

Just after the close of the meeting, the High Council met and sustained the following brethren to the offices named: Datus H. Ensign, Bishop of the First ward, Ogden; William Jackson, first counselor; the second counselor has not yet been chosen; James Martin, Bishop of Far-West ward, with Jacob Thomas, first counselor, and Joseph Stephensen, second counselor. D. H. Ensign was set apart by President Joseph F. Smith, William Jackson by Elder George Teasdale; James Martin by Elder F. D. Richards, and Joseph Stephensen by President Smith. Brother Jacob Thomas was not present.

In conformity with the desires of the First Presidency, Maine memorial services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. The choir sang with the congregation: My Country 'Tis of Thee, and prayer was offered by Elder L. F. Moench. Hagbert Anderson sang, Just Before the Battle, Mother.

Elder F. D. Richards gave a memorial sermon full of facts and reflections suitable to the occasion. As a justification for the war from a religious standpoint, he said that war is a stepping stone by which many of the nations must be prepared for the reception of the everlasting Gospel.

Elder George Teasdale followed. Judge H. H. Rolapp was called upon and made a touching and pointed address on the subject for which the large multitude had assembled.

The choir and congregation sang: The Star Spangled Banner.

In the evening memorial services were held in each of the five city wards, and a collection taken for the Maine memorial fund.

On Monday morning the conference was continued. Bishops David McKay and Robert McQuarrie and Elders Richard T. Haag and E. H. Anderson spoke first, followed by President Joseph F. Smith, who dwelt upon the responsibility of such persons as hear the Gospel in this world and reject it. He saw in this a broad way to destruction.

In the afternoon, Bishop D. H. Ensign, Elders G. W. Larkin and L. F. Moench spoke first, followed by Elder Richards, who gave a practical exhortation on the virtue and necessity of repentance.

Tooele Stake.

Grantsville, Tooele Co., Utah,
July 25th, 1898.

The Tooele quarterly conference was held in Grantsville, Locust Grove, Saturday and Sunday, July 23rd and 24th, 1898.

On the stand were Elder F. M. Lyman of the Council of Apostles; Elder Andrew Jensen, Elder H. S. Gowans and Counselor C. L. Anderson, some of the Bishops and leading brethren of the Stake after singing, prayer was offered by Patriarch S. W. Woolley.

Elder Gowans, Bishops St. Joe, Tattin and J. L. Malbate reported the condition of the wards, showing that the organization of the wards were in good condition.

Elder R. W. Brown, a returned missionary, spoke for a short time. Patriarch S. W. Woolley reported his labors as Patriarch of Tooele Stake.

2 p. m.—Singing, and prayer by O. H. Barrus. Bishop W. F. Moss, Counselor E. J. Pheeson and V. P. Bates reported the wards over which they preside, in good condition. Superintendent A. G. Johnson reported the Sunday school of the Stake in excellent condition.

Elder Andrew Jensen occupied the remainder of the time in relation to his travels among the natives of the islands of the Pacific and also his travels in the land of Palestine and also in Europe.

Sunday Morning, 9 a. m.—Sunday school was held. Singing, and prayer by

Superintendent T. H. Clark. The Sacrament was then administered.

The following program was rendered: Articles of Faith recited; song by kindergarten class; exercises by first and second intermediate.

Elder Jensen spoke to the school upon his travels around the world. Elder Lyman spoke, relating some visits he had made to different Sunday schools. He greeted the school in behalf of the Sunday school board, who were laboring for the advancement of the Sunday schools.

10:30 a. m.—Conference again convened. Singing, and prayer by Elder C. R. McBride.

Bishops Ahlstrom and Shields reported their wards in good condition.

The general and Stake authorities were presented and sustained unanimously.

Elders C. L. Anderson and G. F. Richards addressed the conference.

Elder F. M. Lyman occupied the remainder of the time and spoke upon the blessings that the Lord was bestowing upon his people. He advised the Saints to take good care of the crops and read in regard to the blessings that the Lord would bestow upon us, if we would observe the laws that he had given unto us.

2:30 p. m.—Memorial services were held. Singing and prayer. Elders Jensen and Lyman occupied the time.

Conference adjourned for three months.
G. WILLIAMS,
Asst. Stake Clerk.

PIONEER CELEBRATIONS.

At Almy.

