

day, at noon, it stood 101 degrees in the city. At 5:30 p. m. we commenced descending; we came down on the west side of the peak, passed through a beautiful grove of timber, and followed the course of a small creek. We had not gone far when darkness came on, and as we had expected to get back to camp about the middle of the afternoon, we were unprovided with bedding, coats or any kind of arms, wishing to go as lightly loaded as possible, the day being very warm. But now, when night came on, we found it quite cold in the mountains. While climbing over the rocks, after feeling our way with our hands in order to escape death by falling over a precipice, we became separated, and only Brother Carrington and I remained together. At 10 p. m. we laid down under a scrubby tree, being so tired that further progress was impossible, and we knew not where the two other men had gone. At length we found a place between the rocks large enough to lay down. Our bed, however, was by no means horizontal; it had a slope of something like 45 degrees. Instead of feathers we had pebbles for pillows, and coarse sands, which were yet warm from the heat of the sun, for bedding; we kept them warm by our bodies during the remainder of the night. At 5 o'clock the next morning we arose, being somewhat sore, and we continued our journey down the mountain side. Hungry and faint, having had neither supper nor breakfast, we scrambled over the rocks as best we could. After we had gone about half a mile we heard a man's voice in the canyons below, and on going a little further we saw one of our men (Dr. Wm. W. Rust) on our left, standing on a large rock. He called for help, saying that he was tired out. As we were precisely in the same fix we could not render him any assistance. We reached our camp at 7:30 a. m., where we found our other companion who had made his way in at 10 o'clock the night previous. We then returned to the city, satisfied with our first attempt at climbing mountains.

Only a few men have undertaken to climb to the summit of the Twin Peaks since 1847. A scientific party who made the ascent a few years ago, however, found the altitude to be greater than that given by the first visitors.—Jenson's Historical Record.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Grant City, Worth Co., Mo.,
Oct. 21, 1897.

Commencing at 7:30 on the evening of Oct. 16, in the upper room of the Jackson county court house, took place one of those gatherings to which the Elders laboring in the missionary field look forward with fond anticipation, viz: the assembling together in conference capacity of the Elders and Saints of the state of Missouri. Meetings were held as follows: On Saturday at 7:30 p. m., Sunday at 10 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m., and on Monday at 7:30 p. m. During this time all the Elders had the privilege of bearing their testimony to the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the infallibility of the principles of the Gospel which he taught. At 9 o'clock on the morning of the 18th the Elders assembled together as a body of Priesthood and listened to many timely instructions from President Kelsch of the Northern States mission and President Dixon of the Missouri conference; also received their appointments to their various fields of labor as follows:

B. W. Dixon and E. Tanner, Independence, Jackson county.

Geo. Done, J. G. Evans, Kansas City.

B. F. Duffin, T. H. Chambers, Kansas City.

A. Watson, S. S. Humphreys, Maryville, Nodaway county.
Chas. H. Owens, J. L. Mortensen, Nevada, Vernon county.
Thos. Loynd, A. Reiser, Macon City, Macon county.

T. H. Ingram, J. W. Kay, Brookfield, Linn county; F. H. Nalder, M. N. Mathisen, Grant City, Worth county, Mo.

F. H. NALDER,
Clerk of Conference.

UP IN MONTANA.

Referring to the visit of John Henry Smith of the quorum of Apostles into Montana, the Great Falls Tribune says:

If the mission of the Apostle is successful in the State it is reasonable to believe that there will be a congregation in this city and that being the case the story he tells will prove of interest.

He is not in the state for the purpose of attempting to proselyte believers in other faiths, but desires merely to meet those who were born in Mormon faith.

He states that there are thousands of Mormon girls who have scattered throughout the northwest since marriage and many of them are in Montana. Hundreds of young men of the Church have also left Utah and come to Montana. The Mormons who have come to this state are, in the main, those who have drifted away from Utah since polygamy was suppressed, and hundreds of the women were not married until they reached Montana, while the men have had only one wife each.

