Parowan Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of this Stake convened in the Parowan meeting house on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 20th and 21st. There were present on the stand the Stake Presidency, members of the High Council, Bishops of wards, etc., also Elder Edward Stevenson of Salt Lake City.

On Sunday, at 10 a. m., after the usual opening exercises, President Thomas J. Jones made a few remarks. He was pleased to see so many present, and hoped all would strive to remember and put into practice the instructions that might be given during conference. He reported briefly the condition of the Stake, which was in very fair standing.

The remainder of the meeting was occupied by the following brethren—Charles Adams, Wm. K. Jones, Hyrum C. Hersley, Thomas Durham and John Eyre. The subjects treated upon were the restoration of the Gospel with all its gifts and graces, evil effects of cigarette smoking and of the indulgence in intoxicating beverages, the force of example, etc. On Sunday, at 2 p. m., Bishop Wm. Corry, Joseph R. Bailey and Wm. Ford reported their respective wards and gave good instructions to the Saints regarding their duties.

Elder Wm. C. Mitchell referred to the trials and persecutions through which the Saints were called to pass in the early days of the Church. He had seen God's power manifested many times in delivering His people from mobs and wicked men. Joseph R. Bailey compared some of the doctrines as taught by the Latter-day Saints with those taught by other Christian denominations. Charles R. Lyman discussed upon the law of tithing, and said that through a strict observance of that law we had a promise of being preserved when the earth shall be purified by fire. Samuel T. Orton spoke upon the same subject and testified that the work in which the Latter-day Saints are engaged is of God.

At 3:30 p.m. a Priesthood meeting was held and business pertaining to the Stake transacted.

At 7:30 the semi-annual meeting of the Sunday School Union convened, and addresses were delivered by Apostle Junius Romney and Elder Edward Stevenson, of Salt Lake City, after which members of the choir rendered a song, entitled "Florentine."

On Monday, at 10 a. m., Francis Webster was the first speaker. He illustrated the Priesthood with regard to their duties, showed the power of it in day while those things that are injurious to our bodies, and strive to live in a way that we can have the spirit of God for our constant guide. Read good books, he said, and show your friends with whom we go, that we may be prepared to do good. He also referred to the blessings resulting from observing the Word of Wisdom. Elder Edward Stevenson occupied the remainder of the time, his subject being the "Origin of the Church or the Introduction of the Gospel to Earth," fulfilment of ancient and modern prophecy.

At 2 p. m. the general and local authorities were presented and sustained upon roll call. Morgan Richards was the first speaker. He referred to the great plan of redemption wrought out for the salvation of the human family, the effects of intemperance, charity towards one another, etc. President Jones said he was thankful for the instructions given during conference. He hoped that the Saints would remember them. Addressed the young men to attend their quorum meetings, and the improvement meetings. Read good books, and prepare yourselves to carry the Gospel to the nations of the earth.

On Tuesday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Elder Edward Stevenson delivered two lectures on "The Discovery of the Plates in the Hill Cumorah," from which the Book of Mormon was translated by the Prophet Joseph Smith, a record which gives an account of the ancient inhabitants that lived on this the American continent. He also exhibited paintings, illustrative of the boy prophet receiving the plates from the hands of the angel Moroni, and relative to many facts connected with the same, etc.

The meetings, though somewhat interrupted a little by the storm, gave no occasion for mourning, as the fine deposits of snow in the mountains make the prospects for another harvest more favorable.

The singing during conference was excellent and a good spirit prevailed throughout.

Conference adjourned for three months, to meet in Cedar City.

WM. H. ROBINSON,
Stake Clerk.

Probate Court.

The following business was transacted before Judge Hardy yesterday:

Estate of Daniel McAllister deceased; final account and petition for distribution came on regularly. Decree of distribution made as prayed for.

Estate of David Williams, deceased; on motion of J. H. Moyle, attorney for administrator, order made discharging administrator.

Estate W. D. Hickinlooper, deceased; administratrix appeared. It appearing that $8.75 in the bank was the only property, order made passing the matter.

Estate of M. J. Impey, deceased; account and petition for distribution dismissed for want of proper jurisdiction.

Estate of Walter O. Sawyer, deceased; continued to January 26, 1892.

Estate of John W. Chancellor; order made appointing Eliza Chancellor-Tate and J. W. Chancellor-Tate administrators, filing bonds, each in the sum of $10,000 and taking oath.

Estate of Thomas C. Jones, deceased; final account came on for hearing. Eliza J. Jones sworn and examined. Account allowed.

Estate of R. Holden, deceased; administratrix appeared by J. H. Moyle, attorney. Ordered to close estate.

Estate and guardianship of Lillian Howard et al., minors. Frank McDonald sworn and examined. Account allowed.

Estate of Eliza Orfridge, deceased; continued to the 15th inst.

Estate of Jane Romney, deceased; administrator appeared by L. M. Waddell, attorney; ordered to close estate.

