

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—Thirty-five thousand people witnessed the opening of the Ice Palace today. President Thompson made an address of welcome and Mayor Smith presented the golden keys of the palace to the ice king.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 25.—The news of the death of General John W. Hines at Helena, Montana, was received at his home with profound regret. The deceased was a prominent republican politician, journalist and lawyer, and was one of the best known men in the state. He was secretary of state under Governors Crittenden and Helm, and adjutant-general under Governor Magoffin, and was collector of the fifth internal revenue district during the administration of President Garfield.

CLYVELAND, O., Jan. 25.—Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, founder and president of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, and one of the leaders of the German Reformed Church in the west, died today, aged 65.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 25.—It being announced this morning that the printers who struck on the Courier-Journal proposed starting an evening paper, W. N. Haldeman, proprietor of the Courier-Journal, authorized the Evening Times to tender the strikers full Associated Press dispatches six months free of charge.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The prefect of Nancy has made a report on the Barbet-Habermann frontier affair, in which he says that the French frontier was not violated by Habermann when he took Barbet's gun away. Barbet has not made formal complaint against Habermann and therefore the incident cannot be made the subject of diplomatic representations.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 25.—When the wife of A. J. Ellis, living at 1113 Harrison Street, woke up this morning, she found her two children, a boy and a girl, dead by her side. The little ones were all right at 11 o'clock last night, but had been accidentally smothered in bed. They were twins and a month old.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—A special from Jenkintown says a terrific explosion, the effects of which were felt to miles around, occurred about 10 o'clock this morning at the dynamite factory at Bethayer's station, a few miles north of here on the North Pennsylvania road. Four men were engaged in the manufacture of dynamite cartridges, when a large can of the stuff exploded, tearing the building to pieces and blowing the workmen in the air and landing them, torn and bleeding, many yards away. John Gaston had his left arm torn from the socket and a great opening made in his side. The force of the explosion was so great that the earth was rent in many places a hundred yards away. Huge pieces of timber were sent flying as far as though they were so many chips, while every pane of window glass within half a mile of the spot was shattered into fragments.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 25.—Isaac N. Stanley, who as paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce embezzled \$100,000 of the bank's funds in 1886 and lost the money in worst speculations, was today sentenced to five years in the Ohio penitentiary.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 25.—Ben. E. Hopkins took the witness stand this afternoon in his own behalf. He said that he was employed by Harper two weeks before the

FIDELITY BANK

opened, as assistant cashier, at a salary of \$3600 per year. He was to solicit business and meet customers coming to the bank. The inception of the wheat deal, he said, was this: Harper asked him for a competent broker. He named several and Harper chose Hoyt and asked Hopkins to see Hoyt and direct him to buy 600,000 bushels of wheat the next day. Harper said he did not want to be known in the matter at all. Hopkins was simply to act as messenger between Harper and Hoyt and was to receive no compensation. He explained how, in doing this, he gave his checks which were to serve simply as receipts. He also explained how Hoyt obtained his drafts in the settlement of his business with Harper. All negotiations between

HARPER AND HOYT

were carried on through witness. Hoyt suggested that the account be named "Account A." All drafts to Hoyt were provided for by Harper. Harper always told witness that he was not buying wheat through Wilsbire, and the first that witness knew of the enormous transactions with Wilsbire, was when Harper confessed to him in jail. Harper told him that Mackay, in California, and Plankinton and the Standard Oil Company, Cleveland, were buying largely. Harper told him in May, that he had made a million on his wheat, and often told him that he was worth \$3,000,000 in mills, real estate and bank stock. Witness said so far from knowing that the bank was in danger, he had advised his own daughters, married women, to buy Fidelity stock to the amount of \$3,500, thus ruining the whole family. His own holdings in the bank were but ten shares.

THE FORGERIES.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 25.—The work of procuring a jury in the tally-sheet forgery cases proceeded today. The most sensational scenes took place in court over the speeches of the attorneys. The judge gave notice that he would clear the court room and hold the session in private, unless order was maintained. Geo. L. Converse, leading counsel for the defense, made

a strong speech objecting to the tactics of the other side.

Prosecuting Attorney Hullo next spoke and charged that counsel was continually smirching the reputations of all who opposed him in this case, and especially members of the citizens' committee.

