DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Monday, August 6, 1894.

A CONFERENCE IN SAMOA.

Wonderful Aquatic Powers and Feats of the Islanders.

Two Days' Interesting Meetings—Sketch of Ministerial History—Sports, Feasts and Festivities.

PAGO PAGO HARBOR, SAMOA, May 14, 1894.

On the 27th of April the Saints dwelling upon the island of Tutuila assured their boats and paddled toward Aunuu, as that had been designated as the place for holding conference. Aunuu is a small island about a mile long and less than a mile wide, with a population of less than 200 souls.

Conference would have been held on the 6th of April had it not been that we were expecting a visit from President H. B. Stevens, after conference on Upolu, for which we waited, to find later on that circumstances were such that he could not possibly attend. Towards evening of the above date my companion, Elder J. R. Barton, and myself wended our way to the beach where a coal lay dancing upon the waves, writhing in fear the Saints in this village across the bridge that separates Tutuila from Aunuu. Soon the natives that had assembled were wading and swimming out to the boat, while we were left standing on the shore, for were we have no wharves, and unless one has friends near by upon such an occasion, he probably will be called upon to test his wading powers. On this particular day, however, friends were near, and soon we were being carried to the boat on the backs of two strong natives, necessarily strong, for our mode, dresses and breakfast have increased our weight considerable since we arrived in Samoa. Aunuu where our boat contained our school of about twenty members. We were soon through the narrow opening in the reef of this island, and the natives were keeping time to a native song which all seemed familiar with. This singing was kept up during the whole of the journey, and I was reminded of the song Elder Dean mentions having heard here that was forty miles long, it having been sung during a journey of that length. We were presently nearing the reef that encircles Aunuu and in by reaching the shallow opening the boat crew rested upon their oars until a huge breaker came rolling in, whereupon the command was given to pull for shore. Once through the reef, the natives began jumping and diving into the water near every one, and we were again left alone.

Our strong men had not forgotten their duty, however, and soon we were being carried safely to shore, where we met with Elders H. L. Dimond, A. W. Harris, C. A. Allman and the native. A happy meeting indeed, and to add to our joy Elder Dimond informed us that the mail had just arrived. At the schooner my delight to say one thing more than another, it is the arrival of the mail with good news from home, for as Solomon says, "As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

By the way, in speaking of swimming, these people are almost natural water animals, for it is a rare thing with a native if he does not bathe every day, and at times two or three times during the day. Everyone who has passed the Sandwich Islands or Samoa MS. no doubt gazed with wonder and admiration upon the expert diving performed by boys, who come swimming out to meet the ship, and who delight in taking the depths of the ocean bringing from mine that have been thrown from the deck by passengers. Rarely indeed does one of the sinking coins escape their grasp. And during the ship's short stay in the islands these people from the natives who have gathered trying to sell all the trash, coral trinkets, etc., their stalls contain probably a shilling or a dime dropped by a passenger in exchange for a bunch of tamaiai, removed the kernel, which, and has been swallowed up by the ocean. Suddenly a native darts heading into the depths beneath and a moment later rises to the surface, and a coin within his mouth.

In the late war that raged here, several women, finding themselves among the enemy on the island, and with no means of navigation, and fearing instill of maltreatment if they remained, boldly plunged into the rolling deep and swam to the island of Aunuu, one and one-half miles away. This would be no great feat were it not for the fact that waves are ever rolling high on the ocean sea, which makes swimming a difficult matter. This seems to be wonderful, however, when we are gravely told that, to win a wager, a certain native swam that distance holding his gun above the water with one hand and breasting the waves with the other, arriving safely on the opposite shore, having kept the gun perfectly dry during the mile and a half journey. I use told while on the steamer that native often came on board of vessels that are passing here, and stand about until the vessel was two or three miles from the shore, then suddenly plunging off into the ocean town, the last that was seen of them was their heads occasionally bobbing above the waves as they were on their homeward journey. It is possible that the latter two statements would better be taken with a mile salt, but the former combination we know to be correct.

Sunday morning about 10 a. m. best sixty native had gathered in a large native house, and meeting was called to order by Robert E. Dimond, presiding Elder on Tutuila. During the morning Elder Dimond spoke upon the rise of the Church of Christ and the restoration of the Gospel through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith in these days. At 12 o'clock Elders and Saints, sitting cross-legged upon mats, partook of a native feast, consisting of taro, bread-fruit, yams, fish, cocoanuts and salt beef. Fingers proved good substitutes for knives and forks, and cocoanut leaves for plates, and it was observed that after dinner the mats were shaported for the women to use in preparing food which is to be served in the evening, a meal of a similar nature at night, since there was no meeting of order, washing of dishes, etc., the whole morning set having been occupied in hanging up of baskets of food to all recreation and sport. (For the return to the beach.

Elder Harris spoke during the afternoon upon the subject.

