

semi-weekly and weekly editions dated respectively the 13th and 14th. We refer our correspondent to that article. It is entitled, "The Electors College."

Funeral of Sister Jones.

The affectionate regard in which a multitude of people held Sister Rebecca Maria Jones, of whose death an account appeared in Tuesday's News, caused a large assemblage to gather in the Fifteenth Ward meeting house yesterday to attend the funeral services.

The pall bearers were her grandsons and nephews, and the remains were followed from the late residence of the deceased to the meeting house, by a number of her grandchildren, each of whom bore a floral offering. The meeting house was beautifully draped in white. On the right of the stand sat a number of the co-workers of the deceased in the Relief Society, while on the left sat the Sunday School class of young ladies, of which she has been the teacher for many years, and the members of which were tenderly attached to her.

The ward choir sang the hymn, "O Lord responsive to Thy call," when the opening prayer was offered by Elder W. L. Binder.

The choir then sang, "Come to me," the solo being rendered by Sister M. C. Hull.

Bishop Samuel Woolley, who was the companion of the husband of the deceased, Elder N. V. Jones, on a mission to India, spoke for a short time, in an appropriate vein. He was followed by Elder Elias Morris, in a short, but consoling address.

Elder N. W. Richards, an old-time friend in Nauvoo, spoke next, and was followed by Bishop O. F. Whitney, whose discourse, though brief, was comforting and instructive.

President A. M. Cannon then made a few remarks, and was followed by Bishop Polard in a few closing words.

The choir then sang the piece, "Rest, spirit, rest," Sister Hull rendering the solo. The singing throughout was extremely sweet and beautiful. Bishop H. B. Clawson offered the benediction.

A cortege of fifty-seven carriages followed the remains to the grave. When the coffin had been lowered, and while the choir sang "Near to dear Saviour, to thee," the officers and teachers of the Relief Society passed the grave in single file, each dropping upon the coffin a flower or sprig of evergreen. Elder Rodney C. Badger offered the prayer dedicating the grave.

A holy, sweet and peaceful influence pervaded the funeral services throughout, and there seemed to be a universal feeling among all those present, that one who had seen much sorrow in this life, but had, notwithstanding many trials and temptations, earned a rich reward, had gone hence to enjoy it.

Funeral of Elder Standring.

The funeral of Elder Edwin Standring, of Lehi, took place yesterday afternoon, the service being conducted in the meeting-house of that place. Among those present were Apostle Heber J. Grant; President A. O. Smoot, and Counselors H. H. Cluff and David John—the Presidency of Utah Stake. The speakers in the order in which they addressed the large assemblage, were, President A. O. Smoot, Elders David John, John Nicholson, H. H. Cluff and Apostle Grant. The remarks were deservedly eulogistic of the pure and devoted life and amiable characteristics of the deceased, and highly instructive, while appropriate and consoling to the bereaved family. The musical part of the exercises was excellently rendered by the Lehi choir. The large hall was not only crowded to excess, but many people were unable to gain admittance. The procession to the cemetery was very long, there being about fifty vehicles, while the sidewalks were lined with accompanying pedestrians. It seemed as if the entire town had turned out to show their respect for the dead and sympathy for the bereaved, both of Elder Standring's widows being most estimable ladies.

The cortege was headed by the Lehi brass band, which played dirges on the way. At the grave the dedicatory prayer was offered by Apostle Grant. The circumstances connected with the demise of Brother Standring are somewhat peculiar as well as pathetic. He served one term in the penitentiary for unlawful cohabitation, and about two weeks ago he was arrested on a second charge of a similar character. He went to Provo to answer the allegation, but the case was dismissed for want of evidence. While in Provo on the occasion in question, he caught a severe cold, from which he never recovered. It developed into pneumonia, which resulted in his death on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 20th.

Bishop Thomas R. Cutler and his Second Counselor, Elder Anderson, are now serving terms in the penitentiary under indictment for unlawful cohabitation. This situation, combined with the demise of Elder Standring, leaves Lehi for the time being without the presence of a member of the bishopric. In the meantime the affairs of the ward are left in charge of Elders Wm. Clark and Ole Ellingson, who have been acting as aids to Brother Standring in the same capacity in the absence of the Bishop.

