

men. The Sabbath schools are a success as a rule.

Elder Daniel Thompson, who had been engaged in assisting to frame the State Constitution, spoke interestingly of his experience in the Constitutional Convention. He also spoke against the evils of strong drink.

Elder F. M. Lyman said when men speak or pray in public they should do so to be heard. Spoke upon the Word of Wisdom, and referred to the second trial in the Church before the High Council where the Word of Wisdom was involved when the Prophet Joseph decided that no man should officiate in the Priesthood who was breaking the Word of Wisdom. President Brigham Young had emphasized the Word of Wisdom as a commandment of God binding upon all the Latter-day Saints.

In the afternoon meeting Elder F. R. Stevens was the first speaker; he felt that he would be willing to labor in any capacity in the Church at home or abroad, and exhorted the Saints to faithfulness.

Elder C. Anderson spoke upon the necessity of Church discipline and reformation that this Church may be as a light to the world, etc.

Elder F. M. Lyman said that our faith is not strong enough to control the elements or to banish death. We are subject to disease, notwithstanding we may be honest and do a great many good things. When laws of nature have been broken corresponding results follow. We are subject to these laws and we cannot defy them. We cannot afford to idle away our time or make bad use of it. Read good books and gain useful knowledge. It is proper to mourn for our dead, but it is wrong to say the Lord killed them; sickness and death are results of broken laws. Church discipline is necessary to keep the Church pure.

At the Monday morning services the general and local authorities were presented by Elder C. Anderson, and they were all unanimously sustained, after which Elder Lyman again occupied the pulpit. He said he did not want to talk politics, but wanted to say something about our coming Statehood. We have sought Statehood six different times, and been denied as often, and never before have Congress and the President of the United States condescended to give us an enabling act. The people who have been looked upon as being out of harmony with the government have changed their position, and are now looked upon as reformed. There are no marriages allowed in the Church now contrary to the laws of the land. The great majority of the people have never accepted of plural marriage as part of their faith, and it has been a very small percent of the members of the Church that ever practiced that principle. There are many members of the Church that never believed nor practiced all the principles of the Gospel. Delegates have met and brought forth a Constitution for our future State, and although it is not perfect, it is perhaps superior to some other constitutions. The speaker was and always had been, in favor of statehood, not alone for Utah, but for every territory as fast as they were strong enough to bear the expenses. Liberty is worth paying for. The government has been generous to the

new State in land grants, etc., that will help much in carrying the burdens; and then we will have equal suffrage, which we all ought to favor from a principle of justice, that there shall be no taxation without representation. Women need not fear that they will be compelled to hold office, for there will always be enough greedy men that will want all the offices in the country. Wyoming took the lead in equal suffrage and will always be renowned for that.

After the opening services Monday afternoon the Stake presidency again briefly addressed the congregation, after which Elder Lyman occupied the balance of the time, and spoke about beautifying the surroundings of meeting houses and other public buildings, and the proper care of such things. The Bishops should lead out and do more than anybody else in the ward. The Stake authorities and representatives of the different organizations should attend conference, and carry home the spirit of it. Spoke in favor of the Millard reservoir and canal project, and sought earnestly to impress upon his hearers the importance of that scheme of bringing the water of the Sevier river upon the thousands of acres of thirsty land in this large county. We want to be patriotic, even unto death if necessary, in the defense of our government. A short synopsis cannot begin to do justice to this interesting discourse.

The services were interspersed with reports from the Bishops of the different wards, which were in the main very good. The singing by the Deseret choir was most excellent. Everything was lovely except the wind, which blew a hurricane both days, ending with rain, snow and hail.

C. ANDERSON, Stake Clerk.

TROPIC'S NATAL DAY.

The 23rd day of May has been set apart by the citizens of Tropic as a local holiday, which will be designated its natal day; being the anniversary of the day on which the water of the east fork of the Sevier found its way through the Tropic and East Fork canal, about nine miles in length, and down a precipitous descent of several hundred feet, known locally as "The Dump," and on to the Tropic valley, quenching the thirst of the parched soil, rendering it productive under the touch of the husbandman.

During the forenoon of the above date the citizens engaged in laying the foundation of a public building to be used for religious, educational and social purposes. Presidents Jesse W. Crosby, Mahonri M. Steele and David Cameron were over from Panguitch and took active part in the labors of the day. Immediately after the work was completed, a meeting was held upon the ground and the grounds and foundation dedicated, Elder Crosby pronouncing the dedicatory prayer. It was intended by the Stake authorities to select a bishopric for the new ward at this meeting, but a rain storm came upon us and the meeting was suddenly adjourned until 2 p. m.

At the hour appointed the people reconvened at a temporary meeting house, and voting was proceeded with,

resulting in Elders Andrew J. Hansen, William J. Jolley Jr. and Hyrum H. Hilton being unanimously sustained as Bishop and counselors respectively. At the conclusion of these exercises, the meeting was changed from religious to social and an interesting program, consisting of speeches, a historical sketch of Tropic, dialogues, recitations, songs, instrumental music, etc., was creditably rendered.

A ball was given in the evening which was interspersed with songs, etc., and refreshments were served by the ladies, who are never in the rear in matters religious or social; the exercises terminating about 2 o'clock next morning. The general verdict is that a very enjoyable time was had and satisfaction expressed with the choice of our local authorities.

The water supply is abundant, crops and range looking fine and prospects flattering for an abundant harvest.

We are still growing in numbers, this place being prolific to a marked degree in "Utah's best crop," and people are moving in from other parts.

Predictions are freely uttered that Tropic is to become one of the leading settlements of the southern part of the Territory.

Many improvements are being made, houses erected and energy and thrift are manifest on every hand; an astonishing amount of labor having been accomplished during the last three years, and the future promises as great a change as the past has wrought.

JOSEPH HILTON.

TROPIC, Garfield County, Utah,
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YOUNG LADIES' MEETING.

Minutes of the conference of the Y. L. M. I. Association of the Salt Lake Stake held Tuesday, June 4, in the assembly hall.

Meeting opened at 2 p. m. by singing, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Prayer was offered by President Mary A. Freeze. Singing, "Come Let Us Anew." Minutes of previous conference read and approved. The roll of associations was called showing representatives from twenty-eight associations.

Sister Sarah M. Hilton, missionary returned from the Samoan Islands, related some of her experiences on those islands and bore a strong testimony to the goodness of God.

President Elmira S. Taylor, of the Territorial organization said it afforded her great joy to be present; she knew there were many detained in their business who could not be with us whose hearts were here. It was wrong, however, that every association was not represented. If the president was unable to attend, she should have seen to it that one of the other officers or at least a representative did so to carry the instructions to the association. She advised those present, the first time they have an opportunity to bear their testimony to do so, and also testify that a representative should be sent to the conference. The last conference she attended in Utah Stake every association but one was reported. She was pleased to hear Sister Hilton; had she not had the Spirit of God she could not have borne the trials she has done. When we are living humble