

Anderson was chairman of the committee on waterworks, and he learned what the people thought and felt. Expressing himself on the subject today he said: "The taxpayers will hang the city council that dares to sell or attempt to sell the waterworks, and in my opinion they would be justified in so doing. Such a sale would be one of the grossest outrages that could be perpetrated upon any community."

The general sentiment of the community is in harmony with the ex-councilman's view of the outrageous nature of the act, so there need be no doubt on the part of the City Council, if the matter comes before them officially, as to where the people stand. Then it may be learned whether "\$25,000 will do anything" with the present council or their successors.

### WAYNE STAKE CONFERENCE.

Following are the minutes of the first quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake of Zion, held at Lou, August 27th and 28th, 1893.

There were present on the stand Elder Brigham Young, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles; Elder Godfredson of Salina, the Stake President, Patriarchs and Bishops.

In his opening remarks President Robinson said he was pleased to report that himself and counselors had visited every ward in the Stake during the past three months. The Saints generally were Godfearing men and women. The various Stake organizations were in good working order.

Elder Franklin W. Young addressed the Saints at length upon the necessity and power of prayer.

Elder Rust said he rejoiced to see the prediction uttered by himself years ago, when he officiated as Bishop of the whole of Rabbit valley, that there would be a Stake organization here, fulfilled. He knew that God was and had been with His Saints from the beginning. Had watched the growth of the Saints in these valleys since the year 1847, and knew the Lord had directed their course and overruled all things for their good.

Elder Brigham Young stated that Elder John Henry Smith purposed to have been present, but was prevented by sickness in his family. Elder Young said that every faithful man and woman was entitled to the light of heaven and the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. He related a circumstance that occurred in Lou a few months ago, showing the power of inspiration enjoyed by humble Elders. He bore testimony that true happiness was enjoyed only by those who loved God and delighted to keep His commandments. He remembered the time when only a few Saints were living in Utah and they were all located in Salt Lake valley. Today thousands were scattered throughout the valleys of Utah and in adjacent states. The work of God was progressing. The speaker then dwelt upon the second coming of the Messiah.

At the afternoon meeting Elder Young again preached with great power upon the order and object of the sacrament.

Elder M. Hanson addressed the youth upon the necessity of forsaking evil and reckless ways, and of turning

their attention to the service of the Lord.

The statistical report of the Wayne Stake for the past three months was then read by Elder Eckersley.

Elder Godfredson spoke upon the necessity of Sabbath school work, and related some of his experiences in his labors in the Stake.

In the evening a meeting was held under the auspices of the Sunday schools when powerful discourses were delivered by Elders Brigham Young and Godfredson upon Sabbath school work and the training of children.

At the meeting on Monday morning the congregation was addressed by Patriarch Ephraim Hanks after which the general authorities of the Church and Stake officers were presented and sustained by the unanimous vote of the people.

Elder Brigham Young again addressed the Saints, his subject being the magnitude and importance of the work which devolved upon the Church of Christ in latter days, and the marvelous things which had been accomplished by the power of God in this age.

In the afternoon the Relief society officers made their reports, and several of the sisters addressed the assemblage on timely topics. President Robinson also spoke to the people and announced some changes that had been made in officers in the Stake. The conference then adjourned for three months.

The weather was favorable, the house crowded at every meeting and a good Spirit prevailed throughout the conference.

A Stake Priesthood meeting was held on Saturday, Aug. 26th, at which Elder Brigham Young delivered a discourse upon the duties of the Priesthood.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY,  
Stake Clerk.

### RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder H. A. Reiser, of this city, called at the NEWS office this afternoon, having returned from a mission to Europe. He left on June 27th, 1891, and has traveled in the German and Swiss mission, visiting Mannheim, Berlin, Magdeburg and the eastern parts of Switzerland. He arrived in this city Sept. 3, 1893, having enjoyed good health and gained much valuable experience during his absence.

Elder J. Beus, who has been laboring as a missionary in Ireland, called at the NEWS office this morning. He left for that country July 18th, 1891, and returned September 5th, this year. Elder Beus has enjoyed his mission very much, he says. The Saints are doing well and the missionaries succeed in making friends among the hospitable people of the island. He has had many valuable experiences during his absence.

The NEWS had a call to day from Elder Peter B. Green of Plain City, Weber county, who has just returned from a mission to Scandinavia. He home August 29, 1891, going by way of England. In Denmark he labored in the Aarhus conference until released to return home. He met with fair success, the people treating him well. He had good health generally, and enjoyed well his missionary labors. He started from Scandinavia homeward

on August 10, crossing the Atlantic on the Guion steamship Alaska. On the way to Utah he stopped a few days at Chicago, and arrived at Ogden on Tuesday.

Elder D. S. Wallace, of the Seventh ward, of this city, made a pleasant call at the NEWS office last evening on his return from a mission to the Southern States. He left home on May 5th, 1891. He labored altogether in North and South Carolina, principally in the latter state. He enjoyed excellent health, made many friends, delayed much prejudice and performed a good mission. The last two months he has been visiting relatives and friends in the New England and other Eastern States. He spent some time at the World's Fair and heard the male chorus contest, and unfortunately pronounced the one from Salt Lake ahead of all American competitors.

### INTERESTING TO THE SARGENTS.

The following communication was addressed to the Mormon Church and has found its way to this office. It needs no explanation further than it is addressed to "any Sargent" in this part of the country:

I have over one thousand names lineally arranged, of the descendants of William Sargent, the first of several Sargents, that came to America prior to 1670, for the purpose of publishing, and ask your co-operation so to have a FULL and correct record.

This is known as the Amesbury, Mass., branch of Sargents. While this list arranged only includes those to and a part of the seventh generation, I have that of many others up to the present generation. It is quite full to the sixth as to name, date and place of birth and death, who, where and when married, occupation, various residences, public and army record. This is such information as I wish from you, as to you and all your connection you can give, as I believe you are one of this branch. Give the name and residence of the oldest of your ancestors you can, as otherwise I may not be able to make the connection.

Do not put the matter by and not answer thinking you are the only person interested, as you are not. It may break the chain that connects others who have a deep interest in it, and leave the record of a family incomplete. I find the name in England prior to 1200, and from what it was derived, and also have a description of the designs of various coat of arms, but have not been able to fully establish his connection to the branch he is claimed to belong to.

Do not forget to give the address of those of your family, you cannot give the record of.

EDWIN E. SARGENT,  
St. Johnsbury, Vt.

A SIMPLETON who had sense enough to go to the World's Fair but not much more, writes over the name of "Victim" to a Chicago paper that he was stopped by a woman, finally accompanied her to her room, was rubbed by her of \$13, went to one police station to complain, was referred to another station, and by the inspector was told at last to get out or he would be locked up. "Victim" escaped easy, and in telling his tale of woe he pays the Chicago police a compliment which it is a real pleasure to reproduce.