

ing order, and the number of pupils was increasing.

Elders Frank Hinckley and Willard Johnson, Sunday school home missionaries, briefly addressed themselves as being desirous of doing all the good they could in the interest of the Sunday schools. Elders Hinckley and Johnson are graduates of the Normal Sunday school training classes of Provo academy.

Elder J. M. Whitaker explained what the Sunday school normal courses given at Provo were intended for, and urged upon parents and teachers to set children a good example.

Elder T. C. Griggs advised parents to question their children on the lessons given them at Sunday school, and gave other counsel.

One of the principal features of the evening sessions was the music rendered by the brass band. Under the able leadership of Prof. F. S. Bramwell this band has attained a high degree of proficiency. Their rendition of selections from Verdi and other masters was a musical feast that will be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of hearing them.

Sunday Aug. 5th, 10 a. m. Twenty-six Sunday schools were represented. Elder James Kinghorn was the first speaker. He related his experience while on his mission to the Friendly Islands, from which he had lately returned.

Elder J. M. Whitaker next addressed the conference, confining his remarks principally to the younger members of the congregation.

Elder T. C. Griggs spoke upon the necessity of prayer and made some remarks to the Sunday school missionaries.

Immediately after the close of the forenoon meeting there was convened a meeting of superintendents and teachers and others interested in the Sunday schools, at which a large number of workers were present. At this meeting much valuable instruction was given by our visiting brethren. A number of questions, relating to the management of our Sunday schools, were propounded by the Sunday school workers of this Stake, all of which were satisfactorily answered by Elders Griggs and Whitaker. The establishment of a normal training course, in connection with the Stake academy, was discussed and partially effected.

At 2 p. m. the Sunday school authorities were presented and unanimously sustained as follows:

All the general Sunday school authorities as sustained at our last general conference held at Salt Lake City, April 8th, 1894. Wm. J. Young, superintendent Bannock Stake; J. B. Mason first and F. S. Bramwell second assistants; A. W. Beach and Albert Taylor assistants to the superintendency. The following brethren were sustained as Sunday school home missionaries: W. H. Crandell, Charles Crabtree, H. L. Hanson, Emund Brown, Frank Jardine, Henry Boyce, W. H. Wilson, Enos Hannan, Willard Johnson, John Watts, Frank Hinckley, James Ricks, P. P. Pratt, Jessy M. Baker, Wm. Carbine, Thomas Workman, Adrin Wilcox, Alma Green, R. L. Bybee, John C. Rushton. Elder Frank Hinckley, who had been called to labor as a Sunday school missionary, tendered his resignation as secretary of the Bannock Stake Sunday schools. It was accepted and a vote of thanks ten-

dered him for his past services. A. L. Blackburn was then sustained as secretary and treasurer.

Elder Albert Taylor addressed the conference for a short time on the law of tithing.

Presidents T. E. Ricks and W. F. Rigby both addressed the conference. Their remarks were replete with much valuable counsel and instruction.

Elder J. M. Whitaker addressed the conference on the subject of the word of wisdom.

Superintendent W. J. Young thanked our visiting brethren, the brass band, the organist, the singers, and all who had assisted to make this conference so pleasant and instructive.

At the close of this meeting a short meeting was held at which the Provo normal students and home missionaries were present. Much valuable instruction was given by Elders Griggs and Whitaker, impressing upon the brethren present the necessity of having those virtues within themselves that they would inculcate in others.

Thus closed one of the best and most instructive conferences that has ever been held in the Bannock Stake of Zion.

A. L. BLACKBURN,
Secretary.

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC.

People on the other side of the Atlantic are taking a lively interest in the Pacific railroad bill, as may be seen from the subjoined extract from the London *Truth* of August 16th. This interest probably arises from the fact that a large proportion, said to be 75 per cent, of Central Pacific stock is held in London and Amsterdam. The article in *Truth* is headed "The Central Pacific: a Voice from Utah," and attention is called to it by the correspondent "T," whose communication on the subject appeared in yesterday's *News*, but whose signature was unintentionally omitted. It says:

Those of my readers who have not read the disclosures of the *New York World* on the milking of the Central Pacific by Mr. C. P. Huntington and his confederates (reprinted in the *Financial News* of last Tuesday) will do well to give their attention to this chapter of American railroad history, especially if they are holders of Central Pacifics. I have also received the following communication from Salt Lake City, Utah:

The proprietor of a gambling den, one of about fifty, in a small far Western mining camp, was once accosted by a tourist of a statistical turn of mind with the question, How so many men in his business could make a living in that small place? "Why, look'ee here, young feller," explained the dealer of the red and white chips which pass in the night, "don't you ever forget it. There is a sucker born every minute somewhere. That's why we live." I am reminded of this little humor by reading in *Truth* that Mr. Collis P. Huntington wants a committee of English shareholders to come over here and be shown around by him. We have in the far West a game like that the police call a "confidence" game, and the man making the proposition is termed a "buncosteerer." In *Truth* of April 26th you published some lines from me on the Central Pacific. I would now suggest that, if a committee of English shareholders visit this country, they should place themselves in communication with

the chambers of commerce in San Francisco and in Salt Lake. And even if no committee comes, I am satisfied that both of these bodies will be pleased to do anything in their power by correspondence, and they could perhaps make valuable suggestions.

I do not think, after recent comments in the press that this particular plonic on the Pacific Coast will come off, but Messrs. W. Morshead and F. J. Longton, who have of late been acting for their fellow shareholders, will do well to bear in mind my correspondent's suggestion to place themselves in communication with the chambers of commerce in San Francisco and Salt Lake City. By the way, I read in the *Examiner* of San Francisco, under date July 21, that "the sensation in local railroad circles is the discussion of what was considered a plan devised by the Southern Pacific to skim off the cream of the freight business for the Sunset route, in which Huntington, Crocker and others are interested, to the exclusion of the Central Pacific line." This is strange reading in the light of Mr. C. P. Huntington's professions to the English stockholders as communicated through Mr. Bretherton. Fortunately all the Central Pacific stockholders are not "suckers."

HETTIE SMITH PENTZ.

QUINCY, Pa., Aug. 15, 1894.

The many friends and relatives in Zion of Sister Hettie Smith Pentz will be pained at the sad news of her death which occurred August 12, 1894, the dreaded disease of consumption having laid its heavy hand upon her. Sister Pentz was born May 11, 1838; was baptized about 35 years ago by President Angus M. Cannon. Since that time she has always had an interest in the latter-day work. She was a member of the Quincy branch of the Church. When the Elders were traveling in this vicinity Sister Pentz did her utmost to make them comfortable and happy. During the last week of her illness we were present assisting the family in caring for the sick.

The funeral services were held at the Dunkard church. According to the desire of the family Rev. Oaler of that faith did the preaching. Sister Pentz understood the difference between the Gospel that is "the power of God unto salvation" and the doctrines that flood the world today and was not faint-hearted in expressing her views. One of the promises Jesus made was that those that administered to the least of His servants should in no wise lose his reward. The Elders that have traveled in this vicinity know this blessing is due our sister.

The night of the 14th, while the deceased lay a corpse, the 15-months' old child of her daughter, Mrs. Miller, suddenly died, having been taken with spasms which added greatly to the grief of the stricken family.

Our prayer is that the companion in life and children of Sister Pentz who have been so kind to us may in the future understand the Gospel as it was understood by her.

WILFORD REEDER,
CHARLES MORRIS,

Traveling Elders in the Pennsylvania Conference.