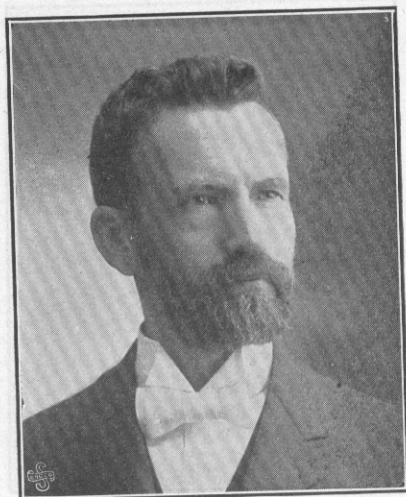


Clothing Company of which he became vice-president and manager. By Ellen Hinchcliff, whom he married March 4, 1891, he is the father of eight children, four sons and four daughters.

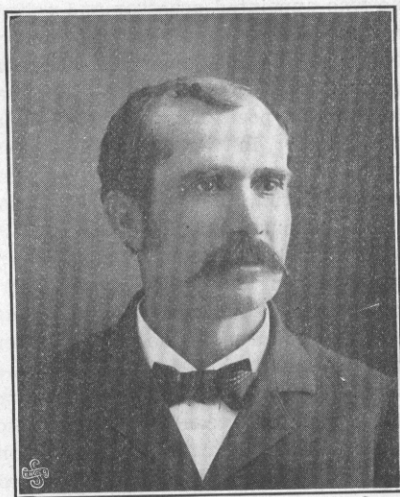
**TORGERSON, Gilbert**, first counselor in the Bishopric of the Ogden Third Ward, Weber Stake of Zion, was born Jan. 18, 1846, in Lunder, Hadeland, Norway, the son of Torger Gudmansen and Barbara G. Olsen.



He was baptized Feb. 17, 1864 by Ole Rustad, and confirmed by L. E. Larsen; ordained a Deacon in April, 1865, by Ole Hansen; ordained an Elder July 22, 1867, by Carl Widerborg, and called on a mission to Nordland, where he labored till 1869; he then presided over the Stavanger branch from 1869 to 1870 and next presided over the Drammen branch. After finishing his missionary labor in Hadeland and Hedemarken, in 1871 and 1872, he emigrated to America in 1872; and after stopping in the States one year he continued the journey to Utah in 1873. Being a tailor by profession, he soon obtained labor and did fairly well financially. In 1874 (April 13th) he married

Karen Larson, by whom he has had eight children, five sons and three daughters. In 1884 (Jan. 3rd) he was ordained a Seventy by Louis F. Moench, and in 1891 (Feb. 7th) he was ordained a High Priest by Nils C. Flygare and set apart as second counselor to Bishop Barnard White, of the Ogden Third Ward. He labored in that position until Jan. 13, 1901, when he was chosen as first counselor to Bishop James Wotherspoon. In 1904-1906 he filled a mission to Scandinavia, being called by Pres. Anthon L. Skanchy to succeed the late C. D. Fjeldsted as president of the Christiania conference, which position he held from July 10, 1904, to July 1, 1906.

**BELNAP, Hyrum**, a member of the High Council in the Weber Stake, Utah, was born March 24, 1858, at

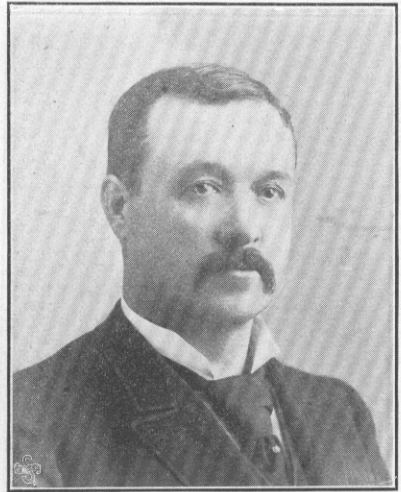


Ogden, Utah, the son of Gilbert Belnap and Adaline Knight. As a babe he accompanied his parents south in the "great move" of 1858; after that the family became permanent residents of Weber county, and were numbered among the first settlers of Hooper, where Gilbert Belnap was chosen as the first Bishop. Hyrum

was baptized June 6, 1867; ordained a Teacher by John Flinders and attended High school in the county court house in 1878-1879; later, in 1879, together with others, he explored that part of Snake river valley, which subsequently became known as Pool's Island, and its immediate vicinity, where settlements of the Saints were started soon afterwards. In 1879-1881 he filled a mission to the Southern States, and in company with Martin Garn baptized the first converts to the restored Gospel on Cane Creek, Lewis county, Tennessee, where Elders Berry and Gibbs afterwards were murdered. Elder Belnap presided a part of the time, while on this mission, over the Tennessee conference. After his return home he attended the Central school, in Ogden, and subsequently the University of Deseret, in Salt Lake City. In 1882 he was appointed assessor and collector for Weber county by the county court and at the general election in August, 1883, he was regularly elected to this position, which he held until 1889. In that year (1887) he was also appointed deputy county clerk. Hyrum Belnap married Christiana Rasmussen Sept. 20, 1883. This union has been blessed with seven children. In 1888 (Feb. 7th) he married Annie C. Bluth, by whom he has had five children. Two months after his last marriage (April 22, 1888) he was released as a home missionary and appointed second counselor to Bishop Edwin Stratford, of the Ogden Fourth Ward. In 1890 he purchased an interest in the Utah and Oregon Lumber Company, of which he became the bookkeeper and afterwards the manager. In July, 1899, he commenced business as a retail lumber dealer in Ogden, which business he still carries on successfully. Bishop Stratford died in 1899 and in January of the following year (1900), Hyrum Belnap was chosen as second counselor to the new Bishop, E. T. Woolley.

He is now a High Councilor in the Ogden Stake.

**STEVENS, Thomas Jordan**, Bishop of Ogden Fifth Ward, Weber Stake of Zion, Utah, was born Jan. 24, 1848, at Bristol, England, the son of Jacob Stevens and Eliza Symons. He was baptized when about eight years of age, and emigrated to Utah in 1864, crossing the plains in Captain Warren S. Snow's company. Two years



after his arrival in Utah (in 1866) he joined the militia, organized for the purpose of defending the people against the pilferings and aggressions of the Indians, and was sent to Sanpete and Sevier counties to assist in quelling uprisings in those sections and to protect the settlers from the depredations then being made. In 1872 he was sent on a mission to Arizona, remaining there about one year. Having previously been ordained a Seventy (1865), he was ordained a High Priest Jan. 21, 1883, by Joseph F. Smith and set apart as a counselor to Bishop Edwin Stratford, of the Ogden Fourth Ward, and on the organization of the Fifth Ward of Ogden, he became its Bishop and held that office continuously until the