DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1900.



THE MISSIONARY FIELDS

The Turkish Mission.

Elder F.F.Hintze, of the Turkish mission, arrived in Liverpool on Saturday, January 27th, on his way home, after two years' labor in the far East,

In the fall of 1897, Elder Hintze was called to accompany Apostle A. H. Lund to Turkey and the Hoiy Land, with a view of organizing the Church more fully there, and also to see what could be done for the temporal benefit of the Saints.

In January, 1898, they passed through England, and about March 1st arrived in Aintab, Syria. At Aintab they held a conference, where all the native branch-es were represented. The Church was organized more fully, and a number of worthy men were ordained to the Priesthood. They found the Saints very poor in temporal affairs, but rich in the spirit of the Gospel. The peo-ple related many instances where the Spirit of God had been made manifest in a powerful manner in their behalf. During their stay in Austab they been

During their stay in Aintab they bap-tized twenty-five persons. One sister who had suffered for years from an incurable malady was healed instantly, though the doctors who treated her pronounced her incurable.

They found the people very much dif-ferent in character from any other na-tion with whom they had formerly been associated. Yet it was evident that they could and did enjoy a fair measure of the Holy Spirit. Their weakness is instability of character. In the line of spirituality they are very bright. They weakly understand world the W of spirituality they are very bright. They usually understand well the Word of the Lord as written in the Bible. They are good in argument and inter-esting in conversation. Having been driven to the wall by oppression and despotism, they are almost helpless in the world. They see no relief in the future, but feel as a nation that they have no friends in the world. The Saints have the love of Zion, with the hope of Israel and deliverance the same as the Saints in any other country. All things considered, the Armenians are not worse than any other people, but as not worse than any other people, but as many of them are unreliable in their statements and acts, association them becomes very tiresome. Looking at them from a reasonable point of view, it is but fair to say that had they the opportunity of more favored nat-tions there would be many bright and honest souls to harvest there for ornaments in the Kingdom of God During the spring of 1898 they, with others, traveled through the Holy Land, and had a most valuable and enjoyable experience in visiting Damascus, Nazareth, Samaria, Jerusalem, and many cities on the coast, and gathered much information concerning their special mission After their labors were completed in Palestine, Apostie Lund left for Zion. As Elder Hintze had been appointed Pastor of the Turkish Mission, he at once left for Asia Minor to visit all the branches in their homes. During the summer he visited all the branches at Aleppo, Aintab and Zara, as well as Saints and friends in many other cities. He found the Saints all well and happy, and hopeful for the advance and re-establishment of the Church of Christ in its full power and authority . In the fall and winter of 1898 he reisited Palestine in the interest of the Mission; after revisiting some of the Saints in Syria he returned to Constan-During his stay tinople. there Lord opened up an effectual door for printing the Word of the Lord. The Elders had been struggling for about 14 years to obtain this privilege. He printed 29,000 tracts, and also trans-lated 28 sections of the Doctrine and Covenants into Turkish, and translating the Book of Mormon. and began There are now over 100 members of the Church in Turkey. The prospects are very fair for more members, but more Elders are needed to spread the Gospel Owing to the .peculiar situation in Turkey. the difficulty of the language and other circumstances pertaining to the return of Judah and Israel as promised, the misison there is in quite an unsettled condition, so to speak. During the year 1899 they had the pleasure to plant the Gospel in Roumania. Elder Mischa Markow, is in Bucharest, where he has had the privilege of baptizing a couple of and there are several investigators. The prospects are that there will soon mission opened in the Balkan nations The Gospel has never been preached there in this dispensation, and evidently there are many honest souls among that strange people. The term's there are principally orthodox Greek, and are very fanatical; but with care and the blessings of the Lord the Gospel can be preached there, the people be warned, and the honest gathered out before the judgments of God fall upon the nations of the earth. Elder Hintze speaks very compli-mentary of the labors of the Elders in Turkey. They have done a good work, and if those who follow after will seek to sympathize with the people and, in humility before the Lord, will follow the footsteps of the former Elders, a good work will be done and the name of the Lord be glorified in their labors; and as soon as He opens up the way, the Saints will begin to occupy the Land of Promise, and its former blessings will return. Altogether Elder Hintze has had a pleasant mission. The Lord seems to ave opened up his way in all cases and helped him in many difficult trials and positions. His work in that land, for the present, seems to have come to close and he returns with pleasure and jor to his mountain home. He desires, through the Star, to express his heartfelt thanks for and ap-preciation of the kindness extended him by the Elders and Saints in the various parts of the European Mission where he has visited .- Millennial Star

