

in my opinion would be collected in the same manner as is provided for the collection of other taxes thereon, as pointed out in section 34 of the revenue act.

Under this provision it will be noticed that the tax on such stock must be paid in the county where first assessed, and that no provision is made for remitting any portion of the tax so collected to the other county interested, except one-half of the county tax, clearly indicating that the district in which the assessment was made shall have the benefit of any special school tax that may have been levied by it.

BEAR LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held at Paris Dec. 11th and 12th. In addition to the presence of the Stake presidency, the High Council and Bishops, we had as visitors Elders Seymour B. Young and C. D. Fjeldsted of the Seventies, who upon several occasions addressed the conference. The meetings were fairly attended and an excellent spirit prevailed. The Elders who preached spoke with much freedom and power. The singing was a very noticeable feature and much praise was awarded to Elder T. W. Horsley, the leader, and to the choir for the sweet music rendered during the conference. President Wm. Budge brought the name of Elder Wm. A. Hyman before the meeting, who had labored so energetically for many years as the president of the Stake Y. M. M. I. A. I., and whose untiring labors have been much appreciated; it had been deemed best to relieve him from this labor with the best of feelings and our blessing, and appoint a younger man for the position. A motion in accordance with the above was carried unanimously, and Elder Jas. E. Hart was appointed to succeed him as president of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the Bear Lake Stake. T. MINSON, Stake Clerk.

UTAH MINERALS. AT OMAHA.

Ogden, Dec. 30, 1897.

At the exposition to be given at Omaha during the summer of 1898, Utah will place exhibits, amongst which there will be one, of the product of her mines.

Having accepted the work of preparing this mineral exhibit I would most respectfully ask the different mine owners throughout Utah to co-operate with me in the work. If each will instruct his foreman to lay to one side for this purpose for the next few weeks such samples and specimens as show up the best features of the property, it will materially help me to prepare such an exhibit as our State is entitled to at Omaha.

We desire not only ores of gold, silver, copper, lead and iron, but also of every other element found in Utah. Antimony, bismuth, mica, gypsum, onyx, agate, jasper, granite, lime and limestone, kaolin, potters' clay, talc, steatite, asbestos, fullers' earth, pumice stone, fire clay, nitrate of potash, guano, gilsonite, wurtzite, ozokerite, petroleum, jet, quartz, crystallized quartz, garnets, topaz, opals, and any other crystals or crystallizations of any kind whatsoever. So that in variety we may compare favorably with any other state taking part in the Omaha Exposition.

Transportation and space will be allowed all who desire taking part therein, and within the next few weeks I will personally visit different parts of the State in the furtherance of this work, and will be glad to assist every way in my power all who may have aught to place before the world of capital and investment.

It is in times like these in which we

now live that it behooves every state to reach out for the attention of those who desire rich fields for investment. Within the bounds of our own State lie the fairest fields in America for either home or foreign capital. But we must let the world know we have these things and it is times like these in which we must pull together to do such work.

I will be pleased to hear from any and every one who desires to place such exhibits as described above.

Most respectfully,

DON MAGUIRE,

Utah Mine Commissioner to Omaha Exposition.

PROSPEROUS PRESTON.

Preston, Dec. 21, 1897.

Preston is located twenty-seven miles north of Logan City, just over the Utah line, at the terminus of the Cache Valley branch of the O. S. L. R. R. Fourteen years ago the flat on which Preston is located was the common herd ground for Franklin and Richmond. Now a flourishing town of more than eight hundred inhabitants occupies the plain. It is not putting it too strong to say that more business is done in Preston than in any other town of Cache Valley, Logan excepted. Its future, too, is bright; for when the Mink Creek canal, now nearing completion, is finished, the valley and even the hill sides will be capable of cultivation. The town is now rapidly growing by additions of the best element from the larger cities of Utah and surrounding states.

