

ion. The result was the polling of a large majority of legal votes for the People's ticket. But the "Liberals" in office determined, if possible, to defeat the will of the people, and therefore set up foolish objections to the returns. The matter was brought before the Third District Court by F. M. Lyman, member elect to the Legislature, on behalf of the people of the county. After considerable litigation a writ of peremptory mandamus was issued by the Court, requiring the refractory officials to canvass the returns and carry out the provisions of the law in relation to the subject. On appeal, the Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the District Court. Being thus compelled they made the canvass, a full report of which was published in this paper, showing the undoubted election of all the People's candidates, by a large majority. But an attempt was then made to throw out all the returns but those from two precincts, and take the results of the latter alone, to determine the result of the election. But the District Court would not submit to this impudent disregard of its commands, and gave the desperate and defeated officials a few days more in which to make a full canvass and report their doings to the Court. The canvass was again made and the People's candidates were officially declared elected; their certificates of election were issued; they duly qualified on good and sufficient bonds and entered upon the duties of their calling; all being done strictly under the provisions of the law.

But the ousted officials, after holding on to their positions for eight months after being rejected by the people, took another step with the view of trying to keep their places. Instead of delivering over to their successors the records, seals and all other public property in their care, they vacated the Court House, leaving the safe and the doors unlocked, and tried to raise the report that the new incumbents had taken possession by force. The story was ridiculous, and without any color of truth. But they thought to make further delays by this course. However, Judge Schaeffer, on the very day they were to come into court and make report of the manner in which they had obeyed the mandamus, vacated his office on a press report that he had been removed and his successor nominated by the President therefore their report was not made as required.

Now the question is, how does this failure to report affect the status of the new officials? We answer, it does not affect them at all. They have been duly elected and qualified, they have found the Court House and its appurtenances deserted, and have quietly entered into possession of the places to which they were chosen by the people, as declared and certified to by their predecessors. They were not required to appear in court. The District Court has nothing to do with declaring them elected or not elected. They are now undoubtedly the *de facto* as well as *de jure* officers of Tooele County. They can proceed with the discharge of their duties without reference or regard to what the defeated malignants may say or do. The people will recognize them in their position, and Tooele, redeemed from misrule and the domination of an unprincipled minority, and having learned a lesson from the severe experience of the past, may go on to union, prosperity, progress and the development of every interest among them.

It was the ousted officials who had to appear in court for the purpose of purging themselves from contempt. They had disregarded the mandates of the court and were justly deserving of punishment. Whether they had been fined and imprisoned for their offence or allowed to go scot free, would have made no difference to the status of the new officials. This is the whole substance of the matter. It is true that the defeated party may claim that there were irregularities at the election, and that there are imperfections in the law. Anybody may do that. Action may be taken at law against the right of the new officials to hold their positions. But the facts are too potent for any such proceeding to prevail. Tooele has redeemed itself, and all that may be threatened by the ousted and angry usurpers is mere bluster, and the vapid mutterings of baffled malice. The whole thing is settled. It is well.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 4.

Dust and Wind.—This is good conference weather—all but the dust. The blinding gusts that sweep the streets are not calculated to inspire as pleasant and peaceful thoughts or utterances as might be desired.

Information Wanted.—Ann Evans, 1 Red Row, Rhymney, South Wales, would like to know the whereabouts of and hear from David Davis, who emigrated to Utah about ten years ago, from the above-named town.—*Mill. Star.*

Pardoned.—Laurence Walker, a convict who has been in the Penitentiary about a year and a half, has been pardoned by the Governor. He was sent up for two years, for larceny, but has so deported himself since, as to recommend his case to official clemency.

From Fillmore.—We had a pleasant call this morning from Elders A. H. Kimball and C. Frampton, of Fillmore. The former has come to represent Millard County in the Y. M. M. I. A. Territorial Conference, to be held in the Theatre, on Sunday evening. They will also attend the general Conference.