The "News" is a welcome and regular visitor, to our far off island home. F. EUGENE MORRIS. Conference President. G. H. BLOOD, Clerk.

In New Zealand. Kalkohe, Jan. 15, 1900.

To the Editor: The Elders in the New Zealand mis-sion read with much pleasure and in-terest the letters contained in the "News" from the Elders in the different parts of the vineyard. The writer is laboring at present in

The writer is laboring at present in the most northern district of the mis-sion, known as the Bay of Islands dis-trict. As our February conference is to be held in this end of the island this year, Elder J. E. Magleby of Monroe, Sevier county, is working among the people here, and as this is his second mission here his old friends are very pleased to see him and to listen to his good instructions and advice. We fully anticipate having a very good confer-

On the 5th of the present month Elders Magleby, D. M. Haun of West Jordan, and the writer, started on a trip through part of Hokianga county. There are many Maoris in this part of the country, and they seem quite intel-ligent and well-to-do. We were well received in more came and the apponle ngent and well-to-do. We were well received in most cases and the people listened attentively to the Gospel mes-sage. On Jan. 10 we arrived at a "Kainga" or village known as Walma-maku. We were given entertainment here and in the evening we held a meet-ing. We found here some people who were followers of a man who preached baptism by immersion and who believed the Scriptures as they were written.

the Scriptures as they were written. He was, however, connected with no church or society and of course, could not claim to be "duly authorized." The writer and Elder Haun met this gentleman in their travels and found him to be very sincere and reasonable. As he was then on his way to Auckland we referred him to Elders Ezra T. Stevenson and George T. Judd, for "Information." He is now a member of the Church, having been baptized by one having authority.

Now, to return to our labors with the Maoris. They seemed a little afraid of the name "Mormon" at first, but when they saw that we were not there for our own pleasure but for their good, this feeling changed to one of confidence. It was a little difficult for them to see that they should be baptized again, but after a sermon by Elder Magleby, who took for a subject Acts xix: 1-7, and who also spoke concerning baptism and entherity the authority, they came to the condusion that in order to obey the divine com-mand they must be "born again"-born of water and of the Spirit. The next morning Elder Magleby baptized seven morning Eilder Magleby baptized seven seekers after truth, and in the morning "karakia" or devotional exercises we confirmed them and also blessed three children. These people could see the in-consistencies of modern Christianity and were looking for the Gospel which is the "power of God unto salvation." Ere the Elders in Naw Zosland see

Ere the Elders in New Zealand see this letter in print, Elder John E. Magleby will be their president, he having received an appointment to that effect. We feel that under his care the mission will continue to grow and pro-

gress. The "News" is the Elders' "tino taonga," and we wish it the success it

Your brother in Truth, HEBER K. ALDOUS, Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islends, N. Z.

America's Samoan Land.

