

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS,
ELDERS AND SAINTS.

The Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be opened at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday, the 5th day of October, 1883, in the Large Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

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First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 21,

United.—Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice of the marriage of Mr. Charles Layton, son of President C. Layton, and Miss M. A. McMaster, daughter of Brother W. A. McMaster. A pleasant reception was held at the residence of the parents of the bride last evening, there being between 60 and 70 guests. We wish the worthy couple the usual compliments.

At the Fair.—Among the many features of interest at the Primary Fair this afternoon, was the performance upon the organ of a piece of music composed by Miss Orlie Childs, of the 13th Ward. The youthful composer, who played her own production in a manner quite skillful and pleasing, is a child of thirteen years. A slight omen of the musical future which our melody-loving community is destined to attain.

Miller and Baker.—If there is a person in this city or adjacent who desires the services of a good baker and miller, they can obtain them by advancing the means to emigrate a man in that line of business and his family from England. The individual referred to would refund the amount expended for his own and family's passages in work. He belongs to an honest family connection, and we do not think there would be any risk in furnishing the necessary funds. Address, for further particulars, George Wager, 19th Ward.

Distressing Accident.—Brother William A. Warnock, of Monroe, Sevier Co., informs us of a very distressing accident that occurred at that place on the 18th inst. Emma Jane, the little daughter of Nephi J. and Sarah Bates, was climbing upon a chair when she accidentally fell backward into a kettle of boiling water that was standing upon the hearth. The poor child was fearfully scalded. She suffered extremely for 46 hours, at the end of which time she expired. Deceased, who was born Jan. 2, 1882, is described as an exceedingly bright and promising child. The parents, who were grief-stricken at the event, had the universal sympathy of the people of the town.

Missionaries Returned.—Yesterday afternoon we had a call from Elder Hyrum H. Evans, who returned from a mission to Great Britain on Monday last. He left here October 11th, 1881. On arriving at Liverpool he was appointed to labor in the London Conference, remaining in that field 18 months, operating with much pleasure and good success, baptizing 29 persons during that time. He was next appointed to preside over the Sheffield Conference, remaining in that position until his release to return.

Brother Evans went on a mission in 1879, but becoming somewhat discouraged, was released at his own desire. After his arrival home he was not satisfied with the step he had taken and made up his mind to return to the field and perform his duty. Consequently he received another call, to which he manfully responded by going abroad and doing a good work, returning with ample reason for being satisfied with his labors, and with the full confidence of his brethren.

We also were called upon by Elder Henry Leyland, who went to Great Britain at the same time, and also returned last Monday. Brother Leyland labored with good success for nine months in the Manchester Conference, in the Ashton and Oldham districts, where he baptized 14 persons. He was then appointed to labor in the Liverpool Conference,

where, under his administration, 19 were added to the Church. He had a pleasant mission.

Died From His Injuries.

The following special was received just as we went to press:

SPRINGVILLE 21, 3 50 p. m.

Frank Crandall, who was crushed by a D. & R. G. train, in Spanish Fork Canyon, a few days ago, while trying to get aboard, died at 3.30 this afternoon, from the effects of his injuries.

AN IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE.

SOMETHING IN WHICH THE CITIZENS ARE INTERESTED.

For some time surveyors have been observed operating near the mouth of City Creek Canyon and along the street on the "north bench," running parallel with the position formerly occupied by the old mud wall. Stakes have been driven along the locality, and the surveyors were evidently running a preliminary line. They were interrogated on the object of the movement by a representative of the NEWS, but the answers were the reverse of elaborate, and as indefinite and unsatisfactory as the replies of a railroad official on the subject of a disaster on his road. Fortunately there were other sources of information, and from numerous individuals supposed to know, the news-hunter fished out sufficient facts to make a straight, and, we believe, reliable story.

We now understand that certain parties have in view the construction of a line of railroad through the upper part of the city, the initial point of which is the Utah Central depot, and the present main objective localities Camp Douglas and Red Butte Canyon.

