

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, Jan. 12th, 1890, commencing at 2 p. m., Counselor Charles W. Penrose presiding.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn beginning:

Come, come, ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear,
But with joy wend your way.

Prayer was offered by Elder Andrew Jensen.

The choir sang:

Behold the great Redeemer die,
A broken law to satisfy.

The Priesthood of the Third Ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

ELDER GEORGE ROMNEY, JR., was called to address the congregation. He said that on November 19th, 1886, he was called on a mission to New Zealand, and for some three years had labored among the Maoris. The work of the Lord is progressing marvelously there, and many hundreds are being added to the Church annually. The Elders and Saints there have been greatly blessed of the Holy Ghost. The Maori people are descendants of the House of Israel. They have their traditions of a personage coming to the earth, and then returning to His Father. They are now looking for this person to make His second appearance among the children of men, to reign in glory. Like the Hawaiians, their traditions teach that their fathers came from the rising of the sun, which, from their location, would be the land of America. Their religious traits and habits are identical with those of many of the American Indians. It is true that the Maoris, the natives of New Zealand, are down in the scale of civilization, but their improvement of late is exceedingly rapid. Those who have received the Gospel accept it with all their hearts. The race now is below the standard that prevailed when the Europeans first discovered their island. This is owing to the vices that were introduced among them by civilized people. The Elders have done great work among them, through the blessings of God, and they are becoming a fine people. They are a religious people, and are conversant with the Bible. Elder Romney bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and to having witnessed the manifestations of the power of God while he was engaged in the missionary field. He exhorted the Saints to walk in the paths of righteousness, that they might retain the faith and receive an exaltation in the presence of the Lord.

Elder Romney then, by request, spoke a few sentences in the Maori language, and prayed that the Lord's blessing would rest on all who sought to serve Him.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON then addressed the Saints. His subject was the sending of the Gospel message to the House of Israel.

The choir sang the anthem:

Praise ye the Father.

Benediction by Elder George F. Gibbs.

THE PLATFORM.

THE platform adopted by the "Liberal" convention consists of the usual amount of cold anti-"Mormon" political broth warmed up with the addition of some rank "Liberal" garbage. Its constituents in the main are getting so antiquated that they need not be noticed beyond a general denial. It is a warped political abortion. The transparency and untruthfulness of the claims and assertions of the alleged platform have been exhibited on scores of occasions, and we have not space today to repeat the operation of dissection.

WHICH LAW IS IT?

A question has been raised as to whether the next municipal election in Salt Lake should be conducted under the law of 1888, or under the prior statutes. There is a doubt as to whether the law of 1888 can go into effect without some action on the part of the municipality. The chairmen of both the "Liberal" and People's committees are of the opinion that the old statute should govern, but other eminent members of the bar think to the contrary. The leading lawyers are about equally divided, so, to settle the matter, a case has been made for the court to consider and determine which course should be pursued. Following is the petition filed this afternoon:

Territory of Utah. In the Supreme Court of Utah Territory.

To the Honorable Supreme Court of Utah Territory:

The petition of Edward M. Bynon respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court that he is a citizen, above the age of 21 years, of the United States of America, residing in the city of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, and that he is a duly qualified registered voter of said city, and as such is interested in the due execution of the laws relative to elections.

That Henry Page is the registration officer of said Salt Lake City, duly qualified and acting as such.

That on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1890, the biennial municipal election of said city occurs, when the various city officers for the ensuing two years are required to be elected and chosen.

That your petitioner is informed by his counsel and verily believes the same to be true, and therefore charges that at the election to be held on said 10th day of February, 1890, there are no alderman in said city to be voted for or chosen, and that the said officers to be chosen on said day in accordance with the statutes of the Territory of Utah are one mayor, fifteen councilmen, three from each of five municipal wards of said city, one recorder, one treasurer, one marshal, one assessor and collector, and one justice of the peace from

each of said municipal wards or precincts, all of whom are to be voted for by the duly qualified voters of said city at large.

Your petitioner further shows that on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1890, the said Henry Page, registration officer as aforesaid, posted a notice of said election, in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election for one mayor, five aldermen, nine councilors, one recorder, one treasurer, one marshal, one assessor and collector, will commence at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County one hour after sunrise and continue until sunset, on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1890. Date at Salt Lake City on this 13th day of January, A. D. 1890. Henry Page, registration officer, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah Territory.

Your petitioner further shown that according to the statutes of the Territory of Utah, it becomes and is the duty of the said Henry Page, registration officer as aforesaid, to post up in at least three public places in each precinct of said city, a notice which shall designate the offices to be filled, stating the time at which the election shall commence, the day and the hour, and that under said provision of the statute it became and is the duty of said Henry Page to post, at least fifteen days before the election, notices announcing that at the coming election, on February 10th, 1890, there will be elected fifteen councilmen, as aforesaid, one mayor, one recorder, one treasurer, one marshal, one assessor and collector, one justice of the peace, from each of the five precincts, omitting from said notice the mention of the election of any aldermen.

Your petitioner further shows that upon learning that the said Henry Page, as registration officer, had posted, as aforesaid, a public notice, relative to said election, that did not comply with the provisions of said statute, your petitioner, as he lawfully might, demanded of said Henry Page, registration officer, that he forthwith post a notice, calling for the election of fifteen councilmen and five justices of the peace, in accordance with the plain provisions of the statutes of said Territory, but that he, said Henry Page, then and there absolutely and unqualifiedly refused to post the said notice, as demanded by your petitioner, and insisted and contended, and still insists that there are only nine councilmen to be elected, and that five aldermen are also to be chosen at the coming election.

Your petitioner further shows that having no other specific legal remedy, and therefore being unable to obtain adequate legal relief without aid of a writ of mandamus, he therefore prays that a writ of mandamus issue to said Henry Page, registration officer of Salt Lake County, commanding him to post, in three public places in each of the five precincts of said city, a notice to the effect that on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1890, an election for one mayor, fifteen councilmen, one recorder, one treasurer, one marshal, one assessor and collector, and five justices of the peace, will commence