



in the office of the mission, besides Elder Rich, Elders C. H. Hyde, F. F. Dalton, W. E. Evans and Edgar Perry. The prospects of the mission are encouraging and the Elders throughout the mission show a splendid spirit in their labors among the people. The beneficial results of the missionary classes of the church are manifest among those Elders who accept the opportunities afforded in them. These classes are a great aid to the young Elders in preparing them to commence work immediately upon entering the missionary field.

The Deseret News is a great factor for good in the homes of the Saints, health in the north and it is believed she will fare better farther south and have a chance to prosper.

At the present time we have labored

Prospects Are Bright.

Elder Gustave Janion writes from Eugene, Ore., Dec. 12:

Elder Richards and I have labored here in this city for the last seven weeks and prospects are bright. Some are investigating with earnestness. Last Friday we baptized a lady in Whitson, Ore. The first time I and Elder Merrill called on her, she said she had been praying to God to send her the Gospel of Christ, as she could not see the light of the Gospel in the different sectarian creeds. We came in answer to her prayer.

Sunday conferences were held in Portland, Ore., Elder Bramwell and his counselors were present. They gave us good instructions.

IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

A Good Work Being Done by the Elders Laboring There.

Elder F. N. Millett writes from Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 17:

There are four Elders laboring here in this city: Elders Crosby, Davis, Ogden and myself. We have found several friends and investigators. We are traveling from house to house. At night we hold street meetings to large and attentive crowds. The mayor and city officials have been very kind to us and have granted to us the use of their hall. We expect a visit from our president, Elder E. H. Nye, during Christmas and New Years. The weather is delightful, and flowers, trees, etc., have not yet been molested by Jack Frost.

Juarez Stake.

Colonia Juarez, Chih., Mex., Dec. 4.—

The quarterly conference of the Juarez Stake of Zion closed on Sunday, Nov. 30, 1902.

There were in attendance, besides the local speakers of the stake, Elders Hyrum M. Smith, J. G. Kimball, Joseph E. Taylor of the Salt Lake presidency, Joseph A. McRae, president of the Colorado mission; Annie Taylor Hyde, in the interest of the Relief societies; Julia A. Bryson, in giving the report of the stake, said the past season had been an exceptionally trying one. In the early part of the season the people had suffered from the drought, and when the rains did come, we got more than we wanted, and considerable damage was done to crops, especially in Colonia Diaz and the mountain settlements, and through the excess of water, sickness had prevailed and some deaths had been the result, but the sick were now improving, and the prospects for the coming season very promising.

The other speakers were Elders Smith, Kimball, Taylor, McRae, Bryson, Pratt, G. C. Wilson and Brigham Pierce, also Sisters Mary B. Eyring, Annie Taylor Hyde, Julia A. Bryson and Sister Fannie Woolley. The subjects spoken of were: Home, more duty, education, freedom from debt, and the necessity of quorums of the Priesthood being well organized and active.

The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained.

On Monday special meetings were held with the Seventies, officers of the Sunday schools, Mutual Improvement associations and Primaries.

JOSEPH C. BENTLEY, Stake Clerk.

POCATELLO STAKE.

Quarterly Conference Held at Pocatello, Idaho.

The quarterly conference of Pocatello stake was held in the assembly hall here Sunday and Monday, Dec. 7 and 8. Apostle John Henry Smith and President Rulon S. Wells of the First Council of Seventies were present from Salt Lake City. The stake presidency was represented by President Wm. A. Hyde and Counselor Noah S. Pond. There were also present most of the stake High Councilors and Bishops and an excellent representation of Church membership.

The Sunday school met on Sunday morning in its regular session.

Apostle J. H. Smith made an impressive talk on the love that should exist in the relationship between parents and children.

In the afternoon and evening sessions the little household was filled to its utmost capacity. At 2 p. m., President Hyde made his report to the conference of the condition of the stake. J. B. Hawley of the 12th quorum of Seventies made a brief talk on "The Personality of the Godhead." Bishop Lewis Wright of Marsh Center ward spoke briefly. Elder R. S. Wells was the next speaker.

The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained. There were two vacancies in the stake High Council, Roswell S. Hopkins and An-

drew Morrison were chosen to fill them.