Cache Valley to the Front.—We are told by a gentleman from Cache Valley that the spring grain up there, is ahead of any he has noticed on the way to Salt Lake. More rain has fallen there than here, which is one of the reasons, though it's nothing new for Cache County to take the lead in such matters.

Beautiful Sunsets.—Byron never described more beautiful sunsets than we have been witnessing here for the last week. We doubt if words, however choice, could do justice to these magnificent displays of nature. As the sun approaches the western horizon a shining "path of rays" is thrown across the bosom of the lake, and a "blaze of living light" sends its crimson flood over the city, which seems a picture of Paradise bathed in the light of a better world.

Releases and Appointments.—The following are taken from the *Millennial Star* of March 17th: Elder John E. Metcalf is released from being traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference, to return home with the first company of the season. Elder William England is released from being traveling Elder in the Birmingham Conference. Elder William England is appointed a traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference. Elder George Meldrum is appointed to labor as traveling Elder in Shetland Islands.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 5.

Fraternal.—We had a call to-day from Mr. F. J. Cannon, the gentlemanly local of the *Ogden Junction*, who is spending a few days in the metropolis.

Police Court.—Thomas Barber, arrested for being drunk and destroying property, was fined \$9.00. Thomas Maguire, a wretch found guilty of enticing away little girls, will bestow 99 day's labor on the public improvements. Four "tramps" are working out fines of \$20.00 each.

A Valuable Book.—"Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid," by Professor Piazzi Smyth, Astronomer Royal, of Scotland, may be had of James Dwyer, price \$6. This seems a high figure, but those who read the book and can understand in any degree the value thereof will not complain at the cost. Considering the labor, skill and learning it displays, with the valuable knowledge it contains it is really a cheap book.

Land Surveys.

UNITED STATES
SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Utah Territory.
Salt Lake City,
April 4th, 1879.
The plat with descriptive lists of exterior and subdivisional survey, in township 3 north, range 21 east, at Green River, by Aug. D. Ferron, United States Deputy Surveyor, was filed to-day in the Local Land Office.

FRED. SALOMON,
U. S. Surveyor General.

Escaped Convict.—O'Neil, the man who was tried and sentenced to the Penitentiary for robbing a safe in Ogden, a few months ago, made his escape yesterday. He was at work outside the walls of his prison, and taking advantage of a favorable moment, when the attention of the guard was diverted, coolly walked away. When last seen, he was hiding in the brush, near the Deseret Paper Mill. His person is so well known that he will find it difficult to avoid the vigilance of his pursuers.

Supreme Court.—At 11 a. m. this morning the Supreme Court of the Territory met pursuant to adjournment, M. Schaeffer Chief Justice, and P. H. Emerson, Associate Justice, on the bench:

The People etc., respondents vs. Wallace Wilkerson, appellants. The mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States having been filed, and the judgment of this court having been affirmed, it is now ordered that the judgment of the First District Court be affirmed except that the date of the execution fixed by that court on the 21st day of January 1878, be postponed, and the cause is remanded to the First District Court, to set and fix a day for the execution.

In the matter of the contest for a deed of part of lot 3, block 104, Plat "A," Salt Lake City survey, between John Gray claimant and respondent and Amos Howe and Ann Smith appellants, appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States allowed.

The January term of the Supreme Court of Utah Territory was then adjourned without day.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 7.

Postal.—A post office has been established at Junction, Piute County, Utah, with John S. Baker, postmaster.

Good Reading.—The articles on the Book of Abraham, by Elder George Reynolds, which have appeared from time to time in the *News*, will be re-issued in pamphlet form, from this office to-morrow. They will furnish good reading for all classes.

Dissolving Views.—Mr. C. W. Carter's dissolving views entertainment will be exhibited to-night in the Thirteenth Ward, to-morrow night in the Twentieth, next Wednesday in the 7th, and on Friday in the 15th Ward.

The Vacancy Filled.—As we go to press, the news reaches us, that Elder Moses Thatcher, President of the Cache Valley Stake of Zion, has been nominated and unanimously sustained as one of the Twelve Apostles, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elder Orson Hyde.

