 out of 427 votes of registered electors had been cast. A careful estimate by those who know all the voters and place each in accordance with his known preferences, gives the "Liberals" at this time 40 votes. It is also prob-

able that several People's tickets have been scratched, but to what extent cannot, of course, be told.

Voters are still coming steadily along, and indications are that nearly a full vote will be polled.

One person who offered to vote the "Liberal" ticket was challenged, when it was ascertained that he was registered in Salt Lake, but not here. Several challenges have been made, some other Liberals being rejected on the ground that their names could not be found.

Unless the recalcitrants are getting in a good deal of work very quietly, it seems certain that the People's regular ticket will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

#### Farewell to a Bishop.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26 a pleasant affair came off in the Second Ward. Bishop Samuel Peterson was on the eve of bidding the Saints of that Ward good-bye as their presiding officer, having sold his property there, and the members of his flock desired to evince their kindly feelings towards him. The new meeting house was quietly taken possession of and arranged for a feast. At the proper juncture Bishop Peterson was lured into it, where a scene met his gaze which greatly surprised him. It was one of festivity and conviviality, gotten up in his honor.

About 150 persons sat down to the first table, and about as many more partook of the feast later. The tables were removed and dancing was indulged in till midnight. During the evening Joseph Johnson made a speech by which an elegant chair was presented to the retiring Bishop. Each of his counselors received a like present, George Reese and James Jensen making the presentation speeches. Each recipient made an appropriate response and there were other addresses, besides songs, instrumental music, etc. At 10 o'clock p. m. oranges and cake were passed to the company. The whole affair was highly enjoyable, and abundantly testified the esteem in which the retiring president of the Second Ward is held by its members.

#### A Sad Case.

Dr. W. R. Pike was called to Nephi Sunday night, by telegram, because of the serious condition of Mr. Isaac Gadd, of that city. Mr. Gadd, who is the son-in-law of President William Paxman of that city, had been suffering for some time past with an injury of his right knee. How the injured member became affected is not known. Mr. Gadd states that he don't recollect ever having hurt it. But the last four months it has continued to grow worse, necessitating attention and surgical treatment. Dr. Pike went to Nephi and stated that to all appearance the leg would have to be amputated. He said he would not undertake the operation unless he had the patient under his care. So arrangements were made for Mr. Gadd's removal to this city, and Tuesday morning he was carried on a litter to the depot at Nephi and placed in the baggage car of the Utah Central express, arriving in Provo at half-

past seven. Dr. Pike intends, as soon as the patient has become rested, to open the leg and see if it is possible to split the bone and take out the decayed portion. If this is impracticable, he will amputate the leg midway between the thigh and the knee. Mr. Gadd is a bright young man of about thirty years of age, and has a wife and two children. Our sympathies are drawn out in his behalf, and we sincerely trust that he may come out of his affliction without the loss of his limb.—*Provo Enquirer*.

#### Notes from St. Johns.

This is indeed a grief-stricken community. Between "la grippe," pneumonia, diphtheria, and membranous croup, we have been called upon to part with many of our children, and also two of our most promising young men, David J. Thomas and Jacob Rothlisberger. Today we mourn the loss of Benjamin F., son of Don C. and Melissa Rabbitt, and Louie, daughter of Wm. E. and Isabelle Romney Platt.

St. Johns is not alone thus affected. All the settlements throughout this Stake are more or less scourged in like manner. Bishop E. A. Noble, of Alpine Ward, only a short time since, buried his daughter, Mary Jane Noble, a most estimable young lady. Up to the time of her demise she was engaged in teaching the public school of that place. I am not aware of any cases of a serious nature at present.

We have had a mild winter. During the latter part of January and the first of the present month such pleasant, spring-like weather prevailed that some of our fruit trees began to put forth buds. "But alas! how vain the hope!" for now come piercing cold winds, together with "Jack Frost" and snow. Yesterday we were visited by a terrific wind and sand storm. It is thought by some that the wind reached the velocity of sixty miles an hour. I fancy, however, that that is an exaggeration. Forty miles per hour would beneater the mark.

A number of our leading brethren have gone to attend Snowflake conference. Our conference will convene on March 8. We are expecting to have some of the Apostles with us. President Udall possibly may not be able to attend the conference, but he is now convalescent from a very severe attack of "la grippe."

#### Apache County Jottings.

Writing to the NEWS from Taylor, Apache County, Arizona, under date of February 22nd. A. G. McClure says: We are trying as a people to build up this part of the country and to establish ourselves more permanently in the land. We have many disadvantages to contend with; still we do not feel discouraged. The times are very hard here. There is no money in circulation, and hence we find it a difficult matter to raise the "needful" for our land. Nevertheless, the inhabitants are exerting themselves in every way to meet the semi-annual instalments, with