

## CACHE VALLEY ITEMS.

Pocatello, Idaho, April 9, 1890.—Wm. Toombs: Train 605, Shields, found ties on the track near Cache Hill today. If possible get on to guilty persons. W. L. RIDER.

Upon the foregoing order Mr. Toombs made the following report, which explains the circumstances, and shows how a child's act brought about a serious danger:

A seven year old boy put the ties on the Utah and Northern track at Cache Hill. The above was handed to me on April 10th. I went on first train, arriving at the spot at 4 o'clock, and after a careful examination of the ground I discovered where one of the ties had been placed on the track, and the tracks of a small boy. After placing the tie on the track, he had climbed up the side of the cut and wandered around before going home. I secured the exact length of his shoes and the number of tacks in the heels where he had stepped in the soft earth. The tracks were traced to the house of his parents, but no one was at home. After hunting around, I found his father plowing for one of the neighbors, and on inquiring I found that the boy had been over by the track when the tie was placed on the track. On that day he had been sent on an errand by his mother to one of the neighbors, and directly on that rout. I told his father what my business was and about the little tracks I had traced to the house, and the evidence I had. He went with me to where the boy was with his mother and the rest of the family at one of the neighbor's houses. His shoe corresponded with the description exactly, and on having his feet measured the little fellow seemed to realize what was coming. We went with the boy and his father and brother to the place where the ties were placed on the track and compared the shoes with the tracks; his father was convinced beyond a doubt, and turning to the boy said, "Did you place the ties on the track?" The boy turned pale and said, "I put this one on, but did not know it was wrong."

It is generally understood that there was, on Saturday evening, a meeting of members of the old and the new councils, brought about by solicitation of Mayor Haines. The condition of the city financially was discussed, and it is understood that an indebtedness in excess of the legal limit was conceded by the old council. Mr. W. W. Maughan, who was city attorney under the old council, as well as a member of that body, proposed that the old council would take the stock purchased from the Logan, Hyde Park and Smithfield Canal Company, as well as the land purchased by the city for fair grounds, at the price paid by the city—both these purchases having been made, as we are informed, at a time when the indebtedness allowed by law was already passed. Whether the proposition was accepted, or whether any arrangement was entered into for a settlement of the difficulty, has not been ascertained. The pro-

ceedings of the meeting, which was, of course, absolutely informal and without any legal effect, have been kept very quiet.

The following letter was written by C. W. Nibley to R. W. Sloan: "At Pocatello to-day I met Mr. Holcomb, who is First Vice-President and General Manager of the Union Pacific system, and in conversation asked him for the definite plans of his company (if it was consistent to make them public) with respect to the changing of the line through Cache Valley and leaving Logan and other settlements out in the cold, and also about the locating of a town at the junction of the roads northwest of Logan. I told him the people were considerably exercised over the matter and felt that the interests of our county and the company's interests should be mutual. Mr. Holcomb said that the contracts were let to make a broad-gauge loop (not a spur) from the junction referred to around to Mendon, Logan, Smithfield, Richmond, Franklin and Preston, thence west to connect with the main line. That this work is to be completed this season. That the towns named are to have through train service north and south daily, as well as the local service which now runs between Preston and Ogden. That, in fact, Cache Valley will have a much better service when the gauge is widened than we have ever had before. That the main line will carry through trains of coal, salt, lumber and the like, and perhaps a fast mail train, and that Logan could gain little or nothing from having such trains run through the town, while the company saves about thirty miles haul on all such through business. That the city at the mouth of the narrows would be about such a city as McCammon now is, for, said Mr. Holcomb, "McCammon is a more important junction than that one in the Cache Valley will be, and you know what McCammon is." With this view of the case I can not see that Logan will be hurt much, if any, by the changes referred to. Mr. Holcomb and Superintendent Riter both understand that Logan is to have a new depot when the track is broad-gauge.

Logan was the liveliest yesterday, April 15, that it has been for a long time. The reason was, that it was horse exhibition day. That event, which had been heralded for some time past, brought to the city a large number of the well known horse men of Cache and other valleys, and a splendid exhibition of stallions was made. There were upwards of forty, comprising some of the finest animals in the western country.—*Logan Journal*.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

There was a fair attendance of officers and teachers at the Sunday School Union meeting held last evening, April 14, at the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Room. There were representatives present from most of

the city Sabbath schools, and from the following named country schools: Taylorsville and Farmers' Ward. Stake Supt. John C. Cutler presided.

Supt. T. V. Williams, of the Twelfth Ward school, opened the meeting with prayer.

A very excellent recitative exercise was presented on the subject of the "Universal Christian Apostasy and the Restoration of the Gospel to the Prophet Joseph Smith," by Sister Ansie Kingsbury's class, from the Twelfth Ward school.

The Secretary read the statistical report of the Sunday schools of the Salt Lake Stake for 1889 as follows:

No. of Sunday Schools in Stake, 48; total number officers and teachers, 1022; average attendance of officers and teachers 675; number of pupils male, 4458; female 4671, total 9,129; average attendance of pupils enrolled, 5,526, (or about 60 per cent); total of officers, teachers and pupils, 10,151. No. of Latter-day Saint children in this Stake, between the ages of 6 and 18, 9,560. No. of theological classes reported, 87; Intermediate classes, 340, Primary, 83; total classes, 510. No. of pupils using Leaflets 3,193.

Increase of enrollment of pupils over previous year, 444; increase average attendance, 101. The increase of enrollment and of average attendance was the more noteworthy from the fact that in the three previous years there had been no increase. The average attendance of Latter-day Saint children was under 50 per cent of the number of such children in the Stake. The exact percentage could not be deduced from the above figures, as many of the pupils enrolled in the Sabbath Schools were under 6 and over 18 years of age.

"Work and Win," an inspiring hymn, was sung by the Twelfth Ward choir.

Elder Frank Y. Taylor, of the Sunday school missionary corps, next addressed the meeting. The subject that presented itself most forcibly to his mind, he said, was the training Sabbath school teachers should impart to their pupils during the week. Teachers could accomplish much more lasting good if they would occasionally visit their pupils at their homes, enquire as to the company they keep, the books they read, and direct their choice of companions to those whose company would be elevating. In the choice of literature, a teacher had a very good opportunity to offer suggestions that would direct the reading of their pupils into channels of usefulness and profit. The speaker was earnest in urging the worthiness of the *Juvenile Instructor* of patronage and support from all Sunday School pupils and teachers.

Asst. General Supt. John Morgan, was the next speaker. He regretted that there were not more officers and teachers present at this meeting, as the Sunday School Union was organized specially to stir up the superintendents and teachers to greater diligence and efficiency. He but wished that the officers and teachers of the Sabbath Schools