The Stars and Stripes will wave over Tutulla and Manua Islands in January, All the people seem pleased over the

change of affairs that will soon take place. Somoa has long awaited the end of strife and confusion caused by the rul-ing of the three governments. The dif-

ings heid were I. W. McKay, W. H. Holyoak, W. L. Waite, R. J. Crawford, J. O. Smith and L. A. Keisch. The principles of the Gospel were dwelt upon by the Elders. A number of Elders are laboring in the city of St. Louis, and have been since October, 1899. We expect to re-main here and give the people a chance to hear, investigate, and embrace the Gospel now restored to earth again. Several thousand families have been visited the four months just past, a few hundred street meetings have been held, and many friends have been made. Generally speaking, we have been well treated by the people. Some ministers say all manner of evil about us, while others treat us kindly. The us, while others treat us kindly. The ignorant are our bitter enemies, and we find them scattered among the rich and poor. Prejudice and revilings come from too many that ought to be "en-samples to the flock." The people are not so much to blame as the pulpit and the press. They read, they hear, and judge from that, and in nine cases out

of ten, if not ninety-nine out of a hun-dred, the information comes from the enemy Since our last conference there has

been six baptisms. Our Sunday school is prospering, and considerable inter-est is taken in the work that is in progress in this city. P. J. SANDERS, Prest.

Missoula Conference.

Florence, Mont., Feb. 6, 1900.

To the Editor:

It is sixteen months since I bid my loved ones farewell to carry the Gospel message to the people of the Northwest,



ELDER O. P. MILLER, President of -it. .' Stake.

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the object tood had in placing us here on this earth. The song. "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," gave added spirit to the meeting. Elder J. N. Larson took these words for his text. In the evening Elder O. K. Hansen spoke of the natural brotherhood of

Elder Lewis A. Kelsch spoke of the principles of the Gospel. Priesthood meeting was one of the main features of

The conference. It was held on Monday. The Elders representing their respect-ive fields of labor reported, all mani-festing a spirit of eagerness to con-tinue in the great cause. Elder Lewis A. Kelsch gave the Elders some timely A. Kelsch gave the Elders some timely instructions. All separated, carrying the spirit of the conference to their fields of labor. Our friends and the Saints were very good in taking care of the Elders. The prospects for the fu-ture are good here in the city. We hope through the mercy of God to see a prosperous branch of the Church estab-lished. lished.

The "News" is always welcome. JUNIUS C. JENSEN, Conference Clerk.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Wasatch Stake. The ninetleth quarterly conference of this Stake of Zion convened in the Stake house at Heber on Sunday, Feb. 12th, 1900. There were present of the general Church authorities, Elder F. M. Lyman of the Council of the Aposties; the Stake presidency; Patriarchs, Bishops, and a fair representation of the members of the various wards. The

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Wm. C. Field of Lynne, Ogdan City, Utah, returned home on the 4th inst. from a mission to the. Eastern States, to which he was set apart on November 4, 1897. He was assigned to the Southwest Virginia conference, where he labored until released, Jan. 11, 1900. He enjoyed good health while on his mission, and he also enjoyed his labors very much. The conference is in a prosperous conditon.

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on the steamsnip Astoria, from Gias gow, February 2, 1900. Elder Heber B. Smith of the Liver, pool office has been honorably released to return home and will sail pr steam. ship St. Louis from Southampton, Feb.

ruary 10, 1900. Elder Joseph E. Helm has been trans. ferred from the Manchester to the Bristol conference.-Millenfial Star, February 3rd.

Elder W. L. Worsencroft, of Payson,

Utah county, was set apart moan mission, on the 5th of 1896. He labored mostly of of Upolu, where the nd prosperous. He returned De island 11th of this month. Elder from their dispersion du, war, and that everything its former penceful aspecsion headquarters was lo tent of \$1,200, but this is the exand improvements have Last year 105 persons were triad. the mission. A good feeling tween the Saints and the out vists be ers, and the future looks promising.

Elders John A. Bevan and John E. Is. sreen, of Touele, Touele conset apart on the 15th of Oc iunty, were ctober, 1897 for missionary labor in the for missionary labor in the Lasten States, Both were assigned to the West Pennsylvania conference, where they performed a faithful mission. They were released and returned home on the 12th of this month.

