

President Joseph E. Taylor presiding.

After the usual opening exercises, the roll was called and responded to by two High Councilors, one Patriarch, all the members of the Presidency of the High Priests' Quorum, twelve Presidents of Seventies and eleven Home Missionaries. All the wards of the Stake were properly represented, except the Second, Fifth and Seventeenth, city wards, and South Jordan of the county.

The Presidency of the Third, Fourth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth quorums of Elders responded to the roll call.

Ten young men were recommended for ordination to the office of Elder.

President Joseph E. Taylor said that he was pleased to say that the people of this Stake had responded promptly to the call made at the last Priesthood meeting for means to help beautify and adorn the Logan Temple. There were still nine wards of the Stake to be heard from. The Saints had contributed freely. There had been received thus far nearly two thousand dollars.

Very few statistical reports have been handed in today. As the Stake Conference will be held in the beginning of next month (September) and the semi-annual conference of the Church in October, it is very essential that the Clerk of the Stake receive these reports immediately.

Counselor C. W. Penrose and other speakers addressed the meeting, giving timely instructions in reference to the duties of the Saints.

Bishop Thomas.

The Ogden Standard has the following relative to Bishop Daniel F. Thomas, of Lynne, Weber County, who died on Wednesday, July 30 from sunstroke, and whose funeral took place in the Ogden Tabernacle Friday, August 1st:

Daniel F. Thomas, son of David and Hannah Thomas, was born April 13, 1826, at Penryll, in the Parish of Llangfychel-ar-arth, Camarthenshire, South Wales. At the age of 20 years he became acquainted with and converted to the Church of Christ through the preaching of D. Jones and Thomas Jeremy. His baptism occurred May 16, 1847. In 1848 he received the Aaronic Priesthood, and in April 1849 received the Melchisedec. Since that time he has remained faithful. He crossed the plains in an ox team in 1855 and located at Big Cottonwood. He married Mary Margaret Laulois at Ogden City, November 24, 1858, which companionship lasted eight years, when his wife died, leaving five children. In 1866 he was again married. Was the father of twenty children; fifteen now living; has also fifteen grandchildren. He was among the early settlers of the Territory, assisting in opening roads, making ditches, and was a genuine pioneer in every respect. During the fourteen years he has presided as Bishop over Lynne his administration has given entire satisfaction. His circle of friends extended to not only those of

his own faith but to all with whom he associated, who respected and revered him.

To Exclude Voters.

The "Liberals" are engaging in their usual tactics to exclude sufficient of those who are not likely to vote the "Liberal" ticket to enable them to seize the county offices. The process of challenging has been in progress Monday and Tuesday, July 28 and 29. The notices are left at the residences of the challenged parties, directing them to appear next day to show why their names should not be stricken from the registration lists. Many people are absent in the canyons at the present time, and these seem to be special objects of attention. Not being home when the notice comes, and there being but a few hours to the time when they must appear, there is no chance to notify them. So their cases go "by default," and they are denied the chance of a hearing.

In the outside precincts the deputy registrar hears the case. This morning these "hearings" began, and will continue till to-morrow afternoon. In the city Mr. E. H. Kahler will commence proceedings this afternoon, and conclude to-morrow. In reply to a question he said he had about 60 challenges to hear.

In the city, however, there have been about ninety notices issued. The county precincts, South Jordan, Draper, Granite, South Cottonwood, North Point, West Jordan, Sandy, Brighton and others, have been given attention, the number of challenges in each being from five to thirty. In the whole county, so far as has been learned, about 300 of these notices have been issued.

Box Elder Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of Box Elder Stake was held in the Tabernacle at Brigham City July, 27 and 28, President Rudger Clawson presiding. The visiting brethren were Apostles F. M. Lyman, Moses Thatcher, H. J. Grant and Elder Paxman, President of Juab Stake.

This is the first conference here, and the meeting was the first held in the Stake Tabernacle since the galleries were put in and other improvements made, at a cost of nearly \$6,000. The building is now furnished, and is commodious and handsome.

The meetings were well attended and much timely counsel was given to the Saints. The speakers were Apostles Lorenzo Snow, F. M. Lyman, Moses Thatcher, H. J. Grant, and Presidents R. Clawson and Paxman, all of whom, in a pleasing manner, presented many of the truths and principles of the Gospel. The marked attention paid evidenced how greatly the addresses were enjoyed. Some of the subjects treated upon were individual and national rights religiously and politically considered; Joseph the Prophet's mission; the Saints' mission here; our duty to God, to our families, to each other, to our country and to all mankind; the great work to be done in our temples

for the salvation of the dead; the present times and mighty events and changes which are near at hand; the greatness of God's work in the plan of salvation, and its inevitable triumph over all opposition.

A word of praise was given to the Tabernacle choir by President Clawson for the music furnished during conference.

After singing and benediction, conference adjourned for three months. JAMES BYWATER, Stake Clerk.

Southwestern Utah.

Walter C. Maxwell was visited this morning by an *Express* reporter. This gentleman recently returned from a trip of several weeks in Southwestern Utah and South-eastern Nevada. He returned about ten days ago. To the reporter Mr. Maxwell said that the outlook for the early completion of the railroad between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles was very encouraging. Ninety per cent of all the grading is completed of the 128 miles of road south of Milford, Utah, including the twenty-eight miles branch road to Pioche, Nevada. Meadow Valley is the present terminus. A large quantity of ties and rails are already delivered at Milford. Mr. Maxwell imparted the information, which will be news to the great majority of people in this section, that the new road is called the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railroad, it being a portion of that feeder of the Union Pacific.

Mr. Maxwell believes that the road will be in operation before the end of the year. When that portion connecting the road with Los Angeles shall be completed, this city will be about 700 miles closer to Ogden by railroad than it now is via the Central Pacific. It will save a whole day on the overland route and a great era of prosperity will then open for Los Angeles. Mr. Maxwell packed a Kodac camera with him on his trip, and as he is quite an expert amateur photographer, he succeeded in securing a large collection of views of the country through which he passed. He believes that somewhere in Southern Utah will rise the Pittsburg of the Pacific, so rich is that country in coal and iron. All that they are waiting for is railroad communication. The hills are mountains of iron nearly chemically pure. Mr. Maxwell exhibited many choice specimens of anthracite coal and iron which he had collected. He also says that the hills are covered with a dense growth of nut pine, all valuable for fuel. He looks for quite a revival in silver mining as soon as the road is opened, and Pioche he reports to be a lively camp.—*Los Angeles Express*.

VALPARAISO, Aug. 5.—A dispatch received here says that President Celman of the Argentine Republic presented his resignation to Congress, giving as his reason the political and financial difficulties through which the Republic is passing. He has been succeeded, the dispatch says, as President by Dr. Pellegrun.