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HYRUM BELNAP, AT 75, RECALLS PIONEER DAYS

Retired Lumberman As Youngster Played At Goodyear Fort

To avoid contact with Johnson's army, Gilbert and Adaline Knight Belnap bundled up their four-week-old baby, Hyrum, and with their five children, yoked their cattle and fled to the south. During the journey many times their only covering from the sleet, hail and snow was the old family quilt, stretched to the top of four sticks.

Hyrum Belnap was born March 24, 1858, in a humble cabin just west of the Twenty-fourth street viaduct and descends from a long line of illustrious ancestors. His father, Gilbert Belnap was a Utah pioneer of 1850. His great-grandfather, Jesse Belnap, fought in the Revolutionary war, enlisting August 6, 1777 at Hebron, Conn.

As a boy Hyrum played with his brothers in Goodyear's Fort, witnessed the molasses mill accident by which Captain James Brown lost his life, accompanied his older brother, Gilbert R., to hue logs from the forests in the mountains, attended church in the Ogden tabernacle when its floor was dirt and benches were planks supported by trestles. He went barefooted, both summer and winter, owning his first new pair of shoes at the age of thirteen. He moved to Hooper with his family in 1868.

The greater part of his education he received under the tutorship of Prof. L. F. Moench in the county court house and the Central school, located at the site of the present Elks' club, at the Deseret university of Utah, then an old adobe building a few blocks south of the Salt Lake City temple. Dr. John R. Park, J. B. T. Kingsbury and J. H. Paul were his instructors. He received a diploma from the American Correspondence School of Law, September 11, 1912, after which he successfully passed the state bar examination.

HE ESCAPES MOB

He left for a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ, June 16, 1879, returning home October 3, 1881. He escaped being mobbed several times as the spirit of mobocracy following the martyrdom of Joseph Standing and Gibbs and Berry was still ruffling the feelings of the southerners. He followed in the footsteps of the Mysterious Preacher, who called himself Robert Edge, and claimed to have been a disciple of Jesus Christ nearly 2000 years before. He baptized several of this evangelist's converts, whom the devout leader declined to baptize, promising that elders would follow him with the authority to baptize in this dispensation.

In 1882 he met his future wife, *Flora*, at the Central school, courted at the home of Tir-

Hyrum Belnap, retired lumber dealer, who at the age of seventy-five recalls many incidents of pioneer days in Ogden.



and horse he drove with his fiancée to Salt Lake City, stopping at Kaysville for lunch. The marriage ceremony was performed by President Daniel H. Wells in the Salt Lake Endowment house, September 20, 1883, witnessed by John Smith, the patriarch and Joseph F. Smith. Christiana, her daughters, Laura, Eva Laverne and son, Royal James, have died. The surviving children are Judge Hyrum A. Belnap, Marion B. Kerr, Olive B. Jensen and *Flora* Belnap.

HOME MISSIONARY

In the fall of 1883 he became a home missionary for his church, laboring with Joseph Perry of the high council. He was appointed secretary of the seventy-sixth quorum of Seventies, who met in the old Seventies' hall on Fifth and Spring streets. John A. Boyle, John Scowcroft and Hyrum Belnap formed a committee by appointment to arrange suitable subjects for their study. He was the instructor of the preceptor class, which met at Widow Browning's home once each week with an attendance of about fourteen, whose secretary was George E. Browning. April 22, 1888 he was chosen as second counselor to Bishop Edwin Stratford. His boyhood chum, Henry W. Gwilliam, was selected as first counsellor in the first bishopric of the Fourth ward, Weber stake. He hauled the rock for the foundation of the first Fourth ward chapel, 2129 Madison avenue and labored arduously with his associates constructing and paying for the building, to which was added a large amusement hall and several class rooms in the '90s'. On September 3, 1908, he was set apart by Apostle David O. McKay as a member of the high council of the newly organized Ogden stake. May 4, 1909 was set apart as first counsellor to David McKay, president of

1926 he served a six month's mission in the southern states.

