

escaped without serious injury. These remained on the third floor until the fire department arrived and then they made their way down a ladder which was hoisted to slip at window.

NEW YORK, June 10.—A special to the Herald from Rio Janeiro says:

Full details of Portugal's offer to mediate between England and Brazil in relation to the Trinidad affair have been received by President Moraez.

The Brazilian supreme court has decided that the amnesty law passed last year for the benefit of persons engaged in the rebellion in Rio Grande do Sul is illegal so far as it relates to the exclusion of certificates of the army and navy.

It is reported that Seminario, the relief leader in the Peruvian province of Loreto, is losing heart in his movement since he has been informed that the Brazilian government has decided to allow the passing of a Peruvian troop up the Amazon.

REUNION OF PACIFIC ISLAND MISSIONARIES

Calder's Park, June 5th, was the scene of one of the most unique and enjoyable events ever witnessed in this favorite resort. It was a happy, gay, an inspired thought which suggested the appointment of a representative committee of the Polynesian groups of islands, and from the first the brethren labored with a will to make the gathering a success. Seven hundred invitations were mailed throughout the intermountain region, inviting missionaries, Saints and friends to assemble on the above date, and, in response, over a thousand people, with well filled lunch baskets and joyous faces wended their way to the park. It was indeed a gladdening sight to witness the hearty handshakes and listen to the strange and varied greetings. "Aloha nui," cried the Hawaiian; "Tena koutou," exclaimed the Maori; "aloha la-a," came from Samoan throat; "Jitootia," spoke the Tongan, while the Tahitian replied "Iaorana i te Atua mau."

Soon after 10 o'clock in the forenoon the boats, etc., were brought into requisition and native songs were sung to the dip of the oars and the melodies were eagerly listened to by friends who sauntered through the shady walks, or watched the happy crowds from the pavilion. At one o'clock the tables were spread and soon crowded beneath the load of provisions thereon, Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon asking blessing in the Hawaiian language.

Visitors were cordially invited and hospitably entertained by the local Elders and friends.

At 3 p.m. the people were summoned to the covered pavilion by the delightful music produced by Held's band.

The program of exercises was then rendered, Chairman John T. Calne having charge of the ceremonies.

On the stand was seated the committee of arrangements, Hon. John T. Calne, representing Sandwich Islands; Elder B. Goddard, representing Australia; Elder W. O. Lee, representing Samoa; Elder James S. Brown, representing Tahiti; Elder Alva But-

ler, representing Tonga, and Elder J. H. Deau (Samoa) secretary.

Near to the stand was seated Zion's venerable leader, President Willford Woodruff; also President Geo. Q. Cannon, and President Joseph F. Smith; Elders Brigham Young, F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, and many influential brethren were also noticed amongst the audience.

After selections of music by Held's band, prayer was offered by the pioneer Polynesian missionary, Elder James S. Brown. The opening address was then delivered by President George Q. Cannon, who referred to his joy in being present on such a happy occasion. He briefly referred to the beginning of the work of the Lord on the Sandwich Islands and related personal experiences connected therewith. The Polynesians are undoubtedly of the seed of Abraham, heirs to the promises, and the work of the Elders is fraught with eternal benefits for that people. Some regard them as a perishing race, but thousands of them have received the Gospel and been ordained to positions in the Priesthood, thus authorizing them to proclaim the Gospel message to the millions of their ancestors who have passed behind the veil.

The Society Islands were represented by Elder James S. Brown, who referred to the calling of four Elders by the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1843, to visit the Islands of Polynesia. Spoke of his early labors and impressions and afterwards addressed a few words to the people in the Tahitian language.

The Hawaiian program was conducted by Elder Matthew Noall. Arrangements had been made for a company of Hawaiian Saints to render native selections, but being detained a company of Elders represented the Sandwich Islands.

Elders Matthew Noall, F. Beesley and J. H. Deau gave a trio composed by Queen Liliuokalani, in Hawaiian and English.

Elder Fred Beesley also recited a humorous selection, "Eating of the Poi."

A xylophone solo was rendered by Elder Adelbert Beesley, accompanied by Held's band, and the sweet music produced from the unique instrument was almost enchanting. An encore was loudly called and responded to with the favorite hymn "O My Father."

The chairman announced that Elder Beesley was laboring in Samoa when a fearful hurricane passed over the islands, destroying much property and wrecking a large number of vessels in Apia harbor. He made the xylophone from portions of the wrecked American flag-ship, Trenton.

New Zealand was represented first by a number of Elders singing, in the Maori language, "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet."

Brother Hirihi Whanga, a Maori Chief gave a representation of the haka, or native war dance.

Sister Mere Whanga also sang a waiata, or native song, in the peculiar manner characteristic of the Maoris.

A quartette also was rendered by Elders Ezra Stevenson, J. M. Hendry, J. H. Timpson and John G. Kelson.

The Samoan part of the program was opened with a native hymn by a company of returned missionaries and

sisters and also a young Samoan girl who has recently arrived.

An interesting feature was the making of the Ava by a number of Elders seated in Samoan style. Elder Barton officiated at the Ava bowl and Elder Deau described the process of preparing the native beverage. The First Presidency and Apostles present were treated to a cup of the native drink after which it was passed through the audience. Very few, however, drank heartily, most of those present passing it on or contenting themselves with sipping a few drops.

After the rendition of another Samoan hymn, an address in the Tongan language was delivered by Elder Merrill and Elder Alva Butler sang a native hymn. Subsequently six orifices of fatu were read in the respective dialects as follows:

Hawaiian.....	Elder Albert Davis
Maori.....	Elder Joseph P. Beck
Samoa.....	Elder A. J. Wood
Tahitian.....	Elder Jesse W. Fox
Tongan.....	Elder Alva J. Butler

Before the closing ceremonies President Willford Woodruff desired to address a few words and he earnestly expressed his satisfaction at the spirit manifested in the gathering, and referred to the inestimable good accomplished by the Elders among the barbarous tribes of the islands of the sea.

He felt to bless all such earnest workers and testified to the final destiny of the Saints.

President Geo. Q. Cannon remarked that such a unique representative gathering of Elders speaking so many different languages could not be found elsewhere in the world.

The audience joined in singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," after which President Joseph F. Smith pronounced the benediction.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Brother Geo. Calne for kindly granting the free use of his pleasant grounds and all appurtenances thereto for the occasion.

The recreations were then resumed, and soon happy crowds were sailing and slinging on the lake, while others engaged in playing ball, racing, dancing, etc., and these sports continued until a copious shower or rain warned the people to retire to the tents.

Thus ended the first reunion of Polynesian missionaries, and many expressed a desire that such gatherings be held yearly.

It was truly a representative assemblage, as Elders and their friends came from distant parts of Utah, while some had journeyed in wagons from Idaho to enjoy and renew the acquaintance formed on the Pacific Isles. Heol auo.

PHENIX.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 8, 1896.

Richfield Census: While the people were waiting for the excursion train Jim Brown indulged in throwing rocks into the crowd, and struck Charlie Baker in the eye, knocking the ball from the socket. It is hoped that Charley will not lose his eye but there is still danger. Jim has been arrested.

LONDON, June 10.—Mrs. Annie Dyer, the baby farmer of Ruding, arrested on March 9th on a charge of murdering many infants entrusted to her care, was hanged in Newgate prison at 9 o'clock this morning.