On the 25th of January, Elder John M. Whitaker, of Sugar ward, returned from his mission in the Eastern States, returned in States to which he was set apart D. 1897. During the first five 1 1897. During the first five mouths he labored as president of the New Jersey conference; the following year as presi-dent of the New England conference, and from June 1, 1898, until released, January 20, 1900, as second counselor in the presidency of the Eastern States mission. While in New Jersey a num-ber of warm friends were made by the Elders, a number of meetings were held in public halls, and several papers pub-lished a series of (6) articles on the subject of "Mormonism." In his travels over the New England conference he met many public men, was treated most courteously by the management and editors of the leading journals in that they published articles in defense of the Latter-day Saints. ember Latter-day Saints.

During the Latter part of his mission he was caned upon to write the history of each of the eight conferences, and the history of the Eastern States mission; also to commence a new and uni-form system of records in each conference. During the recent agifation he was called to special work, viz: lecturing in the larger cities of the East and South, meeting public men and the management and editors of most of the leading journals, for the purpose of ex-plaining the position of the Church, its doctrines, and aim. He speaks in the highest terms of the excellent treatment accorded him both in the lectures and through the columns of the press. In through the contains of the press in several large cities the best halls were secured free, in no city was the full price of any hall demanded; and some of the leading men paid for halls, in order that the "Mormons" might have a fair hear-ing. With most ever leading man was left some of the literature such as some of the literature, such as Voice of Warning Mormon Destrin etc., and the Articles of Faith, by Dr. J. ... Talmage, has been furnished to very many of those met, especially those who evinced a willingness to read and place in the Editor's Library for refer-Elder Whitaker says the work in the Eastern States is commencing to open up in a most encouraging manner, and greater the opposition the more are the thinking men investigating, and the wider is "Mormonism" spreading, wider is "Mormonism" spreading, through the devoted labors of the presidency of that mission coupled with the work done by those laboring so faith-fully immediately under them, among the Saints form no inconsiderable number.



ELDER FRANK Y. TAYLOR,

President of the Granite Stake.

ELDER FRANK Y. TAYLOR, who was recently chosen president of the Granite Stake, is among the more widely known young men of Utah. He is a son of the late President John Taylor, a native of Salt Lake City, 39 years of age and has ever been an active character in all the walks of life. Ecclesiastically he has for years been associated with Sunday school and Mutual Improvement and other Church work and at the time he was called to the responsible position he now fills he was a member of the general board of the Y. M. M. I. A. and first counselor to Bishop A. G. Driggs, of Sugar House ward. He was educated in the district schools of this city and in the University of Utah. from which he graduated in 1881. On leaving school he engaged in architecture and civil engineering. In the former capacity he served as assistant architect for the Manti Temple and in the latter helped in carrying out various canal and railroad enterprises. During the past ten years he has devoted his time, in a business way, almost entirely to mining and real estate, an avocation that he still follows. He was superintendent of the Bullion-Beck mine in the early nineties and is still interested in mines and mining stocks. President Taylor is a man of family and resides in Sugar House ward. When asked yesterday whether it was the intention to erect a new Stake house or tabernacle for Granite Stake he replied: "Not yet, It is not because we are unable to do so from a financial point of view; for I believe we would have no great difficulty from that score. But there are other considerations which are more important just now. We must get well acquainted with each other-that is the people of the various wards must mingle together and get to know each other as will be for best advantage of all concerned. To this end all of the Granite Stake officers have commenced a ward to ward visit which was begun in Sugar House on Sunday last and where three meetings were held. Forest Dale will be visited in like manner on Sunday next and each of the other wards in the Stake from Sunday to Sunday until the last one is reached. Our conferences will also be held in the same way until the time comes when we will build a Stake house."

Conference on Tutuila, Samoa. Pago Pago, Nov. 29, 1899.

