

gineer of the Millard county scheme, and that the chief engineer of the Rio Grande Western railroad would act as the head of the local corps.

The above named eastern gentlemen told Mr. Melville that the work would be pushed as fast as money could do it, and finished during the present year. This good news means work for those who want it, and a great influx of homeseekers into our county to enjoy the best climate in our State, and in response to intelligently directed labor and nature's kiss, reap the golden harvests from her virgin soil.

The land is here in abundance, the water goes to waste. Solence, money and muscle will arrest the prodigal and turn it in the way of peace and plenty.

Mr. Jos. E. Roy also arrived home here last night after a successful visit to Salt Lake in the disposal of the Miller group of mining property located upon Mount Baldy for the neat sum (so stated) of \$90,000. Anyway, the gentleman's face wears a ray of satisfaction at the outcome of his trip. Joseph's name is becoming proverbial for big ventures and successful outcomes, and he never buries his pile in a napkin but scatters it for good.

Our M. I. associations have been doing better than ever before this winter. President Alma Greenwood and assistants seem to possess the faculty of holding the young people together for mutual edification, and the conjoint meetings, held every Sunday night, are well attended.

The latest program is in the interest of the old people of this city, irrespective of creed or country. All over 55 years old and all widows of any age are to be brought from their homes in carriages on the 24th and taken to the meeting house, there to be entertained with short speeches, music, recitations and song; then set down to a good dinner. Prizes and other honors are to be given to Pioneers, band of veterans, the oldest person, the couple who have been the longest married, etc.; then the aged guests will be returned with safety and in good time to their respective homes.

At present the roads are almost impassable with mud and snow, and little prospect of an immediate change.

Our flouring mill is congested with the result of its labor, and some who neglected to fill up their bins when the roads were good, and also those who thought they could haul a load of wood when they got ready, are now realizing that "procrastination is the thief of time." A. BIRD.

LAKE TOWN HAPPENINGS.

LAKE TOWN, Feb. 15, 1897.—Perhaps after so long a silence from this locality a few items regarding us will not be out of place.

The health of our people is good, as usual. Of course, we have occasional sickness, but, as a rule, we are gratifyingly free from disease and death.

Our weather has been peculiarly mild and, perhaps, we have never in our history had a lighter snowfall.

Our lovely lake has failed to date to get cold enough to freeze over this season, and this, with the shortage of snow, shuts off two of the pet pastimes from our juveniles—skating and sleigh riding.

Lake Town furnishes a school teacher

each this winter to our county seat and to Mendon, Cache county, and in return Bloomington, Idaho, furnishes a teacher to us, Miss Clara Nebeker and Miss Ann E. Johnson being our representatives in the two first named places, and Brother J. A. Hulme, son of a former Bishop of Bloomington and a missionary elect, teaches here.

A short time ago County Superintendent Larsen made an official tour of the county, visiting the schools, and holding appreciated evening meetings in the interest of secular education, thus reaching the parents and friends of the pupils and doing a good work. He reports the schools of the county in an excellently progressive condition.

Quite a number of cattle have been sold during the past winter, and this, with the rise in price and demand for wheat, has made our stock-raising and farming friends a shade happier, also the village merchants.

Considerable interest in mining is extant now. A trip around our lake and a look at the holes in the hillsides indicate that our miners are picking away, and where they pick they expect to find a nugget of it, maybe, gold, silver, copper or lead, separate or mixed, to suit the taste of the customer.

A few days ago Mr. Hardy of Salt Lake and a Mr. Nelson, representing a Boston syndicate, were negotiating with, and getting quit claim deeds signed by a number of Garden City and Meadowville claimants, and it is reported that, if all things work O. K., they will put in a force of workers, use the Swan Creek water power for the dynamo, and apply the electric power for developing the mines in and around the old Rich-Cache mining properties. Visions of sudden and fabulous wealth already appear in the minds of some of our worthy fellow citizens, and if a tithe of the monetary bliss befalls us that some of our optimists predict, everything will be in excellent sailing trim, financially speaking, right off.

These Mormon towns are great places for the enterprising newspaper man. What doesn't happen here, that happens often elsewhere, would fill a book; but our happenings would be soon read and that very seldom.

No murders, no larceny, grand or petit, no drunks, or anything of that kind here, go to help make our modern papers mighty interesting.

Our Sunday school last Sunday had an attendance of 105. Our population all told is 278.

We dropped into our Primary association today. The house was full, notwithstanding the weather was boisterous and cold. The society had a cantata on the boards at Karl's hall last night. Hearts of Gold was the name, and the performance was very meritorious, well patronized, and the 10 cents admission fee rendered a nice little revenue for the association.

The Relief Society, Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. associations, our Church and other local meetings are well sustained and a disposition to uphold the interests of the Church and promote harmony and fellowship is agreeably manifest. Of course there are some exceptions occasionally to this rule.

County Assessor Samuel Weston is giving us a house to house call, and so long as our county funds are economically spent, as they will no doubt be, good

citizens should welcome the assessor and answer his questions regarding property owned consistently, and then 'twixt now and the fall, save up their dimes and dollars and pay their share of the State and county expenses, like little men, or women either, for that matter.

Our Relief Society had its annual meeting recently, and re-elected the former board of officers.

Lake Town feels that it is not to be snuffed, at, though small, when she considers that the Hon. Aquilla Nebeker is president of the State Senate, and counts our picturesque village his home.

Our district school is well attended and two departments are successfully conducted by Joe. A. Hulme and Mrs. George H. Robinson.

We flatter ourselves also that, besides producing a president of the State Senate, we produce a lovely brand of flour at H. M. Hodges' roller process mill, for domestic use and exportation.

We have four missionaries in the field, respectively in Yorkshire, England, Mississippi, North Carolina and Alabama conferences, and out of Lake Town ward, of recent years, have gone Bishops of Round Valley, Meadowville and Bloomington wards, and perhaps there might be a little timber lying around here out of which some other civil or religious functionaries might be made. Who knows?

Lake Town is also a liberal patron of the Church college; several are now in attendance at Logan and in Paris. JOSEPH IRWIN.

MORGAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

MORGAN CITY, Morgan County, Utah, Feb. 16, 1897.—The Morgan Stake quarterly conference was held on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 14 and 15. The visitors were Elder F. M. Lyman of the Council of Apostles, Elder J. Golden Kimball of the First Council of Seventies, and Elder Charles F. Middleton of the Weber Stake presidency.

President Richard Fry expressed his pleasure in meeting so many of the Saints and greeted the visiting brethren; gave an encouraging report of the Stake. Each of his counselors during the conference made a few fitting remarks.

Elder Charles F. Middleton spoke of the people settling these valleys—how well inclined they were to listen to counsel and what a blessing it was to have counsel given them. Then he noted that later the people to some extent were not so anxious to seek these suggestions. The revelation on tithing was read and commented upon by the speaker. He encouraged the people to fast on the first Sunday of the month, and thereby they would have something to give for the poor.

Elder J. Golden Kimball referred to the vision of Lehi and encouraged the people not to be led away but to hold to the iron rod. Referring to the trials of the day, he said that rather than speak against the authorities of the Church people had better wait and watch and they will learn as time and events pass what to do. He felt like blessing those who are teachers of the young. He raised a warning and