

ordinances; the duty of husbands to their wives and the necessity of avoiding all unpleasant remarks and actions; the evils of intemperance, and the sacredness of the marriage relation."

Sunday, 10 a. m.—On the stand besides the brethren mentioned on Saturday, there were Prof. B. Cluff, of Provo; Elders A. Kimball, from Box Elder; Robinson and Thoru, from American Fork, and President S. B. Young, of Salt Lake City, who each in their turn addressed the vast congregation assembled.

The instructions from these brethren, together with the remarks and counsels of the Apostles, caused the Saints to rejoice and thank God for the restoration of the everlasting Gospel in these latter days.

President Hatch having a very bad cold, was not able to address the people during the conference.

In the evening there was a meeting, at which Elder Robinson presented the sugar question, and urged the necessity of raising a quantity of sugar beets.

President Seymour B. Young occupied the remainder of the evening in speaking on the evils of intemperance.

HENRY CLEGG, Stake Clerk.

CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

A secret meeting of the Central Democratic Club of Utah was held on Tuesday night, at the office of Mr. F. H. Dyer, on Commercial street.

The organization has a membership of 110 persons. The officers are: F. H. Dyer, president; H. C. Lett and Parley L. Williams, vice presidents; J. R. Letcher recording secretary; A. T. Schroeder, financial secretary; H. T. Duke, treasurer; H. C. Reith, sergeant-at-arms. Executive committee: A. G. Norrell, J. W. Judd, W. H. Irvine and J. A. Martin.

The details of the proceedings of the meeting are withheld from the public. A NEW's reporter called upon a number of the officers of the club today, but each of them was politely non-communicative. It was learned, however, that forty-five persons were present. Among them were the following: F. H. Dyer, A. G. Norrell, J. G. Sutherland, J. L. Rawlins, Thomas Marshall, J. B. Walden, W. Vancott, Dr. Freeman, Dr. John J. McAchran, H. C. Lett, A. T. Schroeder, J. R. Letcher, Samuel Lewis and C. R. Barratt.

The following preamble and resolutions, which are self-explanatory, were adopted and ordered published:

"To the People of Utah:

"Believing as we do, that the changed, as well as the rapidly changing conditions in social and political status of this Territory, justify the abandonment of the political organizations which have heretofore existed and that the time has now arrived when the political parties of this Territory should be formed upon the lines of National politics, leaving each individual citizen to choose for himself his affiliation with the one or the other of the two great political parties of the country according to his preference, and confident of the virtue, patriotism and integrity of the mass of the people, as Democrats we make the following declaration of principles:

"1.—We believe that the government of the United States is a

national sovereignty, supreme within its sphere as delegated and defined in the Constitution; and to that government our first allegiance is due; and we believe in a willing and loyal obedience to all its laws and a strict enforcement of the same.

"2.—We believe that the several States of the Union are sovereign within their sphere, and that upon the preservation of their autonomy depend the benefits of local self-government, the liberty of the citizens, and the perpetuity of the Union.

"3.—We are opposed to the idea of a centralized or paternal government, believing that the best government is the one that governs least, and therefore we believe in the largest liberty of the individual citizen consistent with good government.

"4.—We are opposed to any legislation by the federal government which looks to or operates in levying taxes for the benefit of any one class at the expense of any other; but we believe that the primal idea of all taxes should be revenue, and that confined to the needs of the government economically administered.

"5.—We are opposed to any legislation tending to build up monopoly, as the result is to make rich the few to the hurt of the many, and we believe that the rule of government should be: the greatest good to the greatest number; special privileges to none; equality to all.

"6.—We are unalterably opposed to the disfranchisement of any citizen except for crime, whereof he shall have been first duly convicted.

"7.—We are unalterably opposed to force and fraud in the conduct of elections, or to any interference with them by extraneous powers or means. The Constitution of the United States should not be violated by makeshift legislation to facilitate party advantages.

"The foregoing we believe to be an embodiment of the true principles of republican - democratic government, which find their expression in the just interpretation of our Constitution; and we most cordially invite the people of Utah, without regard to previous political affiliations, who are willing to subscribe thereto and abide the action of the Democratic party in its organized capacity, to join with us in our effort to build up a party in Utah in sympathy and harmony with the Democratic party of the Nation.

FRANK H. DYER,
President of the Central Democratic Club of Salt Lake County, Utah.

"Attest:

"J. R. LETCHER, Secretary."

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

DETROIT, May 9.—A fire is raging in the upper central counties of the lower peninsula today, the like of which has never been known. The line of the flames reaches almost without a break from Mason county, on Lake Michigan, to Iosco county, on Lake Huron, with the forests of Lake Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Ogemaw and Alpena all ablaze. Another fire of scarcely less magnitude exists in the upper peninsula. The South Shore & Atlantic Railroad through Marquette, Baraga and Ontonagon counties is in the path of the flames. Two railroad bridges are already gone, and the telegraph lines are in bad shape.

Fears are entertained that the fire will reach some towns. Last night the flames swept into Oscoda and burned out \$200,000 worth of property. Great apprehension is felt at Ausable. An appeal for help has been sent to

Alpena. It is feared the city will be swept away if the wind shifts. Additional reports now coming in show a widespread district is devastated.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 9.—Deer Lake, near Reed City, a hundred miles north of this city, has called for aid and a steamer has gone. The forests are ablaze and Osterhout & Fox's immense lumber yards, with \$250,000 worth of lumber, are surrounded by flames.

DETROIT, May 9.—Reports from Marquette, Mich., say forest fires are burning all over the copper country. At Chassell several farm houses and barns went up in smoke and a bridge was consumed on Sturgeon river. The Thomas Neston estate and the Diamond Match lose heavily.

Lake Superior, from Marquette to Keweenaw points, is fairly black with smoke, and all fog whistles are kept blowing constantly. The loss will be very heavy.

At Tawas, on the east shore, for two days past, the air has been thick with smoke from the immense forest fires raging in the woods back of town, and which extend clear to the county line. Ishpeming is surrounded by fire, but no danger to town. Telegraph poles and railroad ties are being destroyed and communication is likely to be cut off at any time. Nothing but a drenching rain of two days' duration can prevent tremendous damage.

MILWAUKEE, May 9.—Reports from northern Wisconsin are that heavy rains last night have checked the forest fires in many districts. The principal damage done has been to standing timber. The Wisconsin Central and Omaha roads have been caused considerable trouble by burning bridges. The smoke from the forests hung like a dense fog over the towns, and adds to the apprehensions of the inhabitants. Fierce fires are burning in Shawnee county.

COUDERSPORT, Pa., May 11.—Tonight the little towns of Austin, Costello, Galeton and Moore's Run, in Potter county, are on the verge of a panic, two especially being threatened with annihilation from fires, that seem to form an impenetrable wall on either side. For several days past the skies have been lighted up with fires in every direction and the flames crept steadily toward the helpless towns, until it was seen that the people must fight. At Moore's Run, on the Mahoning road, a train load of seventy-five willing men, sent out from Austin on Sunday night, have been fighting the fire by every conceivable means. They made trenches, piled up earth and lighted back fires, but were finally obliged to retreat. The men hastily boarded the train and started to make the run to another point, when it was found that they were hemmed in by forest fires on one side and a huge skidway of burning logs on the other. It was finally decided to dash past the burning skidway and the engineer's and fireman's faces were covered with damp cloths and their arms and hands covered with wool. They dashed through the wall of fire.

The seventy-five exhausted men gathered in groups on the flats for protection or lay on their faces on the floors. As

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of logs was approached the heat be-