

SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

A quarterly conference was held at Mount Pleasant, February 15th and 16th, 1879.

Present on the stand: President C. Peterson and Counsellors H. Beal and J. B. Maiben, many of the Bishops and leading men of the county.

Saturday forenoon, afternoon and evening were occupied by the Bishops from the different settlements. In short but interesting speeches they gave reports of the condition of their wards, of what they had accomplished in the way of home industry, and what branches they intended starting in order to be self-sustaining.

Brother Spencer's report of the Indians in Thistle Valley was especially interesting. The Lamanites there had built a tithing office and were now busy in getting out logs for a school house.

A. H. Lund read the statistical reports.

The report of Bishop Orange Seely of Castle Valley, showed that the mission had been divided into the Huntington, Ferron and Cottonwood wards, containing 137 souls, who were wintering there.

Presidents J. B. Maiben and H. Beal, and Judge James A. Allred also addressed the Conference concerning the dealings of God with his people: the fulfillment of his promises; the ultimate success of this work in which we are engaged, and the meagre results which have followed the strenuous efforts of our enemies to destroy us.

Sunday forenoon.

President Peterson spoke on the prophecies which were now being fulfilled; believed the time was near at hand when famine and war would make the land desolate.

Bishop W. T. Reid followed in the same strain; hoped the time would not be far off when we should excel in financial matters as we had in those of theology.

In the afternoon, reports of the different Relief Societies were read, showing how zealously the sisters are laboring for the building up of the kingdom of God.

President J. B. Maiben read a report of the Sunday schools in this Stake. There were 16 schools, with 2,462 pupils and teachers enrolled.

The authorities of the Church, both general and local, were next presented, and unanimously sustained.

Mary A. P. Hyde was sustained as President of the Relief Societies in this Stake, with Elizabeth Allred and Anne Larsen as counselors.

The conference was adjourned

till May the 17th and 18th, at Manti.

The meetings were very interesting, much good instruction was given, and the Spirit of God was present with both speakers and hearers.

PARIS CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTION.

ITS HISTORY AND STATUS.

PARIS, Bear Lake County, Idaho, Feb. 15, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

As co-operation is one of the developments of the financial policy of the Latter-day Saints, I take pleasure in forwarding a few items in relation to the Paris Co-operative Institution, so that your readers may understand that, although located in the snow, if not in the ice-bound north, we are not so far removed as to be behind the spirit of the times, or unable to enjoy the benefits of the exercise of that principle which has for its object the unity of the people, the elevation of the poor, and the promotion of home manufactures.

The Paris Co-operative Institution was established in 1874, as a purely mercantile business, with the small capital of \$3,057. In the first nine months a dividend was declared of forty per cent, which was all applied on capital stock.

In 1876, a dividend of thirty-four per cent was declared, half of which was reserved and applied on capital stock in favor of the shareholders to whom it was due.

In 1877 we sent east for a complete outfit of American Cheese manufacturing apparatus, and by the kind permission of President Snow we sent a man who had been selected for this purpose, to Brigham City dairy to learn the process of manufacturing cheese in the American style.

Our policy has been to work and do business as near as we could with safety on a cash basis. Our buildings and improvements have been erected with an eye continually to this end, so that after contracting to the lowest bidder there has been a reduction of 20 per cent. made from the original cost of construction.

During this year, after effecting this amalgamation of interests and branching out in the establishing of a boot, shoe and harness shop and meat market, a dividend was declared of 25 per cent. on the increased capital of \$17,126. We be-

gan now to feel a pressure bearing upon us, in consequence of having effected the amalgamation of these home industries with the mercantile department; in short, we ascertained that we were growing in business faster than in capital, the mercantile department being the fountain as it were to furnish the motive power to run these branches until they could become self-sustaining, and in their turn repay the mercantile branch with an increase of trade, and lessen the necessities of importation.

Table listing assets: Store Buildings and Improvements in Paris (\$3,024.00), Land Claims, Buildings and Improvements in Nounnan Valley (2,971.00), Tannery property (2,238.00), Shingle, Lath and Planing mill (3,380.00), Cows, Oxen, Horses, Wagons, Agricultural, Dairy and Tannery Tools, and Machinery and tools in Shoe Shop about (\$5,000.00).

