

has been imprisoned once on this charge. The evidence all went to show that he has not even spoken to his plural wife since his release from prison.

Deputy Franks was the last witness called for the prosecution and testified to having taken Mr. Nielson into custody. He had gone into the house where his plural wife happened to be calling, to get his hat to come to town and answer the charge made against him.

Court—You say you arrested this man, Mr. Franks?

Franks—Yes, sir.

Court—When?

Franks—Last summer, some time.

Court—Who sent you?

Franks—I went out on a complaint issued from the Commissioner's office.

Court—Have you any information as to his mode of life?

Franks—The complaint was issued upon information received from some of his neighbors, I believe.

Court—Hearsay?

Franks—Yes, sir.

Court—That is all.

Mr. Moyle—Have you any interest in the prosecution of this case, Mr. Franks?

Franks—None.

Deputy Franks left the stand, and the judge asked: "Have you any suggestions to make, Mr. Peters?"

Peters—I have none, your honor.

Court—Have you any motion to make, Mr. Moyle?

Mr. Moyle—Only this, that I think the jury should be instructed to return a verdict of not guilty.

The jury was so instructed and Mr. Nielson was acquitted.

On Feb. 14 Harvey L. Perkins, of West Bountiful, Davis County, was tried on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. Mrs. Perkins was called as a witness, and Mr. Peters asked her if her husband had a second wife. The defense objected because she was the legal wife. Judge Sandford said that had not appeared, so the lady was interrogated, and it being developed that she was the legal wife, the court remarked that the law exempted her and she could not be compelled to testify. Other witnesses were called, among them the plural wife, who testified that Mr. Perkins had not been in the company of the second wife during the time mentioned in the indictment. By direction of the court, a verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury.

In the afternoon the charge of unlawful cohabitation against Jens Hansen, of Mill Creek, was called. Mr. Peters said the evidence against him was insufficient to convict, and on his motion the indictment was dismissed.

Judge Sandford suggested that the case must have been improperly presented before the grand jury, to induce them to find indictments on such attenuated testimony, but Mr. Peters thought the presentation had been all right.

On Feb. 15 the case of the U. S. vs. Wm. Bennett was tried before Judge Sandford. Betsy Hall,

daughter of the plural wife, by a former husband, was first examined, but knew nothing at all of the case. Anna Dowden, the plural wife, was examined. She had been divorced from the defendant several years, and had not lived with him at all during the period covered by the indictment. The prosecuting attorney, Mr. Hiles, admitted that he had failed to make a case, and the court, after severely censuring the practice of finding indictments on such flimsy evidence instructed the jury to acquit, which they did.

Released From Prison.

Brother Jacob Fuhrmann, of Providence, was released from the Penitentiary Feb. 23, having served a sentence of three months and paid a fine of \$50, and costs amounting to \$30, in all \$80. He was convicted of unlawful cohabitation on his own plea of guilty.

On Feb. 26 Brother Jeppe Jeppe-son, of Brigham City, was released from the penitentiary. He has served a three months' sentence for living with his wives. He paid \$49 costs imposed on him.

On the same day Lars Frantzen, of Piute County, was also released from the penitentiary, having paid the fine imposed upon him in addition to a six months' sentence for living with his wives.

The same evening the official announcement of the pardon of Jos. H. Thurber, of Piute County, was received by Marshal Dyer. Next morning Brother Thurber was liberated. He was sentenced by Judge Boreman to four years for polygamy and six months for unlawful cohabitation, with a fine added in each case.

Loren Harner, of Springville, was also numbered among those released, his sentence having been four months for unlawful cohabitation. He paid a fine of \$100 and \$42 costs in addition to the imprisonment.

Samuel C. Cluff, of Provo, was another. His term was one of four months, the fine imposed in his case being \$50 and \$38 costs.

William J. Lewis likewise returned from the Penitentiary Feb. 27. His sentence was for five months, and the fine \$100, besides costs. Having served a period of 30 days, he attended before Commissioner Norrell and was set at liberty.

Bishop John Spencer, of Indianola, Thistle Valley, emerged from the Penitentiary Feb. 27, after serving a four months' sentence and paying a fine of \$50 for the offense of living with his wives.

Fatally Injured.

Our correspondent S. V. C., of Star Valley, informs us that Erastus D. Meecham, while hunting on the 15th inst., slid down the mountain and was mortally injured. He was three miles from home and alone when the accident occurred. Although he was badly hurt he walked home by going a short distance at a time and then resting. He died on the 18th. The deceased was 35 years of age, a faithful Latter-day Saint, holding the office of a

Seventy. He was liked by all who knew him. A wife and six children mourn his loss. The funeral services were held in Afton meeting house on the 20th, and many friends attended.

Nineteenth Ward Bishopric.

Brother A. W. Carlson was set apart as First Counselor to Bishop James Watson, of the Nineteenth Ward, on Sunday evening February 10th, in place of Brother Henry Arnold, the deceased, and Brother Joseph Derbridge was ordained a High Priest and set apart as Second Counselor. The brethren were sustained to act in the positions named by unanimous vote of the assembled Saints.

At the same meeting it was resolved, owing to the large area covered by the ward as it now stands, to divide it into two or more, and have a Bishopric for each.

Stake Library.

At a meeting of persons interested in the Salt Lake Stake Library, held Feb. 21st, the proposition to turn the Library over to the Salt Lake Stake Academy was discussed and agreed to unanimously. Brother Willard Done was given authority to make arrangements to that end, with Prof. Talmage, principal of the Academy. It is understood that the Library will remain in its present quarters, and be open to the public as heretofore; but that the Academy will have charge of it.

Suicide.

On the evening of February 20th, Mary, wife of Enoch Sayer, of Samaria, Idaho, took strychnine with suicidal intent, and died early next morning. It is thought that she had become mentally deranged on account of the conduct and condition of a near relative. She is well spoken of.

Escapes From Mobs.

A missionary now laboring in Mississippi writes us an account of the escape of himself and his traveling companion from being mobbed on two occasions. They have two fields about twenty miles apart, between which lies a large town. In passing from one field to the other the missionaries generally passed through this town, but having occasion lately to make the journey, they were moved upon to take a different route, not realizing at the time why they should be so impressed. But they soon after learned that it had become known in the town that they were on the road, and that a mob had made preparations to give them a reception on their arrival there. The taking of a new route caused the Elders to escape falling into the hands of their enemies.

They had occasion about three weeks later to re-traverse the journey and this time, in order to purchase some necessities, they decided to go through town. In doing so they noticed three or four men standing upon the veranda of a very high building. They heard one of the men