

children—four boys and four girls. He spent his early life with his parents on a four hundred acre farm and by going to school in the winter. On September 21, 1834, he married Julia Ann Killgore. He joined the Church September 17th, 1835, being baptized by the first Bishop of the Church, Edward Partridge. On June 5, 1837, he left for Kirtland, and arrived in November. In 1838 he left Kirtland for Far West. On Feb. 18, 1839, he was ordained a Seventy by Brigham Young and H. C. Kimball.

On June 27, 1839, he started on a mission to Maine, and returned June 14, 1840. From the April conference in 1842 he started to Maine on a second mission, arriving home June 14, 1844. He was one of the Prophet Joseph's and President Brigham Young's body guard for three years. His first wife died January 5, 1845.

He left Nauvoo in February, 1846; arrived at Council Bluffs June 22, where he found his father and mother. They built houses in Winter Quarters, and his sister Sylvia furnished the money for an outfit to start for Utah and 800 lbs of flour for each person. He had eighty-seven wagons in his charge and 400 souls. There were thirty wagons without a man to drive them, being 660 wagons in the whole company. He and P. P. Pratt lead the companies with two cannons. Near Laramie they met Brother Willey returning from the Mexican war. They landed in Great Salt Lake valley September 24th, 1847, having made the first wagon track north of Salt Lake City.

He and his father lived as one family during their lives. He sowed seven acres of wheat, fourteen in corn, in 1848—the cricket year. The price of wheat went up to \$10 per bushel and continued at that price until 1849. He had 500 bushels of grain to sell in 1848. He built a log house 16x36 in 1848. On the 15th of October, 1849, he started back across the plains after his sister Sylvia, arriving in Iowa June 1, 1850. He left Iowa April 11, 1850, as captain of 149 men, non-Mormons, and arrived here June 26, 1850. He found flour \$50 per one hundred pounds, and corn meal \$25, with other provisions in proportion.

On Sept. 15, 1852, he left on a mission to England and returned to Utah in 1855. He spent 1857 in Carson, Nev., on a mission. In 1869 he went back to Maine on a mission. In 1872 he and his mother went to Maine to gather genealogies. He spent much time and means in laboring for the dead.

### IN EASTERN ARIZONA.

ALPINE, Apache County, Arizona, May 30th, 1893.—The spring here has been very dry and windy, owing to there being but little snow and no rain during the winter months. Recently, however, we have had a little rain which is bringing our crops up nicely. The outlook for Eastern Arizona is rather gloomy, unless we have some more rain soon, so far as crops and grass are concerned. We still hope that the much needed downpour will come in time to secure crops. I do not remember seeing so long a drouth in this country during a residence of thirteen years. The failure of crops no doubt would cause a good deal of suffering to the people.

There has been considerable sickness in this valley during the last three months, with five deaths, including a new born infant. The persons had taken heavy colds bring on lung fever or pneumonia.

Brother E. A. Noble and family have been bereaved of two children, a son and daughter, the former twelve years of age, who died in March; the daughter, sixteen years old, died on the 27th inst. She was a very estimable young lady, who was highly respected by all who were acquainted with her. Almost the entire population followed the remains to the last resting place. This community, as a rule, turn out en masse on all such occasions.

Sabbath and other meetings are well attended. All the organizations are in good running order. The people are rejoicing in the Gospel and, as a rule, living up to their privileges, as far as I can see. J. H. S.

### IN MONTANA.

On the 16th of May a meeting of the members of the Church residing at Anaconda, Montana, was held at the log house occupied by Elder Elijah N. Wilson, No. 627 east, Park avenue, Anaconda. The meeting began at 8:45 p. m. There were present of the Twelve Apostles, Elders Franklin D. Richards and Brigham Young. After the opening exercises, Elders Richards and Young made brief remarks on the duties of the Saints and the blessings to be received through the Gospel.

Those present were asked for an expression of their feelings regarding an organization of a branch of the church at Anaconda. All stated that they were in favor of such organization.

Elders Richards and Young then proceeded to organize a branch. Elder Samuel Spillman was set apart as presiding Elder of Anaconda, with Elder Elijah N. Wilson as his first and Elder Leonard Jones as his second counselor.

Elder Richards then gave instructions regarding the duty of a branch presidency in keeping records, blessing children, baptisms, meetings, recommendations, etc., and the meeting was brought to a close.

Elder Wilson being absent from home on the evening of the 16th, he was set apart to his office the next day by Elder Richards, after which the two brethren of the Apostles took their departure for Salt Lake City.

JOSIAH ROGERSON, Clerk.

### RETURNED ELDER.

Yesterday Elder C. W. Watts, of Kanosh, Millard county, called at the News, on his way home. He arrived in this city Sunday, from a mission to Great Britain, whither he went on the 24th of June, 1891. He was assigned to labor as Traveling Elder in the Norwich conference, and remained in that position until eight months ago, when he was appointed president of the conference. After his release he turned homeward, sailing from Liverpool on May 20, on the Guion steamship Alaska. He stopped over two days at Chicago, viewing the World's Fair, where the exhibits are still in an incomplete condition. It

will probably be six weeks before all are fully arranged.

Elder Watts says the company had a pleasant voyage. There were with him Elders T. A. and S. B. Clawson, of this city, who stopped in New York, Elder W. B. Dougal, Jr., of this city, who came for over a sea voyage for the benefit of his health, Elders Taylor and Bennion, on their return home from New Zealand, Elder Samuel M. Barratt, coming home from Great Britain, Elder Tueller, from the Swiss and German mission, and Elder Joseph Christensen, of Mayfield, Sanpete county, who has been presiding over the Scandinavian mission.

### THE UTAH UNIVERSITY.

The commencement exercises of the University of Utah were held in the Salt Lake Theater today beginning at 10:30 o'clock. The parquette and dress circle were filled with University students and their friends. On the right of the stage sat Dr. John R. Park, Acting President Joseph T. Kingsbury, Chancellor Harkness, Professors Stewart, Allen, Montgomery, Howard, Kerr, Aber, Whiting and Marshall, President Joseph F. Smith, F. M. Lyman, Governor West, A. E. Hyde, Dr. Milton H. Hardy, Bishop Leouard.

On the left were the graduating students, the young ladies being clad in beautiful white dresses and the gentlemen wearing black.

Professor Careless' orchestra rendered an excellent musical selection, after which prayer was offered by President Joseph F. Smith.

An interesting paper on Roseau was read by Miss Emily Farnes and attentively listened to from commencement to close.

The article showed much thought and care in preparation and the lady was warmly applauded for her able effort as she took her seat.

Joseph Bonde Swenson, a graduate in the mining course on whom was conferred the degree of Bachelor of mining engineering, delivered an enthusiastic address on the silver question.

Mr. Swenson surprised his friends very much and he was frequently and warmly applauded.

Chancellor Robert Harkness said the University under the law was empowered to confer honorary degrees on persons who had been eminent in the service of that institution. For twenty years Dr. John R. Park was the president of the University. The great institution in fact, might be called his own child. He had bestowed his love and best years upon it. He was not at its head today but he had never left it in spirit and it was certain that he never would.

The influence of the University and Dr. Park was far-reaching and the faculty felt they could do nothing less than confer the greatest honor in its power upon Dr. Park—that of doctor of law.

The degree was conferred by Chancellor Harkness upon Dr. Park amidst an enthusiastic outburst of applause.

Acting President Kingsbury then delivered a long and earnest address full of good advice to the graduating