His first long trip after his marriage he made with his wife and daughter, Olive, visiting his wife's brother, Jesper Jensen of San Francisco. In the fall of 1904 he took an extensive trip throughout the northwest, visiting all the lumber mills as far north as Victoria, B. C. In July, 1908, he attended the Democratic national convention, at Denver, Colo., as a delegate, when William Jennings Bryan was nominated for United States President from his party. He continued on through the east, collecting the Belnap genealogy from many states and visiting the trails of his pioneer ancestors. The first important place was Independence, Mo., where the church expects at some time to build the New Jerusalem, next the Liberty jail at Clay county, Ill., Adamondi, Ahman, the place where Adam and Eve offered sacrifices. It was here that his maternal grandfather, Vinson Knight was appointed bishop June 28, 1838, living there through bitter persecutions for some time. Rolin Britton, the county attorney showed him the torn and worn roll, on which appeared Vinson Knight's name. He paid the clerk of the court for a certified copy of the two weeks trial of the Prophet Joseph Smith on false charges, proving him innocent in every instance, which he gave to B. H. Roberts, one of the church historians, and a former missionary companion in the south. Near the site of the old City of Nauvoo he met W. Campbell, the son of Isaac Campbell from whom Vinson Knight and Alason Ripley purchased the townsite of Nauvoo for the church. He was shown through the Carthage jail, with its blood stained floors from the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, where his father, Gilbert Belnap, and his companions remained all night to guard his life preceding his betrayal into the hands of a mob by the government troops, the Carthage grays. He visited the Sacred cove, where the prophet beheld the Father and the Son, the Hill Cumorah at Palmyra, from which the prophet dug the gold plates containing the record of the north American Indians, and walked through the room in which the prophet received his first vision. Returning in company with Junius F. Wells, he viewed the Joseph Smith monument at South Royalton, Vermont, whose postmaster was a Belnap, who showed him the record of the Revolutionary veteran, Jesse Belnap, who was also a member of the state constitutional convention of Vermont. April 25, 1913, on the steamer, Virginian, he sailed for Europe. A few of the places of interest visited included the house of parliament and St. Paul's cathedral in London, the Peace Palace building and grounds at The Hague, the elegant home of Christiana's aunt, Katherine, Copenhagen, Denmark, the Rosenberg house, containing the jewels and armors of Denmark's kings and queens. In Hamburg May 22, 1913 he witnessed the brilliant parade in honor of the marriage of Princess Victoria Louise, a daughter of Wilhelm II of Germany and Prince Ernest Augustus, son of the Duke of Cumberland, King George of England and Czar Nich-

RANKS FORMED FOR CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUND

Many Citizens Will Take Part In Task; City Area Divided

Announcement of the complete personnel for the American Legion's canvass on behalf of the Salvation Army has been made by John E. Velton as colonel. The campaign will be preceded by a meeting of the American Legion post and auxiliary members Monday evening at which the Salvation Army will furnish the program.

Just before the campaign starts Tuesday morning members of the campaign committees will meet at breakfast in the chateau. The city has been districted so that each man and woman will be assigned a definite area as well as a definite financial objective. It is planned to raise \$3000 for the Salvation Army welfare work in Ogden.

PARTICIPANTS SHOWN

Those participating in the campaign are:

Colonel—John E. Velton; lieutenant colonels—L. W. Nims, Harold Ambler and Lou Badcon; adjutant—Vernon J. Eldredge; majors—Harvey F. Cahill, Catherine Howell, Edna Harlin.

