

Elder Adolph Madeen referred touchingly to the departed veterans who had resided in this Stake, and during their time had been stalwart in the work of God; testified that President Lorenzo Snow was an Apostle of Jesus Christ and a leader among the people who had worked earnestly and impartially for their welfare in this Stake.

On the second day, at the morning meeting, Elders Thomas Harper, P. C. Jensen and James Nielsen Sr., spoke of their early experience in the Church and gave many words of counsel to the Latter-day Saints.

Stake Superintendent O. W. Snow spoke briefly of the labors being performed in the Sunday schools of this Stake for the advancement of the youth of Zion. Rejoiced in listening to the experiences and testimonies of our aged brethren.

At the afternoon meeting Elders August Valentine, James Pett and James S. Lewis, the last named brother from Abilon, Cassia Stake, and J. P. Wood, all veterans in the work of God, related some of their experiences in the Church, exhorted the Latter-day Saints to live as becometh Saints, to yield obedience to the counsels of those clothed with the Holy Priesthood, and bore powerful testimonies to the divinity of the work in which the Latter-day Saints are engaged.

Counselor W. L. Watkins called the attention of the parents to the trials and temptations that beset the paths of the youth of Zion. Urged that the Latter-day Saints work earnestly to overcome the evils which are among us. He had rejoiced in the excellent conference we have had.

Counselor Charles Kelly testified that while our conference has been termed an old fashioned one, the Spirit of God has been poured out in a wonderful degree upon those who have been assembled in this conference. He stated that the presidency of the Stake, since our last quarterly conference, had visited the Saints residing in the western part of the Stake and found them as a general rule doing well.

After the singing of an anthem by the choir, the conference was adjourned for three months.

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#### RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder George W. Wilcox of Farmington called at the NEWS office to report his mission to the Indian Territory. Elder Wilcox was compelled to return on account of sickness. He left home January 7th of this year and was assigned to labor in the Cherokee conference. On June 26th he was overcome by weakness and headache and was compelled to go to bed. The sickness was typhoid fever, and he was unable to be moved for nearly three weeks. Elder William Jack, president of the mission, released him and he came home alone, reaching here on the 20th. At the time of departure for home the fever had passed but he was growing weaker.

Elder Wilcox states that he enjoyed his labors very much while he was well. The mission is to a prosperous state and more have been baptized

during the part of the year that has passed than have been baptized during any previous year.

The NEWS has had a pleasant call from Elder John H. Burrows of this city, who returned on Monday from a mission to Great Britain, on which he left this city June 9, 1895. His time was mostly occupied with duties in the Liverpool office, though he also had the privilege of visiting most of the conferences in the British mission and also engaged in missionary work, outside of those duties. He reports the British mission as being in good condition, the Elders there doing excellent work with gratifying results. Elder Burrows also paid a visit to the Netherlands mission. For the past year his wife has been with him. Before coming home Brother and Sister Burrows visited Paris, and the Jubilee exercises in London.

Their return trip brought them home two days after the close of the Utah Jubilee, which they had hoped to witness here, but could not make the journey in time to do so. Elder Burrows enjoyed excellent health, and reports the Elders in the British mission as being in a satisfactory condition in that regard, as well as being energetic in preaching the Gospel.

The NEWS has received a call from Elder Stephen M. Walker, who returned yesterday from a three-years' mission to the Samoan Islands. Elder Walker left Salt Lake City April 28, 1894, and on reaching his field of labor was assigned to the island of Savali where he spent the whole of his time. This is the largest of the group, being about forty-eight miles long and twenty wide. Elder Walker reports having had good health generally and much enjoyment in his labors. The natives are joining the Church in pleasing numbers, and when they have once accepted the Gospel they are staunch. There are 32,000 inhabitants of the islands and while only 600 have openly become members of the Church many others are inclined to the work.

Elder Walker says that the government of the islands is a very loose affair. It is nominally in the hands of a king, but really under the control of England, Germany and the United States. The power of the king is so small that some of his subjects refuse to pay taxes or honor him, and he can not compel them. There are no governmental restraints on looseness in marriage, and consequently great immorality exists. Those who join the Church, however, work with commendable zeal to institute virtuous practices.

Elder Walker returned in company of Elders Alexander Lemon and Alfred Jensen of Cache valley. They brought with them a twelve-year-old boy, who will live in Bountiful and go to school.

Elder John C. Manning of Farmington, Davis county, returned from a mission to the Southern States July 18th. Elder Manning labored in the state of North Carolina where he reports a good feeling with considerable inquiry for the Gospel. The first year of his absence he enjoyed his labors, but through sickness he was forced to return at the end of eighteen months' labor.

#### THE MINER'S STRIKE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 4.—The striking miners gained another victory at Plum creek this morning by inducing twenty more diggers to join the ranks. This leaves the mine working with about half the force of yesterday. Committees are working industriously in the houses of the miners. They first enlist the sympathy of the women and then the men are easily induced to follow.

The strikers are turning their attention entirely to the diggers, knowing if they come out the other employees will be forced to follow.

The New York & Cleveland Gas Coal company claim that all the Plum creek miners are working, while the strikers say that not more than forty men are in the pit. The full force of the mine is 340 men. When the campers came the output was from 120 to 140 cars a day. This was about forty cars above the average when the other mines are working. The output yesterday was thirty-nine cars. With twenty more men out today the output is not expected to exceed twenty cars. The complete closing of the mine may be expected in a few days.

The march to Plum creek mine was commenced at 1 o'clock this morning by the campers at Centre school house. They were reinforced by large bodies from Sandy and Turtle creek. The combined forces arrive at the mine at 3 a.m., remaining until 6 o'clock when they marched back to camp, taking with them in triumph the twenty diggers who came out.

The campers at Sandy creek had little to do. The mine is to all intents and purposes shut down. The output is not more than two cars a day. The capacity of the mine has been 100 cars a day. The normal output with the three mines in operation is seventy cars.

There has been no change so far at Oakhill. A statement made by the miners that only two men were working may not be true. In that case the output of eight cars claimed for Monday and Tuesday will be decreased to one car. The extraordinary capacity of the mine is 120 and the normal capacity 90 cars.

The demonstration against De Armitt has had the effect of decreasing the capacity of 340 cars to 42 cars with the probability of it being further reduced.

The campers at Turtle creek were on the march at 3 a.m., and went to the Oakhill mine. They marched back at 6:30 a.m. and had breakfast. Camp life has been reduced to a system. One hundred men were sent to Plum creek and 300 sent home, leaving 600 in camp. They have divided into companies of 100 each, under a lieutenant. Provisions seem to be plentiful. The camp will be policed by strikers as borough police.

The hearing of President Dolan and the other miners' officials charged with riot and unlawful assemblage is set for 2 o'clock this afternoon. The case will be dropped by the defendants giving bail for court and nolle prosequere being entered later.

The miners at Schmiok's mine on the Redstone branch of the Pennsylvania railroad came out today and the mines are once more closed down.