Brother Standring was turned sixty years of age, and his disposition was such that it is doubtful if he ever had an enemy.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 23.

Bannock Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Bannock Stake of Zion was held in Raxburg Bingham County, Idaho, Sunday and Monday, Nov. 18 and 19, President Ricks presiding. On the stand were the Stake Presidency, members of the High Council, Bishops and leading Elders from the Stake. A portion of the time was given to hearing the reports of the Bishops, Presidents of Quorums and superintendents of associations. A great deal of wise and good counsel was given by Presidents Ricks and Rigby, and Elder F. S. Bramwell and others, who in turn exhorted the people to observe the laws of God, and to live consistent with the commandments of the Lord. The people were also urged to subscribe for the Church publications, etc.

Our Stake Academy is in full operation, under the able management of Prof. Jacob Spoor, with Brother Axel Nielson, and Sister Sarah A. Barnes as assistants, and ninety pupils are in attendance. The future outlook of this institution is very promising. Wm. W. Salick, Stake Recorder.

Morgan Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Morgan Stake convened in the Stake House on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 18th and 19th. The meetings were well attended and the house was filled to its capacity. We had the pleasure of a visit from Apostles Snow and Richards and President Seymour B. Young.

The greater part of Sunday was taken up by the reports of the Bishops, which showed the conditions of the wards to be fair, with room for improvement. During the afternoon a letter was read from Elders Lee and Ruby, in Alabama, concerning their search for Elder Alma P. Richards, of this Stake, whose mysterious disappearance has not yet been explained. From the letter nothing had been developed as to what has become of the unfortunate young man.

After the reading of the letter, the remainder of the time of the meeting was occupied by Apostle F. D. Richards, in which he defined very plainly the duties and labors of Bishops, Teachers, High Councils and the Presidency of Stakes. Apostle Richards' remarks were very appropriate and fitting.

On Monday, the general and local authorities, and missionaries were presented to the conference and unanimously sustained. The remainder of the day was taken up by addresses from the Presidency of the Stake, Elder Robert Campbell, President Seymour B. Young and Apostle Lorenzo Snow, who presented many good ideas and much valuable counsel. The conference was brought to a close at 4 p. m., and the people departed feeling much encouraged and strengthened in their labors.

ALONZO FRANCIS, Stake Clerk.

Bear Lake Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of this Stake of Zion was held on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 18th and 19th. Present on the stand: Wm. Budge, James H. Hart and Geo. Osmond of the Stake Presidency; the Bishops of the several wards, and other leading Elders from different parts of the Stake.

Sunday, 10 a. m. The most of the time was occupied in giving the reports of the different wards, all of which were represented, except Meadowville and Soda Springs. The reports were favorable with a few exceptions.

President James H. Hart addressed the conference on the general duties of the Saints.

2 p. m. President Geo. Osmond spoke upon the position we occupy at present as a people, and the consequence of sympathizing with wrong doers. If we sympathize with sinners we partake of their sins.

President James H. Hart delivered a lengthy and interesting discourse on the principle of obedience, and the necessity of the Saints living nearer to God, and keeping his laws more sacredly.

Monday, 10 a. m. President William Budge read a portion of the 5th chapter of Hebrews, and showed that no one is authorized to preach the Gospel or administer in any of the ordinances, except he "who is called of God as was Aaron." The Saints should know the voice of the true Shepherd and follow no other. Those who do the latter will meet sorrow and disappointment.

Elders James Athay and Bishop McKinnon addressed the assembled Saints in the afternoon, after which President Osmond showed the necessity of educating our children, and that education is a greater boon to the young than wealth. Felt thankful for the superior educational facilities that exist today in comparison with those that existed a few years ago, and advised the parents not to neglect this sacred duty.

The excellent singing of the choir under the leadership of Elder W. N. B. Shepherd, was much appreciated by the Saints.