Company A—Captain, Mark I. Barnes; first lieutenant, A. K. Cross; second lieutenant, James A. Kyle; sergeants, Reed Warnick, David A. Scott, W. J. Smeding, Frank Campion, Marlin Fenstermaker, Leonard Davidson, E. D. Jones, Rulon White; corporals, Don Wall, Don E. Rhivers, Joseph Newey, Joseph Soleburg, Lee Clausse, Claude Hinckley, Myron Naisbett, George D. Scott, E. E. Carr, Herman D. Child, John I. Davis, George Freestone, Alma Wright, George Ward, Parley Jensen, Reed Thomas, Lee Murdock, Alex Carlson, J. W. Farley, Milton D. Boyle, R. W. McKell, Ira A. Huggins, W. A. Moore, Robert Salmon, Clyde Olson, Floyd Campbell, Ed Burkhead, E. R. Buckner, Mark Critchlow, Melbourne Douglas, Kenneth Knauss, Vern Little, E. P. Archibald, W. J. Browning, H. D. Olsen, J. B. Jensen, Carl Torgeson, H. C. Gwilliam, C. F. Waterfall, Wilford Wheelwright, Ralph Dunham, Albert H. Garr, Herbert Woods, Hyrum Belnap, Charles T. Murray, J. C. Littlefield, Ensign Herrick, Walter Hoenes.

Company B—Captain, George Meyer; first lieutenant, J. R. Jarvis; second lieutenant, Dean P. Parmley; sergeants, Don E. Leader, Ray P. Morrissey, Hyrum Sander, M. A. Romney, William P. Stephens, Ernest Wangsgard, Ed O. Peterson, Dewey Hawkins; corporals, Lloyd A. Hoover, Kenneth C. Ikeler, Arthur Woolley, Heber B. Young, Trace A. Turner, Fletcher Scowcroft, George A. Ward, Ronald E. Wadsworth, Douglas W. Clifford, Leland Read, Charles A. Stone, Frank E. Newman.

in this dispensation.
 In 1882 he met his future wife, *Williamina Rasmussen* at the Central school, courted at the home of Tirzah Farr Gay and during the time she taught school at North Ogden and the little old Madison school house. The date of the betrothal was August 13, 1882. With his buggy

member of the high council of the newly organized Ogden stake. May 4, 1909 was set apart as first councillor to David McKay, president of the high priest's quorum.
 Following David McKay's demise he was sustained president of the Ogden stake high priest's quorum, which position he now holds. In

daughter of William H. O'Connell and Prince Ernest Augustus, son of the Duke of Cumberland, King George of England and Czar Nicholas of Russia and rulers of all the German provinces, rode majestically by. From there he went to Vienna, Austria, Rome, Italy, looked upon the blue Mediterranean, the Blanc, Switzerland and Paris, France.

Turner, Fletcher Scowcroft, George A. Ward, Ronald E. Wadsworth, Douglas W. Clifford, Leland Read, Charles A. Stone, Frank E. Newman, Harold Tripp, Martin Hansen, Spencer S. Eccles, L. J. Holther, Lawrence Farr, Leslie V. Krumperman, Fred A. Kuhlmann, James Kallas, Lyles W. Larkin, Roscoe Huish, S. C. Powell, Frank M. Browning, Howard Swanner, Carl A. Lindquist, Roscoe C. Glasmann, Frank Burgess, Joseph A. Loughran, William K. Milligan, Harold A. Johnson, Clyde F. Thomas, Brent C. Hillis, Henry Olsen.

ON WOMEN'S LIST

Company C—Captain, Cayla Wilfong; first lieutenant, Elizabeth Hansen; second lieutenant, Abbie Balch; sergeants, Rena Earl, Marie Holther, Marvel Reeves, Ida R. Allen, Edith Allison, Eva Ekins, Mary Turner, Cora Montgomery, Roberta Newey; corporals, Florence Glines, Vera Doane, Nell Johnson, Edna Little, Reva White, Genevieve A. Whittemore, Eva Christensen, Louise Swan, Stella Gilbert, Beulah Carlisle, Edith Marlin, Leva Cave, Ann Gridley, Minnie Nebeker, Vera Olsen, Edith Shaw, Mertelle Aldrich, Hannah Smith, Eulaha Smurthwaite, Mary Campion, Stella Erickson, Hazel Ford, Leuelle Smurthwaite, Gloria Hurst, Thelma Watson, Hazeline Turner, Lilly Mae Wheat, Cora Carey, Lettie Manning, Jane Stone, Myrtle Higgins, Gloria Gordon, Ann Clifford, Nancy Foulger, Edith Higgenbottom.