Information Wanted.—Of the whereabouts of James John, who left his home at North Ogden about three weeks ago. The boy is thirteen years of age, had on a pair of ducking overalls, a mole skin coat and drab hat; is about 4½ feet in height and of light complexion. Any information leading to his discovery will be thankfully received by his grandfather, John John, at North Ogden.—*Junction.*

"Junction" Items.—The telegraph wires between Laramie and Medicine Bow were prostrated Saturday night, from a severe storm of wind and sleet which prevailed in that neighborhood. They have been replaced.

J. H. Noland died suddenly on the U. P. train, Saturday morning, while on his return from California. His disease was consumption. His remains were taken east by his brother, Sunday morning.

The Ogden sewer is progressing finely.

Ogden now wants a "pinafore."

Death to Gophers.—Mr. Richard Holtom, of South Cottonwood, gives a method for the extermination of gophers which he has employed with success. Traps do not work well, the animal is too cunning for them. Mr. Holtom's plan is to dig down between the two openings of a gopher hole and place a bait of carrot or parsnip dipped in strychnine in the underground passage. The carrot should be thinly sliced lengthwise, doubled, the centre dipped in the poison and the bait fastened to the end of a rush or willow.

"Enquirer" Items.—Grasshoppers have begun at the grain in and around Provo. It is reported that a

number of acres of young grain have already been devoured by them.

Thomas Wilson, a resident of Goshen, while at work in the Mountain Chief iron mine, Tintic District, on last Tuesday, was killed by a cave in the mine. His brother Lorenzo was also injured at the same time, but will recover.

Dr. T. S. Wadsworth and Mrs. Annie Duncan, of American Fork, charged with grave robbing, were examined last Wednesday. A change of venue was taken and a hearing before Justice Thurman, of Lehi, resulted in the accused being bound over in the sum of \$300 each to await the action of the grand jury.

Z. C. M. I. Statement.—The following is a statement of the financial condition of Z. C. M. I., shown at the stockholders' meeting, held on Saturday afternoon, in the Council House:

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, Salt Lake City, February 28, 1879:

ASSETS.	
Merchandise on hand,	\$695,870.89
Bills receivable,	215,860.25
Open accounts,	44,133.42
Cash on hand and in bank,	18,902.47
Real estate,	215,601.59
Horses and delivery wagons,	904.50
All other assets,	413.93
Total,	\$1,191,687.05

LIABILITIES.	
Bills payable,	337,043.24
Open accounts,	53,382.36
Total,	\$390,425.60

Overplus, \$801,261.45

A dividend of 3½ per cent. was declared, payable May 1st. Previous to adjournment, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the President, Vice-President, Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors.

The above exhibit speaks well for the condition of the institution.

Dragged to Death.—Bro. David Proctor, of Union, gives us the particulars of a fatal mishap which occurred last Friday afternoon, in Little Willow Cañon, between Big and Little Cottonwood, by which a man named Hunter, met with a terrible death. In company with two of his brothers, he was engaged in cutting ties in the cañon, and not feeling well at dinner time, they told him to tend the mules that afternoon, and they would go on the hill to work. At nightfall, they returned, and not finding him nor the animals at the cabin, immediately started out in search. A short distance from the house they found one of the mules tied to a tree. One of them mounted the animal and proceeded down the cañon. When near the mouth, he found the missing man's hat and two augurs lying in the road. Reaching the mill at the mouth of the cañon, he was informed that his brother had been there and got a piece of rope to lead a mule back which he had caught near there, and after borrowing two augurs to make a fence across the dugway to prevent the mules coming down again, had returned up the cañon. Satisfied that something was wrong, the searching brother continued on down, and about half a mile below the mill, found the missing mule standing still, and his brother's dead body, lacerated, bruised and nearly stripped, upon the ground, attached to the mule's neck by a small rope tied to the wrist with two hard knots. The whole back of his head was torn off and his clothes also, except his shoes and stockings. Untying the rope, the horror-stricken brother took the animals to the mill, borrowed a harness and wagon and took the body home. The supposition is that the unfortunate man, while returning up the cañon, after getting the augurs, was jerked to the ground near the place where the tools and hat were found, and having tied the rope to his own wrist, as was his custom, to prevent the animal's escape, was dragged back to the spot where found. The people at the mill, however, say they did not see them pass that way, after they started back up the cañon.