The Onelda Stake academy is a very attractive feature for southern and central Idaho. This worthy institution is in the tenth year of its existence, and from its inception to this writing, its progress has been very rapid. The attendance is excellent, and the teachers are vying with each other in the thoroughness of work done. Indeed, the principal, J. E. Hickman, and the faculty are striving to place the academy on a plane with the foremost institutions of its kind in modern educational improvements. The grand aim is to make the students thorough in their studies, and to develop in them power of expression. A thorough academic course is offered. The faculty is composed of eight efficient teachers, some of whom are specialists in their line.

A literary society is a marked feature of the academy. The best talent in Utah and Idaho have been secured and have given us the result of their researches on various topics. Many bright missionaries have gone from the institution as heralds of truth to the nations of the earth. And we are reminded that letters from "Box B" within the last week have disturbed the serenity of this region, causing no little ripple on the social wave. Yes, six such letters have swooped down upon members of the faculty and students of the institution. The question is, "Who next?"

JNO. E. DALLEY.

AMONG CALIFORNIA SAINTS.

San Francisco, Dec. 21, 1897.—The Saints and their friends of San Francisco enjoyed a good time the other evening. The occasion was a social given by the ladies of the Woman's Relief Society, in the mission house on Golden Gate avenue. It was a happy time for everybody present, and did more to impress your correspondent with the excellent work being done in the California mission, than any other argument could do. Elder Nye was not present; he was in southern California, visiting the Saints and Elders down there, but he was represented by Elder F. C. Parkinson, who is president

of the North California conference. Other Utah Elders were present, as was also that mother to all who need one, Sister Nye, the possessor of the largest stock of contagious smiles, and welcome handshakes, of any one in the state. Then there were the local brethren and sisters, than whom a brighter-minded, or warmer-hearted, congregation cannot be found. The mission house was crowded; but it is pleasant to be crowded once in a while by those whom you like to number among your friends, and I am quite sure all felt this way on the occasion referred to. Sister Joseph Young of Salt Lake was there. Sister Rattenbury, who is president of the San Francisco Woman's Relief Society, was not only present, but recited in her very pleasing manner. Though Sister Rattenbury resides in California at the present time, she used to live in Utah, where she is well known. She has raised a talented family and is highly accomplished. She was, in fact, one of the very first to appear on the Salt Lake stage.

Did we have a program? Well we had some of the sweetest singing one could wish to hear. A friend, Mr. Preston, who will some day be one of the celebrated tenors of the world, sang The Holy City, and sweetly did he sing it. A Mr. Stenhouse another friend of the branch's, also sang a classical selection with a well trained voice. Most of the missionaries either sang or recited, and Elder Parkinson made a pleasing speech of welcome. One of the features of the evening was the missionary quartette and another feature not to be forgotten, was Elder Ramsley's whistling.

And then the refreshments! Well, there is no use in trying to mention them; suffice it to say that everybody was well satisfied.

NOD RESSUM.

UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

Mesa City, Dec. 21, 1897.

Where in the early history of the Church is written an account of the first attempt by the Latter-day Saints to live in a united or social order? And I would like to ask if there is any one now living who was at Kirtland before it was appointed a place of general gathering and who remembers the "Old Family Farm," situated some two and a half miles above the then little village called "Kirtland Flat" upon the farm of Isaac Morley near the Shagrin river? His father, then living, was one of the earliest settlers and among the wealthiest of that vicinity. Father Isaac Morley received the Gospel in 1830, or about the same time as did Sidney Rigdon, who was then a noted leader in the great Campbellite or Christian reformation, and at that time had a large following in Mentor, Kirtland and surrounding country. On his receiving the Gospel many of his former converts still followed him in obedience to the truth. Soon after this the lines of fellowship became so sharply drawn that, influenced by the spirit of gathering and the growing hatred of their former associates, with the consent and co-operation of Father Morley—then a young man, who with all he possessed, was devoted to the great cause, they gathered around him as a flock, and built houses closely associated together upon his farm, and in a goodly degree lived as did the disciples at Jerusalem in having all things equal if not all things common. Soon after this Kirtland was appointed a place of gathering for the Church, and then brethren from Hiram and other places came and brought out most of the little village and most of the lands adjacent, and a plat for the city of Kirtland was soon surveyed. But as