To the Editor:

The Tutuila conference just held, No. vember 11, 12 and 13, was perhaps the best ever held on this island. Saturday morning. Nov. 11, the Saints, who had gathered the day before, were found very busy preparing food - cooking about 300 pounds of barreled beef, taro,

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happy. They had looked forward for a | Elder W. L. Worsencroft, dedicating long time with fond expectations to the good time to be had at this gathering, and now it had come. The Elders were also happy, for after laboring six months or a year among these dark people, it is indeed pleasing to be able

to meet with others from Zion. Another thing which added to the joy of all, was the fact that the conference was to be held in the new concrete meeting house, which has just been so far completed as to make it possible to hold meetings therein. This is the first concrete house built by the Elders and Saints on Samoa. It has been con-structed under great difficulties, materi. al, such as sand, rock, etc., having been carried for the most part in cocoanut leaf baskets-the Elders doing most of the work. Lime was obtained by diving in the sea for coral rock, which was taken inland and burned. Steel tools were hard to obtain, so wooden substi-tutes were used. After the walls were completed the unsation of how to encore completed, the question of how to cover them in arose, and as the Elders all donated liberally of their means, and wrote home for more, and in this way, with the aid of some of the brethren in

Zion, enough money was raised to near-ly pay for the corrugated iron roof. Besides this work, a nice lumber and bamboo living house has been built for the conference headquarters, and also as a home for Sister Margaret Ritchie Taylor, of Marriotts, Weber Co., Utab,

who, by the way, is the only white wo-man on the island of Tutuila. Conference commenced Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., with 200 in attendance. Only one a.m., with 200 in attendance. Only one thing seemed to detract from the joy of all, that was the absence of Elder W. G. Sears, who had not yet arrived from the island of Upolu. However, meeting was proceeded with and a good thic had. When meeting was over the Saints spread out their feast, which consisted of beef, bananas cooked and ripe, taro, palusami and fish, with pineapples and other tropical fruits for desert. No little anusement was created by the efforts other tropical fruits for desert. No little amusement was created by the efforts of several un-Samoanized foreigners, from the U.S. naval station, to eat Sa-moan food. Our meal was scarcely over when our joy was made complete by the arrival of Elder W. G. Sears and Elder W. L. Worsencroft. After a five days' trip on the ocean, covering a distance of seventy-five miles, they had landed that morning at Leone, and then walked to Pago Pago, a distance of fif-teen miles, partly in a heavy rain storm.

teen miles, partly in a heavy rain storm, in order that they might be at conference and not disappoint the waiting Saints. If the first meeting of the conference was good, the others were ex-cellent. Two incidents of interest occurred heaven.

the water for the performance of the ordinance; after which Elder J. Taylor led six persons down into the stream and immersed them for the remission of their sins.

Monday was children's day, and it can be said that children in this land range all the way from one day to one hundred years in age. The Elders spent their time trying to amuse the people. The amusements consisted of games, races, tug-of-war, ta'alolo, etc. The prizes consisted of small packages of candy, in some of which were three penny bits. Nearly 400 persons took part in the sports, which lasted until penny bits. evening; even then they were unwilling to disperse, and so were allowed to go in the meeting house, where they were amused by a graphophone entertain-ment given by Elder Sears. Later in evening they looked at the magic lantern views, shown by Elder Worsencroft. Tuesday morning the Elders and Saints all returned to their branches, feeling more than paid for their visit to Great credit is due the conference. Pago Pago and Aua Saints for the man. ner in which they cared for the visiting Saints and Elders.

Wednesday, Elder Sears and Elders Morris and Worsencroft, with a native boat crew, left Pago Pago and visited the villages of Aua, Alofau, Aunu'u and Alao. At each of these places they re-mained one night, held meeting and gave a graphophone and magic lantern entertainment, and at the latter place they remained two days, Saturday and Sunday, after which they returned to Pago Pago. Later Elders Sears, Worneroft and Taylor and Sister with a native boat crew, visited Nu'uull with a native bending one night at each place, holding the usual meeting and entertainment. Monday, Nov. 27,

and entertainment. Monday, Nov. 27, Elders Worsencroft and Taylor, with two native men. started out afoot to visit Vatia, Afouo, Masifau and Fagai-tua. At all of these places they were Were well received and at Vatia and Fagaitua they remained one night each. meetings and giving magic lanholding tern exhibitions.

