

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall at 11 a. m. today—Saturday, January 4th, 1890, President Angus M. Cannon presiding. All the Wards of the Stake responded to the roll call, excepting the Fifth Ward of the city, and Union, Sandy, Draper, and Pleasant Green. Seven quorums of Elders were properly represented, and seven young men were recommended as being worthy to receive ordination to the High Priesthood.

President Joseph E. Taylor addressed the meeting. He said that the Latter-day Saints were now living in a very important period of their history; a time when the Lord required much at the hands of His people, and near the time when all things that could be shaken would be shaken. Men will be tried as they have never been before, and some may deny the faith. This people were never thrown more upon their own resources than they are today, and this condition is likely to increase in the future. Those who hold responsible positions have now come to a period when they must assume the responsibilities of their offices. During the life time of the Prophet Joseph he stood in the gap and occupied it to his death. He sacrificed his life for his people, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. During the life-time of President Young, until his death, he was prepared to stand in the gap and assume the responsibility on every important occasion. Now we are living in a time when this responsibility is being divided. This is right and proper. The Bishops should use their strength and exhibit their wisdom and make manifest their judgment, and they should be willing to assume the burdens pertaining to their office. They have many questions brought before them which they themselves should attend to and not trouble those above them with things that are comparatively unimportant. The duties imposed upon those above us have become so great that they have not the time to attend to all the questions submitted to them; hence it devolves upon every man holding responsible positions to aid in the great labor. Let all things be done in order. There are many things that should be attended to, but in all our acts let the will of the Lord be done and His name be glorified among His people. The importance of drawing near to the Lord in prayer must be kept in view. There is much efficiency in the prayers of the faithful, and by a continued watchcare on the part of the Latter-day Saints as regards the doing of good works, salvation will be brought about.

President Angus M. Cannon dwelt upon the importance of the Latter-day Saints living their religion and of doing nothing whatever that would grieve the Spirit of the Lord. The things of this life should not, under any circumstances, cause us to forsake God or turn our backs upon the cove-

nants made with Him and each other. No amount of wealth or money should do this. These things will perish with the using, but the love of God, if cherished and cultivated, will remain with us eternally. The Prophet Joseph Smith said that the time would come when the Latter-day Saints would be tried more with riches than they ever had been with poverty, and it does seem that the time has arrived. Let not our hearts be set upon the Mammon of this world, but rather know the will of God and do it.

President Charles W. Penrose said that great things could be accomplished by a people who were united in a good cause, and it was of the greatest importance that Latter-day Saints should not lose sight of this. The Lord has commanded us to be united, and it is expected that we will be.

It is of the greatest importance that a people occupying the position we do should be informed upon the history of nations and peoples. We are told in the revelations of the latter times to acquire knowledge from good books and to qualify ourselves for the important positions we are designed yet to occupy. God is working with us and if we are faithful to Him and to each other He will bless us in our efforts. We should carry out the divine injunction to be one. Let all labor to this end.

The meeting adjourned to the first Saturday in February, at 11 a. m.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

Wm. Sinclair, unlawful cohabitation and adultery.

John Cox, Reuben Smith, Allen Hunsaker, J. J. Shepherd, Wm. S. Poppleton, Jacob Hansen, Ole Oleson, Wm. Archibald and Jens Christensen, unlawful cohabitation.

January 4th, Samuel G. Spencer, of Pleasant Green, was arrested on an indictment charging him with unlawful cohabitation. He was taken before Commissioner Pratt and gave bonds for his appearance when wanted.

January 2nd, David James, Esq., was arrested on an indictment charging him with unlawful cohabitation, and gave bonds in the sum of \$1500 to await trial. The indictment was found by the late grand jury on the last day of its official existence.

In the case of the United States vs. Charles Crabtree, unlawful cohabitation, the evidence did not appear to be as strong in the minds of the jury as has generally proven the case in such prosecutions, for they failed to reach an agreement and so announced to the court.

On Tuesday, December 31st, W. T. Reed, who had been charged with adultery was discharged. James Hanson was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. He had formerly pleaded not guilty, but withdrew this plea and made

one of guilty. Sentence was deferred.

Released From Prison.

January 1st, another of the brethren convicted under the Edmunds law—John Powell, of Fillmore—was released from the penitentiary after serving 75 days for unlawful cohabitation.

Joseph L. Jolly, of Moroni, was liberated from the penitentiary on Dec. 31, having served his sentence of 100 days and paid in addition a fine of \$50 and costs, for unlawful cohabitation.

Brother E. P. Marquardsen, of Elsinore, was released from the penitentiary, Wednesday, Jan. 1st, after serving a four months' sentence and paying costs of trial on conviction of unlawful cohabitation. His health has been tolerably good during his imprisonment, and he reports that the brethren who are confined in that institution are generally feeling pretty well at present.

Another Arrest.

Jesse W. Fox was arrested on the charge of conspiracy, being one of the number indicted by the late grand jury. He was released on \$1500 bail.

Gilmor Discharged.

Thursday, Jan. 2d, Commissioner Greenman discharged Charles Gilmor, whose examination for having killed Joseph Walkey was held before the Commissioner. The prosecution asked that the defendant be held to the grand jury, that a more thorough examination might be had, but this was refused.

Supreme Court Decision.

Today the Supreme Court of the United States rendered a decision with reference to the offices of Territorial Treasurer and Auditor of Public Accounts. Under an act of the Legislature Messrs. Jack and Clayton were elected by the people to these offices; the Governor appointed Bolivar Roberts and Arthur Pratt, and the case was contested to the court of last resort. The following dispatch, received this afternoon, gives the result:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.

Mr. James Jack:

The Supreme Court, in the Territorial officers' case, decides against Clayton and yourself, and that the act of the legislature is void.

JOHN T. CAINE.

Idaho's Statehood.

The following is a despatch from Washington, dated Jan. 5. A representative of the Mormons in Idaho appeared before the Senate committee on Territories today and asked that consideration of the bill for the admission of that Territory to the Union as a State be postponed for one week, to allow the attorneys for the Mormons to appear and present their objection to the admission of Idaho under the constitution recently adopted, which virtually excludes Mormons from citizenship by reason