

valley, whose inhabitants wish very much to join Plute county. They have to pass through Plute county seat in order to go to Panguitch, the geographical position of the road from Coyoto to Panguitch being that of a somewhat acute angle with the apex in Junction. The distance in a bee line between Coyoto and Panguitch is about twenty-five miles, while by going the triangle they have to travel over fifty miles there being a very steep mountain between the two, passable on horseback only for three or four months in a year, thus greatly enhancing the cost of a trip to the county court or county officers whenever any of the Coyoto people have any business with such. And as Garfield county is ten times the size of Plute county, our southern neighbor ought not to begrudge a few quarter sections out of their large domain.

H. EDUARD DESAULES.

ANOTHER CELEBRATION.

The ninetieth anniversary of the birth of President Woodruff was again celebrated by Sunday school children yesterday, when nearly six thousand assembled in the large Tabernacle, pursuant to the invitation extended by the Deseret Sunday School Union board. The exercises were a repetition of those carried out on the previous Sunday and commenced at 10:30 with the singing of the hymn:

We thank Thee, O God for a Prophet.

Prayer by Elder George Teasdale of the Council of the Apostles.

Elder George Goddard of the General Sunday School Superintendency sang the song, In Our Lovely Deseret, the Sunday schools joining in the chorus. Addressing those assembled, Elder Goddard called for a vote as to how many observed the Word of Wisdom. He said that health, strength and other blessings were predicated upon its observance. Admonished the Sunday school children to respect the aged and to show reverence to President Woodruff. Exhorted all to ask God to bless President Woodruff.

During the services President Woodruff made a few remarks. He said he rejoiced in the privilege of meeting with the Sunday schools in such a capacity. When he met with the schools last Sunday his heart was so touched as to bring to his recollection thoughts of early days and how his prayers to the Lord had been answered. In early days his prayers had been that he might live to receive the principles he had read in the New Testament. God never formulated plans and principles appertaining to the salvation of mankind unless He provided a way to have those principles carried out.

President Woodruff said he felt that the honor, glory and respect heaped upon him by the Latter-day Saints was almost more than mortal man could easily bear, but in all this he was led to rejoice that God had permitted him to live upon the earth to see the advent of so many glorious spirits. The principles and revelations revealed to mankind upon the earth were little known by the world, nor did they know a great deal regarding the work of God and

the labor yet to be accomplished. It would pay the children of the Latter-day Saints to live lives of righteousness and to merit God's blessings continually, that they might be recipients of His blessings to lead and guide them aright.

The speaker's only sorrow was that he had not been able to perform a greater work than he had done. Eighty years ago, when he was ten years of age, he attended Sabbath school, but at that time there were no Apostles or Prophets, such as there were on the earth at the present day. The principles of the Gospel were not understood then, but they were today, and the Priesthood of God had been restored to remain on the earth until the end should come.

President Woodruff knew not how much longer he would be permitted to live upon the earth. All the promises with regard to that had been fulfilled upon his head. It had been promised that he should live to take part in the dedication of the Temple, but further than that he had had no promises to the extent of his earthly career.

President George Q. Cannon expressed his gratification at seeing so many present. The exercises of last Sunday had been repeated owing to several of the schools having been crowded out on the last occasion. They were carried out in commemoration of President Woodruff's ninetieth birthday, and the Sunday school children should remember what they had seen and heard on this occasion, that in after years they might be able to testify to having heard President Wilford Woodruff speak when he was ninety years of age. The speaker exhorted the children to pattern after the example of President Woodruff and to pay attention to the observance of the Word of Wisdom.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder George Reynolds after which the First Presidency of the Church took seats in front of the stand and nearly all present marched past them; the object being to give all the children a chance to have a close view of President Woodruff.

STAR VALLEY STAKE CONFERENCE.

AFTON, Feb. 17, 1897.—The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion convened in Afton meeting house on February 13th and 14th, with good attendance considering the state of the roads.

The reports of the Bishops were good, showing a disposition among the Saints to improve.

Elder Anson V. Call of the Stake presidency gave some excellent instructions on various subjects. Among others he spoke on the evils of round dancing; exhorted all to be willing to take the counsel of the Lord's servants in all things.

Elder Thomas Yeamans gave a short account of his early experience in Nauvoo and his travels with the Church.

Elder McLatche presented to all Sabbath school workers, young and old, the 28th day of February as "Humane Day" to be kept, it being the wish of President George Q. Cannon.

Elder Ole A. Jensen spoke on the capacity of the Priesthood.

Elder Archibald Moffatt bore his testimony.

Elder A. L. Hale spoke on Temple work.

Elder William Alfred gave some good instructions to all.

Elder B. H. Alfred Jr., spoke impressively on the law of tithing.

Last but not least, our worthy president, Elder George Osmond, in a fatherly spirit exhorted all to follow the counsels given from time to time by those who are placed over us in the Priesthood. He fully endorsed what had been said by Elder Anson V. Call on round dancing; admonished us on some of our follies, but in such a kindly manner that no one could feel offended, but would be encouraged to form resolutions, right there to do better in the future.

King Legrippe in his rounds has not forgotten Star valley; neither is he a respecter of persons, for he has visited every household but with fatal results only in one instance, the infant son of Brother Thomas Roberts, who died about four weeks since.

The infant daughter of Brother Edward Davis was buried yesterday, cause of death convulsions.

Brother Harvey Alfred is called on a mission to the Indian Territory. He starts on the 11th of March.

The weather is very cold here. Snow is quite deep.

W. H. KENNINGTON,
Stake Clerk.

SNOWFLAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake was held in the town of Snowflake, Arizona, Feb. 28 and March 1, 1897.

Pleasant weather, and the kind brotherly feeling of the Saints there assembled, with the general expressions of prosperity, all combined to make the occasion an enjoyable one.

The president of the Stake, Elder Jesse N. Smith being absent at the Territorial legislature, the duty of president at the conference devolved upon his Counselors, Elders L. H. Hatch and J. H. Richards, both of whom were present and gave much valuable and encouraging instruction. There was a very liberal turn-out of the Saints of the Stake, besides quite a number from the adjoining Stake of St. Johns. There were held three meetings of the regular conference, besides the usual Priesthood meeting, of Sunday evening. The speakers and hearers all appeared to be filled with the good Spirit and with a desire to improve in the requirements of the Gospel.

The General and local authorities were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.

The Y. M. M. I. A. held its conference on Saturday the 27th of February, and the Snowflake Sunday school occupied the forenoon of Sunday the 28th.

L. M. SAVAGE,
Clerk of Conference.

CANEA, March 8.—Turkish officials are allowing Mussulmans to desecrate the cemeteries and monasteries. Coffins are being forced open, the remains being thrown into the fields, the object being to steal valuables buried with the dead.