Judge Thurman followed, denying the statements of Converse. Judge Pugh sternly rebuked this conduct and said if there was a repetition of it he would be compelled to clear the court room.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—A meeting was held at Carroll Institute Hall last evening, presided over by Cardinal Gibbons, at which plans and purposes for the new Catholic University to be built in this city were explained by Bishop Ireland, of St. Paul, and Bishop Keane, of Richmond, Va. During his remarks Bishop Ireland stated that the corner stone of the divinity building would be laid in about three months; that the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the hierarchy of America would be celebrated in the autumn of 1889, and at the same time the beginning of the second century would be celebrated by the opening of the divinity department of the university, to be followed as rapidly as possible by departments of philosophy, law, medicine, etc.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Right Hon. Wm. Henry Smith, first lord of the treasury and government leader of the House of Commons, in a letter urges all the conservative members to be present in Parliament on February 9th, when questions of the utmost importance will be submitted.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26.—The republican convention completed its labors about one o'clock this morning and adjourned. Col. James Lewis was elected as fourth delegate at large.

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—Reports this morning from various points in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, state that the heaviest snow storm for years prevailed all night and in most places it is still snowing. Travel is greatly impeded and many trains are entirely snarled.

RICHMOND, Mo., Jan. 26.—David Whitmer, the last surviving witness to the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, died here last night after a lingering illness of several weeks.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—It is stated that warrants have been secretly obtained in England for the arrest of six Irish members of Parliament and magistrates who are now in hiding.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A gale prevails throughout England, and some casualties of minor importance have been reported.

The gale was severe in Wales. Several vessels were driven ashore on the north coast.

DUBLIN, Jan. 26.—The tenants of Donegal have resolved to withhold the payment of rents during the time that Blane and Father McFadden, arrested at Armagh last Friday, are kept in prison.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The schooner J. Kennedy arrived here during the night. The captain reports that last night about fifty vessels were in the ice on the shoals and it is feared all went ashore this morning.

HALIFAX, Jan. 26.—The flag of distress was seen flying from a vessel caught in the ice in the Basin to-day. The crew appear to have abandoned the vessel and were seen on cakes of floating ice and in great danger, but no help could reach them. The vessel is believed to be the schooner Glide, for Boston. An unknown vessel is ashore off Horton.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Jan. 26.—The roads are everywhere blocked and up to 11 o'clock today no train has passed over either division. The Boston and Maine Railroad morning express, which left Portland at 7:30, is snowed in near Old Orchard. Help has been telegraphed for.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 26.—Writs are out for by-elections in Manitoba to enable the new ministers to go to their constituents. Polling will occur February 16th. No constituency has yet been found for minister Jones. The legislature will not be dissolved. It adjourned today to March 1st.

GALVESTON, Jan. 26.—Ten tons of superior Texas cotton seed were shipped from here yesterday consigned to a German East African colonization society in Zanzibar, Africa. An experienced planter accompanied the seed for the purpose of instructing the natives of Zanzibar in the cultivation of the cotton plant. This event marks the introduction of cotton on the east coast of Africa.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The sugar trust gave another evidence of its power yesterday when it ordered Moller, Sierck & Co. to close their refinery. One of the firm said that a shut-down would not occur until the raw sugar on hand had been used up. In the meantime the firm notified its employees to look out for new jobs. This is the fourth sugar refinery that has been closed since the sugar trust was perfected in this city. It was feared that a movement is under way to build a gigantic refinery in Philadelphia and the supposition in Lower Wall Street is that a new refinery will be used by the trust to club recalcitrant Philadelphia refiners, who now refuse to join the trust.

On January 18, John Peterson accidentally shot and instantly killed his son, a promising young business man of Clear Water, Kansas, while the two were out hunting. He has gone insane from grief and has twice attempted his own life. The last attempt it is feared will result in his death.

CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND.

Translation of the Book of Mormon.—Ordaining Native Elders, Etc.

KAITI, POVERTY BAY, New Zealand, Dec. 28th, 1887.

Editor Deseret News:

The conference of the Poverty Bay district convened at the above named place Saturday, December 24th, President F. H. Wright presiding. There were present from Utah, President Wm. Paxman who had just returned from a three month's tour of the Island, President F. H. Wright, Elders Ezra F. Richards, Sonda Sanders, Jr., A. T. Wright, President J. E. Magleby from the Waiapu district, and Elder J. J. Jackson who has been appointed to labor with him, also the two Sisters from Zion.

