

of the quantity I am unable to give. This district, once the butt of all the jokes of the county, by the construction of this reservoir is getting to be one of the best districts with a great future before it.

Just south of Gunnison is Willow Creek, the most southern of Sanpete county's districts, a region that is fast being developed and where good crops have been raised. The threshers have just got through and report unprecedented results. Axel Elverson raised on 140 acres 8,000 bushels of most excellent grain or an average of nearly 43 bushels to the acre. This crop we think would be hard to beat. There was but a small amount of land here under cultivation until the last four years, but now the whole country from Willow Creek to Gunnison is being put under cultivation and is yielding good returns. R. G. LAMBERT.

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Long had the Elders of the East Tennessee conference looked forward with sweet anticipation to the time when they should again meet and enjoy the spiritual feast which always characterized the conferences of the Latter-day Saints, which reality they experienced on October 12 and 13, at the home of Mr. Wesley Barnett, who visited Utah in 1858, and who always has a good word for Zion and the unity of her people; likewise his wife, a perfect lady, did all in her power to make the gathering a grand success.

In the surrounding neighborhood was a multitude of kind, hospitable, truth-loving people, who used every effort in making us comfortable and happy. The spirit of love and unity existing between the Elders would make our loved ones shout for joy could they but get a glimpse of the continual handshakings or hear our joyful conversations.

Four general meetings were held, in which the Gospel truths were delivered in plainer by the Elders and our beloved president, Elias S. Kimball. The conference is in a flourishing condition with bright prospects for the future. Our labor report for the past year is as follows: Miles walked, 16,302; meetings held, 210; families visited, 24,804; refused entertainment, 1,759; baptisms, 21; tracts distributed, 22,554; rejected testimonies of Elders, 8,824; families revisited, 2,748; Sunday schools, 2; counties opened, 17; counties closed, 12.

A number of council meetings were held, in which many instructions were given, and new methods introduced. Each Elder reported his labors and bore a faithful testimony to the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit of God rested upon one and all.

During noon hour all freely partook of the tasty refreshments spread upon the seats by the friends in the surrounding country.

Saturday evening a short program, previously arranged, was executed, aided in making the day a pleasant one. The timely instructions received and perfect harmony which prevailed will long be remembered, since it was the grandest conference ever held in east Tennessee. After a group photo was taken the Elders were given their companions and fields of labor, and on Tuesday morning, Oct. 15, separated

with renewed courage and a determination to obey counsel, thus making the mission a success.

Following are the names of the Elders, together with the counties in which they will travel.

Elders J. R. Halliday and Robert R. Judd will visit the Elders in their counties; E. W. Payne, Chas. L. Roberts, Hamilton county, Tenn.; F. M. Houston, Joe. Dunkley, Graham county, N. C.; Walter Christensen, Geo. C. Bertoch, Campbell county, Tenn.; H. L. Blair, E. R. Shaw, Rhea county, Tenn.; James A. Muir, C. H. Ottwiler, Bradley county, Tenn.; Robert Egbert, J. E. Hart, Claiborne county, Tenn.; J. W. Webster, Jos. Woodward, Pulk county, Tenn.; Willard Hubbard, Geo. Hinkley, Rhea county, Tenn.; E. K. Fillerup, Thos. R. Smith, Morgan county, Tenn.; Geo. M. Allen, J. H. Seymour, Cherokee county, N. C.; Marion Clinger, A. S. Richardson, James and Meigs counties, Tenn.; Elder G. B. White having been honorably released to return home.

We feel grateful for your valuable paper which comes to us regularly bringing news from our loved ones at home.

WALTER CHRISTENTEN, Clerk.
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 16, 1895.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—At the opening of court this morning the defense in the trial of Theodore Durrant announced that it had finished its case, and the taking of testimony in rebuttal was at once begun by the prosecution.

The testimony was the most important given during the trial, as it contradicted with several vital statements made by Durrant while he was on the stand. The testimony of Dr. Gilbert F. Graham, for instance, is considered by many to sweep away Durrant's entire defense. Graham, who is a medical student and intimate friend of Durrant, told of a sensational interview that took place between himself and the prisoner at the county jail on April 20th. Dr. Graham was accompanied to the prison by J. S. Dunnigan, a newspaper man, who was asked by Durrant to retire after he had been there a few minutes. Graham said that after Dunnigan stepped aside, Durrant asked him if he would not let him see his notes of Dr. Cheney's lecture, in order that he might compare them with his own. Graham demurred at first after which he said Durrant stated frankly to him that he had no notes of the lecture. He said Durrant told him if he had the notes of the lecture he could easily establish a strong alibi for himself, and urged him to leave the notes with Mr. Durrant, in order that he might bring them to him at the prison. Dr. Graham said he refused the request, and never afterwards visited Durrant at the prison.

The first witness called in rebuttal by the prosecution were the five trustees of Emmanuel church. While Durrant was on the stand he testified that he was asked to repair the sun burner at Emmanuel church on April 3rd by the trustees. The trustees deposed that they had asked Durrant to make re-

pairs of any kind at the church during March or April.

Witnesses were next called to disprove Durrant's statement that on the afternoon of April 12th he was at the ferry for the purpose of searching for Blanche Lamont, who, he said, a mysterious stranger had told him would cross the bay that afternoon.

A. A. Hobe, an old schoolmate of Durrant, testified that he saw Durrant at the ferry the same afternoon in company with a young woman who answered the description of Minnie Williams. It is known that Minnie Williams came over from her home in Alameda that afternoon, and the next day her body was found in Emmanuel church.

E. A. Glaser, a student at the medical college, testified that on the afternoon of April 10th Durrant asked him to read aloud his notes of Dr. Cheney's lecture. Glaser said he read his notes to Durrant, who devoted three-quarters of an hour to writing in his own notebook.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The general court-martial for the trial of Lieut. Samuel S. Pagur, of the Fifteenth United States Infantry, charged with assaulting Col. R. E. Crofton of the same regiment, convened today in the assembly hall at Fort Sheridan. The court was called to order by Lieut. Col. John W. Clouse, deputy judge advocate of the court throughout the proceedings. The court sat in full dress uniform.

Capt. C. K. McGunnegle was the first witness. He testified that on the day the shooting occurred Lieut. Pagur was intoxicated, and while on parade acted in a queer manner. Lieut. W. T. May also testified that Lieut. Pagur was intoxicated on that day. The court then adjourned until tomorrow.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 22.—Governor McIntire tonight wrote a letter to General Frank Wheaton, commanding the department of the Colorado, United States army, demanding that he drive the Utes now trespassing in the northwestern part of Colorado out of the state. These Indians belong in Utah, and have lately been slaughtering game indiscriminately in Routt and Rio Blanco counties.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Oct. 23.—The seventh victim of the Sabula poisoning, a young man named Bartlett Flock, died last night. The mystery is still unsolved. The Rush Medical college says ptomaine from food, while Dr. Hildreth at Harvard says typhoid fever, and this notwithstanding only those who attended the wedding feast September 11 have been stricken.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 23.—The Farmers' Mutual Benefit association of Indiana, at its annual meeting here last evening, cut loose from the Populist party. C. A. Robinson, the president, authorized the statement that from this time on the association will not have anything to do with the sub-treasury or any other plan advanced by the Populists. The association, he said, will be conducted in the interest of the farmers of the state, without any reference to politics. The association has undertaken the formation of farmers' insurance companies in different parts of the state, and will push the work of inducing all farmers to join these companies.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The World today says: It has been suggested that