In the evening of the evening sports of various kinds such as fruit-eating baskets, racing, etc., were indulged in, and about thirty prizes awarded to the winning parties. It was noticed that female racers have been much the advantage of the greater sex at home in this particular line of sports, since here they have no dresses as a usual thing to act as fetters and impede their progress; therefore women and girls here are able to attain a speed hardly excelled by the men.

After opening exercises on Sunday morning, the First Presidency and Apostles, R. M. Stevens, president of this mission, Ina Tuiuila Elders, and the names of 16 Hawaiian Sending the Priesthood here, were presented and sustained. Elder Barton then spoke upon the Godhead, and Elder Barton upon the true name of Christ's Church.

After a brief intermission, Sunday school was held, and among other exercises, about fifty questions bearing upon the restoration of the Gospel with the various points, blessings and ordinances, were admirably answered by the children. Here I will say that these Samoan children have wonderful memories, almost surpassing our white children in this particular locality.

In the afternoon the native present bearing the Priesthood were called upon and responded as follows: Lemuia, S. Manua, Vaea Lusie Elasele and Tei, each one making interesting remarks upon the various principles of the Gospel, the persecution the true saints are called upon to endure, etc.

In the evening a testimony meeting was held, and about twenty people arose and bore testimony, quoting passages of scripture sustaining our doctrines, etc. All present seemed to enjoy the gentle influence of the Holy Spirit; indeed this was a characteristic feature of the whole proceedings throughout the two days of conference.

Thus ended the sixth conference in this branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We Elders during conference stayed with S. Manua, who will be remembered by many as having been instrumental in the establishment of this mission, he having been sent here from the Sandwich Islands over thirty years ago. Upon his arrival converts were made and the mission flourished for a short time, but there being no communication with the body of the Church, the almost severed branch began to wither and continued so to do until a few years ago, when through the efforts of Mains communication was again established with the main part of the Church, whereupon Elder Dean and others were sent over here to effect a revival. Re-baptisms and confirmations followed, until at the present time we have a membership of over 400, and the mission seems to be in a prosperous condition.

ORLANDO BARNES.

CHINESE AND JAPS.

The Former Indifferent, the Latter Enthusiastic on the War Topic.

There are quite a number of Chinese in this city, but they evince very little interest in the war between this country and Japan. They evidently are glad that they are on this side of the water, and do not seem to possess much of that national pride which ordinarily makes a man eager to feel that his own country can stand up against all comers. Even when it is suggested that they will wind up the vast armies of Li Hung Chang, now seeking to make their way into China, they merely respond with a curt "maybe." The few Japanese here, however, present entirely different characteristics. They are glad that their country men have opened the ball, and grow enthusiastic over the reports of the naval battles in which several thousand Chinese were supplied as food to fishes. They say they know the Chinese did not have a ghost of a show with the Japanese navy, the principal reason assigned being that the vessels of the latter were better handled, and even if the Japs were given the Chinese boats and their own turned over to the enemy, still the islanders would be victorious. As to the reported battle at Asan and its results, the Japs do not believe the reports. A great more might have been reported, but as to an engagement of a general nature, they are confident that if one occurred, the Chinese would be worsted, even with odds of three or four to one. The Japs say their people are vastly more intelligent, and their soldiers better drilled and equipped than their adversaries. If required, they say, every Japanese in foreign countries would hasten home to take up arms in the present conflict. As it is they are contributing liberally of their means, and forwarding it home to augment the war fund.

AN OUTRAGEOUS ARREST.

An Unoffending Citizen, Roughly Treated, Handcuffed and Hustled to Jail.

Mr. M. D. Kern, the well-known architect, a resident of this city for many years, has, for the past thirty-six hours while nursing the memory of an unpleasant and humiliating experience felt the eyes of an indignant and yet sympathetic public directed at him.

The cause lies in the fact that he was on Saturday night subjected to the most shameful treatment by Patrolman McDonald, a man who is credited with having more serious blunders during his brief service on the police force than all other members put together. His latest act of stupidity is stamped as a crowning effort—a veritable masterpiece and one that is sincerely hoped by Kern and his friends will bring about his permanent retirement from the force.

It happened in this way: About a week ago a thief broke into Parson's stationery store and appropriated a number of valuable tools. The police were notified, and for some time worked hard for a clue. Finally they ascertained that the stolen property had found its way to a baker shop on Second South street, where it was sold by a young man who promised to call for it within a day or two. Patrolman McDonald was designated to keep watch and capture the thief when he came.

Arrangements had been made with the baker to give no cue, which he did about daylight, when the fellow wanted his property into the shop. At the same time Mr. Kern stepped into the street and walked away. He had proceeded but a short distance when McDonald pounced upon him and demanded that he was a prisoner. Kern expostulated and asserted that McDonald's time cost that he was perpetrating a grievous mistake. But McDonald would not listen, and as Kern twisted and writhed he was given a shaking up that he will long remember, and in less time than it has taken to describe it Kern was handcuffed, and with the unwonted dangling from one wrist he was hustled off to jail like a criminal. At the police station some words were in order, and an explanation followed, resulting in the release of the architect.

