

A LEHI LETTER.

LEHI, Utah County,
December 16, 1896.

Perhaps a few lines will not be out of place. We are enjoying some very fine weather at present, and it has been good for the farmers, as they have been able to deliver their reserve of sugar beets to the factory. On account of some of the beets being frozen the factory has not run as fast as usual. During the last few days \$44,000 has been paid out for beets, making about \$160,000 paid the farmers this season.

Last Saturday Mr. J. Wolston while shopping left in his buggy a pair of blankets. Some lightfingered person helped themselves to the same, but after a few hours they were found by the police in a garden. A party was set to watch to see who would come after them, but while he watched they were taken away. Who was the thief? Echo answers, "Perhaps the marshal might tell you."

Our police officer, T. Austin, must be proud for once for the little game he played on the gambling fraternity. He walked right in on them and the consequence was that \$40 was left with the justice for appearance, but Mr. Rockhill forgot to call for it so the judge decided it belonged to the city treasury.

Our city fathers met in council chambers last week and made some appropriations after which they adjourned.

Mr. J. H. Kirkham and Miss E. Menkin were joined in the bonds of matrimony last week by Senator A. J. Evans at the residence of the bride's parents. Many pretty and useful presents were given them together with the wishes of their many friends for a prosperous and happy voyage through life.

Some new buildings are still going up. G. G. Webb and N. Butt will soon finish their new residences.

The Ivanhoe Dramatic company presented to a large audience the Irish Duke, and the boys in the gallery were well pleased.

The students from Lehi, who are attending the college in Logan, are expected to spend their Christmas at home.

Mr. R. Bradshaw has sold to the Lehi Cattle company thirty-four cows, which weighed a total of 86,530 pounds.

The night school taught by Prof. J. J. Anderson is doing as well as can be expected.

The Lehi Lodge No. 28 I. O. O. F. held installation ceremonies in their hall last week and a new set of officers was installed.

It is reported that Isaac Fox of this place has been released from his misplacement among the Kanakas in Skull Valley to return home.

At last it is reported that we are to have a new brass band under the leadership of D. Y. Smith. Success to it.

Through a letter lately received from Brother M. Austin we learn that he is doing a good work in Oldham, England, having persuaded one paper of the town to publish a communication from himself on the Mormons.

At the close of last week it was discovered that diphtheria had broken out and upon the mayor's order all

schools had to be closed in order that it might be stopped as soon as possible. Brother P. Austin lost a little boy, but outside of that no other deaths have occurred and at present all the cases are doing as well as can be expected. So says our quarantine physician.

Everybody is preparing for Christmas and Santa Claus is very busy, remembering both poor and rich, young and old. Your paper is eagerly looked for and is read with pleasure.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
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BINGHAM STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Bingham stake of Zion was held at Menan Sunday and Monday, Dec. 13th and 14th. Relief Society conference was held on Saturday the 12th. There were present of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles Elder John H. Smith; of Stake officers the Stake Presidency, members of the High Council, representatives of quorums and societies, also a good turnout of Bishops and counselors.

Sunday, 10 a.m. President James E. Steele reports the condition of the Stake. The same was in a prosperous condition, and there was a manifest desire on the part of the people to keep the commandments of God and to live their religion. Other speakers were Bishop R. F. Jardine, Bishop A. W. Rawson, Elders Alma Green, William Walker, High Counselor Benjamin Bennett and Elder John Henry Smith; the latter speaker dwelling upon a variety of subjects, leading to the one showing that all the knowledge mankind gains comes in the way of education; he also spoke of the changing of the Fast day, as the opening of another Pentecostal day, and a newness of life.

Sunday, 2 p.m.—The speakers during the afternoon services were Elders R. L. Bybee, of the Stake presidency, Bishop James Thomas and Elder John Henry Smith. The first speakers bore testimony to the truth of the work and related some of their experiences in the Church. Elder Smith chose as his text one of the requirements given by the Divine One to mankind; "By the sweat of thy brow thou shalt earn thy bread." He considered this a boon to the human race; also showed the fate befalling those nations who have sought to shirk this responsibility and requirement. As an example he pointed to the achievements of Alexander, Hannibal, Cyrus, Napoleon, and the skill they developed in war. It is a noted fact that when there ceased to be nations for them to conquer they have soon gone to decay. He showed the other side by referring to the achievements of the industrial class of the world's history, such as Cincinnatus, whose example was only equalled by him who was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Elder John Henry Smith occupied the greater portion of the time at the meetings on Monday, dwelling mostly upon the principle of Tithing. A very powerful and convincing discourse was preached upon this subject, and those who had been neglecting their duty in regard to the payment of their tithes could not help but sense the need of reformation and the necessity

of them living up to the requirements of this law in the future if they wished to be counted as Latter-day Saints, in the full meaning of the term.

Some changes and ordinations were attended to in Priesthood meeting. Elder Henry Stokes of Lewisville was ordained a Patriarch. Elder Alonzo Dabell was set apart to preside over the High Priests, vice Alexander N. Stephens, released on account of having more on his hands than he could do justice to, he being the senior member of the High Council. R. H. Fife was sustained as one of the alternates to the High Council, there being a vacancy. George Y. Pugmire was ordained and set apart as Bishop over the Tilden ward. This ward has been organized recently. A. J. Stanger was set apart as the Bishop of the Iona ward, vice George P. Ward resigned.

The meetings were held in Green's opera house and were well attended throughout. The conference was a joyful and refreshing occasion.

JOHN C. RUSHTON, Stake Clerk.

MORGAN STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

MORGAN, Dec. 14, 1896.—The third annual Stake Sunday school conference was held in the Stake house, Morgan City, Dec. 12th and 13th, 1896.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the great distance many of the ward superintendents and many other officers have to travel, the officers' and teachers' meeting Saturday morning was not largely attended. It was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by Supt. F. W. Clark. Singing. Elder C. R. Clark offered the opening prayer; singing.

Supt. George Goddard and Elder Joseph W. Summerhays of the general Sunday School Union board were present, and an excellent spirit prevailed. Elder Goddard was the first speaker and was pleased to state that the great majority of the Sunday schools of the Church commence at 10 a.m. This is the time to be present if we wish to teach our children punctuality. The speaker dwelt mainly upon the necessity of punctuality and keeping of the Word of Wisdom, and asked the Sunday school workers who kept that covenant to rise to their feet, which resulted in nearly all present arising.

Elder J. W. Summerhays was the next speaker and said we were here to fulfill what Jesus said in his prayer: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We are Latter-day Saints and should rear a God-fearing generation; teach the children that God lives and the earth and the fulness thereof are His and He will override all things for the good of His people.

Many important questions were then asked and satisfactorily answered by the visiting brethren.

At 2 p.m. favorable reports were given by several ward superintendents. Elder Goddard addressed the conference in his usual happy manner upon general Sunday school work and discipline, and closed his remarks by singing, Scatter Seeds of Kindness.

Elder W. W. Cluff of the Provo Academy delivered an able address upon the Word of Wisdom, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Elder Summerhays followed, giving