

ruff, and the action of the conference in approving the same, is heartily endorsed by the people throughout this section.

There was not a single vote cast hereabout at the recent election in opposition to Hon. John T. Caine for Delegate to Congress, all believing that he is the right man for the place.

Mons Petersen's store at Moab, Grand County, was broken into and robbed on the night of October 20th. No clue to the robbers. About the same time nine bucks were stolen from Hyde Bro's. buck herd at Monticello, from the field where they were being pastured. One of the brothers and a Mexican traced them for forty miles in the direction of Cortez, some eighty miles over the line into Colorado. They were driven by two men on small pony horses for the first few miles. After that they changed to large, well shod horses, and struck out directly across the country without reference to so much as an Indian trail to guide them. It is a very rough, broken country over which the men took the sheep, which in some places were passed down rocky cliffs by hand. This is one of the most notorious places in all the rocky mountains for horse thieves, cattle thieves, train robbers and bank robbers; and now sheep stealing has commenced. One cause of this section being such a rendezvous for this class of men is, I presume, its remoteness from railroad and telegraph communication. Probably if our United States Marshal would locate a couple of officers permanently in this region—say one at the Blue Mountains and the other at the La Salle Mountains—it would tend more to the safety of life and property.

In my travels about the country I notice that wherever the Bishops and people are in the habit of reading the DESERET NEWS they are kept fully abreast of the times. May the NEWS continue its course of usefulness in my earnest wish.

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## STAKE CONFERENCES.

### EMERY.

The quarterly conference of Emery Stake convened at Orangeville, on Sunday morning, November 9th. On the stand the Priesthood of the Stake was well represented, as was also every ward. Favorable reports were given of the different wards, showing that the Saints as a whole are striving earnestly to advance in everything good. The crops are better than before. The district schools are in excellent running order and the Church schools receive considerable attention.

At the afternoon meeting on the first day President George Q. Cannon was present, accompanied by Elders John Morgan and Andrew Jensen. Brother Cannon gave some valuable counsel and his remarks were listened to with rapt attention. He referred to the manifesto recently adopted by the Church; admonished

the Saints to respect the Word of Wisdom, and urged them to patronize liberally the Church schools.

Elder John Morgan advocated earnestly the education of the young, as they are the hope of Zion. He counseled the people to be fully obedient to the Word of Wisdom, for the promises of God would be verified to all who kept them, and their faith and power would increase.

Elder Andrew Jensen also gave an interesting address.

The tabernacle was filled during all the meetings, and the Orangeville choir, under the leadership of Alma G. Jenks, rendered good service.

On Sunday evening a Priesthood meeting was held, and timely counsel given by the visiting brethren. The ladies met in the schoolhouse and discussed the suffrage question.

O. J. ANDERSON, Stake Clerk.

### BANNOCK.

The quarterly conference of the Bannock Stake of Zion convened in the First Ward, Rexburg, on Sunday and Monday, November 16 and 17. Among those present were Professor K. G. Maeser, Stake President Ricks, the Bishops of wards and other leading brethren.

On Sunday morning conference was called to order by President Ricks, who congratulated the Saints upon being privileged to meet again in that capacity.

Elder Lorenzo Thomas, who has just returned from a three years' mission to England, gave an account of his labors, as also did Elder John T. Smellie, who has been to New Zealand for three years. Both enjoyed their missions and have seen the power of God made manifest in various ways.

The Bishops gave favorable reports of their wards.

Professor Maeser occupied the afternoon in showing to the Saints the responsibility of the stewardship which God had given unto them over their children and explaining how to avoid failure in training the rising generation. A good example, he said, was the best educator. Our whole school system should be conducted upon the basis of prayer and the guidance of God. He deprecated the evil of exposing our children to the influence of teachers not of our faith.

On Monday morning President Ricks presented the authorities of the Church and Stake, and they were sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder F. S. Bramwell spoke encouragingly concerning the musical attainments of the Stake. A band of twenty-two boys has just been organized here.

In the afternoon Professor Maeser spoke at length upon the missions of the Saints and their connection with past and future probations. He gave much useful instruction.

The High Council and some other brethren were called to labor as home missionaries in the Stake during the next six months.

The choir sang the closing hymn, and benediction was pronounced by Professor Maeser.

JAS. GILLESPIE,

Stake Recorder.

### SAN LUIS.

The quarterly conference of the San Luis Stake of Zion was held on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 16th and 17th, in the Stake house at Manassa. There were among those present Apostle F. M. Lyman, the Presidency of the Stake, the Bishops of wards, the local priesthood; also a good attendance of the Saints from all the wards.

The first meeting was occupied by the President of the Stake and the Bishops, who reported respectively on the condition of the people, and their reports showed the Saints to be in a prosperous condition spiritually and temporally.

In the afternoon Counselor Joseph F. Thomas spoke briefly upon the necessity of Latter-day Saints understanding the principles of the Gospel in such a way as to be able to expound them to all the world, both by precept and example. Apostle Lyman addressed the conference upon the Sacrament, the organization of prayer circles, the completion of our stake house, the offering of some propositions which were accepted by the vote of the conference, the powers that pertain to the holy Priesthood, and the powers of good and evil that are abroad in the world.

The morning service of Monday was occupied by a number of Elders, including Apostle Lyman, and they treated upon the subjects of the Word or Wisdom, the fulfillment of ancient prophecy, family government and tithing.

At the afternoon service the general and local authorities of the Church were sustained by unanimous vote of the conference.

Elder B. H. Roberts had arrived, and occupied the afternoon speaking upon the similarity of the origin of Christianity in the days of Christ and His Apostles and the restoration of the Gospel in our day.

Conference was adjourned for three months.

A. R. SMITH, Stake Clerk.

### SANPETE.

The quarterly conference of the Sanpete Stake commenced at 10 a.m. on the 15th inst., in the Tabernacle at Moroni, President Canute Peterson presiding. There were present of the general authorities of the Church, Apostles Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards and A. H. Lund; President Canute Peterson and Counselors of this Stake; Presidents Paxman and Sperry of Juab Stake; members of the High Council, the Bishops of fourteen wards, and quite a large congregation of Saints, principally belonging to the wards in the northern part of the Stake. After the opening exercises, President Peterson made some opening remarks, congratulating the Saints upon their favorable surroundings, and speaking of the blessings to be obtained by meeting in conference.

The following reported their wards as being financially prosperous and improving spiritually: Bishops John Bartholomew of Fayette, John E. Reese of Wales, J. W. Irons of