An excellent spirit prevailed during the conference; the speakers had great freedom, and their remarks were listened to with attention. It was a time of instruction and rejoicing that will long be remembered by the Saints, many of whom expressed themselves to the effect that it was one of the

best conferences ever held in the Stake. THOS. MINSON, Stake Clerk.

Sanpete Stake.

The regular quarterly conference of the Sanpete Stake was held on the 18th and 19th of November, 1888, in Moroni, commencing at 10:30 a. m., on the 18th.

There were present, President Peterson and Counselors Henry Beal and J. B. Malben; the High Council had but a small representation present; eleven of the seventeen wards in the Stake were represented by the Bishopric; and a very creditable number of the Saints were in attendance.

The conference convened in the new tabernacle. After the opening exercises, President Malben offered the opening prayer, in which he also dedicated the house to the use of the Saints for the worship of the Lord.

The principal speakers were Presidents Peterson, Beal and Malben, and Elder Alma Greenwood. The subjects treated upon were tithing, Temple work, general duties and education. The Stake Academy, which has been in operation two weeks, came in for its full share of attention at the hands of the speakers, who endeavored to portray the many advantages to be derived from those beneficent institutions.

Bishops J. W. Irons, C. C. Dorius, M. P. Madsen, John E. Keese and Counselor John Frantzen, reported their respective Wards in about the usual encouraging condition.

Superintendent Malben's report of Sunday Schools was read to the conference.

President Malben presented the general and local authorities of the Church, all of whom received the unanimous vote of the conference. The case of J. P. Faux was sustained as Second Counselor to Bishop J. W. Irons, Moroni; and C. N. Lund as First Counselor to Bishop W. S. Seely of Mount Pleasant South Ward.

There were five meetings held during the conference, and although we had not the pleasure of a visit of any of the general authorities of the Church, yet all felt that the Lord had abundantly blessed them by the outpouring of His Holy Spirit that accompanied the instructions given during the conference.

The Moroni brass band discoursed an abundance of enlivening music during the conference.

Conference adjourned to meet in Ephraim on the 17th of February, 1889. GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk of Conference.

COURT CHIPS.

A Man Seventy Years Old Sentenced for Polygamy.

In the Third District Court, the time of Judge Sandford and a jury was occupied in hearing the case of Frances R. Anderson vs. S. C. Ewing, in which the former alleges that a horse purchased by her from Mr. Ewing was not sound in body and limb, as he was guaranteed, and asks \$200 damages.

AT OGDEN.

Before Judge Henderson, the following business was disposed of:

The case of the United States vs. James Hansey, unlawful cohabitation, was continued for the term as the alleged plural wife, was not to be found.

The case of the United States vs. Martha Everson, fornication, was dismissed on suggestion of Prosecuting Attorney Peters.

United States vs. Wm. McNeal, unlawful cohabitation; continued for the term for the same reason as in the case of the United States vs. James Hansey.

United States vs. Herbert Savage; unlawful cohabitation; defendant withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered one of guilty. Sentence set for Dec. 10.

United States vs. Henry Stander; adultery; defendant withdrew his plea of not guilty for one of guilty. Sentence set for Nov. 20. The indictment for unlawful cohabitation was dismissed.

The case of the United States vs. Louis Lund, unlawful cohabitation, which was tried last term, resulting in a disagreement of the jury, was dismissed; as the plural wife had died of typhoid fever but two months ago.

Paul Poulson, of Richmond, Cache County, indicted for polygamy, withdrew his plea of not guilty and substituted a plea of guilty. He was 70 years of age; his first wife was 77 and his second wife 60 years of age; he married the latter two years ago; had no children whatever; knew not that it was against the law until he had entered into it. He waived time, and the court sentenced him to nine months' imprisonment in the penitentiary. The charge of unlawful cohabitation was dismissed. He had brought a few clothes with him to Ogden. The marshal allowed him to go after them, unattended, which he did, returning in time to accompany Bailiff Charles Shields to the depot and take the train for the penitentiary.

A number of Territorial and City cases were set for trial to be taken up as far as practicable between United States cases.

