

school, and the *Tribune* thinks he is not fit company for the others. If Frank had a public school education he might have had the nomination for County Commissioner last election. That is provided the *Tribune* did not support him.

JUNIUS.

### MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

Conference convened at Monticello, Wright Co., Minn., Dec. 1st and 2d, 1883. Elders present, Wm. M. Palmer, President over the Northwestern States Mission and J. E. Booth his assistant; G. R. Bennion, President of the Conference; H. Bennion, H. M. Payne, A. W. Buchanan, S. Bryson, M. Anderson, N. L. Lund, J. M. Jensen, P. Lantensack, J. Fisher, J. Jacobson, L. Jacobson, T. S. Woodland, A. B. Strickland and C. M. Nielson.

President Wm. M. Palmer called the Conference to order, and after the usual opening exercises on motion of President Booth Elder C. M. Nielson was sustained as clerk of the Conference.

President Palmer felt pleased in having the privilege of meeting the Elders and those of our friends who have come together to attend our Conference; stated that Elder J. E. Booth had been appointed to assist him in the presidency over this mission. Spoke upon the Priesthood and the necessity of magnifying the same, in order to be enabled to perform the responsible duties that devolve upon us as messengers of life and salvation unto our fellow-men. He encouraged the Elders to listen to the counsel and instructions that they would receive from President Booth from time to time and correspond with him in regard to their future labors in the ministry.

Elders N. L. Lund and S. Jacobson had been laboring since May last in Dakota Territory. Had necessarily traveled a great deal on account of the country being so thinly settled. They had held several meetings and baptized two members. They found a great deal of indifference to the Gospel manifested by the people, mostly caused by the influence of the ministers who are constantly warning the people not to listen to the teachings of the Elders.

Elder A. W. Buchanan had been laboring since last Conference in Douglas and Otter Tail Counties. Had held no meetings not being able to obtain houses, he had done a great deal of bearing testimony in private houses.

Elder H. M. Payne traveled for a month after last Conference with Elder Nielsen in Anoka, Isanti and Millelacs Counties, held eight meetings but no baptisms. The other part of the time he labored with Elder Buchanan in Otter Tail County.

Elder O. M. Nielsen had traveled in Sherburne, Anoka, Isanti and Millelacs Counties, held a good many meetings, and made many friends; none were baptized.

Elders S. Bryson and T. S. Woodland had labored in Todd and Morrison Counties. Found a kind and generous feeling among the people, held a good many meetings but found none who desired to be baptized.

Elders J. Fisher and P. Lantensack had traveled and preached in Brown and Cottonwood Counties. Several people were investigating the principles of the Gospel and desired further information.

Elders M. Anderson and Lars Jacobson labored in Freeborn County since last spring. Found many people inclined to believe false reports regarding the Saints. Most of them had heard the Gospel before and rejected it.

2 p. m.

Elders H. Bennion and G. R. Bennion had labored in Meeker and Wright Counties. Held several meetings. None of the people had heard the Elders before, but did not care to investigate the truth of the Gospel. Recommended that Swedish and Norwegian Elders be sent more extensively through the State. One member baptized.

Elder A. B. Strickland had been here about a month and had traveled principally in Wright County. Had removed much prejudice and find some who desired to learn more of the Gospel.

Elder J. M. Jensen came here about a month since; had traveled with Elder Nielsen and gained some experience.

President J. E. Booth felt pleased to listen to the reports of the Elders and encouraged them to be humble and seek to God for strength to withstand the opposition that they

meet. The Savior and His disciples had to bear it; also our fathers in this age. He gave many historic facts showing the hand of the Lord in preparing for our day, and we should be continually grateful to him for what he has done for us.

Benediction by Elder C. M. Nielson.

7 p. m.

Prayer by Elder Bennion.

Elder Bennion spoke on the organization of the Church of Christ anciently, the apostasy and restoration of the Gospel, quoting many passages of Scripture to prove therefrom the correctness of his assertions.

Elder Payne spoke of the inconsistency of claiming authority to preach the gospel and administer the ordinances thereof, and at the same time deny revelation to the prophets in these days.

Elders Lantensack and Buchanan bore testimony to the divinity of our calling.

President Palmer spoke on the offices and callings of apostles and prophets; showed clearly that the Church of Christ could not exist without them.

December 3rd, 10 a. m.