They have found no Mormon organization in this state and have either not attended church or have to some extent associated with the existing churches, the Presbyterian and Christian churches attracting a large majority.

It is the purpose of Elder Smith to meet those who were born in his Church and to gather together all those in a community and perfect organization.

"Then," he says, "we will preach our principles and make converts from all classes. We firmly believe our principles will appeal to all who understand them and we will add to our membership from the people of all classes and denominations in Montana."

There are now in the state 12 Elders who are laboring with Apostle Smith and they are perfecting organizations in various towns. They will not find many members in northern Montana, but in the portions of the state which were early settled there is a host of Mormons.

At Butte there are several hundred; at Anaconda, 125; at Lima, 100; and a large number in Madison, Deer Lodge and Jefferson counties.

There are about 40 in Fergus county and an unknown number in Great Falls, many of whom are now in other churches.

The president of the Montana mission of the Church and two traveling missionaries from Idaho will soon be here and then the campaign in this vicinity will be begun.

TOOELE STAKE CONFERENCE.

Quarterly conference of the Tooele Stake of Zion convened in the Tooele ward meeting house, on Saturday and Sunday, October 23rd and 24th, Elder Hugh S. Gowan, president of the Stake, presiding. There were present during the conference of the presiding authorities, President George Q. Cannon of the First Presidency of the Church, Elders Abraham O. Woodruff of the quorum of the Apostles, Hugh S. Gowan, Chas. L. Anderson and George F.

Richards of the Stake presidency, Patriarchs, Bishops and others of the presiding brethren of the Stake.

Elder George F. Richards reported the condition of the Stake as the Stake presidency had found it in their visits during the past three months. A spirit of unity was with the people, especially was this manifest in the Stake presidency, High Council and the ward authorities. The great majority of the people are trying to live the lives of Saints.

Each ward of the Stake was duly reported by its Bishop or a representative, as being in good condition both temporally and spiritually, each organization being in good working order, and in their respective callings are great helps in government in the Church of Christ.

The general Church and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained by the vote of the conference.

At each meeting on Saturday and Sunday Elder A. O. Woodruff spoke, the subject of repentance being dwelt upon principally. The speaker said he was pleased with the report of the Bishops, especially one which stated that a ward was out of debt, free from debt, not a mortgage on any of the homes; this is as it ought to be throughout the whole community. Greed for money is causing the people to run in debt, mortgaging their homes. As a remedy for this evil and for the people to regain their freedom, he cited the word of the Lord in regard to Tithing, that if the people would observe this principle, the Lord would open the windows of heaven and bless them.

President Geo. Q. Cannon spoke at each of the Sunday meetings, giving valuable counsel and instructions. He emphasized that the condition of the people is such that parents should be familiar with the course of lives their children follow, warning them, and throwing around them safeguards of virtue and love of purity that as they near man and womanhood they will shun the evils that may be found in our midst. President Cannon further said that there is great need of industries to be established, to create labor, so that the people might not be idle.

The speaker's remarks were listened to with much interest and they were truly faith-inspiring.

A noticeable feature during the conference was the large attendance of Latter-day Saints.

The Sunday school held its regular session at 9 to 10:30 a. m. and after rendering a prepared program President George Q. Cannon and Elder A. O. Woodruff spoke to the children in such plain and simple language that the children will long remember the instructions given.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the conference. The health of the people is generally good and they are enjoying the blessings of God, for which we feel truly thankful.

JOHN W. TATE, Stake Clerk.

Two important gold discoveries are reported from Idaho. One is a placer deposit near Elk City, Ida., where a number of Butte men recently made locations, and the other report is that of a quartz strike on Gage creek near the town of Utica, in the Fergus country, Montana. Both are said to be rich disclosures.

John F. Milner, who was convicted of the murder of S. J. Darrah in the superior court of California last week, was granted a new trial Friday by Judge Noyes on the ground that the district attorney alleged in his plea that Milner was a liar and there was no evidence to establish the assertion. District Attorney Gill will appeal the matter to the Supreme court.