The Pioneer celebration was held on Saturday, the 23rd ult., and our citizens had made elaborate preparations so as to insure a royal good time. The Sunday schools and all children generally helped to swell a large and interesting parade, which was headed by our young but very efficient drum and fife corps.

Arriving at the bowery an interesting program was rendered. Bishop Bowns and Elder George H. Peterson were the orators of the day and their remarks were very interesting and instructive. Each showed in a graphic manner how the Pioneers encountered the hardships of the prairie, and braved the dangers of Indians to reach a spot where they could enjoy religious freedom. Sports were afterwards enjoyed, and the children were not forgotten, as they had sports and races and dancing of their own during the day.

Great credit is due to all the committee for the able manner in which they performed the duties assigned them.

A pleasing feature of the "Pioneer Celebration" at Almy is the interest manifested by our citizens, who are not in any way connected with the Church. All the stores were closed and everybody seemed to enjoy the exercises to their heart's content. We are glad this is so, as it is a token of good feelings existing all around.

On Sunday, the 24th, the "Maine Martyr Memorial Services" were held in our ward meeting house, and interesting remarks were made by Elders R. R. Hodson, Joseph B. Martin and Joseph E. Bell.

The mines are working nearly every day, which is something unusual for the time of the year.

JOS. E. BELL.

At Fillmore.

Fillmore, July 25th, 1898.

The people of Fillmore celebrated Pioneer day in an unusually pleasant manner, the committee appointed at the previous Sabbath meeting, concluded to have appropriate exercises in the forenoon in keeping with the sacred na-

ture of the day, and in harmony with the holy cause of religious emancipation which planted the feet of that faithful band of men and women in the desert land of Salt Lake Valley fifty-one years ago. Their effort was a success, there was a harmonious blending of speech, music and song, coupled with a tender reverence for our aged guides in life, who have trod the paths of toil and made our mountain vales to smile with our Heavenly Father's providence, according to His promise. There were also hundreds of children who sat and listened to the orator's (Jas. A. Melville) story of the past as he painted pictures upon their young minds, of faith in God and heroism in the performance of His will, and pointed to the unmistakable evidences before them of His work.

Amongst the exercises, there was read an original poem by one of our Fillmore boys, which struck the writer as very beautiful.

The afternoon exercises were of the nature suggested by the Presidency of the Church, a memorial service in honor of the Maine martyrs, and collection taken up in behalf of Maine monument fund. The mayor of our city, Geo. C. Velle, Jos. E. Ray and Nelson Bishop, performed the service of passing round the hat, as we are unprovided with subscription box, and a very satisfactory sum was collected.

Elder Joshua Greenwood was the orator at the memorial service, and the glowing fervor of his patriotic words fell upon choice ground, in the hearts of the youths of Utah. In addition to the usual religious exercises and oration there was introduced songs and music upon the same subject, and a Kentuckian, who was spending a couple of days in our city, had his patriotism so warmed by the singing of two young ladies about the sinking of the Maine in Havana harbor, that he asked the marshal of the day, your humble scribe, to procure him a copy of the song at any cost. His wish was gratified.

Another pleasing feature of the occasion was the marching into the park, and unto the stand, juvenile types of Uncle Sam with "Hawaii" on his right hand, and "Cuba" on his left. These were represented by two beautiful little girls with dark eyes and hair, and suitably costumed. They were under the protection of America's modern heroes, General Miles, Admiral Sampson, General Shafter, Admiral Dewey, Commodore Schley, Captains Sigbee and Walnwright. Lieutenant Hobson being suddenly called to Washington, could not be present. It was a beautiful sight to see these embryo heroes each step to the front, salute the audience and promise to ever maintain the honor of their country and flag. Mothers' faces beamed with pride at the strut with epaulets and swords of their little hopefuls.
A. BIRD.

At West Portage.

West Portage, July 25, 1898.—

The fifty-first anniversary of Pioneer Day was celebrated in West Portage in grand style. The most picturesque and realistic event of the day was a sham battle between a company of emigrants and about 100 Indians. The Indians were from the Indian town of Washakie, situated about four miles south of this village.

The procession, representing an emigrant train crossing the Plains, which, while camping for noon, cooking their dinner, were suddenly surprised by the war-whoops of 100 Indians, who swooped down upon the camp with their bows and spears. The small company of emigrants fought bravely, but were overpowered by the Indians in a hand-to-hand fight.

While the battle was in progress, Pinaboo—an Indian—who at full speed