

Council Bluffs—Chilion L. Miller, President of Iowa Conference and George W. Badger of Holden.

Lyons, Burt county, Nebraska—H. L. McMullen, Myron Holgate.

Boone, Boone county, Iowa—F. J. Christensen, F. M. Dayton.

Chelsea, Tama county, Iowa—Otto Johnson, E. B. Theobald.

Boomer Township, Pigeon Postoffice, Potawattamie county, Iowa—Hans J. Nielson, Eugene S. Hart.

Rockport, Atchison county, Missouri—Geo. A. Whitlock William Criddle.

Richland Center, Richland county, Wisconsin—Jens J. Jensen, Karl S. Fackereil.

Niliston, Jackson county, Wisconsin—Joseph M. Green, David A. Robison.

Onona, Monona county, Iowa—P. J. Garn, A. G. Young.

Blackbird, Putnam county, Missouri—Ausin Kearnes, Ola Franstrum.

Elder J. H. Cook has been honorably released and returns home.

Elder Buchannan leaves today with President Clark for Pulley Mill conference, Illinois.

The prospects in this mission are becoming more favorable all the time. The Saints are beginning to pay more tithing, and the Elders are treated better. The conference was fairly well attended, and all the Elders leave for their new fields in good spirits.

E. S. HART, Clerk.

LETTER FROM STOCKHOLM.

STOCKHOLM, March 3rd.—[Special to the News.]—King Oscar returned yesterday to Stockholm from Christiania, and was met at the Central depot by thousands of people, who tendered him an ovation. There seems to be only one opinion in Sweden in regard to the king's ultimatum to the Storting: that he has fulfilled his duty as a union king, and should have failed to do so, if he had granted the demands of the extreme left. It is as yet not decided when he will leave for Christiania again, but his departure will probably take place within a very short limit of time.

There is no news from the theater of political war in Norway, all negotiations in regard to a solution of the consular and diplomat question having totally failed.

The following report is given out in regard to the king's latest conference with Steen, the ex-minister of state. The crown prince was present at the meeting, during which very violent language was used on both sides. King Oscar was deeply moved, nearly to tears. Steen had very abruptly bidden good-bye, having expressed the hope, that the king's ultimatum will unite all Norwegian patriots. While the king, during the course of the conversation, left the room for a moment, Steen is said to have asked the crown prince; "How will this end?" receiving the following answer: "The king's decision is irrevocable."

Prince Carl celebrated his thirty-fourth birthday last Wednesday, and a banquet was given in his honor by ex-Minister of State Akerhjelm and his wife.

The stately mausoleum of John Ericsson at Filipstad, will be finished in a few months more, and the coffin containing the remains of the great inventor will be transferred from the sacristy of the church, where it has been deposited since 1890, to the sepulchre either on July 31st, the birthday of Ericsson, or September 15th the day of the arrival of

the Baltimore at Stockholm from New York.

It is hard to tell how many American firms, industrial and insurance companies, are represented in Sweden. Anyhow there are a good many of them. Of those American companies doing business here none, however, has a higher reputation than the Mutual Life Insurance Company, whose general agent is Mr. C. A. E. Bolinder, part owner of one of the largest machine shops in the kingdom. Mr. Bolinder, who is also English Vice Consul in Stockholm, was some time ago made a knight of the order of Vasa by King Oscar, an appointment, which may be regarded as an acknowledgement of his magnificent representation of the great American company.

Crown Princess Victoria has from Rome sent a letter of condolence to Mrs. Goessel, widow of the captain of the ill-fated Elbe, the Swedish crown prince and crown princess having some years ago made a journey aboard the imperial steamer Sachsen, while the latter was commanded by Captain Goessel.

Mr. Thomas Ferguson, the American minister to Stockholm, has just returned here after having spent three months partly in Paris, partly in the United States.

Sigrid Arnoldson, the petite Swedish cantatrice, was given an ovation while taking the part of "Mignon" at a gala performance in Nizza a few days ago.