THE Utah Central Railway Company is having a good deal of trouble with the snow near the summit in Parley's Canyon. The cuts are filled with drifting snow immediately after the track has been cleared.

OXEN IN HARNESS.

An Illustrated Account of the Manner Oxen Are Worked on Some Farms.

Of many Western farms most of the work is still done by oxen. One frequently sees a farmer with a yoke of oxen and one horse hitched abreast. Many of these oxen are high grade Devons, not particularly heavy in bone, but walkers and very intelligent. Dehorning is not practiced much in New England states, particularly with working oxen, as the horns are needed in hanging the big ox yoke in place. They are cut off at the ends and little brass balls are screwed on. There are hundreds of just such oxen to be found on the hill farms of New England. In Maine and parts of New Hampshire more Herefords are used, they are heavier than our Devons, with better coats and better, but not so active and smart. Their working oxen are finally sold for beef. The farmer claims that they make sweeter and juicier beef than the lazy, pampered animals which do nothing but eat, sleep and grow fat. These working oxen show a grasping power of extension of instrument. Does their exercise make the beef tough and stringy? Western beef, which has not been worked, is not the best. The famous "Roast Beef of Old England," which has been made a theme for poets, orators and statesmen, came in a great measure from oxen which did the farm work while their ancestors were producing beef. Nobody prefers the present beef to the old beef we remember.

AN OX COLLAR.

A Maidstone farmer writes as follows to Rural New Yorker: "My farm consists of three farms, which in this county by are worked in harness. My collars are made of poplar, and a scant inch strap at the bottom and a piece of wood across the top, hinged in front of the horse, on French carriage bolts. I use good leather lines and fall in them months. This summer they worked on the mower and rake and not sickness more than a heavy blister on each ground. I believe this horse is better for my farm than two horses would be and strictly first class. Some say my fine cattle were not intended for him, but if they have made the month's work they will hold better. More can eat, drink and maintain quite well. Of course I feed grain when working hard, but when idle they are cheaply kept." A picture of the collar is shown at Fig. 1. This is a good view. A A representing metallic knobs for the lines, sewed in front.

HARNESS FOR OXEN.

Fig. 2 shows the head and shoulders of an ox with the bridle, blinders and lines in place. Blinders and "rally heads" are never used. The lines should draw from a point about half way between the points of the shoulder. We do not know what breed of oxen make the best "horses," but suppose the better active animals, like Jerseys or Devons, are best.

The Bee Bug.

Professor Smith, of the New Jersey agricultural experiment station, tells in a bulletin issued that his experiments with hot water proved satisfactory. Heated to 122 degs. or higher the bugs were instantly killed, but great difficulty was found in heating the insects with a sufficiently high temperature. The bugging of grapes is highly recommended. The author expects to conclusively show that farmers should, first, prevent the breeding of the insects by late cultivation, by using the manures that only for grass and keeping as little light land as possible to sod, while thorough cultivation in May will destroy many of the pupae, second, plant a few rows of buckwheat around the vineyards to attract the first broods—a few rows between quinces will answer the same purpose; third, use early or late blooming varieties of grapes and stimulate the vines by fertilizers before the blossoms, and by thinning a heavy bloom get a surplus which will stand some thinning by insects. Keep a man with a collector constantly at work at least once a day for three weeks.

Use of the Scraper.

It always pays to use horse power and a scraper to excavate soft earth. I have just had a cellar for a house 18 by 24 by 22 and 6 feet deep excavated. It was done by a team, a man and boy, a scraper and a spade, and cost me $9.75. A similar job done by hand would cost over twenty dollars. It is a question if Dallas "sod-breakers" are cheap even at one dollar per day. A Yankee, with a good team and a quick boy, can do more effective work than a whole gang of ignorant foreigners, writes a correspondent in Country Gentleman.

Bee Housings.

Ground cork is the best packing material for bees in winter. Heavy sawdust, hemp, and it is a moderate expensive. It is as cheap that in cost is practically nothing, says The American Bee Journal.

George E. Hilton says he believes in handling bees and frames too, "but if either must be handled let it be the frames."

One apiarist leaves the packing until the bees hang out; then he takes it off, even with the top of the brood nest.

An Ohio beekeeper smokes his bees just before the swarming fever.

A member in one of the bee meetings said that he saw chaff packed bees and keeps the covering over the top until about the middle of June. Another remarked and that when the bees gets full of live bees he unpacks it.

A White Negro.

One of the strangest wonders in the way of a man that we have been permitted to see was in town recently, and is a citizen of this county. He is Kennedy Long, and was born black, in Georgia sixty years ago. He is now perfectly fair, except a few dark spots that may be discovered by looking at him closely.—Marianna (Fla.) Times.

America's Earliest Discovery.