Company D—Colonel, Bell Stephens; lieutenant colonel, Ivy Woolley; second lieutenant, Connie Wadsworth; sergeants, Vilate Campbell, Edith Rhivers, Leona Russell, Emma Browning, Ethel Shaw, Bertha Bird, Lorinda Ipson, Hannah Smith; corporals, Pearl Stevens, Rhea Shupe, Mable Murdock, Mae B. Wall, Emily Davidson, Della Knauss, Vesta Dunham, Nettie Dunham, Nettie Fowles, Katherine Naisbitt, Oline Price, Dora Holther, Helen Malinowski, Vera Minter, Mary Salmon, Bessie Ruth, Levina Bundy, Ruth Huss, Louise Belnap, Ruth Larkin, Nellie Reinscriber, Edith Velton, Loretta Ambler, Millie Poulson, Lola Scott, Grace Hall, Viola Williams, Mary Crow, Monida Rockwell, Margaret Jensen, Leona Soelberg, Bertha Covey.

Card Party Planned By Holy Name Unit

Members of the Holy Name society are sponsoring a card party to be held Tuesday, March 29, in the Cushman memorial hall, at eight o'clock. The following committees are in charge of the affair, directed by General Chairman Maurice Kennedy:

Door: P. K. Smith, Ed Blaes. Reception: Ed Dermody, Jack Carr and Carl Sever. Decoration: Jack Carr, Carl Sever and Maurice Kennedy. Prizes: Ed O'Neill, Francis Foley and Ed Blaes. Refreshments: Vincent Cook, Pat Quinn, Jack Boyle, Ed Brown and Francis Connole. A large crowd is expected to attend.

The Buenos Amigos club held its weekly meeting Monday in the Cushman Memorial hall. The meeting was called to order by the president and later the chair was turned over to Archie Sofie who had arranged an entertaining program, given by Emma Liotard and Leonard Ahern.

The next meeting will be held on Monday at eight o'clock.

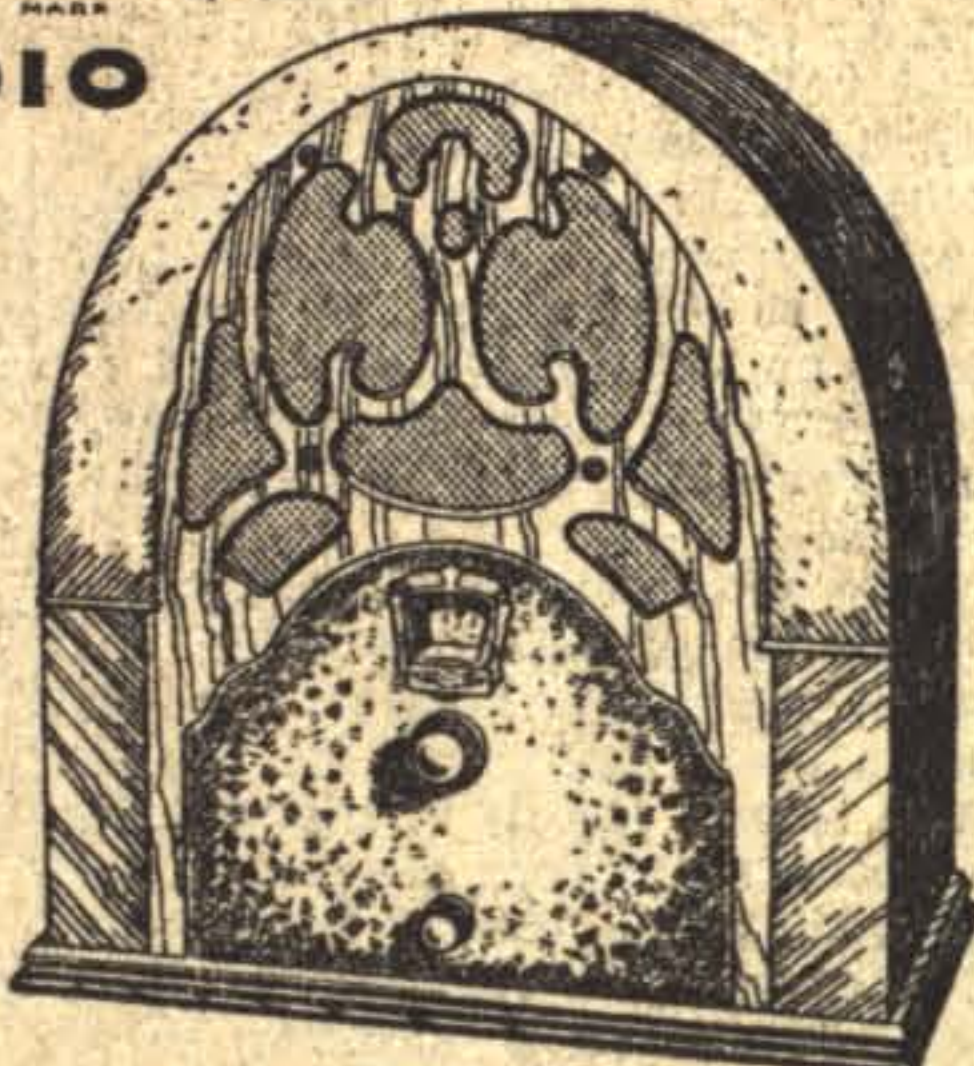
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IN LUMBER BUSINESS