The funeral was held Saturday at Big Cottonwood.

An orator declaring that fortune knocked at every man's door once, an old Irishman said, "When she knocked at mine I must have been out."

PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Parowan Stake of Zion was held in the Cedar City meeting-house, Saturday and Sunday, March 22d and 23d, 1879.

Present on the stand, Erastus Snow, of the Council of the Twelve, Jacob Gates, of the presidency of the Seventies; Wm. H. Dame and Henry Lunt, of the presidency of the Stake, the Bishops and most of the high council.

President Dame made a few opening remarks when the following quarterly statistical reports were read showing as follows:

One patriarch; 116 seventies, 50 high priests; 144 elders; 3 priests; 5 teachers; 30 deacons; 1,072 members; 142 officers and members; 538 children under 8 years of age; 1,957 total of souls; 344 families; 6 marriages; 14 births of males; 8 births of females; 19 children blessed; 4 members removed; 3 members received; 11 baptized; 4 deaths males; 5 deaths females; 8 individuals drawing support; \$25.19 amount of fast day donations. Following the above were the verbal reports of the bishops of the several wards representing the condition, faith and standing of their wards, which were very satisfactory, as they represented the people on the improve in faith and good works.

President Snow expressed himself as pleased with the good reports of the bishops, urged the young men to prepare themselves for the responsibilities of carrying this gospel message to those that lie in darkness, and to bear this kingdom off triumphantly when their fathers are called to another probation; after which the meeting adjourned to 2 p.m.

2 p.m.

Very encouraging reports were made of the Seventies, High Priests, Elders, Female Relief Societies, Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. Associations, and the Sunday Schools, the last showing as follows: \$99.90 amount of funds, five schools, 54 male teachers, 97 female teachers, 223 male pupils, 236 female pupils—459 total of pupils; 1 theological class, 20 Bible and Testament classes, six Book of Mormon classes, four *Juvenile Instructor* classes, 19 history classes—52 total classes; three libraries containing 151 books.

SECOND DAY.

10 a. m.

The forenoon was occupied by President Snow, on the order of the priesthood, which was listened to by the Saints with deep interest. The speaker read a portion of the third section of the old edition of the Doctrine and Covenants, and quoted from the Bible and Book of Mormon.

2 p. m.

The afternoon was occupied, first by Bro. Silas S. Smith, who felt the necessity of settling up the waste places, that the Saints may have room to dwell; 2nd, by President Yates, upon the importance of the Saints learning and performing their duties, and upholding the authorities; 3rd, by Counselor Lunt, who spoke of the beauties of the gospel, and the necessity of sacrificing all, when necessary for the gospel's sake; 4th, by President Dame, urging the people to faithfulness, and to ponder on the instructions of this conference.

The following names were presented and unanimously sustained as missionaries to Arizona: Jesse N. Smith, Smith D. Rogers, Amos Rogers, Joseph Fish, John R. Hullet, John H. Rollins, Cornelius Decker, Levi West, Sister West, John A. West Z. B. Decker, Jr., N. P. Warden, Jane Perkins, Sarah J. Perkins, Jens Nielsen, Silas S. Smith, Jr., Samuel Cox and Lars Christensen.

To Canada: Andrew Corry, of Cedar City.

This ended a very instructive and interesting conference.

JOHN E. DALLEY, Clerk.

The *Denver Tribune* of March 30 says: "An application has been received at the State House, from the colony of Mormons in Southern Colorado, to purchase the whole or part of the State lands near Del Norte county, in the Rio Grande valley. The land consists of ten sections. If the project of selling it is favorably received by the Board of Land Commissioners, it will be surveyed and appraised, and the colony will doubtless take the whole of it, if the price suits the executive committee."