

I have not raised sugar cane for some years till last year, when I planted a small piece which made one good load. I came near cutting it down for fodder, for it was no thicker than my finger; but judge my surprise when the maker told me it made fifteen gallons of molasses. I shall try it on a larger scale this year, for the seed is good for cattle, horses, hogs, chickens or ducks.

Yours, P. L.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

BANNOCK.

The Bannock Stake quarterly conference, was held in the music hall, Rexburg, Sunday and Monday February 10th and 11th. There were present Elders Heber J. Grant, of the Quorum of the Twelve, and Jonathan G. Kimball, of the First Council of Seventies; the Stake presidency and most of the High Council and Bishops. Four regular meetings and one Priesthood meeting were held, all being well attended.

Sunday morning the Bishops gave reports of their wards; considerable sickness has prevailed in some wards and some deaths; spiritually, the people are progressing, and in temporal affairs are, notwithstanding the low price of products, beginning to get out of debt, this by reason of their being blessed with abundant crops.

Elders Heber J. Grant and Jonathan G. Kimball were the principal speakers. These brethren were inspired to talk by the spirit and influence of the Holy Ghost and gave many instructions and admonitions that were received by the people in the same spirit in which they were uttered. The Word of Wisdom was preached in power and a lasting impression has been made upon many of the Saints which they have resolved to remember and practice in daily life, more in future than in the past. The speakers were also led to speak much as to the welfare of the young men and women, a deal of good counsel being given to the parents how to guard the virtue of the youth of Zion. It was also very earnestly and plainly shown that a partial observance of the laws of God is not acceptable in His sight and that to inherit eternal life it is absolutely necessary to keep the whole law of God.

One new ward has been organized named Shelley, Brother John F. Shelley being called and ordained Bishop. Forty-eight home missionaries were called and sustained to labor in the Stake the next three months.

The Stake presidency reviewed the counsels given and endorsed all that had been said, advising the Saints to observe the same. President Ricks thanked the people for their attendance and all who had participated to make our coming together enjoyable. The weather was seasonable and all the people are better for having attended conference.

The choir sang a concluding anthem and benediction was pronounced by Patriarch Arza E. Huckleby.

JAS. GILLESPIE,
Stake Clerk.

MORGAN.

The quarterly conference of the Morgan Stake was held as usual. Elder Francis Marion Lyman, of the

quorum of the Apostles, was in attendance, and there was a fair representation of officers and members. The first in order was reports from Bishops. The wards are in a flourishing condition; there is an improvement in the attendance at Fast meetings; the offerings were obtained in various ways—in one ward the Deacons received the fast offerings from the Saints at their homes; the people are reported to be as faithful as before in the payment of tithing.

Elder Lyman said he noticed that the Bishops are generous in reporting their people, but he rather admired generosity. He showed that if we have faith in a principle we will practice the same; advised that records should be kept better than they have been; that more attention should be given ward history; that the duties of the Priests and Teachers are important; in fact, the people perhaps never heard a more elaborate and inspired treatise on these duties.

Elders Robert Hogg and Richard Rawle were ordained Patriarchs.

Bishop John K. Hall, who has won so much praise as a Sunday school worker, now is honorably released from being Stake superintendent, that he may the better attend to his duties in the Bishopric. Frederick W. Clark takes his place as superintendent of Sunday schools of the Stake.

Among other things taught by Elder Lyman in his visiting this Stake were how to pray; the duty and importance of keeping private daily journals and public histories; the advantage of crowding our work instead of letting our work crowd us, and of living free from debt. He explained the settling of difficulties for the salvation of people; taught that it was a reproach to the leading Elders in our midst not to be reformers—this reforming to be done by those who live up to what they teach; nevertheless it is better to be teachers of good principles than not teach at all.

Elder Richard Fry made a favorable report of the Stake organization; the Sunday schools are adopting the system of grading and conducting classes according to new method; he assured the people that as long as man is sincere and seeks God he will not fail in the end, and testified to the blessings of heaven following those who pay their tithing. He also recommended the reading of the history of Utah by the youth.

Elder Samuel Francis referred to the favorable report of the Bishops and dwelt upon the progress of the times in which we live and what advantages are now furnished.

C. R. CLARK, Clerk.

STAR VALLEY.

The tenth quarterly conference, of Star Valley Stake was held February 9th and 10th, 1895, with a very large attendance. The commodious meeting house, in A ton was filled and a good spirit prevailed throughout both days' services. For the past few days the weather has been very cold but the roads were good, so the first day's meetings were better attended than usual; thermometer 27 below zero, February 11.

The subjects touched upon by the speakers and the instructions were

calculated to encourage the Saints to greater diligence in the work of God. The reports of the Bishops were excellent, only one death during the last three months, that of Brother Andrew Hink, of Glendale ward, formerly a resident of Tooele city, Utah. The Saints generally are striving to live their religion. The authorities of the Church were presented to the Saints and all felt to sustain them in their high and holy callings; also the Stake presidency and the local organizations were presented and sustained.

Although we are so far out of the way that we do not often have a visit from the leading authorities of the Church, yet we have a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit and we feel built up in our most holy faith. Elder George Osmond exhorted the Saints to pay their tithes and offerings and above all things to be charitable towards all mankind. Elder A. V. Call also gave many excellent instructions which if carried out will tend to make us wiser and better men and women.

WILLIAM H. KENNINGTON,
Stake Clerk.

IN UTAH FORTY YEARS AGO.

The following is reproduced from the Springville, Utah county *Independent* of February 15, as a reminder to the boys of today how their fathers worked to establish homes in Utah. The suggestions of toil may afford food for thoughtful consideration on the part of young folks now-a-days:

We believe it a good plan for us all to remember sometimes the manner in which the early settlers lived, that we can more fully appreciate our present prosperity and changed condition. In a conversation with our friend Thomas Child, the subject of early times came up as a natural consequence, and we chatted away for thirty minutes. Our friend knows the history of those times by heart, and his own experiences have not been always pleasant, and with the dangers and hardships of early years in this country, there was but little romance mixed in to relieve the monotony of privation and hard work.

In 1855, when the Territory was visited by grasshoppers and the crops greatly damaged, and in many cases entirely destroyed, it is not difficult to see that much suffering must have followed, this country being so far from the balance of civilization. At this time Mr. Child lived at Salt Lake City, and tells how he managed through those hard times to sustain his family. Being an Englishman and unused to pioneer life, made it all the more difficult for him, but this did not prevent him from launching out to make the best of it.

His first work in Utah was for a gardener in Salt Lake City; he worked long and hard, and each day the gardener paid him in packages of garden seed, those packages Mr. Child would have to take after his work was done, and go about town from door to door trying to sell them. In this way he procured a little bran, shorts and flour and mixed them together for bread, with this and a few small potatoes for his family to subsist upon, he left them and walked in mid-winter from Salt Lake City to this place to find work.

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