

turn it on the response was no more prompt. The police kept the crowd at a distance and in the main preserved good discipline. There are a few who wear uniform who should be instructed that it is not the business of officers to use abusive and profane language to citizens.

The Walker Brothers' fire brigade comprises a small force of men, but they deserve especial credit for the good work they do and their systematic and prompt manner of action. They are not continually at cross purposes in the face of fire. Mayor Scott also made himself useful, and, with a number of others, so manipulated a garden hose that the flames were prevented from spreading to the electric light buildings, which were only a few feet distant. The electric light currents were turned off early, because of the great danger to those working at the fire.

Among the incidents that attracted attention was the action of a young man on the portico of the second floor. He was in a very warm place, but was in no immediate danger. He had learned, however, that his way of escape down the stairway was cut off, and called loudly and almost incessantly for a ladder. The information that if he would keep cool and quieter he would be taken down as early as possible, and before he was in any real danger, seemed to have no effect on him. He was so thoroughly overcome by fear that he was on the point of jumping to the pavement when a hastily brought ladder was put up and he was enabled to come down. His fright had taken such hold on him that he wasted no time in getting away from the place.

Col. Blunt sent two companies of infantry and a hose company from Fort Douglas, but when they arrived their services were not necessary.

Of all the losses it is probable that Prof. Cromwell's is comparatively the most severe, as his entire stock of views, gathered in more than twenty years, was destroyed. He had no insurance on them while traveling; and with many it is an impossibility to ever reproduce them. With them he had a series of 24 lectures, which have made him famous. His loss is not less than \$30,000, and it will take fully five years of travel to replace those of the views that can be again obtained.

Among the other losers are the Denver and Rio Grande Express Company, the Burlington & Missouri R. R., Chapman & Whytock, dentists, Bowman & Lowd, real estate men, Pacific Union Insurance Company, Knights of Pythias, the "Held by the Enemy" and "After Dark" companies, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Manager Burgess.

The losses may be aggregated as follows:

Grand Opera House.....	\$100,000
Prof. Cromwell.....	30,000
"Held by the Enemy" company.....	5,000
"After Dark" company.....	2,500
Knights of Pythias.....	2,000
Pacific Insurance Company.....	3,000
Individual members of the dramatic companies.....	4,500
W. J. Burgess.....	1,500
Other occupants of the building....	2,500

Total.....\$151,000

On this the Opera House had insurance for \$50,000, and the Knights of Pythias \$1000. Most of the others were uninsured. One of the actors claimed to have lost \$700 in cash in his trunk. The others, particularly the ladies, lost heavily in clothing, jewelry, etc. Manager Burgess had a four years' lease on the Opera House, and this is now valueless to him. The building cost \$180,000 to erect and furnish, but today it could be replaced for \$100,000.

By an arrangement with the management of the Salt Lake Theatre, the "After Dark" Company was enabled to make its appearance at a matinee there yesterday afternoon, and for the evening performances advertised for the Opera House. The company is to appear in Denver on Monday evening. The "Held by the Enemy" company were trying to arrange matters so they would have sufficient costumes to play at Ogden as advertised. The contents of the cellar were but slightly damaged, thanks to the care exercised by the firemen.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

ST. JOSEPH.

The quarterly conference of the St. Joseph Stake was held at Pima, June 15th. President Layton and his counselors, members of the High Council and several other brethren were present. The speakers in the morning were President Layton, Bishop Claridge, of Thatcher, Bishop Matthews, of Matthews Ward, Brother W. J. Packer, of Layton, and Bishop Taylor, of Pima. They dwelt mostly on the necessity of the Saints repenting of their evil ways and performing all the duties required at their hands. They advised the young to prepare themselves for future usefulness.

In the afternoon, after the administration of the sacrament, the general and local authorities were presented by the clerk and unanimously sustained, after which Counselors W. D. Johnson and M. H. Merrill occupied a short time encouraging the Saints to faithfulness in the performance of their duties.

Bishops Peterson and Curtis and Brother Alonzo Parker spoke briefly. Conference was then adjourned for three months.

Benediction by Patriarch McBride. THOS. E. WILLIAMS, Stake Clerk.

KANAB.

The quarterly conference of the Kanab Stake convened at Orderville on June 15th and 16th, President G. D. Woolley presiding. Present on the stand, in addition to the Stake and local authorities, Apostle J. H. Smith, Professor J. M. Tanner, of Provo, and President J. W. Crosby of Panguitch Stake. The various wards were reported as being in a prosperous condition; with the exception of Kanab. The speakers during conference were Apostle Smith, Professor Tanner, J. W. Crosby, President E. D. Woolley, T. Chamberlain, Elders J. L. Bunting,

David Harris and Boyd Stewart. The subjects treated upon were chastity, the necessity of obtaining and retaining a testimony of the truth, heeding the whisperings of the Holy Spirit, and the proper education of the youth of Zion.

Apostle Smith's remarks were replete with good instructions to young and old. He especially exhorted parents to guard their children from the vices which are now so prevalent.

On the 14th the Primary Association Conference convened at 10 o'clock a. m., the Relief Society at 2 p. m., and the Y. M. M. I. A. in the evening.

On the evening of the 15th the Sunday School Conference convened, and the Y. L. M. I. A. was held at 4.30 on the 16th.

A good spirit prevailed throughout.

T. L. PORTER,
Stake Clerk.

REX II IN THIS CITY.

July 2d a number of gentlemen from this city visited Ogden, apparently for the purpose of effecting an arrangement by which an organization would be established in this city, to be known as the Order of Neptune. Among the individuals interested are Governor Thomas, Mayor Scott, and Messrs. Powers, Treweek, Bloch and Stevenson, all of whom had an audience with Rex II, when the following took place:

Governor Thomas was introduced and said: Your Royal Highness: I appear before you with a committee representing your majesty's most faithful subjects residing in Salt Lake City, the capital of the most famous province of your majesty's dominions. We desire to present certain matters of grave import to the welfare and happiness of your most loyal subjects. We have selected a citizen, by name Orlando W. Powers, learned in the law, of excellent repute and good appearance, and withal of most pleasing speech, now filling the high and exalted position of Grand Herder of the Dolphins and Porpoises, who disport themselves in the waters found in this part of your majesty's dominions, to place our wishes before you in detail. Vouching for his good behavior, I pray you to grant him audience.

Judge Powers said: Your Gracious Majesty: Your most obedient loyal subjects living by the shores of the great salt sea, comprising more than fifty thousand staunch fearless hearts, have deputed us to most humbly ask, that you and your gracious queen, with your royal retinue, guards, military escort and faithful subjects of our capital city, will condescend to partake of the hospitality of the province of Salt Lake. We are people who have followed the trident of Neptune. Our lives have been spent amid the roaringsurf of our inland ocean. We have been mostly bred to aquatic feats and if it meets favor with your majesty, we petition that you will declare the harbor of Salt Lake City to be the principal port of entry of