Christian Bowhues, a native of Holland, now a resident of Weber County, applied for citizenship. To a question from the court he exclaimed, "I don't belong to the Church. I don't believe in polygamy." The court smiled and passed the subject. He was admitted. The case of the People, etc., vs.

Lewis Cunningham, assault with intent to commit murder, was called for trial. Quite a delay was caused by witnesses for witnesses who had not been subpoenaed in time to attend, and in empaneling a jury. The trial resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

POLICE COURT.

William Heimer came in yesterday afternoon, and was released on paying the usual assessment for a drunk—\$5.

Today John Johnson and A. Call were up for drunkenness. Both appeared as though they had been on a prolonged spree. Johnson was fined \$5. Call had been inclined to be disorderly and was assessed \$10. As neither had the necessary cash they will find employment on the streets for \$1 per day.

Ira Hall and Ed. Cunningham, for what is alleged to be an aggravated case of battery, are to be tried tomorrow afternoon.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

The hearing in the case of John Stringham, for grand larceny, concluded yesterday afternoon, before U. S. Commissioner Pierce. The evidence showed that a mowing machine, a blower, some drive well pipe and a number of small articles, the property of Wm. Showell, had been removed from where they belonged and were found on the defendant's premises. The defendant denied any knowledge of how the property got there, and insisted that the whole scheme was a piece of spite work on the part of Showell.

WITNESS' FEES.

By the Edmunds-Tucker law, U. S. commissioners were given jurisdiction in certain Territorial cases. No provision is made by law, however, for the payment of witnesses in such courts. The commissioners, however, insist on sending witnesses to Justice Pyper, who is commissioner for the Third Judicial District, and whose duties, as is well known to the legal fraternity, are to pay only the fees and mileage of jurors and witnesses in the Third District Court. The sending of witnesses from the U. S. Commissioners' courts to Justice Pyper, there to be informed that he cannot honor their certificates, is a source of no little annoyance to the parties concerned. The fact is, that in Territorial cases, the witnesses who are called by United States Commissioners cannot obtain fees as the law now stands. Witnesses in justices' courts are paid by the counties, but whether the provision to that end could be made to reach the commissioners' courts is somewhat doubtful. At any rate such bills are not allowed at present, and witnesses in these courts get no fees.

TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

Circular of the General Superintendency to the M. I. A.

To the Young Men and Women of Zion:

It is with satisfaction and pleasure that we announce the publication of the First Year's Series of the Mutual Improvement Association Course of Reading. The five volumes which it comprises have been issued from the press, enclosed in a neat case, and are now ready for delivery. They are as follows:

- I. The Gospel, by B. H. Roberts.
- II. History of England, by Charles Dickens.
- III. First Book of Nature, by Jas. E. Talmage.
- IV. Life of Nephi, by George Q. Cannon.
- V. Readings from Washington Irving.

We have authorized the issue, by the Contributor Company, of three thousand sets of this series, and trust there will be found among you many times that number of readers.

Order blanks have been issued to the presidents of the Y. M. M. I. A. who have been requested to canvass for and receive subscriptions, in their respective wards.

The books are sold only in sets, and profits arising from their sale will be reserved for the issue of succeeding series. The price per set of five volumes is \$3.50 in advance. When payments are made by instalment the price is \$3 per set. All orders and remittances of money should be addressed to the Contributor Company, No. 40 Main Street, Salt Lake City.

It is suggested that the reading be commenced as early as possible in December and continued through January, February, March and April, finishing in time for complete reports to be made by May 1st. The officers of Associations should keep a record of the number of readers and of those who answer the printed questions upon the themes treated of, which will be distributed to the readers later in the season.

In recommending this Course of Reading to our young people it is in the hope that they will take up these books and read them carefully and methodically with a view to forming attentive and thoughtful habits of reading, and of thoroughly mastering the contents of the volumes read. We cannot over-estimate the good that will follow such a course if faithfully pursued; and we confidently solicit the kind consideration of our people, young and old, for this effort now being made for the mental and moral improvement of the young men and women of Zion.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
MOSES THATCHER,
General Superintendency Y. M. M. I. A.

