

the last paragraph of the resolution was lost.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it Resolved, that the citizens of Salt Lake City in mass meeting assembled, appeal to Congress not to take from the Territory of Utah the 3,000,000 acres of land which it now threatens to give to the Southern Ute Indians, whose only crime is that they are in the way of certain rapacious land grabbers in Southern Colorado. *Be it further*

Resolved, That Hon. John T. Caine, Governor Arthur L. Thomas and Governor Caleb W. West be telegraphed to use their utmost endeavors to save to Utah these 3,000,000 acres of valuable mineral, grazing and agricultural lands.

The meeting then adjourned for two weeks.

THE ALTA CLUB AND WHISKY.

The following letter has been sent to Mayor Scott. The Alta Club is the one referred to as the organization of which Mayor Scott is a member:

To George M. Scott, Honorable Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir—In justice to saloon men and whisky dealers generally who pay annually into the city treasury over \$100,000, do you think it right or proper to allow the club of which you are a member, who pay no license, to sell liquor every day, not excepting Sunday. We all know the business is disreputable, but without patrons it would not exist. The council grants a privilege for which we pay, then why not place on an equal footing all places where it is sold.

According to the present ruling of the city council and mayor, a man must be a member of a club before he can get a drink or play a game of cards on Sunday now. There is not a saloon man who would not be willing to close on Sundays and keep closed if clubs, hotels and drug stores would do the same. We all have a right and when we pay for a privilege, that makes it more binding. It is not right to transact any business whatever on Sunday, and all we want is fair dealing and no favoritism. SALOON MAN.

REASON FOR REMOVING POSTMASTER BARRATT.

Delegate Caine has brought out definitely the grounds on which Postmaster Barratt was removed from office, as shown in the following correspondence:

Washington, D. C.,
April 24, 1890.

Honorable John Wanamaker, Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir—A statement has been made in the public press that an inspector of your department has reported that the postoffice at Salt Lake City has been loosely conducted "under Mr. C. R. Barratt, the postmaster incumbent, and that a change of postmasters had been

recommended on that ground." Such reports are very distasteful to Mr. Barratt and his friends. While Mr. Barratt does not wish to retain the office, he naturally objects to going out under a cloud.

Any information you may be pleased to give me which will place the matter in its true light will be highly appreciated.

Very respectfully,

JOHN T. CAINE, M.C.

Postoffice Department, U. S. A.,
Office of the Postmaster General,
Washington, April 25, 1890.

Hon. John T. Caine, House of Representatives:

Dear Sir—Replying to your letter of the 24th regarding the removal of Mr. C. R. Barratt, postmaster at Salt Lake City, I beg to say that it was because the office has been for over four years and a quarter under democratic administration. There was nothing in the report of the inspector to which you refer reflecting upon the character of Mr. Barratt.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WANAMAKER,
Postmaster General.

STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Juab Stake of Zion convened at Nephi, April 19th and 20th. The Stake presidency occupied the stand.

At 10 a. m. President Paxman called the conference to order. After singing and prayer, he addressed the meeting, remarking that the Church is so organized that every member can be looked after and cared for. God, through the Prophet Joseph, restored to the earth that which had been lost, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this purpose he was raised up. Sixty years ago the Prophet was permitted to organize the Church of God upon the earth. Although started with only six members, today it numbers thousands. There are many Stakes of Zion organized throughout the valleys of these mountains and in other parts of this country. These valleys are filled with Latter-day Saints who have been brought here by the grace of God, and thousands have passed behind the veil who are now proclaiming the Gospel to those anxiously awaiting to enter the fold of Christ. We can, to some extent, realize the growth of this work during the past sixty years. The powers of darkness have been arrayed against this work from the day of its organization to the present time; the religions of the day have been operating against it; the governments of the earth are exercised concerning us, and the spirit that put to death Jesus and his Apostles are trying to destroy us. Had this been simply the work of Joseph Smith, if the power of God had not been with him, had he not received the visitations of holy beings who conferred upon him the keys and authority from God, this work would not be in existence today. We have no cause to fear concerning its outcome. God is its Author, and He will steer it clear of the shoals.

Elder A. C. Bryan was the next speaker, and said that in order to teach the words of the Lord to the Latter-day Saints we must be in possession of the Spirit and influence of the Holy Ghost. In order to obtain salvation we must obey the laws which God has given for our guidance.

At the afternoon meeting the bishops reported as to their respective wards that the great majority of the Saints are striving to live their religion.

Apostle John Henry Smith addressed the conference. He observed that the human family are as prone to do evil "as the sparks fly upward." All who have observed the human family will know that there is a world of truth in it. In all our endeavors to do good, if we compare them to our resolutions we discover that we have fallen short, to an alarming extent, of what we had hoped. All who become acquainted with the Gospel and its principles should learn that it is a long journey to obtain the prize for which we have set out. I have known men who were great orators become weary in their work and lose the prize which they at first sought earnestly to gain, while others who have trodden the pathway with a quiet and earnest tread remained steadfast in the possession of those qualities which one must have in order to obtain it. Were I to investigate concerning the homes of the Latter-day Saints I should scarcely find a family who are keeping strictly the primary instruction contained in the Word of Wisdom. I am often asked the question: "When will we, as a people be free?" My answer is: "Whenever the Elders who hold the Holy Priesthood and officiate in the Church free themselves entirely from the taint of strong drink and tobacco." The speaker here spoke upon the inconsistency of trying to deny the existence of a Supreme Being. The young should be guarded against infidelity, such as is taught by Ingersoll.

Sunday morning was devoted to the work of the Sabbath School.

At 2 p. m. Counselor Jos. W. Paxman presented the general authorities of the Church and Stake, who were unanimously sustained; after which Elder S. R. Marks of Salt Lake City addressed the conference.

Apostle John Henry Smith occupied the remainder of the time, taking as his text "Adam fell that man might be, and man is that he may have joy." The speaker delivered an excellent discourse upon the fall.

Conference closed with the usual exercises.

DANIEL K. BROWN,
Stake Clerk.

Three torpedo boats will be added to the Japanese navy. One, says the *Jiji Shimpō*, has already been ordered from France, and the other two are to be ordered from Germany. The *Jiji* remarks that this will be the first time Japan has ordered anything in this line from Germany.