

obtain the great blessing promised we must keep the law of God. He bore testimony of the divine calling of the Prophet Joseph and his successors; the revelations given through them were given by the spirit of Christ.

At 2 p.m. sacrament was administered, and a statistical report read showing a total of 14,223—an increase for last quarter of 86, with 55 missionaries in the field.

The general and Stake authorities were presented by Elder J. B. Maiben and were sustained by unanimous vote of the conference.

President Joseph F. Smith addressed the Saints in a powerful discourse.

After benediction conference adjourned for three months.

The Mantle choir, under their able leader Professor Smyth, added greatly to the enjoyment of the conference.

A meeting in Gunnison at 8 p. m. was attended by Elders Lyman and Lund, and one at Fountain Green at 8 p. m. by Elder Teasdale. More people gathered than the houses could hold.

GEORGE TAYLOR,  
Clerk of Conference.

### RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder Thomas Greenhalgh of Kanab, Kane county, Utah, called at the News editorial rooms May 19th and reported his return from missionary labor performed in Great Britain. He left home March 8, 1895, and on reaching his destination was assigned to the Manchester conference where he met with fair success in his ministrations among the people. He enjoyed good health during his absence from home to which he returned last evening.

Elder Charles F. Solomon of this city has just returned from a mission to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, Arkansas, Kansas and southern Texas. He left on September 4, 1895, and returned May 23, this year. He labored for six months in Indian Territory and then was called to assist in opening up the mission in Arkansas, where he remained for six months. He afterward labored for six months in Kansas and spent the remainder of the time in Texas. He reports that the mission in general in these states is in a very prosperous condition, and that he has enjoyed his labors greatly.

Elder Parley T. Wright of Ogden called on the News Friday on his return from the California mission field. He left home March 2, 1895, and enjoyed his labors greatly while preaching the Gospel. Elder Wright states that the mission is improving and many honest hearts are seeking after a testimony of the Gospel.

Elder J. W. Chipman of American Fork who left home on Nov. 10, 1894, for a mission to the Southern States returned yesterday, May 24. He has been laboring in the Mississippi conference and reports the work in that missionary field very prosperous. He has enjoyed good health during his absence.

Elder C. W. Rogers of this city left for a mission to Europe on Jan. 4, 1895, and returned on May 15, this year. He has been laboring in the Swiss and

German mission. For fourteen months he was appointed to Wurtemberg, most of which time he presided over the mission there. One year he spent at the office in Bern. Elder Rogers says the mission in Germany presents many encouraging features. He has enjoyed his labors very much.

### MORMON ELDERS ARRESTED.

The following letter, concerning the arrest in North Carolina of two Mormon missionaries from Utah, was received today by the News, from Elder Elias S. Kimball, president of the Southern States mission:

REIDSVILLE, Borkingham Co., N. C.,  
May 16th, 1897.

Frest, Elias S. Kimball, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother—Having just passed through a little experience which we suppose has been wired over the country, we deem it proper to advise you of the facts in the case.

We were holding a series of meetings in this city to a small audience, which was to conclude for the time being, last night. After meeting we were visited by the sheriff, who invited us to his office, when he informed us that an aged man near by had had his throat cut, and left for dead by some unknown assassins, who were reported to have been well dressed and of gentlemanly appearance, and we having passed through that section the first of the week were at once suspected as being the guilty parties; therefore we were taken into custody by the officers, who brought a carriage and took us to be identified by the wounded party, who immediately dismissed by all auspicious declaring that we were not the right men.

No little excitement prevailed for a time, yet we feel that the affair has made us many friends, especially among the officials and leading men.

We are well and hope for a better opening. Praying God to bless you. We are, your brethren,

H. C. CARLISLE,  
J. D. KILLPACK, Jr.

### JUBILEE MATTERS.

In a communication to Chairman Clawson of the Utah Semi-Centennial commission, Samuel L. Adams of St. George, Utah, writes as follows:

"There seems to be a neglect on the part of some one. I have never seen the names (in connection with the Pioneer Jubilee) of those two great heroes who of our people were the first to see the Great Salt Lake and cast the first look upon the spot where Salt Lake City now stands—Orson Pratt and Erastus Snow. The latter told me that Orson Pratt and himself, with one horse, on ascending the hill out of Emigration canyon caught the first sight of the Great Salt Lake Valley and inspired by the view swung their hats and shouted, 'Hosannah!' A greater pioneer than Erastus Snow never crossed the western wilds as his history could and would, if it were written, tell. He has done more for the settlement of Utah, Arizona and New Mexico than any ten men who

have led out in that direction and his works should receive recognition in our great Jubilee."

When the Pioneers of Utah began their exodus from the banks of the Missouri to the western wilds, one of their number was appointed to drive the wagon in which was the large cannon which proved, by its appearance alone, such a terror to the Indians who saw it. The cannon's custodian, George Woodward, is now a resident of St. George, and the cannon is still in a serviceable condition. For years the latter was used in celebrating the Fourth of July and the Twenty-fourth of July and its deep bark may again be heard during Jubilee week.

Besides the famous Brigham Young wagon there will be another vehicle with a history in the pioneer parade during Jubilee week. It is the carriage in which Heber C. Kimball came to Utah. It is in an excellent state of preservation and is now the property of Philip Pugsley who has volunteered to exhibit it.

June 1st will be the anniversary of the birth of President Brigham Young. It has been suggested to the commission that would be a good idea to have every flag in Utah raised on that day and it is possible that the suggestion will materialize into a request to the people of Utah to observe the day in that way.

Now that the majority of the county Jubilee commissioners have qualified, the commission has another department to care for. Hardly a day passes but what some county calls for a design for a float or for an estimate of cost for one, the result being that Superintendent Anderson and Foreman Whitaker of the construction department are kept busy supplying the required information.

From the design submitted Summit county will probably have the most striking float in the county display parade. It will represent the marvelous mineral resources of the county in a practical way and besides the exposition of its mineral wealth will have a diamond drill and miniature steam mill in operation.

Grand county proposes by its float to show its agricultural and pomological resources. Norman Taylor, who drove the second wagon which entered the valley of the Great Salt Lake, will drive the team hauling the float.

Davis county will have five floats in the parade. John W. Hest, the commissioner of that county, is a Jubilee enthusiast, and proposes to excel every county in the variety of display made. Each float will represent a resource or an industry of the county and "the garden spot of Utah"—Bountiful—will be specially advertised. Another float will represent the manufacture of brick for which Davis county is celebrated, and long-fleeced sheep in a corral on another float will represent the wool industry. Each float will be drawn by four horses.

Kane county's exhibit will attract the attention of the thousands of visitors who will be here. Its float will represent the cliff dwellings which abound in the county and Indian relics and the mummified remains of their one time owners will be features.