

## GRAND COUNTY ELECTION.

MOAB, Grand Co., Utah, Dec. 5, 1892.—I thought I would let you know what I have produced this year and what I have done, and then if you can tell what my hobby is I will be much obliged. In the first place I will give you the amount of land I cultivate: 74 acres. The amount of fruit shipped by railroads is as follows: 1340 crates of peaches, average \$1 per crate; 120 bushel-crates of apples, \$2.50 per crate; 25 crates of pears, \$3 per crate; 25 crates of plums, \$1 per crate; 25 crates of apricots, at 75c per crate; 30 crates of grapes, at 75c per crate.

Besides this, I hauled three wagon loads to Rico, Colo., made 1000 gallons of wine, and have 300 bushels of apples on hand; I have raised 75 bushels of barley, 125 of wheat, 185 of oats, 40 of corn, 75 of peas, 200 of potatoes and 6400 pounds of lucern seed. I have 75 tons of hay, have a threshing machine which I run, have spent two weeks working on a mill dam, have made one trip to Leadville, Colorado, three to Aspen, Colorado, and called at Glenwood Springs; have been four times to Grand Junction, Colorado, and made three trips to Rico, Colorado. I have taken out 5000 pounds of honey; have a few head of horses and cattle, and have branded thirteen calves and eight colts.

Now, Mr. Editor, your comment on my first letter would convey the idea that I thought of nothing but fruit. I presume I think of more things in a day than the average of men. Still I am proud to say I understand how to produce large and fine fruits, and as soon as I have time will tell your readers something about it.

We have had a terrible plague visiting our place lately and most of our people partook of it. It came in a spring wagon with two horses hitched to it and two men in it. The latter called at the houses when the men were away. They were very genteel, would walk in and ask the privilege of showing some goods, and would take in the situation. They would throw out a few dress patterns, a shawl, a table cover, and would then say: "Now, madam, there is \$17.00 worth. The prices are fixed by the receiver, and the goods must be sold. Now, I will throw in this and this"—whereupon they would throw in a few towels and handkerchiefs. All the time they were making the sale they would find out the circumstances of the man of the house and the neighbors. If everything was favorable they would call again when the men were at home. They would open a package, would commence covering the place with gents' goods and a few of ladies' wear. Then they began: "Now, mister, these goods are in the receiver's hands and have to be sold and the price is fixed. I can not change the price, but you can have these goods for \$90 and I will throw in this and this"—exactly as before, and if the parties hesitated they would empty their valise and even make several trips to their wagon for more goods. Then they would throw down a \$5 bill or coin, in some cases they would even throw down \$20. They do not want a cent in cash, but will take the buyers' note from a month to a year without interest, and they invariably

made a sale where they could get into the house. A neighbor of mine was sharp enough not to let them within his door; they told him they were going to sell him a bundle before they left; but the third time they called he told them if they came again they would have him to whip. They took him at his word and stayed away. At Bluff a good Danish brother told them he was busy and they could not sell him a thing—he had heard of them. "Well," said they, "there is no harm in just going in the house to look at the goods." Before they left they sold him two big bundles. As a rule, they come down in their prices to \$70, and how much of this represents clear gain to them you can judge for yourself.

This plague is traveling west intending to take in Utah. Our experience may suffice to put the people on their guard.

O. W. WARNER.

## MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

This conference was held November 26th and 27th, 1892. President Teasdale, Counselors A. F. Macdonald and Henry Eyring, Patriarch Henry Lunt, Bishops Geo. W. Sevy, W. D. Johnson, Jr., and Jesse N. Smith, Jr., members of the High Council and other leading Elders occupied the platform in the Juarez school house.

After the usual exercises President Teasdale welcomed all who were in attendance and said the Saints in this mission are gaining a very valuable experience; though the season has been dry and water scarce the Lord has nevertheless blessed us with good crops. The speaker delivered an interesting discourse on home industries, encouraging the Saints to strive as far as possible to produce what they need for food and raiment, and that if they will do so and ask the blessings of the Lord upon their labors they will be abundantly blessed in their efforts.

Bishops W. D. Johnson, Jr., G. W. Sevy and Jesse N. Smith, Jr., dwelt upon the same subject and reported their wards as being in a prosperous condition.

2 p. m.—Elder George Lake, Counselor H. Eyring and Patriarch Henry Lunt spoke on home industries, the education of our children, caring for the poor, and their past experience in the Church.

Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, the Sunday Schools held their conference and had an interesting and instructive time, with a large attendance.

2 p. m.—Counselor A. F. Macdonald delivered an excellent discourse on the benefit of temples and the redemption of our dead.

President Teasdale presented the general authorities of the Church, also the presiding officers of the mission and the Church school board, W. D. Johnson, Jr., being set apart as mission superintendent of schools.

President Teasdale encouraged the Saints to be kind to the poor, to minister to their necessities and to let none suffer, instructed the Relief societies as to their duties in regard to the needy and encouraged all to faithfulness.

7 p. m.—Elder Heleman Pratt, Bishop W. D. Johnson, Jr., Elders Miles P. Romney, Franklin Spencer, P. H. Hearst, D. E. Harris and W. R. R. Stowell spoke in regard to the future of

the mission, home industries, education of the youth, the necessity of setting good examples and of their own personal experience in the ministry.

The spirit prevailing was edifying, instructive and comforting, and the general expression was, this is the best conference we have ever had in Mexico.

The choir, with John J. Walsey leader, rendered beautiful music that cheered the hearts of all present, and their rapid improvement under his able leadership is remarkable.

All the societies and organizations held their annual conference, and a more brotherly feeling probably does not exist than does in this remote, isolated stake of Zion, who have for long months looked forward to the promised visit of some of the leading Elders of the Church from Utah, but who are thankful they are permitted to have an Apostolic ministering among them.

MILES P. ROMNEY,

Mission Clerk.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Nov. 28, 1892.

## OGDEN ITEMS.

On account of the wrecks the south-bound passenger train which should have reached here at 5:05 last evening, was delayed six hours.

Judge H. W. Smith has been retained by the Democrats of Oneida county, Idaho, and will contest the election of Sheriff-elect John L. Thomas on the ground that the latter is not a naturalized citizen.

The board of directors of the Agricultural college has elected Samuel Fortier, former engineer of the Bear River canal and Ogden City water-works system, to the chair of civil and hydraulic engineering.

The Idaho Falls yards were the scene of another wreck at about the same hour as the fatal smashup occurred. A freight train flew the track and a number of cars were ditched. No one was hurt.

The hearing in the damage suit of Emanuel Swineart vs. Union Pacific, concluded in Judge Miner's court. After being out a little over two hours the jury returned a verdict of \$7000 for the plaintiff. The case will be appealed. Damages to the tune of \$25,000 were claimed.

Early yesterday morning burglars entered the cellar door of the store of Smuin & Thomas. After prying off a padlock which barred the way, and opening the safe which had negligently been left unlocked, they took \$15, leaving a large amount of small change and several endorsed checks.

Messrs. Spratlin and Cleog, representing the Afro-American bureau of information, were in Ogden yesterday. The gentlemen are looking over the west in search of suitable locations for the negroes of the Southern states who desire to remove from their present homes. They are much pleased with Utah and Ogden.

The Plymouth Rock Building, Loan and Savings association held its annual meeting yesterday. Forty-two of its members are securing homes of their own through its aid. Members are