Making a total of \$17,591.00. Leaving the very small amount of working capital of the shareholders \$1,742.00. We have however, independent of this capital, \$1,000 of borrowed money, and with this amount of means we have during the year 1878 accomplished the following results:

Table listing sales: Amount of retail business done in Boots and Shoes (\$6,500.00), Amount of retail business done in Harness (750.00), Amount of retail business done in Merchandise (35,000.00), Manufacture of Cheese 36,000 lbs. @ 14c per lb (5,040.00), Raised 3,500 lbs Pork @ 10c per lb (350.00), Raised 650 bushels of Oats (320.00), Manufacture of Leather (3,900.00), etc (1,500.00), Sold of Beef 25,000 lbs (1,500.00).

Making a total of \$54,880.00. The amount paid out for labor during the year is as follows:

Table listing labor expenses: In Nounnan Valley for dairy and farm hands (\$3,500.00), In Shingle and Planing Mill (1,000.00), In the Shoe Shop and Harness shop (1,500.00), In the Tannery (1,500.00), In freighting grain, merchandise, etc (2,500.00), In store and manufacturing expenses (2,000.00).

Making a total paid out for labor of \$13,000.00. The number of shareholders is 190.

From 30 to 40 persons are employed during the summer season and of course these persons with their families are directly benefited, while the whole community is benefited in an indirect manner by these developments of home industry.

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It is important that co-operative institutions should afford sufficient security for capital to induce individuals to invest their means, to the end that the resources of the country may be developed, and thus reduce, if not entirely dispense with the importation of cloth, leather, doors, sash, furniture and a variety of other necessaries and conveniences of life, that can just as

well be produced at home as to be imported a thousand miles.

ROBERT PRICE, Manager.

Correspondence.

Twentieth Ward Ditch.

SALT LAKE CITY, February 21st, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Having noticed in Wednesday's issue of the EVENING NEWS a statement that there was a scarcity of water in the 20th Ward ditch, I thought it might be proper to state the reason why. In the first place the ditch had been broken in two places for some time, and had there been any more water turned in, the consequence would have been a large wash of the bank, causing a large amount of labor to repair it, and I thought a little water without endangering the ditch would be the best, and early this morning I went and temporarily repaired it and turned a little more water in.

I make this statement for the benefit of those concerned.

Respectfully, S. J. SUDBURY.

Hospitality.

MENDON, Cache County, Feb. 18th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Mendon is a quiet little town, of between 90 and 100 families, situated on the west side of this fertile valley, on the slope which hugs the base of the snow-covered mountains. The community are industrious, frugal, and with scarcely an exception, farmers; each man sitting beneath his own vine and fig tree, owning the house he inhabits and the land he cultivates.

The Y. L. and Y. M. Societies, as well as the Primary Association are well attended, the meeting-house being too small to accommodate them. A new school-house is approaching completion, and is a credit to the town.

A prevailing characteristic of our "country cousins" is their warm-hearted hospitality, and a universal willingness to oblige their friends who come from the city, not only with the gratuitous offering of bed and board while they remain, but any other courtesy or favor that lies within their power.

ces who were so willing to sit at his table, eat his bread and butter, sleep beneath his humble roof, and share like one of the family in all the comforts of his frugal home, will recognize him on the public thoroughfare, invite him to their mansions, or if they do this much, treat him as a guest they delight to honor? Among those who are professedly Latter-day Saints, this kind of ingratitude is too often manifest.

O. F. W.

FORGERY!

FILLMORE, Feb. 18, 1879:

Editors Deseret News:

As I understand my name has been signed to the anti-polygamy petition circulated lately throughout the Territory, I wish to state that I never signed my name to said petition, nor did I ever authorize any one to do so.

NELLIE MARQUARDSON.

NOTICE

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the estate of JOHN LEAK, deceased.

To the Creditors of said deceased:

ALL persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby required to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, at the residence of the undersigned administrator of said estate in South Jordan Precinct, Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

ROBERT LEAK, Administrator. Dated January 25th, 1879. w4t

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a meeting of the land owners of the Leamington Irrigation District will be held in the house of Joseph Anderson, on the 16th of March, 1879, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of electing the officers of the Leamington Irrigation Company, and to vote the tax for the present year.

P. D. LYMAN, T. TALBOT, THOMAS MORGAN, Trustees. JOSEPH A. LYMAN, Secretary. w3t

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Sanpete County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of George Peacock, Deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present them with the necessary vouchers within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to the undersigned administrators on said estate, at the residence of either of them, in Manti City, Sanpete Co., U. T. LUTHER T. TUTTLE, EDWARD W. FOX, JAMES C. BROWN. Manti City, Jan. 14, 1879.