

little rest. But the constant stream of sympathetic friends who called to express their condolence made rest impossible.

The deceased was born in Cecil county, Maryland, in 1832, and came of an old and well known family. He went to Philadelphia when fifteen years of age and entered a hardware house with which he remained in various capacities for seventeen years. He was one of the first traveling salesmen to canvass the west, going into Missouri and Kansas in 1853 and for several years thereafter. In 1863 he, together with Robert T. Ross, bought a large band of Missouri mules and drove them through to the Pacific coast, where they were disposed of at a handsome profit. He then drifted through Nevada, Montana and other sections of the Northwest and came to Salt Lake, where in 1865, with his former partner opened a grocery and dry goods store. In 1869 Mr. Ross died and the C. R. Barratt & company succeeded to the business, which was converted into a line of crockery and glassware. In 1872 this branch of business was superseded by the Barratt Bros. Furniture company, which continued for twenty years, when it went out of existence.

Mr. Barratt was married to Jennie Hammond, a California woman, in 1878. Mrs. Barratt died within a year of her wedding day. In politics Mr. Barratt was a Democrat, and twice under the administration of that party was he made postmaster. He leaves two brothers and three sisters together with a host of friends, in and out of Utah, to mourn his death. The tidings of his passing away were telegraphed to eastern relatives today and until they have signified their feelings no arrangements will be made for the funeral.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, FEBRUARY 8.

Elder George S. Langston, a member of the Sixth ward, this city, departed this life last evening after a month's illness from pleuritic troubles. Elder Langston was a native of Augusta, Ga., where he joined the Church in August, 1888, emigrating to Utah with his family the following March. He served in the Confederate army for four years, being one of Longstreet's corps under command of Gen. Lee. He was born December 8, 1847, and was therefore 50 years and 2 months old at the time of his demise. Elder Langston leaves a wife and son to mourn his departure.

There arrived on last evening's train from Mercur the remains of Emma Irene, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mason, well known colored residents of this city. The child was but three years of age and met death on Sunday night in a sudden and unexpected manner. The little one had been taken to Mercur on a visit by friends of the family who were very fond of it. The child was seated in a high chair at the dinner table when it leaned over backward, fell and struck the floor with its head, causing concussion of the brain and death. The body was taken to Evans's undertaking parlors.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Second quorum of Elders of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, held in the Tenth ward meeting house, Salt Lake City, Monday evening, February 7th, Brother John E. Evans was unanimously sustained as second counselor to Elder James E. Malin, president of that quorum, and was set apart under the hands of Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the presidency of the Stake, assisted by other brethren.

The change was made in consequence of Brother Niels Rasmussen, formerly first counselor to Brother Malin, having been ordained a High Priest and

set apart as second counselor in the First ward Bishopric.

Remarks suited to the occasion were made by Elders A. M. Musser and Joseph E. Taylor.

Malad City, Ida., Feb. 5, 1898.

This has been a notable winter for Malad: we have plenty of snow and will probably have more.

After years of contention on the subject, the place was incorporated near noon on the 17th of January.

There is much talk about Good Templars and Rebekah lodges here at present; so I suppose it can now be called, Malad City Village, "up-to-date."

There has been much denominational revivalism and religious effort this winter. There has been more activity in that direction than I have seen here at all before.

The Mutual Improvement association seems determined to do good work just now. The opera house is densely thronged each night and the attention they pay to the teachings of Brothers Hall and Pugmire is pleasant to see. In my humble judgment the interest is quite natural because the sermons are short, earnest, eloquent and convincing. Respectfully,

R. J. JENKINS.

After a severe and protracted illness following a surgical operation, with the hope of saving her life, Mrs. Mary Smith, widow of Charles F. Smith, passed peacefully from the sufferings and afflictions of mortal existence at the family residence, 133 Forest avenue, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. The immediate cause of death was nervous prostration.

