

laboring as Patriarchs; had given quite a number of blessings and noticed that greater blessings are usually given to the young than to the old.

Elder F. M. Lyman occupied the remainder of the meeting impressing on the people the necessity of planting public groves and shade trees. He said seven years ago a small public grove was planted in Grantsville; today it furnishes shade for meetings, conferences, etc. Ditches and canals should be bordered with trees.

At 2 p. m. the Sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of Orangeville ward, after which Elder Lyman spoke at length on the marked changes that had taken place since 1891, in the attitude of the world towards the Latter-day Saints, especially since the Salt Lake Temple was finished in 1893; these changes seem to indicate that the "winding-up scene," spoken of by Joseph Smith had been fulfilled.

Second day's service, Aug. 10.—Elders Orange Seely and Wm. Howard spoke briefly on the duties and privileges of Latter-day Saints. They exhorted all to works of righteousness. Bishops Alonzo Brinkerhoff, H. A. Nelson, H. P. Rasmussen, Jasper Robertson, Henning Olsen, Peter Johnson, C. W. Moore, L. P. Oveson, A. E. McMullin, Geo. Frandsen and Edwin Fullmer reported their respective wards. The reports showed that in most of the wards meetings were well attended, health good and organizations complete. Yet there is some indifference manifest by many in Church matters. Elder Wm. Taylor, president of the High Priests' quorum, said he and his counselors visited the entire Stake twice a year and found all grades of High Priests in the quorum; some scarcely ever attended meetings while others were very zealous.

Elder Lyman then pictured very vividly the many disadvantages of families removing from place to place. We should cultivate a spirit of contentment and make the best of each blessing placed within our reach. Emery county compares favorably with the most of the counties in the State. Referring to the new Jerusalem, he said it would be built in Jackson county, Missouri, and the great Temple will be erected on the spot dedicated for that purpose by the Prophet Joseph Smith. The law of consecration is the only plan by which the financial difficulties now extant could be adjusted.

2 p. m.—Elder J. W. Nixon read the declaration on Church discipline, which was presented by President Larsen and unanimously accepted. The general and Stake authorities were presented and sustained. Elder Larsen expressed his gratitude in seeing the Saints so united in voting to sustain the Priesthood. Elder Lyman then gave instructions on the proper way to administer the Sacrament; said every ward should have a low bench or stool on which the Elder officiating could kneel; all should indorse the prayer by saying Amen. In the blessing of infants, Elders should not seal them up to eternal life. Sisters do not hold the Priesthood because they have not been ordained. The speaker advised every one to keep out of debt and practice domestic economy.

The meetings were crowded and the good spirit prevailed. Much praise is justly due the ward and Primary choirs of Orangeville, under the guidance of Alma G. Jewkes, for the sweet singing furnished during the entire conference.

A. E. WALL, Clerk.

THE GREAT ONTARIO.

In this Western country mining is pretty well understood, but in the far and effete East, all that is known of the great industry upon which the Western people largely depend, is that which is found in magazines and newspapers. This kind of information is to an extent all very well, but to know and appreciate the vast amount of work that is going on in the bowels of the earth, one must visit and explore the regions that are infested by the hardy and rugged miner and prospector.

Park City is and has been for some time, recognized as one of the greatest silver mining camps of the West. And well may it receive that recognition for such it justly deserves. It is a typical mining camp, dotted with plain but apparently comfortable homes, wherein reside people whose bread and butter come from the labors of the hardy miner who is engaged in either extracting the crude mineral from the inner and dark recesses of the earth, or in assisting in the preparation of the same for the market.

Park City has several great mines—mines that are not only great from name, but whose output and dividend-paying profits have made them great. Among these is the famous Ontario, located in the early seventies. The mine today is a marvel of ingenuity, skill and perseverance. The work done thereon, has not been done in a day, nor in a year, but it has taken years of firm and determined perseverance and hard toil to bring it to its present condition. This work has incurred a great expense, but much greater has been the profits accruing from its development and operation, to the extent that the mine has paid in dividends to date \$18,280,000.

The Ontario is the greatest silver mine in the world. Its shaft has reached a vertical depth of 1,535 feet, down into which the visitor is taken by means of the hoisting cage. It has a drain tunnel three miles in length, the digging of which was necessitated by the vast amount of water encountered in and through the mine. Several years ago a Corliss pump, 35 feet in diameter, with a capacity of 3,000 gallons per minute, was placed in position by the company and operated to keep the mine dry; but now its use is no longer a necessity, except at intervals when the water is exceptionally troublesome.

The shaft is timbered to perfection, so to speak, as is also the drain tunnel, and the air and work tunnels. The mine has connection by tunnels with the Daly and Daly West mines both of which are located several miles distant. Old levels long since cleaned out and deprived of their valuable silver deposits, have been filled up with waste dirt and the work that is now going on in the extraction of ore is confined to the 1,100, 1,300 and 1,500 levels.

To say that the Eastern visitor is struck with bewildering amazement upon entering the mine, is but expressing it mildly. The firechiefs had heard of Utah, they had heard of Park City and its mines, but never before had they even dreamt of seeing an enterprise of such magnitudinous proportions. "It is simply wonderful," is all they could say when asked what they thought of it.

To watch the processes through which the ore goes after being wrested from its lodging place, is something both interesting and instructive. It is not shoveled out of the mine, pure and ready to coin as some people are wont to imagine, but it has to pass through many hands before it is in a condition to hammer into shape and send to market about 95 fine. This creates a great deal of work and disastrous are the results when a property like unto the Ontario has to shut its doors, because of the depreciation of its product.

The Ontario mine when working in full blast employs about 500 men who receive wages from \$3 up, per day, according to the kind of work they are engaged in. For the past two or three years, however, the mine has only been running in a weak way owing to the demonetization of silver. At present there are about 300 men employed—three eight-hour shifts of 100 men each. The wages are necessarily lower than they were a few years back, but the employees make a good living for themselves and families and are consequently thankful for that.

A glance at such large enterprises as this, is sufficient to explain the great growing silver sentiment of the West. The people of the East are not acquainted with western conditions, because of never having taken a practical look at them. What is required is an eye-opener and this they can get in no easier way than to bide themselves forth to the scene of active operations.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Scott E. Ransom died in the county jail at Ogden on Saturday night, from alcoholism.

This year Hon. John R. Barnes of Kayeville raised 839 bushels of barley on eight acres, or over 92 bushels per acre.

The counties of the State are uniformly protesting against the action of the State board of equalization in raising the assessment for taxes.

Wednesday, Miss Eleanor Murdock, of Heber City, was out driving, when her buggy was run into by a broncho which Joseph Hatch Jr. was trying to break in Main street. The young lady was severely hurt, having three front teeth knocked out, and receiving other injuries.

Tooele transcript: Vera, the three-year-old daughter of C. R. McBride, met with a serious and what might have been a fatal accident last Sunday afternoon. The child in some way fell out of a second story window to the hard ground below, striking on her forehead. Dr. Davis was called and did what he could for the child, and at last reports she is getting along nicely.