

use. It is administered in the proportion of one part of chloride to nine parts of salt. It not only increases the production of the wool, but improves the quality, and promotes the general health of the animal.

The Thanksgiving number of the *New York Christian Union* will contain a stirring letter from Secretary Sherman on the South Carolina troubles; a breezy article by Gail Hamilton; a Star Paper from Henry Ward Beecher; a "Laleus" letter; a Thanksgiving story, "The Praise Meeting at Poncaasset," by Elliot McCormick; and the opening chapters of the new and romantic serial, "The Little Belle of Bloomingdale," whose anonymous author, we are told, has a world-wide reputation.

We compile the following items on rice from the Annual Circular of Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons & Co., New Orleans, La. In regard to the crop of 1878-79, they say: The planting and growing seasons were favorable and the harvest was mainly accomplished before the fever reached the country parishes. The yield is hardly up to expectations, but the crop will be larger than last year. On account of fine harvest weather the average quality will be better than last season. Lands suitable for rice culture are in demand, and this branch of agricultural industry is destined to be of great value to the commercial interests of the State. Crop of 1877-78 was 143,000 barrels; crop of 1878-79 estimated at 155,000 barrels.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* asks if polygamy is a crime why it is that a polygamist can take his seat in the Forty-Sixth Congress. To which we answer that polygamy is not a crime except by construction of a so-called law, passed in 1862. If a man has not married more wives than one, in Utah, since '62 he is not a criminal. And if he has, and polygamy is a crime, proof generally has to precede conviction in a civilized country, and conviction must precede condemnation of any just kind. We are aware, however, that furious anti-polygamists do not want to wait for either conviction or proof, but would like to blow "Mormonism," proof and all, into kingdom come. They can't do it though.

If the news in our latest telegrams is correct, the war with Afghanistan may be considered at an end. The Ameer has backed water, and intimated his willingness to receive the British commission. At this stage of the dispute it is likely that England will demand guarantees of good faith, and these may include British posts within the Ameer's dominions. Russia would then commence to bluster, but whether she would do anything more than talk is extremely doubtful. The British advance without waiting for Spring, seems to have taken the wind out of the Ameer's sails and scared the Russians from rendering the aid that was expected. England's star is still in the ascendant, and shines brightly in the East.

Hunter, the murderer of Armstrong, has for his counsel G. M. Robeson. He has been making another effort to save Hunter from the hangman, although sentenced to death. It appears that Armstrong received his death blow in New Jersey, but died in Pennsylvania, having crossed over the Delaware after being wounded by Hunter. Robeson contends that the State of New Jersey had no jurisdiction in the case because the murdered man died in Pennsylvania. It is presumable that if Hunter had been tried in Pennsylvania, Robeson would claim that the latter State had no jurisdiction of the case because the offence was committed in New Jersey. The dodges of lawyers are singular and various, and if courts and the public were guided by their pleas, what is white to-day would be black to-morrow, and right and wrong would be interconvertible terms. It is not likely that Hunter will escape.

One of the neatest, and decidedly the cheapest little globe we have seen in this country is advertised in this paper by James Dwyer. For fifty cents a movable globe can be obtained by means of which children can learn the relative positions of the various parts of the earth, and obtain a clearer idea of geography, in a much shorter time than by means of the most expensive maps and the most elaborate explanations. Dwyer has also for sale

Dr. Wm. Mathews' new and elegant work, entitled "Oratory and Orators," which is written in that eminent author's piquant, sparkling and forcible style. It is handsomely bound, and published by S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago. Another new book at Dwyer's is a charming, instructive work for the juveniles called "Overhead." It is astronomy simplified, popularized and not only brought down to the level of the youthful understanding but rendered so interesting and striking by its conversational and story telling method and its numerous engravings that the young reader will learn science while being attracted and entertained. Either of these would make a good and sensible thing for a present. Published by D. Lathrop & Co., Boston.

DAVIS COUNTY STAKE CONFERENCE.

Quarterly Conference of the Davis Stake of Zion, held at Bountiful Meeting-house, on Saturday, Nov. 30th, and Sunday, Dec. 1st, 1878.

President Wm. R. Smith presiding.

Besides the presidency and the general authorities of the Stake, the Conference was attended by Elder F. D. Richards, of the Twelve Apostles; Pres. D. H. Peery and Counselor C. F. Middleton of the Weber Stake, on Saturday; and on Sunday by Pres. John Taylor, Bishop John Sharp and Elders Wm. H. Hooper, Wm. Jennings, Geo. Goddard, S. L. Evans and W. Willis.

Saturday morning, 10 a. m.