According to the preliminary survey, it is proposed to run the road from the depot westward along North Temple Street, the line covering the aqueduct in the middle of the roadway. Reaching the head of the culvert it will curve northward and run up City Creek Canyon, crossing the stream, and after a sufficient elevation is attained, switching around to the south again along the side-hill above the 20th Ward ditch, coming out on the upper level a short distance below Prospect Hill. At the east part of John Blakemore's place it will turn on to Wall Street, which runs for a considerable distance parallel with the 20th Ward ditch, continuing on an easy, almost level, grade to Camp Douglas and Red Butte.

Of course, the building of this proposed railroad is contingent upon circumstances. The right of way has not yet been obtained, but we should think it will be, as the enterprise would be a general solid benefit to the city, although some local objections may possibly be raised. We understand that, if nothing unlooked for occurs to hinder the consummation, the company proposing to construct the line will be incorporated within the next two or three weeks.

Among the objects of the road are probably the carrying trade connected with Camp Douglas, and to convey rock from Red Butte to this city for building purposes. It is stated that if rock can be laid down in town for say from \$10 to \$10.50 a cord, it will, on account of being cheaper, largely supersede brick and adobe in the construction of buildings; in its future growth Salt Lake would become essentially a stone city, and gradually assume that solid, substantial condition architecturally in harmony with its grand and grim surroundings in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

There are some rumors regarding future objective points of the proposed road, among which is the Park, but that idea is enveloped at in the present dimness of uncertainty.

Should the road be built, and we believe it will, it will serve to dispel the season of comparative dullness that has for some time impregnated the business atmosphere, and for that reason will be hailed as a species of oasis by the mercantile fraternity of the community.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY SEPT. 23,

The Latest Number.—The latest number of the *Woman's Exponent* is filled with good things. Among its leading features is some corres-

pondence from Miss Louie Wells, in which that young lady gives a very entertaining account of her experiences and observations while on her late tour in the East. Get the *Exponent* and read it.

Priesthood Meeting.—The regular meeting of the Priesthood of the Stake will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at 11 a. m.

W. W. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Stake.

Metal for the Roof.—Mr. David James has received the metal for the roof of the Manti Temple. The tin is of the heaviest and best quality manufactured. The sheets will be soldered and put up in rolls in this city before being shipped to the building, at which the amount of work will be thus lessened. The copper for the roof gutters has also arrived.

Marvellous Escape.—This afternoon an employee of Brother Elias Morris, Owen Parry, of the 15th Ward, while working on the walls of the new University Building, fell a distance of forty-three feet to the ground. He escaped with a few scratches upon his face, arm and knee. The accident was caused by Brother Parry leaning his hand on a projecting ledge of brick, which gave way. His escape was almost miraculous.

Terminated Fatally.—Brother George Sidwell, of Manti, who accidentally got his foot cut off while at work at Messrs. Cox & Sidwell's mill, in Castle Valley, on Tuesday last, died at Fairview, Sanpete County, on Friday at 8 o'clock p. m. Dr. Pike went down on Wednesday and amputated the leg, but the poor man had lost so much blood during the journey by team, 40 miles, and the length of time before the surgeon could possibly reach him, told too much upon his vital powers. Brother Sidwell was a pioneer of Juab and Sanpete Counties, and has been very energetic in building up the country. He leaves a wife and eight children. He was about 50 years of age.

Arrival of General Sherman.—General W. T. Sherman arrived in this city at 1.15 p. m., to-day, on a special train of the D. & R. G. The veteran hero, one of the bravest and best soldiers of modern times, has paid several visits to Salt Lake. He has a warm place in the hearts of the community, concerning whom he, like a true and honest man, has said some kindly things, at the risk of being abused by bitterly prejudiced partisans. The General, however, possesses both classes of courage—moral and physical. While religiously differing as widely as the pole with the "Mormons," he recognizes the fact that they have rights that are entitled to respect. We wish the veteran soldier a pleasant sojourn while he remains.

