

BEAR LAKE ITEMS.

The southern end of Bear Lake Valley has been of late the scene of a great deal of public pleasure and instruction.

The Sunday School of Lake Town appropriately celebrated the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, on the 22nd ult. An excellent programme was rendered in the morning. Songs, dialogues, readings and recitations were interspersed with reviews by the younger children from the chart and fac-simile card lessons. "Christ Arisen," by the intermediates from the "Articles of Faith," and by the young men's and young ladies' classes from Lesson III, "The Testimony of John the Baptist." The Stake superintendency had been invited and were represented by Counselors M. Jacobsen and H. C. Keetch, of St. Charles, and John Allen of Garden City. The children under fourteen years of age had a dance from 1 to 5 p. m., during which time the female teachers distributed a variety of good things to them. The adults of the school and their friends had a sociable from 7:30 to 11:30. This was conceded to be the best party of the season here.

The visitors met with us on Sunday morning, and their appropriate counsel greatly encouraged the school.

The Fourth Elders' Quorum monthly meeting was held after school dismissed, and a good time was spent. At the public meeting at 2 p. m. addresses were delivered by the visiting Elders.

Stake Supt. Wm. Hymas and his worthy colleagues, C. H. Hart and J. M. Bagley, of the U. M. M. I. Association, met the associations of the Rich County Wards in their district conference held here on Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd. At the Saturday afternoon session a capital programme was rendered. The Meadowville association choir furnished the general music and singing for the occasion and all the exercises were meritoriously gone through. In the evening, under the auspices of the societies, there was a crowded audience from the settlements.

On Sunday morning great attention and interest were manifested by a very large congregation in a logical review of the recent Supreme Court test oath decision by Counselor C. H. Hart and the concluding discourse of the Superintendent. The afternoon exercises consisted of an address by Elder Moroni Dunford, who related some of his experiences as a missionary in the Southern States, recently ended. He commented on the merits and true definition of the word of wisdom and the gifts of the Spirit, as portrayed by Paul and other inspired writers. The Lake Town association's special choir provided us with some good singing during Sunday.

The conference was a decided success and must have far exceeded the most hopeful anticipations of those who projected it. It also reflects much credit upon the Rich County Associations.

The Stake is apportioned into three or four districts. Conferences will be held in each, and it is hoped that a great and effective work will be done for our young men in this way.

Hay is very scarce here, and cattle are quite poor, but our stockmen are rustling things bravely, importing corn and thus saving the lives of the cattle. Information reached us yesterday that the Union Pacific railroad was transporting corn for our citizens for a merely nominal price, to help out through this hay famine.

The temperature in this locality last week got down to 12 degrees below zero. A mercantile friend informed me that during his recent visit to Evanston the thermometer indicated 40 degrees below zero. The past two days the weather has been warmer. A south wind is blowing and a break-up is imminent.

Business was dull during February, but booms again as March comes in.

"La grippe" has given some of us a shaking, but happily it is now over.

Our day school, Sunday school and local associations are flourishing.

The Stake superintendency of the Y. M. M. I. A. met with Meadowville last Sunday evening, reorganized the young people's society there, and installed Messrs. Hyrum Kimball, H. Schutt and W. E. Jenkins as the presidency, and Miss Pansy Schutt as secretary, and gave some excellent counsel.

JOSEPH IRWIN.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

SEVIER.

The Quarterly Conference of the Sevier Stake convened in Richfield Hall at 10 a. m., Sunday, February 23rd. There were present on the stand—Apostle A. H. Lund, President H. Beal, of Sanpete Stake, Presidents G. W. Bean and W. H. Clark, of this Stake, a majority of the Bishops, High Council and home missionaries. President W. H. Seegmiller was absent, being in attendance at the Legislature.

The speakers were Apostle A. H. Lund, President H. Beal, Presidents G. W. Bean and W. H. Clark, Bishops H. H. Bell, of Glenwood, Pool Poulson, of Richfield First Ward, and Elder Joseph J. Anderson, of the Stake Academy.

The Bishops reported the condition of their several wards.

The general duties of the Saints were discoursed upon by the several speakers. Apostle Lund dwelt for some time upon the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, also the many blessings which the Saints enjoy as a people. The general and Stake authorities were presented, and all sustained by unanimous vote.

Comparatively spring weather prevailed during Conference, but this was followed by a heavy snowfall of from four to eight inches.

SAMUEL G. CLARK,
Assistant Stake Clerk.

SNOWFLAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake was held on March 2nd and 3rd. There was a good attendance from all the wards, except Tonto Basin and Tuba City; the great distance prevents many coming from these wards to attend our conferences. There were present on the stand, Apostles F. M. Leyman and J. H. Smith, and some visiting brethren from the St. Johns Stake. Of the local authorities, President Jesse N. Smith and Counselors, Bishops, and members of the High Council.

The speakers were Presidents Jesse N. Smith, C. H. Hatch and J. H. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman and J. H. Smith, Brothers John Cook and E. N. Freeman, and Bishops John Hunt, John Bushman, E. M. Webb, M. E. Willis, Niels Petersen and Hans Hansen.

The reports of the Bishops showed the wards to be in very fair condition, but nearly all had suffered considerably from high water. The greatest loss was sustained by Woodruff. The people there had lost their dam, which was the most costly of any on the stream.

There has been considerable sickness in some of the wards.

The instructions given by the speakers were of an excellent character and calculated to strengthen and encourage the Saints in their duties.

JOSEPH FISH, Clerk.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, March 9th, 1890, commencing at 2 p. m., Counselor Charles W. Penrose presiding.

The choir sang:

O, Jesus! the Giver
Of all we enjoy.

Prayer by President Thos. E. Ricks, of Bannock Stake.

The choir sang:

Ye children of our God,
Ye Saints of latter days.

The Priesthood of the Eleventh Ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

ELDER HENRY W. NAISBITT

addressed the congregation. In the course of his remarks he said that we who profess to be the disciples of Jesus Christ claim to have accepted that order which He instituted; and this is the distinguishing feature, as I understand it, of the people who dwell in these mountains. I hold it to be beyond the possibility of doubt that nowhere is there to be found such fidelity and devotion to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ as that which exists among the members of the Church which He has established.

In all ages of the world there have been philosophers who have