

claim to be true followers of Christ and hold the proper authority to administer in the holy ordinances, but the very fact of their claiming to be "re-organized," he said, is proof that at some time they were disorganized; but the Church to which we belong has never been without the proper authority and never would, until the sons of Levi should offer an acceptable offering. The speaker dwelt at length on authority and other doctrines.

The Monday morning services commenced at 10 a. m. with Elder Bennion in charge. He made a few opening remarks upon the necessity of looking ahead and preparing for the cropping season which is near at hand.

Elder Collett followed. He spoke of the fact that there are no sects except the Catholics and Latter-day Saints but what have been changed ore or less during their existence. Since Joseph Smith revealed unto the world some principles, they laughed us to scorn, yet now many of them are copying after the Latter-day Saints in many essential particulars.

Elder A. B. Anderson was the next speaker. He said the young are indebted to their parents for many of the comforts they now enjoy, and the only way they can repay them is by following in their footsteps inasmuch as their lives have been worthy examples.

Elder Hocking said the Sunday schools of the Stake are in excellent condition. The young missionaries are doing a good work, but have found some who entertain hard feelings of long standing. He read a revelation contained in the Doctrine and Covenants bearing on that particular subject.

Elder Woodruff called special attention to our appearance and said it matters not as to the kind of clothes worn, as outward appearances cut little or no figure before God, so long as neatness and cleanliness are kept in view. He called attention to the secret societies in our midst and said the young men are being led to join these associations, which is wrong, because we have the brotherhood in the Church for any and all.

Singing: "Let earth and heaven agree." Benediction by Elder D. W. Bingham.

A general Priesthood meeting was held immediately after the close of the regular meeting, at which reports were heard from the different quorums of Priesthood in the Stake. The High Priests' quorum was reported as being about one-third alive to their duties, although of late more had been attending their meetings.

The Seventies' quorum was reported as being similar to the previous one, there being about one-fourth of the members in attendance at each meeting. The Elders' quorum had an enrollment of 95 members, with an average attendance of 14. He looked forward to better results in the future.

The Deacons' quorums in the various wards were reported in general as being in fair working order with one or two exceptions. Elder Woodruff gave good counsel and advised improvement in each quorum.

2 p. m. session.—After the opening exercises the general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Jeremiah Hatch was the first speaker. Elder Bennion followed and expressed gratitude for the visit of Elder Woodruff, as the weather is very inclement and unfavorable for traveling. He desired if he was in need of chastisement, to accept it in the spirit in which it may be given. If a family is governed by kindness, they will generally regard the Priesthood, the Bishop, and all in authority. In order for each organization to be in perfect condition, all the members must be in harmony. He laid especial stress upon

the necessity of settling all difficulties among ourselves and not go to those who would lead us to disunion and destruction.

Elder Collett spoke a short time on the benefits of education and particularly the work that is being accomplished at the present time by the Stake Academy.

Elder Woodruff spoke upon the organization of the Church anciently and showed how beautifully each part blended in the other and yet had its particular portion to accomplish. If we keep the Spirit of God and cultivate the same we will never apostatize from this Church. He called attention to the reading matter used in our homes, in many instances dime novels superseded the Church works, which is indeed wrong.

Closing hymn: Jesus, the giver of all we enjoy.

Benediction by Elder Jones.

Conference was adjourned for three months.

A WOMAN'S MINING CAMP.

Mrs. Pearl Payne is the first woman on record whose name promises to be perpetuated as the designation of a Colorado mining camp. She is in Denver on business connected with the mining interests she has acquired in the Unaweep country, wherein, through her influence and the power of her capital, a growing town has been started around numerous promising prospects bearing gold, silver and copper in paying quantities.

Mrs. Payne came to Colorado two years ago from Newcastle, Ind., where she had been the head of a millinery business which had to be abandoned in order that she could seek a climate affording health requisites. Locating in Victor, she invested in mining, leases and stocks with success in some and losses in others. "The possibilities for making money out of mining," she said this morning, "attracted me, but I concluded the better way was to get in on the ground floor of a new camp. I met James V. Malone, one of the best prospectors in the state, and grub-staked him over a year ago. He drifted away from Victor and ultimately got into the Unaweep region, keeping me posted on his movements. Three months ago came the news that he had found a bonanza and had located claims as well as a town and had named it Pearl City, in remembrance of the assistance I had given him. I have a large interest in all the properties Malone has located and we have developed them sufficiently to show that there are values of considerable magnitude in them."