We had arranged to have our Christmas festivities during conference and we had a large number of Saints of this, and some visitors from neighboring districts to rejoice with us.

When President Wright called the meeting to order at 10:30 a. m. Saturday morning the house was filled. We met in the new meeting-house lately built by the Saints of this, a new branch, which is located about three miles southeast from Gisborne. Prayer by Elder J. E. Magleby.

President Wright in his opening remarks said he felt well in seeing so many of the Saints in attendance, and stated that we had assembled to be fed spiritually and rejoice in the cause in which we, the Saints, are engaged.

HE SPOKE

on the commencement of God's work in this dispensation, the calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith to this important mission, and the coming forth, and several translations of, the Book of Mormon. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Saints, that they may prove faithful to the cause, and worthy of eternal life.

The presidents of the four branches in this district were called upon to speak, and they reported them in the main, as being in a good, healthy condition.

Benediction by a native Elder. In the afternoon the meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. Prayer by Elder Ezra F. Richards. The statistical report was read by the clerk, showing 172 souls in the district, there having been 13 baptisms during the past eight months. Elders Sonda Sanders, Jr., J. J. Jackson and three native Elders occupied the time, speaking on the principles of the Gospel, and each bore a strong testimony to the work of God.

At 8 p. m. a general Priesthood meeting was held. Prayer by Elder Sonda Sanders. Thirteen names were presented, some to be ordained to, and others to be advanced in the priesthood. A financial report was read showing that \$39 7s. 10d. had been contributed by the Saints in this district, to assist in the translation of the Book of Mormon.

President William Paxman, through Elder E. F. Richards, addressed the meeting on the powers of the Priesthood, said it was

THROUGH THIS PRIESTHOOD

that not only mankind would be redeemed, but the earth also, and rejoiced to see names presented worthy to receive higher priesthood. He referred to the translation of the Book of Mormon, on which Elders E. F. Richards and Sonda Sanders, Jr., have labored assiduously for the past seven months, and which is completed and the revision begun. He thought it would be ready for the printers of the general conference, and told the Saints he thought it an honor to them to have the work performed in this district, and that they would never regret what they had done for it, for it would prove a blessing to them, and to all who accepted the principles contained therein. He closed by warning them against the weaknesses of the flesh and the temptations of Satan.

Sunday morning, Christmas. In order not to interfere with our meetings, it was decided best to have our "Christmas dinner" for breakfast. At 8 o'clock we were called to the feast, and we found it no small affair, for the Saints had come loaded with the good things of this world. They had spread our table under a large awning, erected and decorated with evergreens for the special occasion, for it will be remembered that we are now enjoying the warmest part of our New Zealand summer. We were surrounded

by our native friends, who in Maori style were seated on the ground, and all were engaged in talking, laughing, and enjoying the mutton, pork, chicken, new potatoes, fruit pies and Christmas pies, which were there in abundance.

At 10 a. m. meeting was called to order; prayer by Elder Sonda Sanders, Jr. The sacrament was administered to the Saints.

President Wm. Paxman arose and wished all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS,

said it was observed by all Christians as the day of the birth of our Savior, and thought it a fitting time for the Saints to worship God and give thanks to Him for His mercies. He spoke at length on the prophecies concerning, and the humble birth of our Lord, and said that through Him God had accomplished His designs which were before the foundation of the world. The Jews lived in a favored time, wherein they enjoyed the society of the Lord, but we are most privileged of all people, for we are living in the day when He will come in great glory to reign as King of Kings as He now reigns as Lord of Lords. But His coming would overtake the world as unexpectedly as the flood overtook the world in the days of Noah. Spoke of the signs of the coming of the Son of Man, those recorded in the scriptures; those of destruction and death unto the wicked; but as God had a refuge prepared for the righteous in the days of Noah, so has He His Gospel to save the obedient in these days. Said that the Elders had been ordained and authorized as Apostles of Christ, and their labors were approved of their King and honored. Testified to the truth of the work of God, and that the best branches of the house of Israel were being gathered to Zion to be prepared for the coming of the Lord; while the wicked would be left and receive the wrath of God.