These visiting trips were all very successful and productive of much good, the Elders being well received and making many friends.

The work of the Lord on Tutulla has prospered during the past six months, nearly forty bantisms having been made and one good branch, that of Fa-leniu, having been opened. For all of which we are truly grateful, as we are for all blessings, to our Father in

ferent chiefs have fought for the throne

for many years. "In treaty" made The misapplied "Berlin treaty" made by the governments a number of years back has never been lived up to. Many of the districts have refused to pay their taxes and regarded the king's (Malietoa) words as of no weight. Mataafa, the rebel king, has fought several battles with the whites, and natives for which he had been banished. He returned last year just at the time of the death of Malietoa. Mataafa again fought for power (as

he has the majority of the people on his side). On April 1, 1899, Lieut. Lans. dale and Ensign Monoghan of the U.S. battleship Philadelphia, were killed in this conflict. Many towns and villages were burned

and food and property destroyed. Thousands of dollars' worth of property belonging to the whites and natives was carried away as booty. The English and United States men-of-war did much shelling in quieting

the rebellion From January to April, 1899, it was unsafe for whites to be found alone

among the natives. A commissioner from each of the three governments was sent out here arriving in May. They quelled the disturbance by promising a better agreement and good government. The end has come. Germany is to rule Upolu and Savaii (the two largest islands). America will raise "Old Glory" over Tutuila and the small Mahua group. The size of the island of Tutuila is 17x6 miles, or very little larger than Church island of Great Salt

Lake Tau, the largest island of the Manua group is somewhat smaller than Stans. island, being 41/2x6 miles. The other four small islands here may be used as comparison with Gunnison, Fremont, and the other pieces of land in Great Salt Lake.

All Samoa, which is 1,650 square miles, would only fill half of Great Salt Lake. The population of Tutuila and Manua combined is but 5,300 The main reason, and perhaps the on-

ly one, United States had in procuring these islands was on account of the first-class storm-protected harbor of Pagopago, which will be the recruiting and coaling station of the United States In the mid-ocean of the Pacific.

It is all hills and bushy guiches here, and although cotton, cocoa, coffee, etc., can be raised, little land is so cultivated at present. The chief attraction here is the cocoanut which grows perhaps better than in any other part of the which grows perhaps world.

Yours, respectfully, E. F. SODERBORG.

Feb. 12, 1900.

In St, Louis. No. 2800 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

To the Editor:

The conference of the Latter-day Saints in Southern Illinois closed last night. The first meeting was fairly well attended. As usual our Sunday evening meeting was marked by several strange faces, as well as a number who have for some time past been making a study of the doctrines of the Latter. day Saints. Brother Christian Schmitgail and wife were the only Saints that came in from the country. Our hearts were made glad to meet them once more.

Priesthood meeting was held Friday morning, all the Elders received their appointments, after which the president of the conference gave a report of the work done since the last conference was held, September, 1899. All the Elders expressed their satisfaction with their lot in the vineyard of the Lord and the companion assigned them in gathering in the sheaves. Elder A. Kelsch encouraged the Elders in their labors.

Elder Isaac W. McKay of Huntsville, Utah, was released to return home. He seemed to appreciate the release, having filled an honorable mission of two years and four months. On account of poor health, Elder Joseph O, Smith of Smithfield, Utah, was transferred to the Wisconsin conference, with headquarters at Milwau