In 1882 he was employed in the lumber business of Bernard White. In August, 1883 he was elected assessor and collector of Weber county by the People's party, a position he held until 1888-89. He declined renomination. In August, 1889 he was employed as salesman by David Eccles in his lumber business.

November 8, 1888, representing L. W. Shurtliff and C. C. Richards, he invested \$100 in stock of the Standard Publishing company.

May 1, 1890 he purchased \$300 worth of stock in the Utah and Oregon Lumber company, where he became bookkeeper till March, 1895, when he became manager. In 1899 he established the Hyrum Belnap Lumber company and managed his own business until he transferred it to Dr. H. Earl Belnap and his family as a gift. The business burned to the ground in July, 1931.

In July, 1905, he bought stock in the Preston Lumber company, later becoming the principal owner. This business he sold to Anderson Bros.

In 1910, while a director in the chamber of commerce, with S. H. Browne as president and O. A. Kennedy as secretary he assisted greatly in negotiating for the repurchase by Ogden city of its waterworks, which was consummated during the mayorship of A. L. Brewer for \$455,000, \$155,000 being paid in cash, \$300,000 in bonds, since fully paid off.

During the worst liquor days in Ogden he and O. A. Kennedy made a personal canvass of the voting district, termed the "Bloody Fourth," reducing the county clerk's certified list of 630 registered voters in that district to 180 actual residents.

In 1910 with David O. McKay as chairman of the Betterment league and Rev. Frederick Vining Fisher, Dr. J. S. Gordon, John V. Bluth O. A. Kennedy, Judge A. W. Agee, Heber Scowcroft, Dr. J. E. Carver and others, 20 saloons were finally eliminated, making the total number 35, when state wide prohibition became effective August 2, 1917.

He has built and purchased six business houses and nine dwelling house in Ogden, one business house and one cottage in Preston, Idaho and paid approximately \$125,000 in taxes during his lifetime. He has owned land in Hooper, Utah, a large tract in South Ogden and in Idaho, the major portion of which he has already distributed to his family.

Mr. Belnap's sons and daughters and their families gathered at the Belnap home on Madison avenue Saturday for a birthday party in honor of Mr. Belnap.

Merchants Leave On Market Journey

Abe Leven of the Nadine Shop and Ben Hayden of the New York Sample store left Saturday for Los Angeles to attend the pre-Easter style show of the southern California merchants and will also make purchases for the late spring and early summer trade.