Among pre-Columbian discoveries of America the claims of the Norsemen, or, properly speaking, the Icelanders—who, by their law-sagas and traditions, are somewhat different from the modern Norwegians and Norsemen—and of the Welshmen under Prince Madoc are fairly well known, but there is force of an Irishman, St. Brendan, bishop of Clonfert, in Kerry, who set sail from Ireland, although they are so familiar to us, although they are to the French.

According to three different Latin manuscripts in the National library, Paris, one of which dates from the Eleventh century, St. Brendan left Ireland with seven other Irish monks in a small open boat, and after a voyage of many weeks or longer in a strange country, where he taught the natives the truths of Christianity.

After seven years he returned to Ireland, and subsequently tried a second voyage to the same country, as he had promised to return to it, but was baffled by the wind and tide. He died in the city of Saintlity in 578, aged ninety-four years. The author of the Irish tale of Brendan invented Hy-Brasil, or found the native in possession of some of the doctrines of Christianity, which they said had been taught them by a stranger clad in a long robe, who came to them from the Irish island beyond the sea in a "boat with wings" many centuries before and promised to return to them. The advent of Cortez was in fact hailed as a fulfillment of his tradition.—Lippincott's.

Wealthy Men and Dissolute Fops.

The money making people of Wall street were startled a few days ago by a report that a Second Sage had gone away from a dissolute meeting without satisfying his five of five dollars. Investigation proved the rumor to be unfounded. "Dance Kandy" is a director in about twenty corporations, and he never misses a directors meeting if he can help it. The usual custom is to pay each director that attends a meeting five dollars. Frequently the money is handed to the directors in the form of a gold piece as they enter the meeting room. At other times the directors get their money just as they leave the room. Some days one man is commanded to three or four directors' meetings. If he happens to be J. Pierpont Morgan he will attend to the business of the greatest importance. If he happens to be Russell Sage he will attend to all three all.

Mr. Sage does not believe in neglecting any business, however small, and when the sole item of his five dollar fee is part of his official duty. Mr. Morgan occasionally accepts the fee when it is handed to him and pounds it over to a clerk or to the power of the building if he chances to be near. Jay Gould pays no attention whatever to the customary distribution fee. The present manner who receives an extra five dollars does not even receive the courtesy of a glance.—New York Times.

An Outright Diplomat.

"You know, Nick," said his mother, in confidence every word for things, as we've found out by experience, that you are a liar."

"Why doesn't he?" said Nick, opening very wide his round four-year-old eyes.

"Because it is impolite and greedy. That is why it causes us so to have you ask your brother for your bread. For reasons, if he has brought you candy. Remember, now, you must never do it any more."

"But it's my candy—he says so—and he wants me to have it."

"That he will certainly give it to you, and you must wait for that for it. If I ever again hear you ask him I will not let you have it. Suppose he or that you will not. I know—my little boy wants to be a gentleman."

Nick made the promise with a very sober face. He was the normal small boy, not a little angel, yet he had been trained "upon home," and felt that a promise once made could not be broken. This is the way to keep it. When Uncle John came again, his nephew, after greeting him, leaned confidentially against his chair and said, "You didn't bring anything but yourself this time, did you, Uncle John?"

"Yes, I did," said Uncle John with a laughing smile. "I brought a whole pound of candy and after that I wish it was two."—Harper's Young People.

"Heated." Not Broken.

Doubtless our unlettered friends have fine distinctions in the use of words, for which we do not give them sufficient credit. A new pupil in a colored school took a shattered lamp chimney to show her teacher.

"Ah!" said he, "your chimney is broken, is it?"

"No, sir," she answered, "it's heated."

In her distinction of terms lay all the difference between a confession of guilt and an assertion of innocence. The word "broken" she understood to mean that the mishap had occurred by her own fault, and in correcting to "heated" she meant to imply that some unknown agency, a current of cold air, perhaps, had caused the break.

Here is a distinction as clear and real as we make in more scholarly terms.—Youth's Companion.

The Most Difficult Thing to Match.

The most difficult thing to match is white paper. A customer comes in here with a piece of white paper, letter or any other kind, and asks for paper just like it. Not one in 5,000 times can such a customer be accommodated, and for the reason that there is with an endless variety of shades in white. People look astonished when I tell them it is so, but when they go out and try they soon find out.—Interview in Chicago Tribune.

Quinine Manufacturers.

Those engaged in the production of quinine, whether from bark or chemicals, suffer with a peculiar skin affection caused by the inhalation of the vapor from hot solutions of the drug. Fever is an accompaniment of this malady.—New York Recorder.

Married in a Blizzard.

In a big snowstorm Miss Lydia E. Carder and Mr. James William Wilson, both of West Virginia, were married by the Rev. R. Kirk, of Parkersburg, W. Va. The ceremony was performed on a farm in the Potomac, near Hebron. The wind was blowing a perfect hurricane and the snow fell thick and fast. The bride wore a white silk waist, with tucked and chinese to match.—Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

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