The speakers during the three meet-

ELDER ORRIN P. MILLER, on whose shoulders the duties of Presi dent of the Jordan Stake have fallen, like Prest. Taylor, is also a native of Utah. His advent into mortality was made at Mill Creek, on September 11, 1858, where his parents, Reuben and Ann C. Miller, were among the early settlers. President Miller's boyhood days were spent upon the farm. It was there that he learned the first lessons of industry-the lessons that have made him the successful business man that he is today. His opportunities for obtaining a scholastic education were limited, but such as were afforded him he made the most of in the district schools and as he grew up came to be known as an intelligent and thoughtful young man. Agriculture and stockraising were his principal pursuits and these he still follows with profit. When twenty-three years of age he moved to Riverton, having married a short time previous, and settled down. He was made president of the Riverton branch and when that place was organized into a ward on August 8th, 1886, became its Bishop, a position he has held ever since. Recently through his efforts and the faithfulness of his people a handsome new house of worship was erected there. In 1889-90 Mr. Miller was one of the selectmen of Salt Lake county. He also served as deputy registrar under the Utah Commission for a term of six years. He was the candidate of his party for legislative honors on one or two occasions and ran well to the front on his ticket, but went down to defeat with it. For years he has acted as the agent of the general Bishop's office in the south end of Salt Lake county and is serving in that capacity at the present time. In about three weeks he will move to his new State street home in Union ward and begin to devote his entire time to looking after the interests of the Jordan Stake, which has twelve organized wards with a Church mem-

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and I was sent to Montana. first session was occupied by the Sunhad much joy in my labors. I have day school in their regular exercises, now been in three conferences. The after which Elder F. M. Lyman spoke first was the Billings conference, where for a short time on the subject of the I met with many warm friends. I traveled in that conference a little over jubilee past and future. 2 p. m.-After opening exercises eleven six months, and had three companions. of the Bishops gave verbal reports, the Then I was sent to the Gallatin contwelfth being read by Elder Hatch. All the reports showed a decided improve-

ference, where I also met with some warm friends. I enjoyed myself very much in both places. ment, especially in the observance of the law of tithing. Elder R. T. Reese, the Y. M. M. I. A. missionary, reported his labors in the Stake, and said con-ditions seemed favorable for improve-On the 18th of last November I and other Elders went to conference in Butte City. There I got my appointment to come to the Missoula conferment. The Sunday school, Relief So-clety, Y. L. M. I. A., and religious classes were reported by their respecence, where I arrived on the 25th of the same month, and was assigned to labor with Elder Arthur Edgley. I have met tive Stake officers as generally being in with very kind friends here, too. The Lord has blessed me in many respects. prosperous condition. Elder F. M. Lyman gave some excellent advice The Missoula conference is in a prosper. relation to the religious training of the ous condition at the present time. The children of the Latter-day Saints. A Elders are doing much good here. We are four Elders in this conference and meeting was held in the evening at which Elder E. D. Clyde delivered a we are all in good health, which we are all thankful for, and we are envery interesting lecture on the Divine Mission of Joseph Smith. joying ourselves in our labors. Conference reconvened on the 12th at 10 a. m. After the usual exercises, Elder

bership of 7,000 souls

The "News" is always read with much interest by all. Your brother in the Gospel,

OLIVER W. GALE.

In Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 10, 1900. To the Editor:

Many of our fathers and mothers were compelled to leave this State under the ruel hand of tyranny and mob violence, in 1828. Now there are twenty Elders

laboring in the State. In accordance with an appointment we all met at Kansas City for confer-ence on the 3rd and 4th, enjoying the companionship of Elder Lewis A. Kelsch, president of the Northern S ates mission; O. K. Hansen, president of Iowa conference, and James Christiansen, president of the Nebraska confer-

The evening of the 3rd was stormy and the audience was smaller than it would have been otherwise. Yet, we had a spiritual feast through the entire

Elder Jacob N. Larson presided. We sang the inspiring hymn, "O, My Father, Thou That Dwellest," which furnished a theme to the speakers. Elder M. Larson gave an address of welcome, and stated the objection of our

conference. Elder J. T. Moses presented some of the principles of the Gospel. Elder James Christiansen spoke of the one Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

Eph. 4: 5

Elder Albert C. Robinson, of Farm. ington, Davis county, returned home, on the 10th of this month, from a mission to Belgium. He was set apart on the 14th of January, 1897, and labored in the Llege conference, over which he presided for twenty-one months. He says the Elders have liberty to hold public meetings there, and they find many who are willing to listen to them. There is much ignorance among the people, and consequently great need of the Gospel.

