

I did not arrive at Kirtland until the spring of 1833, I was dependent upon observation and common rumor for what transpired before my coming. I well remember, however, being employed by those living upon the "Family Farm" to assist in removing the houses and reconstructing them upon the Kirtland city lots.

Few veterans of that period are still living, and Patriarch Joseph Kingsbury is the only one in my acquaintance that I can now call to mind. As always, **UNCLE BEN.**

THE WORK IN CALIFORNIA.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 16, 1897.

We are holding five indoor meetings besides two open air meetings each week, all of which are well attended. The work is progressing nicely. We have baptized seven souls here this week and many more are earnestly investigating the Gospel as taught by us. God's Spirit is being poured out upon the honest in heart of this city. A remarkable feature of the work in which we are engaged is the powerful testimonies the baptized believers receive to the truth of the Gospel. A miraculous case of healing has been experienced here recently in the house of Dr. Hunt, who is one of the leading physicians of San Diego. His son Florence, age 23, had been ailing for some time and it seemed that his father's medicine would have no effect upon him. The family had been investigating the Gospel for some time and had faith to call upon us Elders to administer to the sick son. We did so and he was instantly healed and got out of bed and has not been sick since. He and his mother were among the number baptized this week. We could offer many such testimonies as this if space would permit. **J. W. N.**

PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Parowan Stake of Zion convened in the Cedar City tabernacle Sunday and Monday, December 19th and 20th, 1897. Present upon the stand were Elders Abraham O. Woodruff of the Council of Apostles; Elders David H. Cannon of St. George Stake; Jesse M. Crosby of Panguitch Stake; President of the Stake U. T. Jones, and his counselors Webster and Leigh; members of the High Council; and Bishops and their counselors of this Stake.

Sunday morning, 10 a. m.—After a brief session of the Cedar City ward Sunday School, at which was rendered some beautiful songs and recitations the Stake conference began. Elder Uriah T. Jones gave a verbal report of the Stake and the remaining time was occupied by Elders Woodruff and Cannon in instructing Sunday school officers and teachers with regard to their duties and urging them to be valiant in the discharge of the same. The Bishops who verbally reported their wards were William H. Coray, Cedar; Charles Adams, Parowan; Stephen S. Barton, Paragonah; Joseph B. Dalley, Summit and James S. Stapley, Kanarras.

The general and local authorities were presented and sustained by unanimous vote of the conference.

The speakers during the conference were Elders Uriah T. Jones, David H. Cannon, Francis Webster, Jesse W. Crosby, Henry Leigh and Abraham O. Woodruff, who occupied a portion of the time of each meeting and ministered the word with great power, and seemed to enjoy a rich flow of the Spirit of the Lord.

The following are among the topics discoursed during the conference: Divine authority and succession of the Priesthood; encouraging home in-

dustries; providing remunerative labor for the unemployed; patronizing the Church schools; the Word of Wisdom; redemption of the dead and the necessity of living in strict obedience to the commandments of God.

The conference throughout was a pronounced success.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch Christopher J. Arthur, and conference adjourned for three months to meet in Parowan.

WM. H. HOLYOAK, Stake Clerk.

METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY

The average monthly pressure for the year was 25.66, which is .02 of an inch above normal. Highest barometer, 26.13, on December 31st; lowest 25.04 on December 14th; range of pressure, 1.09 inches. The average monthly range of pressure was .65 of an inch.

The mean monthly temperature was 50.2 degrees, which is 1.1 degrees below normal; highest 98 degrees on July 28th; lowest, 2 degrees on December 21st; absolute range, 96 degrees; mean monthly range, 50.4 degrees; mean maximum temperature, 60.7 degrees; mean minimum, 40.4 degrees; mean daily range of temperature, 20. Number of days maximum temperature was below 32 degrees, 29; number of days maximum temperature was above 90 degrees, 20; number of days minimum temperature was below 32 degrees, 131.

The total amount of precipitation during the year, including rain, hail and melted snow, was 16.74 inches, which is .55 of an inch above normal; greatest monthly amount, 3.84 inches in February; least monthly amount, 0.33 of an inch in August; greatest amount in twenty-four consecutive hours, 1.01 inches on February 5th and 6th. The number of days during the year on which .01 of an inch or more precipitation occurred was 101.