THE MEXICAN MISSION.

PERSECUTIVE PROCEEDINGS—PROSPECTS BRIGHTENING.

A short time since we referred to a letter from Elder Anthony Ivins, laboring in Mexico, giving particulars of the arrest, on a trumped up charge, of a number of men who were investigating the principles of the Gospel. We have another letter before us giving some more interesting particulars concerning the mission. Referring to the same parties he says:

"A week ago Sunday I baptized one of their principal men here, who had come in to report about the arrests. He went back home feeling splendidly. Last Friday he was here again with further news, which shows the determination of Satan to destroy them if possible. The lands upon which they live belong to a rich Spaniard; that is, he claims them, and the Indians are required to pay so much for the grass eaten by each ox, horse, or cow, so much for each acre of ground cultivated, the wood they burn, etc.

Last week they received a letter from this Spaniard's attorney, stating that if these contributions were not paid immediately he would be at the village with officers to levy upon their property. The amount due was \$125, not a large sum, but coming as it did unexpectedly, and before the maturity of this year's crops, it was a little difficult to raise it. Martinez arrived on Friday and on Saturday we managed to raise the money and pay the bill, thus depriving our enemies of the pleasure of a disturbance on that account.

What the next artifice will be I do not know. The owner of the lands upon which they live is a fanatical Catholic, and I do not anticipate any favors from him. There is one thing certain, they can go no further than the Lord sees fit to permit them. Martinez is to be here again on Friday next, and I expect to return with him on Saturday and spend Sunday with him.

I was out at Ozumba yesterday and found everything quiet, had a good meeting with the people there, or rather at a little neighboring village called Chimal. One of the brethren from the latter place has recently been down to the State of Puebla, and reports a good opening there for the spread of the truth. He expects to go down again in a few days, and will take some tracts and a letter which I have written to the people there. I shall await with anxiety his return, when I hope to learn a favorable report from that direction.

Some of the native brethren at Ozumba are doing a good work, by quietly spreading the truth among their countrymen as they travel around among them. All things considered, things are moving on quite as satisfactorily as could be hoped. To get a work established and in moving order is always the most difficult part of it, and so it has been with this mission. It has cost considerable time and money, but I believe the time is now near when a bountiful harvest will be reaped from the seed which has been sown. From present appearances the coming year will see great changes for the better in the results of our labors. Our greatest necessity at present is more help. There is a great deal to do and few to accomplish it.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 24,

Smallpox in Sanpete.—Bishop John W. Irons, of Moroni, sends us this:

"We have a sickness here resembling small pox. Public gatherings are stopped for the present. We shall be pleased to correct the report if our fears are not well grounded; but while hoping the best we fear the worst."

We regret to have to state that subsequent information confirms the worst anticipations in relation to the character of the malady.

Attempt to Fire the Theatre.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Derr observed smoke issuing from a basement window of the Theatre. He at once raised an alarm, and the employees rushed into the lower part of the building, and discovered fire in a quantity of kindling-wood in the cellar, evidently started by an incendiary. The firemen with hose were on the spot almost instantly and the flames extinguished.

Road Agents at Work.—The Utah Journal states that as Dr. Norcross was crossing the bridge over Logan River, near Logan City, on Thursday night, on horseback, he was stopped by a couple of highwaymen, who commanded him to throw up his hands. Instead of complying he spurred his horse, which leaped forward and he dashed on to town and escaped.

Pipes and Flues.—This morning we were shown by Mr. W. H. Miles, the well known brush manufacturer, a contrivance he has just completed for clearing stove pipes, and another for stove flues. Both are admirably adapted to the purposes for which they are intended and comparatively inexpensive. He purposes applying for a patent on both. They will be kept on sale by Sears & Liddell.