At 7 p. m. Counselor N. S. Pond was the first speaker. L. C. Pond, stake superintendent of Sunday schools, made a report of their condition to the conference.

M. A. Hendricks, stake superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement association, also gave a report of the association under his jurisdiction in Butte.

Apostle J. H. Smith was the last speaker of the evening, and took for his subject "The Authenticity of the Golden Rule."

An interesting meeting was held on Monday forenoon at which the following persons took part: Bishop A. M. Polce of McAdams, Bishop Woolley of the 12th quorum of Seventies; Mrs. Eliza M. Oram, stake president of Relief societies; Tilda H. Williams, counselor to president of Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement association; Elder Rulon S. Wells and Apostle J. H. Smith.

President Hyde made a few closing remarks, and then announced that the conference would be adjourned for three months.

A feature of this gathering was a stake convention held on Saturday evening to which all stake officers were specially invited. At the close of the speeches President Hyde announced that a nice lunch had been prepared by the ladies for all present. The room was soon cleared, tables set, and a most enjoyable time was had.

L. C. POND, Clerk.

THE SAINTS IN BUTTE.

The Press of Montana Speaks Well of the "Mormons."

The following is from the Anaconda Standard of Dec. 13, relative to a conference in Butte:

"During the last week there have been daily arrivals of the various Elders from the greater part of Montana to be present at the nightly meetings now in session, which will culminate in the stake conference of the Latter-day Saints of Jesus Christ, which takes place tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon and evening. This gathering and conference is held under the direction of the president of the Northwestern States mission, Neph Pratt, who comes here from Spokane. The services tomorrow will be held at 2 o'clock and at 7:30 o'clock p. m. in the Good Templar's hall on West Broadway, and the announcement is made that the public is invited. This occasion is one of the quarterly occurrences to be held hereafter in Butte for the purpose of infusing new life into the members of the church and the receipt of the Holy Spirit of those who desire to enter the ranks of the Mormons, of whom it is said there are a number at this time."

"The speakers include Elders from the cities of this conference (among which are represented Anaconda, Butte, Missoula, Helena, and probably Lima, together with the prominent members who live in Butte. As a distinguished visitor to the conference, Elder Royal Buffaker, and Elder E. R. Hanson, John A. Walsh and B. J. Merrill, all of whom are of this city, and who have been diligently at work during the last few months as missionaries of the faith. From Dillon there comes Elder John A. Walsh, and from the city of Butte, Elder E. R. Hanson, Thomas S. Toyn and A. N. Stanworth of Anaconda. E. Z. Carbine from La Grande, Ore., is also expected."

"It is said that the state of the church in the Northwestern States is prospering greatly in this city, to such an extent that there is at present a membership of at least 100. The local organization is in a flourishing condition, and the present conference is deemed one of great importance."

"Neph Pratt, the president of the Northwestern States mission of the Latter-day Saints of Jesus Christ, not only has charge of the Butte conference, but also presides over the territory of Montana, but the conference of Oneida, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia. His headquarters are at Spokane, and there are under him about 100 Elders. He has direct control of the organization of new churches, and when possible takes personal direction of the quarterly conferences held in the different cities of his territory."

SEATTLE BRANCH.

The Work of the Lord Establishes It in that City.

Elder Oliver D. Pickett writes from Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18:

On the 24th of October, 1902, Elders Sydney W. Hatt, Geo. A. Baldwin, John M. Brown, W. P. Stephens and myself were called by Pres. Pratt to leave Spokane for Seattle and there establish headquarters of what would afterwards be known as the Seattle conference.

We arrived in Seattle on the 25th of October, and after finding comfortable quarters, commenced our work, which consisted of holding street meetings, and teaching all who were willing to listen, the true doctrine of Christ.

We have had large and attentive audiences to talk to on the street corners.

On the 14th inst. we organized a branch of the church, with 44 members, to be known as the Seattle branch of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elder Sidney W. Hatt was called to preside over the branch.

On the same date Sunday school was organized, Elder Geo. A. Baldwin was chosen its superintendent, and Wm. W. Stevens as secretary. Pickett teacher of the theological class. M. Brown, teacher of the primary. Nine dollars and 50 cents was contributed for books and charts for the Sunday school.

