

over it in safety. Col. Kosterlitzky said to me, "We have 3500 men in the Bavispe district, and all of them together would not have done so much work in three months as you have done in this short time." The presidente (mayor) of Bavispe and other officials came out to visit us while we were blasting our roadway, and were astonished. They have furnished us three beeves, gratts, and will aid us more if needful. Col. Kosterlitzky has been especially kind, and should be held in grateful remembrance by our people. The governor, also, has directed the presidente of Bavispe to give us any assistance we may need.

Los Hornos extends about thirty miles along the river, which affords much more water than the Jordan or Logan rivers, and the stock range is as much as twenty-five miles wide, giving us a territory of 700 square miles for range, including the grassy mountain slopes which we may use for pasturage.

The Colonel refused two offers for the estate, cash in hand, in order to have the "Mormons" colonize it. One of these offers was from a Catholic party in Illinois and the other from some stockmen.

The land along the river is a very rich deep soil, covered with large mesquite in general, also other trees; the climate, warm by day with cool nights, is adapted to the cultivation of grain, sugar cane (ribbon), cotton, tobacco, and all kinds of fruit except the tropical, as oranges and lemons, which as yet have not been tried by the Mexicans of Bavispe and the neighboring places.

As this is the first of our colonies established in Sonora, I give the names of our company: G. O. Williams (the "parson"), P. Dillman, W. B. Millett, R. Vance, J. M. Nelson, D. Bigelow, M. Mortensen and Mrs. Gibbs, and R. O. Gruell, all of whom have their families; and J. H. Martineau, M. H. Martineau, Theodore Martineau, Miss Anna S. Martineau, D. W. Johnson and son William and daughter Vilate, William Maxwell, S. E. Johnson and son Harley, J. H. Carlton, M. Staley and son Edward, John Bloomfield and sons Joseph and Henry and M. Nelson, and Jas. W. Ray. There are also some other families, we hear, following a few days behind us. More anon."

#### PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

The Pennsylvania Conference of the Northern States Mission was held at Littleton, West Virginia, Saturday and Sunday, March 26th and 27th. An introductory meeting was held on Friday evening and there were three meetings on each day of the conference; also a Priesthood meeting between the two sessions on Sunday. All the Elders, except Elder H. C. Keetch, who was too ill to attend, having a considerable distance to travel, and Elder Wm. H. Freeman, who returned home during the present month on account of the death of his little daughter, were present. President Stayner, from Washington D. C., and Elder Orson Whitaker from Kanosh, Utah, joined us on Saturday. President Stayner desired the speakers to confine their remarks to the first principles of the Gospel. The remainder of the morning session was taken

up by Elder Jos. Walte, who spoke upon the necessity of obeying the initiatory ordinances.

The afternoon session, like the previous one, was interesting. The speakers were Elders David Sudworth, Oscar A. Robinson, Thomas Houston and Orson Whitaker and President C. W. Stayner, all of whom bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel. Brother Stayner said it was necessary for us to obey the laws of God as He had revealed them; for they, like the laws of the land, are to be enforced upon all coming within their jurisdiction. To be in possession of the highest blessings of God men would be compelled to accept the doctrines of Christ.

At the evening meeting the congregation (which was again a large one) was addressed by Elders Geo. W. Johnson and Joseph H. Denio, upon the necessity of following the pattern which Jesus has set of calling ministers, of obeying the Gospel, and of giving heed to the injunction of the Savior to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

On Sunday morning Elder Albert M. Miner bore testimony to the fact that the second coming of Christ was near at hand. He was followed by H. F. Thomas, who showed that a departure from the Gospel preached by the Savior and His Apostles had taken place. Joseph Walte occupied the remainder of the time, dwelling upon the restoration of the Gospel.

At the afternoon meeting President Stayner read from the "Pearl of Great Price," from the Prophet Joseph Smith's own statement, the account of his first vision and the organization of the Church. He earnestly advised the people to call upon God with a prayerful heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, to ask Him if what Joseph Smith said concerning the restoration of the Gospel, as contained in his writings, was true, as it was an important message. President Stayner occupied the time on Sunday evening explaining the meaning of the words "great and dreadful day of the Lord," the "second coming of Christ" and the "Kingdom of God."

At the Priesthood meeting the time was taken up in hearing the reports of labor done during the last six months and the present condition of the fields.

About 250 meetings had been held by the nine Elders engaged in the conference, and the respective fields afforded opportunities for much more labor, with a probability that several would be added to the Church. Many friends were gained and invitations extended to hold meetings in many places.

The following appointments were made and sustained:

Elder H. C. Keetch, to labor in Calhoun county, W. Va., with headquarters at Grantsville.

Elders Thomas Houston and Orson Whitaker, to labor in Tyler county, with headquarters at Middlebourne.

Elders Joseph H. Denio and Albert W. Miner, to labor in Wetzel county, with headquarters at Littleton.

Elders George W. Johnson and Oscar A. Robinson, to labor in Preston county.

Elder H. F. Thomas, to labor in Penna, and subsequently in Barbour county, W. Va.

The general authorities of the Church, Charles W. Stayner, President of the Northern States mission; Hyrum F. Thomas, acting president and clerk of Pennsylvania Conference, and Joseph H. Denio, treasurer of Pennsylvania Conference, were unanimously sustained by the brethren.

Some important instructions in relation to the duties of members were given, and questions of material worth answered.

On the 28th President Stayner took a farewell of his band of brethren, enroute for the Western conferences of the mission, and Elders Joseph Walte and David Sudworth, equipped with honorable releases and with a happy parting, boarded the "B. & O." for Metz to await the passes which will entitle them to a trip some twenty-five hundred miles hence.

H. F. THOMAS,  
Clerk of Conference.  
LITTLETON, Wetzel County,  
W. Va., March 29, 1892.

#### LETTER FROM DR. FAUST.

*Editor Deseret News:*

In your issue of April 8th there is what purports to be a letter from K. A. Davis, in reply to one of mine in the News. My letter was on the industries of the Territory, and what did each industry bring in here in cash—not what has each done. Now, I pity a man who has lived in Utah any length of time and who will try to say something funny about me on the horse question. Who has labored harder than I? Who has imported more good horses than I? The occupation of the small horse is gone. Let us see what it fetches. John Fallane, of Nevada, took five hundred horses east last year, and they were the same kind of horses as ours. When he came back I asked him what he sold them for, and he replied, from \$13 to \$40 each. The caring and other expenses were \$20; "but," said he, "I got rid of them." I made the assertion that the eighty-four thousand horses which we have did not bring to the Territory last year \$10,000 in cash. I don't know Mr. Davis, but when he says that for reckless assertions I beat all, he gets sublime. My assertions are true, and I have always had the stock interest as well as the general good of the Territory at heart. Go, Mr. Davis, and raise a horse that you can sell and get money for. That is the big horse, or the roadster, and a few of the roadsters are wanted. Go and import as much fine stock as I have done. Be good to your fellow-men, and next time you rush into print tell us something you have done, rather than find fault with your neighbors. As to Mr. Davis' twaddle about the cattle, I asserted that they had not brought in \$100,000 last year (the printer by a mistake making it read "ten"). I saw that White & Sons Co. shipped out \$1,800,000 worth last year, and as they are the largest shippers, for the reason that they kill their small cattle here and send the large animals to the East, and not knowing of any other, I now think that I am right; but right or wrong, what does it matter? The money is not here. Mr. Davis, with a few others "flies" at me