Wedded.—This morning George D. Pyper and Miss Emma S. Whitney were united in the bonds of wedlock. The groom is the son of the late Bishop A. C. Pyper and the bride the daughter of Brother Horace K. Whitney. The couple are intelligent and highly respectable, and have a perfect host of friends, among whom we claim to be ranked, and they will receive no heartier congratulations or more fervent and earnest wishes for their welfare than are tendered by us. There will be a reception of relatives and friends at the residence of the parents of the bride this evening.

Of Course.—Olaf Olsen writes from Fountain Green, thus sadly:

"Last month there came to this town a man by the name of James T. Swartz, selling the patent right of improvements in gates, known as the 'Centennial Gates.' I bought

the exclusive right to manufacture, use and sell the above named patent right of him, within the boundary lines of the Fountain Green Ward, Sanpete County; also the County of Juab; paid him one hundred and fifty dollars for said right. He promised to send me a brass model of said gates within ten days, as he was expecting to receive a large number of models from the East, and if any thing should happen that he failed to receive the models from the east within the specified time, he would certainly send me the wooden models that he had along with him, but he has failed to do so. He may be in the Territory, and probably see this letter, which will remind him of his promise to me."

We think likely that the itinerant vendor of rights to make, use and sell "Centennial Gates" doesn't need any reminder, as his memory is not likely to fail him on the subject. We hope Olaf has not gained a little experience and lost some money, but the matter appears to have that complexion.

Ladies' Work.—Sisters E. R. Wells and H. M. Whitney, returned this morning from Nephi, where they had been attending the Sisters' Conference of Juab Stake.

On Saturday the Relief Society held their Conference, at which time a re-organization of the Stake officers of that Society took place, rendered necessary by the death of Sister Amelia Goldsbrough, the late President. The following officers were nominated by President William Paxman, and sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference. President, Mrs. Mary Pitchforth; First Counselor, Mrs. Amy L. Bigler; Second Counselor Mrs. Necuena Brown; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Hoyt; Treasurer, Mrs. Thirza Maria Vickers. Mrs. Mary Pitchforth having presided over the Relief Society of Nephi for several years, a reorganization of the Ward was also effected by President Paxman and his assistants in the Priesthood. Mrs. Maranda Bryan, President; Mrs. E. H. Udall, First Counselor; Mrs. Ann Midgely, Second Counselor; Mrs. M. E. Teasdale, Secretary; Mrs. Hannah Grove, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. O. Evans, Treasurer; Mrs. Julia Bryan, Assistant Treasurer.

The meetings were very interesting—Sunday morning, Primary Conference, in the afternoon, Y. L. M. I. A., and in the evening, Joint meeting of Y. L. and Y. M. I. A. Associations. The meeting-house was filled mostly with young men and women.

THAT MOBOCRATIC OUTRAGE.

ELDERS MARKS AND DAVIS TARRIED AND FEATHERED.

On Friday last we published an account of the tarring and feathering, by a mob, of two Elders of the Church, at the house of Mr. Ellison, near Laurel, Indiana. We learn that the brethren who were subjected to this indignity and abuse were Elders S. R. Marks and D. F. Davis. Before Mr. Ellison, who is not a member of the Church, would permit the mob to take them a promise had to be given that they would do them no bodily injury. He informed the brutal crowd that he was armed, and that unless they made this agreement, they took the Elders as it would be over his dead body. They made the promise and Elders Marks and Davis were taken a short distance from the house, compelled to strip, and were tarred and feathered.

We understand that the young lady about whom the trouble arose, who had been baptized into the Church, had been abused by her parents who were opposed to the step she had taken, and she walked a distance of twenty-four miles to the house of an acquaintance, where she was stopping at the time the outrage was perpetrated upon the brethren.

After the tarring and feathering had taken place a gentleman upon the Elder and informed them that the crowd had gathered at a designated spot, and he had every reason to believe that they intended them further molestation and harassment. He very kindly conducted them by a way to avoid the mob, and after walking twelve miles they arrived at the house of a friend, who rendered them every assistance in his power. Brothers Marks and Davis feel none the worse for their unpleasant experience, and are full of determination to continue the prom-