

would necessitate an all night ride for him to keep his date. Morning dawned, the hour arrived, and with it came Joe Bush. He presented himself at the door, introduced himself, and the murderer, taken by surprise, sprang behind a blanket which served as a partition, secured his gun, and prepared to keep his word. Joe had the floor, though, and as the blanket swung back, disclosing his adversary, he swung a cut-off double-barrel shot gun into position, which was attached to his belt, and out loose. The charge carried away one of the fellow's legs and he immediately capitulated. There was no funeral.

As we are now through with Utah, and this letter is reaching out into much space, I will continue it some other time, should this not meet the fate of most waste paper.

ADJUSTER.

NORTH OGDEN BUDGET.

NORTH OGDEN, Dec. 9, 1896.

An expressed desire for more local items through the columns of the News is the only apology offered for this intrusion upon your valuable space.

Our little burg, nestling as it does in a nook of the Wasatch range, is very favorably located and is beautifully adapted with its fertile lands and sunny slopes, abounding with a fairly abundant supply of water from river, canyons, springs and artesian supply, for the production of all kinds of grain, vegetables and fruits known in this climate, the average yield in all these being at par with any portion of the West and in many instances in excess. We have long since established a reputation for competing with any part of the country on onion yield, the crop reaching as high as 800 bushels per acre. The yield in other crops is also equally as good. James Barker of this place boasts of the largest yield of corn yet reported in the State and is anxious to hear of one to compete. On three and a half acres he shucked out 600 baskets and each basket shelled half bushel heaping, with a number of ears left unshelled.

Our little town is also prospering fairly well ecclesiastically. Our new bishopric, James Ward, James Storey and N. H. Barker, are striving to do their duty as the fathers of the ward, meeting regularly with the various organizations and imparting such counsels as are timely and appropriate.

The 38th Quorum of Seventies, composed of members of this ward and Pleasant View, with headquarters in North Ogden are holding regular meetings the last Saturday in each month at 2 p. m. alternately in each ward, the meeting in December being in North Ogden. The council is full but the ranks of the membership are somewhat depleted by reason of death removal, etc.

We have had four missionaries return the present year viz; Wilford Cragnu, Joseph Barker, F. W. Ellis and E. R. Shaw and yet have in the field Alma Montgomery in Scotland, David Randall in England, B. E. Chatelain, Chas. Hickenlooper and R. T. Reese in the states, all of whom appear to be doing a good work.

Our Sunday school is doing fair

work under the graded system as near in accordance with the "guide" as circumstances will permit. The primary and kindergarten sessions are held in our district school rooms, while the first and second intermediate and theological classes are separated by curtains in our meeting house. We have several graduates from the Weber Stake academy Sunday school course and have two taking the course now.

Our district schools, under A. H. Rogers, Lorenzo Waldram and Miss Tillie Peterson, are making fair progress with an enrollment of near 200. We have also three attending the High school in Ogden, seven attending the Weber Stake academy, and eleven going to the State University.

North Ogden has furnished twelve couples for the hymenial altar the present year, with a prospect for a few more before the new year is far advanced.

Chas., son of Bishop Judkins of Liberty, had three fingers blown off last Saturday with a giant powder cap while conjuring with it over the stove.

The change of general fast day seems to meet the approval of our people as our large meeting house last Sunday was well filled and the instructions given indicated the presence of the Holy Spirit in rich abundance.

Our Sunday school theatrical troupe will present a choice play in Jones' hall next Saturday night for the benefit of the Sunday school.

INTER NOS.

ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Alberta Stake quarterly conference convened in the Cardston meeting house, Sunday and Monday, Nov. 22 and 23. There were present the presidency of the Stake, the majority of the High Council, Bishops of the wards and leading men of the Stake.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—The Sunday schools met according to instructions, and occupied the forenoon, showing a laudable energy and interest in the various exercises engaged in. The good spirit of the Gospel predominated.

Sunday 2 p. m.—After the opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament, Elder Card made the opening remarks, referring to the severity of the weather and counseled the Saints to appeal unto the Lord in fasting and prayer to assist us under the circumstances, and suggested that all who needed to travel should go in companies for safety, enjoining upon all the necessity of keeping the Spirit of the Lord in their hearts and being united in their actions. Counselor J. A. Woolf followed, enjoining upon the Saints the necessity of strict obedience to the requirements of the Gospel, as the blessings of heaven were predicated upon this principle. Patriarch H. L. Hinman then addressed the conference, exhorting all to raise their hands and voices against iniquity, as Satan was ever ready to make inroads upon the cause of our God and His people, impressing upon the youth especially the necessity of purity in thought, word and action to insure the blessings of the Lord.

Sunday, 8:30 p. m.—Elders Edward Leavitt and Bever A. Johnson, (who had recently been appointed as missionaries to travel in the northwest territories of Canada) addressed the

Saints upon the necessity of studying the scriptures, and so living that we can exercise that faith necessary for the Saints to possess to cope with the powers of darkness. Elder H. S. Allen of the Stake superintendency of Sabbath schools, spoke of the great influence for good among the youth the various Church publications were accomplishing, especially the DESERET NEWS and Juvenile Instructor, and counseled the Saints to patronize those periodicals, and strive to keep imbued with the spirit of the Gospel. Counselor S. Williams followed on the same subject, addressing his remarks especially to the Y. M. M. I. A.

Monday, 10 a. m.—Reports were had from the different wards, branches and quorums of the Stake, also the Relief Societies, Primary associations and Y. L. M. I. A., showing a general desire among the Saints of continuing in diligence and good works.

In the afternoon the Y. M. M. I. A. of the Stake was reported favorably, the members being energetic in carrying out the requirements made of them. The members of the High Council reported their labors as home missionaries in the Stake satisfactorily, every ward, branch and hamlet being regularly visited for the past three months. The general authorities of the Church, as presented at the late general conference, and also the Stake authorities were then presented and sustained unanimously.

Elder Frank Leavitt was ordained a High Priest and set apart as Bishop of the Leavitt ward, (recently organized, with Charles Quinton and Thomas R. Leavitt as his counselors.

Elder C. O. Card then delivered an impressive discourse upon the principle of unity—temporally and spiritually as it should be carried out among the Saints, and the necessity of continuous revelation in carrying on the work of the Lord. His counselors, J. A. Woolf and S. Williams, followed, earnestly impressing the Saints with the necessity of living near unto the Lord that we might enjoy a continuance of His blessings.

The weather being unusually severe for the season, the congregations were not as large as usual on such occasions.

SYLVESTER LOW,
Stake Clerk.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Payson Globe: A party who came up from Nepht related an occurrence which took place down there one day last week that does not show up the marshal of that place as being a very bright officer of the peace. A man, who had but very little money and did not feel able to pay for a night's lodging at a hotel, asked to sleep in the city jail and the marshal granted his request. Later the marshal and several others went down and arrested four tramps, who were having a drunken carousal in a U. P. freight car, and took them up and put the human brutes in jail with the man who had been given lodging there; the officer not having gumption enough to search the tramps for weapons before locking them up with the innocent lodger. In the morning the man had a bitter tale of woe to relate and the experience