A grand shooting tournament will take place at Amager, near Copenhagen, next September. Over one thousand rifle men will participate.

According to the latest statistics the population of Christiania is now 174,639, showing an increase of 7,614 people during 1864.

Your correspondent had the opportunity of visiting the small city of Vadstena a few days ago. Vadstena, which existed as early as 1348, has only 2,200 inhabitants, but is one of the richest cities in Sweden in regard to ancient reminiscences. On the shore of Lake Vettern lies an old castle, which was built in 1545 by Gustavus I, who was married here to Catharina Stenbock. The castle presents a stately appearance, has several towers and is surrounded by a wide, deep moat. The castle was subsequently bequeathed by Gustavus I to his son Prince Magnus, who once while temporarily insane, threw himself from a window on the second floor into the moat beneath. It was here that Charles XII, after his return from Turkey, met his sister Ulrika Eleonora on the 30th of August, 1716. Shortly after this the castle was allowed to fall into decay, being afterwards used as a granary. Vadstena has also an old cloister, which was built in 1383. It was dedicated to Saint Brigitta, who died in 1391. In 1393 her bones were transported to the church and enshrined there where they are still to be seen in the sacristy, enclosed in a casket covered with red velvet. Originally they were enclosed in a silver casket, which, however, was melted down and made into money by Johan III. The cloister was condemned and the nuns driven out by Charles IX, but the old church still remains. In the chair is to be seen a magnificent monumental tomb, supported by fourteen Corinthian pillars, of Prince Magnus, the fourth son of

Gustavus Vasa; and the graves of two queens and men of historical fame are also to be found here. Upon the ruins of the old cloister a lunatic asylum has now been established, providing accommodations for over three hundred patients, but much of the old cloister building still remains. The manufacture of lace is carried on in the town to a great extent, the celebrated Vadstena lace being much appreciated not only by the whole of Sweden, but also by foreigners, especially American tourists visiting the country.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

NEWBURG, Preston Co., W. Va.,
March 26th, 1895.

The Elders who had been laboring in the Pennsylvania conference, together with the newly-arrived Elders from Utah, met in Newburg on the 23rd instant of the present month, and at 10 o'clock on the 24th the conference was convened. J. R. Clark, president of the Northern States mission, was present during our conference. The first principles of the Gospel were dwelt upon in plainness and simplicity, also the scattering and gathering of Israel was presented in a plain but forcible manner. Elder Emuel Bachman delivered two powerful discourses on the gathering of Israel and divine authority. We were not favored with the presence of many strangers. Many of the people of West Virginia say that our doctrine is good, and agree with the Bible; but when the Elders close their remarks by testifying that Joseph Smith was a Prophet they say that spoils the whole discourse—it seems the hardest part for them to receive. Verily this is a day of gleaming.

Two Priesthood meetings were held; the general authorities of the Church were presented, also the president of the mission and of the conference, and all unanimously sustained. The Sacrament was administered, and much valuable instruction and kind fatherly advice was given to the Elders by Elder Clark, and although the attendance of strangers was small, we had a spiritual feast that will go with us to our fields of labor and give us fresh courage in our efforts to spread the truths of the everlasting Gospel.

Wilford Reeder, president of the Pennsylvania conference, and Elder Lorenzo Durfee were honorably released to return home; Elder George B. Matson was chosen president of the conference. Elders Reeder and Durfee start for home this afternoon. Elder Clark will accompany them as far as Northern Indiana, where he expects to stop and visit his kindred.

Following are the fields of labor to which the Elders were assigned to labor for the next six months.

George B. Matson, president of Pennsylvania conference, C. W. Morris, Littleton, Wetzel Co., West Va.
Emuel Bachman, Cyruss Nelf, Pratt, Allegany Co., Maryland.

Wm. H. Holbrook, Heber Falls, Independence, Preston Co., W. Va.

Albert J. Allen, A. J. Broderick, Grafton, Taylor Co., W. Va.

James C. Allee, Francis Webster, Weston, Lewis Co., W. Va.

R. A. Porkee, Martin R. McFar-