

made to unduly flatter the ladies who are the subjects of the disquisition nor to lessen their claims to beauty.

But the alleged portraits of these attractive ladies are strangely at discord with the descriptive matter. They are not only miserable caricatures of the originals, but some of them are positively forbidding in appearance. In most of them there is scarcely any resemblance to the living realities, and in the cases where they are badly printed they are positively libellous.

What the feelings of these ladies must be on beholding their supposed portraits with their names accompanying, we can easily imagine but would not like to put into words. While we question the good taste of these personalities and singling out these undoubted beauties as "the prettiest of all Mormon girls," and consider the statement open to debate, we have no hesitation in condemning the hideous burlesques on art which are printed as their portraits.

The article is a syndicate production, that is, it is written for a company that supplies it ready for printing, cuts and all, to a number of papers in different parts of the country, and therefore it receives a wide circulation. It will not serve to establish any great reputation for the beauty of "Mormon" ladies, if these botches are taken for the prettiest among them all, and we do not think any of them, even if possessed of no more than an ordinary share of vanity, will be greatly elated at having their names banded about in association with faces so unlike their own.

And seeing that there are so many more of our mountain beauties who receive no mention, and who are just as lovely as those who are described. It is not very likely that the author of the article will increase his popularity among the fair sex of Utah. We think the whole business is in bad form.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Death of Issac James.

Issac James, a colored man, who came to Utah in the company which followed the Pioneers in 1847, died on the 20th inst. at his residence in this city. The cause of death was general debility superinduced by old age, he being in his seventy-fourth year.

"Brother Isaac," as he was familiarly called, will be well and kindly remembered by the old settlers of Utah.

Death of Father John B. Lewis.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning (November 19), Father John B. Lewis, of the Twentieth ward, died suddenly at his residence. The veteran was outside the house at the time he collapsed. He fell to the ground and expired almost instantly. The cause was old age, there being no organic disease. The physical machinery was simply worn out and suspended operations. The deceased was 95 years of age on the 4th day of last April. He was a native of England, and by trade a carpenter and shipbuilder. He became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the 22nd of April, 1849, and has been faithful to his religion. He was an

honest, upright man in all the relations of life. Father Lewis enjoyed the distinction during the last few years—since the death of Father Merrill—of being the oldest man in Salt Lake City.

Fatal Shooting.

A correspondent of the DESERET NEWS writes from Vernon, Tooele County, under date of the 16th inst. He says:

"Quite a gloom was cast over our settlement this morning by the accidental shooting of Charles Jorgensen, aged 18 or 19 years. Jorgensen and a young man named Paddock were tracking deer when the latter's gun was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the nose, killing Jorgensen instantly. Information of the sad fatality was brought here at 8 o'clock last night. The father of the deceased was seven miles distant and was immediately apprised of his son's death. The body was brought home—the shooting having occurred twenty-five miles from here—and an inquest held. Paddock was exonerated."

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

The Mississippi Conference.

This conference was to have been held in Covington Co., near Williamsburg, on the 7th and 8th of November, that being a new field of labor and the prospects here very encouraging, but as mob violence was threatened, and as we realized that our mission is a mission of peace, it was afterwards decided to hold the meetings at the home of Brother J. J. Tucker, of Pleasant Hill, Jasper Co., Miss. Of the Priesthood there were present J. G. Kimball of the Southern States mission, William H. Pettigrew of the Mississippi conference, Elders Brigham M. Johnson, Julius A. Farley, Thomas H. Gardner, Daniel Moss and Pontbius H. Barlow.

At the opening meeting the Elders confined their remarks almost entirely to the first principles of the Gospel, each speaker handling the subject in an intelligent manner. The Spirit of God was with us, and much good counsel was given by President Kimball, who expressed his satisfaction with the diligent labors of Elder Pettigrew and his faithful companions. Their labors during the year have been in entirely new fields. There have been sixty-three meetings held, eight baptisms and many friendships have been formed. A fair prospect now lies before the Elders of the Missouri Conference.

I. H. BARLOW,
Secretary of Conference.

PLEASANT HILL, Nov. 9th, 1891.

Sanpete Stake Conference.

The conference of the Sanpete Stake convened at Moroni on the 14th inst., at 10 a. m.; President Canute Peterson presiding. There were present, of the general authorities of the Church, Joseph F. Smith of the First Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund; Jacob Gates of the Presidency of the Seventies; President Paxman of the Juah Stake, Elder Edward Stevenson and other visiting brethren; President Peterson and Counselors of this Stake, members of the High Coun-

cil, Bishops of the wards, etc., and a good attendance of the Saints. Five meetings were held.

President Peterson made the opening remarks, and reported the condition of the Stake. The speakers during conference were in the following orders, President Jacob Gates, Elder C. H. Wheelock, Apostles F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund, President Joseph F. Smith, President Paxman of Juah, Elder Edward Stevenson, President H. Beal, President Malben, President Joseph F. Smith, Apostle Lyman, President Smith, and Apostle A. H. Lund.

Statistical and Sunday school reports were read. The general and Stake authorities were presented and sustained unanimously.

Much good and timely instruction was given during conference, and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit was enjoyed both by speakers and hearers. Conference adjourned to meet in Ephraim on the 18th of February, 1892.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

A New Ward Organized.

The Center ward of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was organized on Sunday, November 22nd, 1891, with the following named brethren as the Bishopric thereof: Albert W. Davis, Bishop; Daniel P. Callister, First Counselor; Wm. E. Langford, Second Counselor.

The brethren were unanimously sustained to act in these positions, and were ordained and set apart to labor in their respective callings under the hands of President Joseph F. Smith, of the First Presidency, and Angus M. Cannon and Charles W. Penrose, of the Presidency of the Stake.

The ward is formed of part of Brighton and North Point wards and bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point on the west bank of the Jordan river on the north side of South Temple street, running thence west about three miles to the west line of township, running thence north about two and one-half miles, to a point directly west of the center of what is known as the "Lane," thence east along said lane about three miles to west bank of Jordan river, thence south along said river to point of beginning.

The new school house recently erected by Brother Albert W. Davis, at his own expense, will be used as a meeting house until a more commodious building is erected by the ward.

President Joseph F. Smith, Angus M. Cannon and Charles W. Penrose gave some timely instructions on ward government, and the building was dedicated by President Joseph F. Smith.

DENVER, Nov. 24.—From a letter received from the game warden at Neeker, Colo., it is evident that the reports of killing deer by Indians, instead of being exaggerated, are short of the truth. He says that a very conservative estimate of the number killed would be from 4000 to 6000 deer, which the Utes slaughtered this fall. At the present rate of killing, there will not be any deer left in stock in the National Park within three years from now.