The average for the year was 60 per cent; average at 6 a. m., 69 per cent; average at 6 p. m., 52 per cent.

The number of clear days during the year was 117; partly cloudy, 90, and cloudy, 158. Number of days with thunderstorms, 15; number of days with hail, 3; number of days with snow, 53. There was 60 per cent of sunshine during the year.

The total movement of the wind during the year was 51,723 miles; average hourly velocity for the year, 6 miles; maximum velocity, 40 miles per hour from the north on April 10th, and 40 miles per hour from the south on May 1st; prevailing direction, southeast.

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Observer Weather Bureau.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS.

The trolley cars' casualty record in San Francisco in 1897 was increased by two upon the last day of the old year, the swift-moving wheels crushing the life out of one victim and mangle the other so that there is little hope of his recovery. An unknown woman was killed and Howard R. McNichol was dangerously injured.

Miss Elena D. Welch of Berkeley and Ira D. Kendall of Santa Cruz, Cal., were to have been married Thursday night, but an unexpected accident made it impossible for the ceremony to take place. Miss Welch fell down stairs, injuring herself so severely that she could not be present at the wedding. The bride-to-be was prevented from marrying Kendall once before, because of a similar accident, and the singular coincidence is the talk of the city.

Charles Smith of 2432 Harrison street, San Francisco, a fireman employed on a switch engine in the Southern Pacific yards, sustained painful and possibly dangerous injuries Thursday night at the yards, near Sixth and King streets.

While leaning from the window of his cab watching for signals of his brakeman, he was struck in the back of the head and knocked senseless to the floor of his cab. The object with which he came into collision was a switch-house, built too close to the track.

Adolph Winckler, a merchant of Kings City, Cal., and many years a resident of that section, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun at his home Thursday afternoon. Deceased was in a room in the rear of his store. He took down an old muzzle-loading shotgun to draw a load preparatory to letting his grandsons have it for a hunting trip. While the gun was in an upright position, with the butt on the floor, it was discharged, the entire charge of shot entering Mr. Winckler's heart. Deceased was 75 years old.

The citizens and prominent business men of Cheyenne, Wyo., held a meeting in that city last night, at which was discussed ways and means for the representation of the state at the Omaha exposition. Among the speakers were Senator Warren, ex-Senator Carey, Gov. Richards and State Engineer Elwood Meads, all favoring a state display at the proposed big fair. Resolutions were adopted asking the citizens to subscribe \$7,500, the same to be refunded by the next state legislature.

A dispatch from Aspen, Colo., says: Dr. R. C. Brown has suspended operations in the Free Silver mine, after over three years of continuous operation, and the expenditure of nearly \$400,000, without the return of a cent. Some 5,000 feet of prospect work has been done in contact at a depth of 1,200 feet without finding ore. The air-line and drills have been pulled out of the property and the surface plant turned over to the Smuggler people, who will continue prospecting work in their twelfth level. The Free Silver pump will be kept in operation by the Smuggler and Della S. companies, jointly, for the present at least. The suspension of the Free Silver is a great disappointment and a severe blow to the district, inasmuch as this is the deepest workings in the camp, and a strike would have infused new life into deep mining.

Miss Rose Ashton met a violent death in a rather mysterious manner at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at her residence, 411 Tenth street, San Francisco. She was 24 years old, comely and well off in a worldly sense, being the owner of the house in which she died. Living with Miss Ashton in the Tenth street residence were her sister and the latter's husband, James Griffin. About two months ago Mrs. Griffin shot herself in the breast with a revolver, and is still suffering from the effects of her wound. Both Miss Ashton and Mrs. Griffin have suffered more or less in the past few years from hysteria. To this malady is attributed the younger sister's accidental death and Mrs. Griffin's attempt to commit suicide. About 2:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon James Griffin took his wife from her bedroom, on the second floor of their dwelling, to the front parlor downstairs. Miss Ashton remained behind, engaged in putting the room in order. Her sister and rother-in-law had but reached the parlor below when they heard the sound of a heavy body falling in the back yard, accompanied by a scream. When Griffin reached the yard Miss Ashton's body was lying under the window of the room in which he had left her a moment before. She was then almost dead, the back of her head having struck the wooden inclosure of a flower bed. Her neck was afterward found to be broken and her skull fractured, and her death occurred shortly afterward.