For some weeks Mrs. Smith's condition was considered serious, but there appeared to be little doubt as to her ultimate recovery. And for this her children and friends fondly hoped and worked. But their anticipations were rudely and suddenly shattered when the grim reaper invaded the already sorrow-stricken home and asserted his claims. The deceased was well and widely known. She had many admirable traits of character, and many friends will mourn her departure. She leaves five children, four sons and one daughter. The eldest of the family, Hugh Smith, is chief bookkeeper for the People's Forwarding company, and the daughter is Miss Agnes Smith, stenographer and typewriter in the office of City Attorney Hall. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their hour of sorrow and distress.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE CONFERENCE

Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 10 a. m. our Priesthood meeting convened. Elders John Henry Smith, John W. Taylor, of the council of the Apostles, and Elder Andrew Kimball, were the visiting brethren, and Elder Wm. D. Johnson presided. A proposition was made to dissolve the Stake organization and a unanimous vote was taken to that effect. The Apostles then took the presidency of the Stake and proceeded towards its reorganization.

Elder Andrew Kimball was nominated for president, after which nominations came from the body of the house, and in course of a few moments all the most efficient men of the Stake were named. This material in the hands of the brethren, they proceeded to build a Stake organization, and Sunday afternoon presented it to the conference.

By a unanimous vote the following officers were sustained:

Presidency of Stake—Andrew Kimball, president; Wm. D. Johnson, first counselor, and Charles M. Layton, second counselor.

High Council—Benjamin Cluff, Joseph G. Allred, Ruben W. Fuller, Edwin M. Curtis, Hyrum Brinkerhoff, Richard

Layton, Hyrum H. Uleech, Joseph K. Rogers, Abraham Perkins, Seth A. Merrill, Benjamin F. Whitmer, Thomas Talley; alternates to the High Councilors: Erastus S. Carpenter, Wilford W. Crockett, Francis Kirby and James Freestone.

Stake and Tithing Clerk—Heber C. Layton.

Philemon C. Merrill was the only Patriarch in the Stake. This with the quorums of the Priesthood remained as they were.

Christopher Layton, former president of the Stake, was honorably released by the First Presidency of the Church and Apostles, and this action was sustained by the people, who unanimously accepted his successor.

Elder Layton, with Bishops Samuel Claridge and John Welker, and Elder Henry G. Boyle, were made Patriarchs. Elizabeth W. Layton, wife of the retiring president, was sustained as president of the Stake Relief societies, with Mary L. Ransom and Adelia Curtis as her counselors.

Elder Wm. J. Parker was again called to act as president of the Y. M. M. I. A. in the Stake, with Thomas E. Williams and Benjamin F. Peel as counselors, while Elders Jas. R. Welker, C. A. Matthews, James Duke and Joseph Lines were called to act as aids. These have been laboring as missionaries in the interest of this cause for some time throughout the Stake.

Sister Laura Nuttall, with Emma Walsh and Lucinda Gustaveson, were placed in charge of the young ladies of the Stake, assisted by Sarah Allred, Susie Merrill, Lila Curtis and Ada Tibbitts as aids. Rebecca Warren, Mary A. Layton and Alta Lee were placed in charge of the Primary of the Stake.

In consequence of an expected visit from Elder Carl G. Maeser of the general superintendency of Sunday schools, all changes in that organization were left for him and Elder Kimball, who also is a member of the S. S. Union board. S. S. conference will take place on the 12th and 13th of this month.

Besides the Stake presidency, Elders Joseph G. Allred, Hyrum H. Weech, James F. Owens, with the prospective Stake Sunday school superintendent, were sustained as members of the Stake board of education, and Peter H. McBride as chorister.

The Apostles and Stake presidency have organized the Thatcher ward, and now set out for the outlying wards to further complete the local organizations.

During our conference we had meetings almost constantly from Saturday morning until Tuesday night. Elder Smith was greatly inspired in his counsel to the people, while Elder John W. Taylor was very prophetic in his utterances.

Twenty-one sealings of young couples were attended to in the two evenings set apart for that purpose at the house of Elder Chas. M. Layton.

At our public meetings there was a good attendance of those not of our faith, among whom were the district attorney and several others in the political and law pursuits. All our meetings were characterized by the spirit of union and love, the Holy Ghost being poured out in great abundance.

The thermometer ranges about fifty to sixty above zero, grain crops are in and the farmer rejoicing over the prospects, since the beautiful rain and snow storms we have had of late.

Sunday school children from the various wards assembled with their parents at 9 a. m. on Sunday, the house was crowded and the little tots had the privilege of seeing and hearing the Apostles.

Thatcher, Arizona, Feb. 2nd, 1898.

F. W. MOODY, Stake Clerk.

Don't stop to tell stories in business hours.