After singing and prayer Elder D. H. Peery spoke, giving a very interesting account of his experience before he joined the church; he also urged upon the people the necessity of becoming self-supporting, showing the destitute position and circumstances of the southern States during the war with the north, in consequence of their entire dependence upon the north for manufactures, and predicted a like fate for this people if they failed to accept and act in accordance with the counsels of the Lord in these matters. Elder C. F. Middleton called attention to the responsibilities of those who hold the priesthood; showed that those who are elected to offices under the law of the land should obtain information concerning the duties of their office, but he felt that a firm and honest administration of the duties of an office under the law of God was of far greater importance than under the law of the land, he also showed some of the benefit of the principle of co-operation honestly conducted amongst this people.

Elder Arthur Stayner then spoke upon the subjects above referred to. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

2 p. m.

This afternoon was occupied by the Bishops in reporting their wards, and in some special instructions by President Smith concerning attendance at priesthood meetings, supporting the co-operative institutions already commenced in Davis County; administering in kindness and equity the rights of all classes of persons, whether in the Church or not, and concerning the employment of Latter-day Saint teachers, and the teaching of the principles of our religion in our day schools.

Conference adjourned till Sunday morning.

Sunday morning, Dec. 1,

10 a. m.

After singing and prayer, the statistical report of the Stake was read.

Elder F. D. Richards spoke upon the necessity of our becoming self-sustaining by manufactures, also in the principle inculcated in the 104th section of Doctrine and Covenants; then showed, by the calamities of the times, and the wickedness of the people of the earth, the fulfillment of the predictions of the servants of God. He touched on co-operation, advocated the exclusive purchase of home-made articles, and showed the difference between power gained by love and that gained by money.

Bishop John Sharp urged the benefits of unity amongst the people, and the adoption of the principles advanced by the Elders of this Conference and thought that this

people who had so abundant an opportunity of enjoying the influence of the spirit of God hardly appreciated its benefits as they would do if their opportunities for so doing were less abundant.

Elder Wm. H. Hooper expressed his love for this people and claimed that in all of his acts either political or commercial he had had their interests at heart. He spoke of the principle of co-operation showing its co-existence with the age of the world, its advantages for this people, and the supreme importance of manufacturing amongst ourselves all that we need for our use. He suggested the introduction of co-operative movements amongst the farmers—the inauguration of farmer's clubs and the erection of establishment of granaries or elevators where crops of wheat can be stored and upon receipts or certificates given for the grain thus stored money could be raised while the grain is being held for suitable market. Adjourned.

2 p. m.

After singing and prayer the sacrament was administered. The general authorities of the Church and of the Stake were presented and unanimously sustained.

Announcement of the death of Elder Orson Hyde was made by President John Taylor.

Elder John Stoker was ordained a patriarch and was also chosen a member of the High Council, vice Z. S. Cole who had moved away and resigned.

Elder Wm. Jennings bore testimony that this is the work of God by revelation and commandment, and acknowledged that the hand of the Lord had been over this people. Spoke in behalf of Z. C. M. I., that it had been a great benefit to this people in many respects, and although some mistakes had been made in the establishment and management of so great a concern, the managers had experience now to correct them. We should use the blessings of God to build up the kingdom of God. Advised the people to become united, and advocated education amongst our people, urging the young men to read and educate themselves, if they do not have the necessary opportunity given them by their parents.

President John Taylor then spoke. His sermon was reported in full by Brother G. F. Gibbs, and will doubtless be published.

Conference then adjourned after singing. Benediction by Patriarch John Stoker.

A. STAYNER, Clerk.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

The Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held at Brooklyn, Nov. 3, 1878, commencing at 1 o'clock, Elder G. H. Bywater presiding.

J. Held acted as secretary in the absence of Elder P. French, who was sick.

After singing, and prayer by Elder Butler, the statistical and financial reports of the Brooklyn and Yonkers branches were given by their respective presidents and adopted unanimously.

Elder W. C. Staines presented the authorities of the church in their order and gave some instructions upon sustaining them.

Prest. G. H. Bywater presented the authorities and organization of the priesthood of the New York Conference. All were accepted unanimously.

Elder J. Loftus from Yonkers, testified of the difference of our knowledge on religious matters with that of the sectarian world, and exhorted the Saints to seek diligently for the possession of the spirit of God that they may understand the principles of life and salvation.

Elder Butler, from Newark, exhorted the Saints to remember in their prayers the missionaries among the nations of the earth, and to be watchful and prayerful.

Elder T. Pullan showed that it is our duty to be always ready to defend our principles and fight the good fight, and spoke on the second advent of Jesus Christ.

Elder J. Held followed on the same subject.

The sacrament was administered. Elder G. H. Bywater spoke on the privilege and blessing of being members of this Church of Christ, and the responsibility which rests upon us; showed the great blessings that await us if faithful, and the misery in reserve for those that apostatize. Elder W. C. Staines

Delivered some very good instructions and counsels on different subjects. Benediction by Elder W. C. Staines.

H. G. BYWATER, President.
P. A. FRENCH, Secretary.

BEAVER STAKE CONFERENCE.

