

A RESERVOIR BREAK.

BRIGHAM CITY, June 8.—All day yesterday the street leading to Three Mile creek was lined with people on bicycles, horses, on foot and in vehicles on their way to witness the disaster caused by the breaking of the Three Mile creek reservoir.

At fifteen minutes past five o'clock Sunday morning the farmers living about three miles south of Brigham City were startled by an unusual rumbling and roaring coming from the mountains east of the small settlement. Only about half the people were up at that early hour, and an eye witness said to your reporter: "Upon hearing the sound I looked towards the canyon and saw an immense dust cloud rushing down the deep gorge about fifty or seventy-five feet high. At first I could not make out what it was, but soon I saw a huge wave of water just behind the dust, rolling before it large boulders, trees and other debris. I then realized the reservoir, situated 2,000 feet up in the very tops of the mountains had pushed out its earth front and that a mighty volume of water was rushing down on us. I started on the run and notified three or four families which were in the most danger. The women and children seemed dazed and some had to be hurried and partly dragged out of the way onto high land in their night clothes."

As soon as the raging torrent reached the foot hills it spread out, covering a tract about a quarter of a mile wide, carrying destruction to its mad rush towards the lake. It covered lucern fields and fine vegetable crop, probably 180 acres of first-class and worth \$100 per acre and about as much of inferior lands.

The upper half of the land is covered with huge boulders and is now worthless; the remainder may in time be partially redeemed. Two houses belonging to R. Henderson were carried away and were totally destroyed, with all their household goods. Richard Thorn loses about two thousand dollars, Barnard Witte several thousand, as do also James Nelson & Sons. The Thorns had a very narrow escape; they barricaded doors when they saw the danger, but the force of the water burst the doors in and the occupants escaped into the orchard and saved themselves by climbing into the trees. Here the water divided, making an island of the Thorn farm, and a family having escaped to the highland except old lady Thorn, who was thought to have been drowned until the waters somewhat subsided, when a rescuing party forced their way to the orchard and found Mrs. Thorn up a tree where she had been for over two hours. A fifteen year old daughter of James Nelson was only half dressed when she saw the flood coming. She rushed to the granary, when that began to go down stream and then she was caught just ahead of the stream and rolled over several times, but was rescued by a Mr. Halton. The Utah & Northern was washed out, which delayed the trains for nine hours. It is thought the damage is about \$20,000. The reservoir was made of earth and was probably defective, but the road for six miles is so washed out that no one can get up the

canyon. It cost from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and was built three years ago. It covered five acres and was from 10 to 30 feet deep, averaging 15 feet.

SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

RICHFIELD, May 28, 1896.

The quarterly conference of Sevier Stake of Zion was held in Monroe, Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd and 24th, 1896. There were present of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Francis M. Lyman and John H. Smith, and of the First Presidency of Seventies Seymour B. Young, the Stake presidency, members of the High Council, Bishops and leading men from various parts of the Stake, together with a large number of Saints.

The first session of the conference was devoted to giving and hearing reports from President W. H. Seegmiller and the Bishops from all the wards, which tended to show that the general condition of the people was favorable although improvements in many respects could be desired in all the wards. The speakers during the remainder of the conference were Elders F. M. Lyman, John H. Smith, Seymour B. Young, Wm. H. Seegmiller, W. H. Clark and Joseph H. Horne. A variety of subjects were treated upon, such as the necessity of refraining from profanity, and kindred evils; obedience to the law of tithing; sustaining those whom the Lord has placed in authority to direct the affairs of His work here on earth; keeping holy the Sabbath day; the proper management and regulation of amusements among the Saints; the proper development of the mental and physical faculties; observance of the Word of Wisdom, and the Saints were exhorted to exercise the proper faith in the true and living God, and to cultivate in thought, word and deed the principles of purity, honesty and virtue.

Elder F. M. Lyman sought to impress upon the people the necessity of exercising a living faith in their Creator. It is not the profession a person makes which are going to save him, but the work he performs as a consequence of the faith that is within him. The many trials and difficulties the Saints have been called to pass through since the organization of the Church have all been sanctified by the Lord to their greatest good and benefit, and so it will continue to be until we, if we are faithful, ever, shall conquer all evil and obtain eternal life.

The general and Stake authorities were present and unanimously sustained Bishop Peter Gottfredsen, of the Vermilion ward, tendered his resignation as Bishop of said ward, having held the office for twenty years, which was accepted, and he was honorably released with thanks for his long and faithful service. Brother Thomas Gledhill was unanimously sustained by the conference as Bishop P. Gottfredsen's successor. Elders R. R. Farnsworth and A. D. Thurber were honorably released as alternate members of the High Council.

A Priesthood meeting was held on Saturday evening at which Elders Lyman and Smith imparted some very valuable instructions to those present.

The sweet singing during conference by the Monroe choir, under the leadership of Professor Thor. Ranson had to do in making the meetings interesting and enjoyable.

In this instance as well as at most of our quarterly conferences, the house was too small for the congregation, and an overflow meeting was held Sunday afternoon at the school house.

A good spirit prevailed at all the meetings and we had an excellent time together.

SIMON CHRISTENSEN,
Stake Clerk.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elders C. D. Schettler and William McEwan, both of this city, returned home from the German mission field Sunday morning. They left this city on January 23, 1894, and have labored in the German empire during the whole of their absence. Elder Schettler's time has been devoted to preaching in the cities of Munich, Nuremberg and Berlin, where he has made many friends and has assisted in carrying the Gospel message to some of the better class of people. A great improvement is noticed in the work in this district and the prospects for future success are very encouraging.

Elder McEwan's labors have been mainly in the districts of Berlin, Dresden, Chemnitz and Sorau. In those localities branches of the Church are being organized and many are investigating the principles of the Gospel. Elder McEwan was a companion to Elder Ott, when that brother's death occurred some months ago, and whose remains were interred in the city of Dresden. Both of the returned Elders are proud of their experience in the mission field and return in the best of health.

Elder Robert H. Bodily of Fairview, Oneida county, Idaho, made a pleasant call at the News office Saturday and reported his return home from the missionary field. It has been Elder Bodily's lot to have spent nearly two years and a half in the district of Queensland, Australia, for which place he left this city on Nov. 11, 1893. The mission, he says, is at present in a splendid condition and the Elders laboring there are doing a good work. In Coorparoo, a suburb of Brisbane, there are now about sixty Church members, most of whom are laboring diligently in behalf of the spread of the Gospel. Elder Bodily has had excellent health while absent from home and his labors in the ministry have been a source of joy and happiness to him.

Elders Stewart Eccles of Eden, Weber county, and Carl Hanson of Spring City, Sanpete county, are recent arrivals from the Scottish and Norwegian conferences respectively, where they have been engaged in promulgating the principles of the Gospel. They both left this city on April 21, 1894, and have labored continuously in their respective fields of labor until their release to return home. The Scottish conference is reported by Elder Eccles, who presided over it during the last ten months of his absence as being in a good condition, and the prospects for a good work in the future are quite encouraging. Elder Hansen reports the work in Nor-