Mrs. Payne is about 30 years of age and possesses a business mind apparently. She says she has enjoyed her experience in the Western mining field and has had her wits sharpened by association with the mining world. She had the table top covered with specimens and picked up samples of the ore from her properties and examined and described them in a manner that showed her familiarity with such matters. Then, continuing to explain, she remarked:

"I have the utmost confidence in the region becoming a great camp. Malone, who was the first one to make a location at Pearl City, has prospected all the way from British Columbia to Mexico. He was the first locator of claims at Puma City and has the reputation of being honest. The properties to which we have title at Pearl City show clearly defined veins between walls of granite. The vein matter is composed of porphyry, highly crystallized iron carbonates, metallic sulphurets, and carry considerable copper.

"Five assays show \$288.50 per ton from the Little Johnny. None ran lower than \$22.50. Five hundred pounds of the ore taken from the breast of the

Little Johnny and smelted at Pueblo gave a total value of \$288. Assays on ore from the Christmas Gift, another of our properties, returned \$140 and one gave \$163, principally in gold. This claim is being worked in conjunction with the Little Johnny and the tunnel will cut the Christmas Gift vein.

"Others have come into the camp, which is twelve miles south of Whitewater, on the D. & R. G. railroad, and twenty-one miles from Grand Junction. The Grand Junction Foundry company has a force of men developing the Last Chance mine, wherein there is \$1,500 worth of ore in sight. There are numerous other prospectors actively at work on claims and all are enthusiastic at the outlook. The mineral formation is similar to that at Butte, Mont., and with proper development we believe will prove as rich. Prospector Malone has considerable faith in the theory that it is an extension of the Butte formation running southerly and northwesterly, because it is on a direct line with the great Montana camp.

"Stages run from Whitewater and Grand Junction to Pearl City, connecting with the trains, and there has already commenced quite a rush into the Unaweep region. I expect to make a success out of this venture because I feel certain that it can be done when the country contains the wealth in mineral deposits.

"I have found no obstacles to a woman being engaged in mining. The miners all treat me with the utmost respect and consideration wherever I go and I have found them all gentlemen under all circumstances."—Denver Post.

A PEOPLE PREPARED TO HEAR.

Elder D. C. Driggs in a letter from Montana to his family, writes:

We stay mostly with "outsiders," and have more invitations than we can fill. Our songs help out wonderfully. Everybody asks us to sing, and say they never heard such songs.

Last Wednesday we were called upon to conduct the funeral services over the remains of a little girl two years old. It was very, very sad, but was a great chance for us to explain the principles of the resurrection. We sang our funeral hymns, and concluding with "Sweet Rest in Heaven," made them all weep. There is no song like ours so different from anything they have ever heard. We get along splendidly, and it surely must be the time for the Gospel to be preached here, as a few years ago I don't believe they would have allowed a Mormon Elder in Montana. Our own people quarrel over us, and we have to be very careful lest we offend them by not going to stay with them. We held meetings yesterday and organized a branch; next Saturday we will baptize about forty persons. One whole family of Presbyterians have made application for baptism. I never expected a people so ready to accept the Gospel, but it seems the Spirit of the Lord is awakening the minds of the people.

Elder Driggs and companion are laboring in Carbon county.

At Oakland, Cal., in a fit of despondency, Mrs. Julia Armstrong, wife of John Armstrong, employed by the Southern Pacific company as an engineer, took three shots at herself Saturday, determined to end her life. One of the bullets struck her on the right side of the head and inflicted a painful but not serious flesh wound. Another shot was fired with the muzzle of the revolver held close to her heart. The bullet coursed upward toward the shoulder, striking a rib and glancing off to a fleshy portion of the back. The third grazed her temple, but did no harm. None of the wounds will prove serious.