BEAVER CITY, Utah,
December 2d, 1878.

The Quarterly Conference of the Beaver Stake, was held on Saturday, Nov. 30th, and Sunday, Dec. 1.

On the stand, of the priesthood, were J. R. Murdock, president of the Stake, with his Counselors, the High Council, Bishops and Counselors of the several wards of the county and other prominent members of the Stake.

The assembly was addressed by Elders from different parts of the county, who spoke under the influence of a good spirit, and gave good instructions and exhorted the people to the performance of their duties.

Second day, Sunday.

The congregation was larger than yesterday. The leading topics spoken upon, were the encouragement and education of the young, showing the great necessity of watching the youth, setting before them good examples, etc.

Afternoon.

After administering the Lord's Supper, the authorities, general and local, were placed before the Saints, and were unanimously sustained. President Murdock urged upon the people the necessity of complying with the instructions that had been given, and touched upon many subjects that had been introduced, which principally were in behalf of the young and rising generation. The conference was then adjourned.

WILLIAM ASHWORTH,
Clerk of Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ADAMSVILLE,
Beaver County,
December 2, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

I regret to announce the death, on Saturday morning, at 9 a. m., of dropsy, of Joseph Walker Simkins, son of James and Mary Simkins, aged 17 years and 6 months. He was a kind, affectionate, and dutiful son, and we sympathize with the bereaved parents. No doubt the cause of his death was brought about by going in swimming too early in the season, the water being too cold, which is the case in a great many instances. I trust this will be a warning to the children in this place.

The health of the people is good, and the harvest abundant. We have a day school well attended, also a Sunday school, and the Saints in general feel alive to their duties.

Your brother in the gospel,
HENRY EMERSON.

Frightful Encounter with a Grizzly.

SALEM, Utah,
December 6, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

A most lamentable accident occurred on the 3rd inst. at 12 m. A party of hunters consisting of John A. Powell, Abraham Powell, Caleb B. Rhoads, and Robert Snyder, of this place, started on the 23rd of November, on a deer hunting expedition. They selected their hunting ground at Nebo Creek, east of Mount Nebo. As they were gathering up their game, one of the party, Brother Abraham Powell was attacked by a grizzly bear, which lay secreted in the brush, about 10 feet off, striking him down before any defence could be made, and literally tearing his eyes from their sockets, scalping his whole head from below the region of the eyes, mangling and bruising his whole body in no less than forty-seven different places, in a most fearful manner. Notwithstanding he was used in such a dreadful manner, he rallied and hollowed to his brother John Powell, who was nearly three-quarters of a mile off from the scene. The latter sped to his rescue as fast as possible and carried him to camp, when he received all the care and attention that the isolated circumstances would permit; but

in spite of all efforts, he expired on the morning of the 4th inst., in very severe suffering.

The deceased was a young man, aged 23; a most daring and fearless hunter. He was industrious and of exemplary habits, a quiet and peaceable disposition, dutiful and kind to his mother. He was the son of the late James Powell, so well known in the Missouri persecutions, and Mrs. Jemima Powell, an aged lady, who lives to mourn his loss. His comrades, at his request, ordained him to the priesthood of an Elder, and dedicated him to the Lord, after which he expired, uttering his last words, "Take care of mother."

The funeral services will take place to-morrow at the residence of his brother, John A. Powell, in this town. Respectfully,
ROBERT H. DAVIS.

You can get a very good idea of "natural selection" in its practical workings, by viewing a celery glass after it has been once around the table.

An editor with nine unmarried daughters was recently made justly indignant by the misconstruction his contemporaries put upon his able leader on "The demand for more men."

It is still an open question whether the United States has more religions than patent medicines. The religions are probably the more numerous, but the medicines keep up the finest cemeteries.—Burlington Hawkeye.

An Eastern paper apologizes thus: In place of "Mayor N. was tight last evening beyond a doubt," please read "Mayor N. was right," etc. The compositor that did the mischief has been asked to remove himself.

"Talking about the jaws of death," exclaimed a Fifth Ward man, whom one of our reporters interviewed the other day, who is living with his third scolding wife, "I tell you they are nothing to the 'jaws of life!'"—Syracuse Journal.

"It seems to me," said the customer to his barber, "that in these hard times you ought to lower your prices for shaving." "Can't do it," replied the barber. "Nowadays everybody wears such a long face that we have a great deal more surface to shave over."

A gentleman, being threatened with an infectious fever, said to his little son, who in an affectionate mood wished to embrace him, "You mustn't hug me; you'll catch the fever." Willie, standing back, looked in amazement upon his papa, who, by the way, is a pattern of propriety, and quickly asked, "Why, papa, who did you hug?"

PERSONS wishing any information about land matters should address T. C. Bailey, Land Agent, Salt Lake City, who can generally save settlers the expense of a trip to the Land Office. Information free. Inclose stamp. w 20

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