The above named Elders were chosen

temporarily, until suitable officers could be chosen from members of the branch. Sacramento meeting and Sunday school are held every Sunday at 1229 Eighth avenue. Since arriving in Seattle, Elder Hyrum McMecham of Preston, Idaho, has joined us. He reports the mission work in fair condition, and he has enjoyed his mission except for ill health.

Elder Walter Wright of this city, who was set apart Oct. 1900, for mission labors in the Eastern States, returned Dec. 31. He labored in the North West Virginia conference, where he presided during the last seven months. He reports the mission work in fair condition, the Elders are well treated by the people everywhere.

Elder Ernest A. Gardner of Afton, Wyoming, passed through this city Dec. 21 on his return from the Samoan mission, to which he was set apart Nov. 16, 1900. He labored in the Tutuila conference after the first month spent in Upolu. He reports the mission in excellent condition, and good work is being done and the future prospects are most encouraging. Elder Gardner labored much of the time on the plantation at Apia, Samoa, and through the conference headquarters. Here the school is established, taught by the Elders, where the native children are taught English and Samoan as well as the principles of the Gospel.

Elders Albert A. Dingham of Huntsville, Weber county, and William E. Pugh of Salt Lake City, returned Dec. 21 from mission labors in the Eastern States, laboring in the West Pennsylvania conference. Both were set apart Nov. 7, 1900, and have had a most enjoyable and successful mission; the conference is in a prosperous condition, many investigators give promise of an early increase in the Church membership. Little opposition is manifest in this field.

Elder William M. Wade of Pleasant View, Weber county, returned Jan. 2 from ministerial labors in the Nebraska conference of the Colorado mission, where he has been laboring since Nov. 22, 1900. The Elders are making many friends in Nebraska and a few are investigating the principles of the Gospel.

Elder Richard Gibbons, in a letter dated St. Johns, Apache Co., Ariz., Dec. 22, says he returned home from ministerial labors in the Southern States Dec. 13, 1902. He was set apart Dec. 4, 1901, and was assigned to labor in Apache Co., Ariz. He remained in this city until May 1. He was then sent in company with Elder Chas. Rogers of Snowflake, into Barbour county, June 3 he was transferred to the Eastern Tennessee conference. Here he labored until Dec. 2, when he was released to return home.

Elder James Peterson, writing from Richmond, Dec. 26, says: Having returned from a mission I felt it my duty to report. I was set apart Nov. 7, 1900 for the Northern States; was assigned to labor in the Northern Indiana conference; labored 14 months as a canvasser and Elder and nine months and a half as a traveling Elder, returning to Salt Lake City, Dec. 30, 1902. I had excellent health all the time and fair success.

Elder John F. Norton in a letter dated Dec. 24 reports his return home to Iowa, Ia., from a mission to the Northwestern States, which he was set apart on Jan. 8, 1901. He was released to return home on Dec. 7. His field of labor was the states of Oregon and Washington, where, he says, he made many friends.

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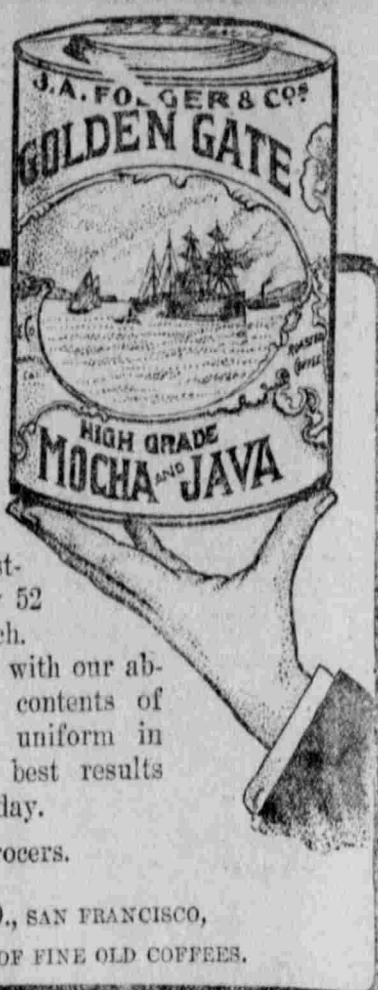
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