

Lewisville where Presidents George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith gave some good fatherly counsel and advice to the Latter-day Saints.

Yours, WM. F. SMITH.

NEVADA IN THE SOUTHWEST.

MOAPA, Nevada, April 4, 1894.—Will you be so kind as to give space in your paper for a few lines? I hope it may be of interest to some who have no homes.

We have a fine country here, plenty of good land and water and a good climate; it is situated in the southern part of Lincoln county, Nevada, and is known as the Muddy valley. It is a fine farming country. We can raise almost anything in the shape of vegetables, fruit of all kinds, hay and grain in abundance—in fact almost everything we plant yields well.

The valley is not very thickly settled, but the people are all united in their labors as well as in their enjoyments. There is room yet for at least fifteen hundred families to make them a good and comfortable home. We have a fine range for loose stock; the country is covered with grass and with cows and all kinds of stock keep fat the year around. There is some vacant land yet, and plenty of it to be bought at a very reasonable figure. The people as a majority are living up to their religion and all try to enjoy themselves.

Yours respectfully,
J. E. STOKES.

UTAH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Utah Stake of Zion was held in Provo on Saturday and Sunday. Of the general authorities of the Church there were present Elders F. M. Lyman, John Henry Smith and Abraham H. Cannon of the quorum of Twelve Apostles. During the Sunday services the Stake tabernacle was well filled.

On Saturday a number of encouraging reports were made by ward Bishops. Elders Hatch and Layton, presidents of the Wasatch and St. Joseph Stakes of Zion respectively, spoke briefly, the home industry theme taking precedence in their remarks. Elder David John, of the Utah Stake presidency, reflected the spirit of the general Conference of the Church in regard to secret societies.

Elder F. M. Lyman was the last speaker of the day. He urged upon the Saints the necessity of making greater efforts in the line of establishing and maintaining home industries. The financial situation was also touched upon, the credit system being condemned; creditors were urged to be lenient with their brethren.

On Sunday morning the general and stake authorities of the Church were sustained. Elder V. L. Hailiday was sustained as a member of the Stake High Council, vice William D. Robinson, who has been appointed to labor as Bishop of the American Fork ward.

Elder John Henry Smith spoke to the Saints on the great plan of salvation of mankind, and encouraged the Saints to labor diligently for the upbuilding of Zion.

Elder Edward Partridge, of the Stake presidency, spoke briefly on the duties devolving on Latter-day Saints.

Elder F. M. Lyman supplemented his remarks of the day previous on

home industries, and referred to the teachings of President Young in connection therewith. In the Gospel of Christ was a solution to the social and labor problems before the world today, and they would yet have to be solved by this people.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon addressed the Saints on Sunday afternoon. Reference was made to the recent object lesson to the Territory, i. e., the commonweal or industrial army. Had the Latter-day observed the instructions of God, there would not now be poor and unemployed in our midst. The leaders of Zion, the speaker urged, had not been alive to their duties. It was not only the duty of those in authority in Zion to attend meetings and look after the spiritual welfare of the people, but also to see that their temporal wants were complied with; men and women who were cold and hungry could not worship God as they should do. Industrial and financial mistakes were pointed out in the uncultivated fields and orchards, unused and rusting machinery, and the non-support of home manufactories. Education was also referred to. The support of the B. Y. academy and other Church schools was also urged, that eventually, instead of our boys and girls going East to school, those from the East would come here. Practical education—education of hand as well as brain—was advocated. As a means of progress, a healthy discontent, a desire to be something better and greater—was advocated. In conclusion the speaker added a few words on the rapidly growing divorce evil. Husbands and wives were urged to be forgiving with each other, not allow differences to arise between them, and remember the marriage vows they had made.

The closing remarks of the conference were made by Elder A. O. Smoot, of the Stake presidency. He endorsed the remarks made, especially those in relation to home industry. He encouraged the towns of Payson and American Fork to build boweries, that the two next Stake conferences might be held there. The resumption of the payment of 50 cents per month by each of the brethren, and 25 cents by each of the sisters, for the liquidating of the Stake Tabernacle indebtedness, was urged.

PLEASANT GROVE ITEMS.

PLEASANT GROVE, April 15, 1894.—Artemus Holman made an assault upon Watermaster David F. West yesterday with a shovel, striking him upon the head, and cutting an ugly gash. Dr. Ailen, of Provo, was telephoned for, and upon his arrival sewed up the wound and the patient is progressing favorably. West was in the act of turning the stream from Holman's land when the assault was made. West claims that Holman made the first attack, while Holman says West pulled a gun on him. Prosecuting Attorney Gash has made out papers for Holman's arrest. The case will doubtless come up tomorrow; the charge reads "with intent to kill."

George Aldridge had one of his large toes amputated here last week; the member had troubled him for some time.

James T. Thorpe, of Thorne Bros. &

Co., has gone to Kansas city for the purpose of hunting up a market for Utah produce.

"Suckers" have begun to make for the mountains and many are catching the brain food. Provo river is alive with the finny tribe.

D. H. Robison, principal of district schools, is continuing his grade without compensation, while other departments have closed. This act on the part of the principal is a generous one and will surely meet the approval of his patrons.

The grangers are becoming worried over their field crops—too dry.

Wadley & Co. are forging ahead with their onyx mine, getting out rock for an eastern order.

The Union Pacific station was burglarized a few nights ago. A few tickets were extracted, which would be of no use to the thief.

Many attending the quarterly conference being held at Provo have gone by the primitive mode, viz: horse teams and vehicles.

Don C. Driggs, who has been here visiting relatives, left for his home in Teton basin, Idaho, Friday. Mrs. Leland M. Driggs accompanied him. She will join her husband in the north, where they will make their future home.

MR. NEELS' DEATH.

The death, in New York, on Thursday night, of Mr. John N. Neels, removes from this stage of existence one of the staunch friends of Utah's people. Mr. Neels has been ill for some months, and it was found necessary a short time ago for him to undergo a surgical operation for abdominal abscess. He rallied, and seemed to be on the way to recovery, as was stated in the NEWS at the time. The information of his death, conveyed in a brief telegram to Mr. S. P. Feasdel, of this city, was therefore unexpected. No particulars are given.

Mr. Neel has made frequent business visits to this city during the past thirty years, and has made many warm friends who regret his departure. He was a man of superior qualities, and his loss a great bereavement to his wife and associates.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

LAMBOURNE.—In this city, April 11, 1894, of old age, Diana Lambourne, in her 83th year.

DYKES.—In this city, April 10, of Bright's disease, George O. Dykes, aged 19 years.

SILVER.—In this city on Sunday, April 15, 1894, Sarah Silver, wife of Joseph Silver, aged 48 years.

SPENCER.—In Randolph, Utah, on the morning of April 5, 1894, of consumption, Flora H. Spencer, aged 11 years, 4 months and 21 days. She was the daughter of William and Celia Spencer.

MC EWAN.—At his residence in the Twenty-second ward, Salt Lake City, at 5 o'clock a. m., April 16th, 1894, of injuries received in an accident the preceding day, Henry McEwan. Born July 4th, 1830, in Edinburgh, Scotland. Territorial papers, please copy.

WHITTLE.—At Salt Lake City, April 15, 1894, Job Whittle, formerly of the Pendlebury branch of the Manchester conference, England, from injuries received by the falling of a hay pole, April 5, 1894; aged 19 years and 1 day. *Milennial Star*, please copy.