Railway News.

Tomorrow the change in the Utah Central time card goes into effect, and the Park City express will leave this city twenty-six minutes later than heretofore. The time in future will be 4:10 p. m. To Park City people this means a stop over in Ogden of but five minutes, instead of half an hour, and gives additional time in Salt Lake.

A terrible accident occurred on the Rio Grande, at Sargent, Colorado, about midnight Tuesday night, by which brakeman James A. McNichols lost his life. McNichols stood on the springboard of the first car of a freight train and was leaning down, attempting to cut the air brake hose coupling between the car and the engine. He slipped and fell to the track and the wheels passed over him, killing him instantly and mangle the body in a most horrible manner. McNichols was a single man, whose home was at Parkersburg, W. Va.

There is talk about an extra session of the Iowa legislature in case the railroads refuse to adopt the last schedule of rates promulgated by the state railroad commissioners. A politician having the ear of the governor says that if the roads persist in their course and delay the return of prosperity to Iowa six months or a year, a remedy is at hand—an extra session. The enactment of a schedule of rates and the Illinois classification would be the work of but three weeks. No legal questions on a schedule of rates fixed by the legislature remain to be adjudicated. That was all settled in the United States supreme court in the granger cases many years ago. There would be no fight over such rates. They would go into effect at once. Which do the railroads prefer? They can undoubtedly have either. They can how to the decision of the commissioners in the Davenport—Burlington—Dubuque cases, or they can have a legislative schedule and the Illinois classification. A prominent jobber said: "It is absolutely necessary that this railroad tariff question be settled very soon one way or another. The question is, too, whether the jobbers in Davenport, Burlington, Dubuque, Keokuk, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, Des Moines, Sioux City and other points shall be permitted to continue their business or move into other states, whether the increase of manufacturing in Iowa shall be permitted or be forced into a relapse; whether the nearness of the farmers in Iowa to the great cattle and grain markets shall be of any advantage to them or not; whether the farmers of Iowa shall continue to pay enormous rates for the transportation of grain that the farmers of Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota may have cheap rates." These are the burning questions of the hour in that state now that the national election is passed.

A railroad man of this city, who has been in St. Louis the past week, states that the utmost secrecy is being preserved with regard to the work being accomplished by the meeting of railroad officials there. It is generally understood that the whole situation, which is considered to be in a badly demoralized condition, is being discussed, and a determined effort is being made to bring about a solution of the various difficulties with which the different traffic associations have to contend. Each road represented is bringing forward its complaints and ideas of what should be done to alleviate the conditions complained of, and an attempt is being made to perfect some plan which all of the roads will be willing to live up to. The great and only cause of the recent troubles is that certain roads have charged that other lines were violating the pool agreements, and claimed that this gave them the right to also break the rules. Then followed a reduction of freight or passenger rates and trouble at once ensued. The great trouble with the pooling system is that few roads interpret the rulings alike, and if one road appears to be getting a larger percentage of business than their competitors deem it entitled to, there is a hustling around by the competing lines' representatives, and too frequently some "inducements" are given to divert the traffic. The "inducements," of course, are strictly "on the quiet," but it is seldom that the wide awake freight or passenger rustler fails to get on to such a deal, and when he does there's a row. How to prevent such work is what the present meeting is endeavoring to solve. The fact is that there is not a single railroad in the country today that can afford the expensive luxury of a rate war. Some of them talk brash and make plenty of threats, but down deep in their inner selves the officials know that such a break would be ruinous. Consequently the prayers of the larger percentage of railroad men are today asking that the St. Louis meeting will devise some way to stand off the crash that many believe inevitable until after the annual reports are published. The fact that General Agent Crosby of the Burlington was recalled to St. Louis yesterday, after having proceeded as far as St. Joseph on his way home, would seem to indicate that fresh trouble is brewing. The Manitoba, Rock Island and Fort Worth have all been admitted into the transcontinental association, and all the old schedules had to be revised, and this work has consumed a great deal of time and provoked much discussion. *Denver News.*