While this was going on Captain Donovan explored the alleged stolen chest, which gave his name as Woolman and who claimed to have taken the books on lien salary account.

ARMY ENLISTMENT.

The Period is Reduced from Five to Three Years.

Military men generally throughout the United States and those with military inclinations will be interested in the fact that President Cleveland has signed the bill reducing the term of enlistment in the army from five to three years. The bill applies to all enlistments made after August 1 of this year. Previous to twenty-five or thirty years ago three years was the regular term in the army, and under the five-year law as enlisted man with a good record was entitled to a furlough of three months and at the close of the furlough could ask for an honorable discharge.

Officers at General McCook's headquarters in Denver are greatly pleased at the new law and predict that it will prove of great benefit to the army. This law and the amendment recently adopted permitting reenlistments after ten years' service are regarded as steps in the right direction.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

Death of a Pioneer Pioneer—Terrible Accident at Bingham—Bad Boys.

Springville *Independent*: Harvesting has begun in good earnest and it promises to be a good one.

Ed. Grimley, an employee of the Matson machine shops, met with an accident this week that resulted in a badly crushed finger.

A movement is on foot in Coalville to establish a lodge of Knights of Pythias. Quite an interest is being taken and a number have already made arrangements to join the order.

Eastern Utah *Telegraph* (Price, Carbon county): George Graham, William Shaler and George Zimpleman of Dandy Crossing, are in town. The trio are old time prospectors and are on their way to the Uintah gold fields. They expect to find out whether there is any gold or not in the Uintah before returning.

Coalville *Times*: Some of the young boys about town, the city, who seem to be up at all hours of the night, have been indulging in the practice of stretching a rope across the sidewalks and paths just high enough from the ground to trip up pedestrians. This is very dangerous sport, and several persons returning from the show have narrowly escaped being thrown headlong to the ground in this way.

Brigham City *Bugler*, Aug. 4th: S. F. Thompson, of this city, met with a terrible accident Thursday afternoon. He was working on a threshing machine near Corinne. When the threshing was still in motion, Mr. Thompson stepped down from feeding to grease the cylinder. Some way or other his left hand got caught in the cogs below the cylinder. All the fingers were crushed completely off. Only the stump of the thumb was left.

Ora Simons Jr came in from Meeker, Colo., Wednesday, after an absence of several months. He disposed of a number of sheep to a party there before he left, and has since learned that they were among those that were killed near Meeker recently. He made the trip on horseback, and states that while coming through the northwestern part of Colorado he saw enough grazing land for 50,000 head of cattle, which was being overrun by deer and elk, of which he saw at least ten thousand.

Pagosa Globe—A little daughter of Alfred Dowe met with a severe accident the week which came very near resulting fatally. She was on a load of baled hay and one of the wheels of the wagon dropped into a rut as she was attempting to move from one hole to another, which caused her to fall from the wagon. A hay hook, which had been used in handling baled hay, was hanging to a stake on the rack, which caught the child as she fell, penetrating her right side and coming out at a distance of about five inches from where it entered. The wound was a serious one but at this writing she is thought to be out of danger.

Park City *Record*: Owing to the fact that trouble from swelling ground in the Ontario drain tunnel has greatly slowed and allowed the timbermen to catch up their work in fine-time shape, the force at the tunnel was reduced to the extent of eleven men last Thursday. Everything at the tunnel is moving smoothly, the face is in excellent good condition, and Foreman Keeley has everything well in hand, and from now on work will be crowded as fast as the nature of the ground will permit.

One of Parson's old pioneers, Mrs. William Wignall, passed quietly away Thursday morning. She had been quite ill for some time. Deceased was born in Lancaster, England, Nov. 25, 1820, left Liverpool May 25, 1850, landing in Boston the last day of June. On the 25th day of August, the same year, she left Iowa City with a company of the site for Utah. It was one of the pioneer companies which crossed the plains in the early days, and was under the leadership of Edward Martin. After a long and wearisome journey, fraught with many hardships and privations, at one time being caught in a heavy snow blockade, she arrived in Payson on the 3rd day of December, 1850, and has resided here ever since. She leaves a husband, four sons and two daughters to mourn her loss.

Walter, the young son of Reese Williams, was struck in the face last evening (Friday) by one of M. J. Call's well curves and knocked into stable. The boy's face was cut slightly and he was badly frightened. Mr. Call threw one of his tremendous down-shoots while practicing, and Catcher King failed to get hold of it, the ball striking the ground in such a manner that it bounded through the wire netting and struck young Williams, who was trying to get a good view of the twist Mr. Call gave the ball, square in the face. The lad was sent home as soon as he was able to be moved, and it is to wonder accidents are not more numerous the way men and boys crowd around when balls are being tossed and thrown in all directions. It will take several such accidents to teach them that they can see just as well from the grand stand as they can from the home plate.

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9.00 p. m.	10.30 p. m.*

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