Elder George E. Fowler of the .orwich conference has been honorably re-leased to return home on account of failing health, to sail on the steamship Astoria from Glasgow, Feb. 1, 1960.-Millennial Star, Jan. 25, 1990.

THOUGHT THERE WAS WAR.

Wilmington's Salute in the Amazon Depopulated a Village.

In describing the course of the U.S. S. Wilmington up the Amazon river, E. H. Coleman relates the following amusing incident in Ainslee's Maga-

zine; Six davs after her departure from Manaos the Wilmington reached point where the Colimoes ends and the Rio Maranon and Rio Javari, which form it, begin. The Rio Javari has the distinction of serving as the boundary line between Brazil and Peru for some and close to five hundred miles, junction with the Maranon is a small town. Tabatinga, at which is main-tained a force of Brazilian solders, who have the monotonous task of in

guarding the frontler. "The Wilmington fired a national salute as she slowly approached the sia-tion and sent a boat shore to exchange the usual courtesies. On gaining the lit bluff wharf extending out from the banks in front of the town the officer in charge of the gunboat's cutter notleed with some surprise that the ob. previously' crowd of spectators served on shore had entirely disap-

in the Stake, and gave good advice on many points. Elder Lyman then presented the general authorities, and Elpeared. There were several Brazilian soldiere at the landing, and one of these sen-tured to approach the naval officer. The Brazilian seemed greatly disturbed, and from the actions of his companions it was evident they felt unaccountably alarmed.

"Senhor,' exclaimed the former hastly, 'we are without news, and we beg that you will enlighten us at once." "News of what? was the American's

puzzled reply. 'I am sure I-"Then there is no war?' broke in the soldier.

'Not in this part of the world.'

"'But you fired?" "The Wilmington's representative stifled his desire to laugh and gravely and explained the gunbot's presence, and her well-meant courtesy in expending

her well-meant courtesy in expension so much powder. "'I aim delighted,' finally conferred the Brazillian; 'but, senhor,' he added, 'you have depopulated the village. All the natives have fied to the jungle, and I doubt if we can induce them to re-turn until you are gone. Senhor, those turn until you are gone. Senhor, those

turn until you are gone. Senior, have guns, they echo yet?" "A mile or two above Tabatinga sev-eravi huts were noticed near the riv-er's bank, but the most careful scru-tiny with glasses could not discover signs of life. It was plainly apparent the salue of the Wilmington had bad-ly frightened every Indian within hear-ing "

were unanimously sustained. Elder F. M. Lyman then addressed the Saints on the law of tithing, and other subjects, explaining in a very comprehensive manner, the laws of the Gospel re-vealed for the temporal and spiritual salvation and exaltation of man. At the afternoon session Elders Jos.

R. Murdock, H. S. Alexander and John M. Murdock addressed the Saints, af-terd which Elder F. M. Lyman continued his remarks of the forenoon, also giving some instructions in relation to

Batch reported on conditions existing

der J. H. Moulton the local, all of who

keeping correct records.

On the 12th, at 10:30 a. m., Elder F. M. Lyman, accompanied by the president of the Stake and other representa-

tive brethren, met with the people of Center ward and effected th reorganization of the Bishopric of the ward. A most excellent spirit prevailed during the exercises, which seemed to be highly satisfactory to all concerned."

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The European Mission.

Elder Hintze of the Turkish Mission will leave for Glasgow today and will sail on the steamship Astoria on the 3rd. one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." Eph. 4: 5. On Sunday W. H. Apgood explained Releases and Appointments-Elder A. A. Thomas of the Weish Conference has been honorably released to return home