Benediction by a native Elder.

A PRIESTHOOD MEETING

was held at 12:30 p. m., at which some native brethren were ordained to the Priesthood.

Afternoon meeting began at 2:15. Prayer by Brother Henrae Pous. Elder J. E. Magleby occupied a portion of the time delivering a very interesting and instructive discourse on the prophecies of, and the people of the Book of Mormon, and bore a faithful testimony.

The general and local authorities were presented to the assembly and sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder Ezra F. Richards spoke of the plan of redemption and the way to be saved, and exhorted all who had not come forth to do so before it was too late, lest they should be overtaken by the judgments that were to come upon those who would not obey the truth. Prayer by a native.

Another meeting was held in the evening when Elder A. T. Wright and several native brethren made short addresses of exhortation and bore their testimonies. Closed by benediction by President Wm. Paxman.

And thus ended our very interesting conference, one long to be remembered for the unanimity, good feeling, good attendance and good spirit which prevailed throughout.

SONDRA SANDERS, JR., Clerk of the Conference.

EDUCATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Practical Suggestions On an Important Subject.

Editor Deseret News:

It is pleasant to see so much interest taken in regard to the University. If it is bona fide; but many think that the professors and faculty are quite a much interested as the general public. Indeed, why should the latter be interested, when so small a moiety of the community can possibly participate in that curriculum, or be benefitted by its advanced studies?

Besides the best exponents of education are doubting the value of the present system as applied to the necessities of the masses. Scarcely a paper comes to hand but some paragraph, or article is contained therein in regard to manual, industrial or technical education, and it might be advisable to consider the expediency of bestowing so large an appropriation on the University, which is scarcely situated so as to lead out in

this growing phase of practical scholastic training.

Many of the States possess an agricultural college, which embraces much more than book learning, for it deduces the industrial drifts of its pupils, and in its apportionment of handicraft and labor it assumes more or less of the self-supporting phase, and includes the tuition of both sexes, in such pursuits as tend to comfort, and to domestic and industrial independence.

That the

ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE

the possession of information embracing a wide reach of study, is good, under some circumstances, is not denied; but that any great number of our growing population need to graduate in the university course is disputed. Our situation, our immediate prospects, nay our distant ones, do not even seem to require this, but thousands need to know how to live, how to use their powers in mechanics, in agriculture, and all collateral branches thereof.

It is in the application of knowledge to the every day walk of life, which marks the successful educational institution.

But few have left the present University who were profound enough in single branches to become professors, and fewer still who could utilize in the possibilities of their life, a tithe of the studies which are designated in the circulars issued annually or otherwise.

If the public funds are to be used in an educational direction, what say you to an agricultural college, to a host of industrial schools to the wise mixing of manual pursuits with the study of text books? And further, what say you to increasing the facilities of our young men, the prospective wives of the future; sun-ning them to such educational discipline, to such study as will fit them for good, orderly wives and intelligent mothers?

IT IS A BASTARD AMBITION

which seeks to emulate in our state of workers, the status which belongs to wealth, leisure, the multiplied pursuits of our sister States; universities are an expensive luxury. Schools or colleges meeting the condition of the people and, in a limited sense, attaining their growth are an absolute necessity. To write well, to read well, to speak well should belong, in any where, to advanced schools, but proficiency in any of these important points is the exception in students, and not the rule. To understand the mind may be good, but to so educate a community in the laws of life that sound bodies might enshrine sound minds was beyond the conceptions of teachers and professors, until made obligatory by statutory enactment, within but a very few years; and provision for exercising the different parts of the body in gymnastic exercises are nearly unknown in this region anyway.

Nor in this is there any disposition to belittle the teachers or professors in schools. Some of them know better than they can act, for they are in bondage to routine. Innovation must only move in certain lines, the old grooves are deep and influential in retaining the car of legitimate progress within the range of imitation and conservative appointment.

If the educators of the rising generation of this mountain State can exercise a little more of the inventive faculty, if originality could inspire their future, if what the world does elsewhere had less influence over their action, if method was biased more exclusively on intelligent appreciation of the demands of the community, surely our progress would be more rapid and the individuality of our State as a consequence become more profoundly marked.


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