Prayer by Lars Jacobson.

Elder Bennion spoke on the first principles of the gospel.

President Palmer followed on the same subject.

2 p. m.

Sacrament was administered.

The general Church authorities were presented and unanimously sustained, also President Palmer, president of the Northwestern States Mission, J. E. Booth his assistant; H. Bennion president of the Minnesota Conference; G. W. Riggs president of the Monticello branch; Jens Hansen president of Linden branch, and C. M. Nielson clerk of the conference.

President Booth spoke on the subject of the sacrament and the necessity for its proper observance.

President Palmer endorsed the remarks of President Booth showing the necessity of partaking of the sacrament with pure hearts.

Benediction by Elder Payne.

7 p. m.

Prayer by Elder J. S. Jacobson.

President Palmer read from the 20th chapter of Matthew and delivered an interesting gospel discourse.

President Booth spoke on the subject of our being misunderstood by the world, and showed that the Latter-day Saints are more law abiding and moral than any other people.

Conference adjourned *sine die*.

Eight of the Elders were released to return home, viz.: Elders Bennion, Woodland, Lantensack, Nielson, Lund, Strickland and Jensen.

CHARLES M. NIELSON,

Clerk of Conference.

### ST. JOSEPH'S STAKE CONFERENCE.

St. David, Cochise Co., Arizona, Dec. 4, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

The Quarterly Conference of the St. Joseph Stake was held in the school-house at this place on the 1st and 2d inst, at 10 a. m.

President C. Layton called the Saints to order. After singing and prayer he said he expected Apostles Brigham Young and H. J. Grant would be here on the 3d inst. In consequence, the Conference was adjourned until Sunday at 10 a. m. On Saturday at 2 p. m. the Priesthood met and President Layton, contrasted our situation here to-day and that of those who settled here six years ago; encouraged the brethren to cultivate the soil, build granaries and fill them so that we would be prepared to feed those that come among us.

Patriarch P. C. Merrill, Elder W. Fife and Bishops J. K. Rogers and W. D. Johnson spoke upon the necessity of being united and having such organizations as will assist us in our business transactions.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

After singing and prayer President Layton stated that some of the Bishops were detained at home through sickness. The wards were represented by Bishops W. D. Johnson of St. David, and J. K. Rogers of Pima; Counselor J. Cluff of Thatcher, and Elder Wm. Fife, of Sulphur Springs Valley. Each reported his Ward in good condition. The Curtis and Graham Wards were represented by Bishop J. K. Rogers of

Pima, as trying to live up to the requirements of the Gospel.

Elder Weach gave some of his experience.

Elder George Lake, of Sulphur Springs Valley described it as being well timbered, with an abundance of grass and very fine soil. There are some very fine locations in the vicinity not yet taken up.

President Layton was well pleased with the reports. We are increasing in numbers and improvements. Advised the brethren to enlarge their water sets, put in fall crops, and prepare to sustain themselves.

2 p. m.

After the opening exercises, the sacrament was administered.

President Layton then testified to the power of God being with those that lived their religion. Advised the young to be kind and devoted to their mothers, and for all to keep the word of wisdom, be prompt in all engagements, have confidence in the bishops, and keep from forbidden paths, that no iniquity be allowed in our midst.

The statistical reports were read. The general, Stake and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder R. N. Allred addressed the Saints upon the operations of the Holy Spirit.

Adjourned to the first Saturday and Sunday in March, 1884, at Pima, Graham County.

Benediction by Patriarch Wm. McBride.

The Sisters of the different organizations held their meetings on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, the 1st inst. They were well attended. The instructions given were such that much good will result therefrom.

Apostles Brigham Young and H. J. Grant arrived this evening in good health.

W. N. GOODMAN, Clerk.

### SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

Richfield, Sevier Co., Dec. 4, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

The Sevier Stake Conference was held here on the 24th and 25th ult., as previously announced.

It was a complete gathering of the Presidency of the Stake, the Bishops and many of their Counselors, members of the High Council, presidency of the High Priests' Quorum, Seventies, Elders, etc.

Elder Cyrus H. Wheelock and Bishop Brown, of Pleasant Grove, also a youthful Brother named Carlyle, each of whom in turn addressed the Conference in a conspicuously able and impressive manner; Elder Wheelock on the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph, Bishop Brown on the past and present aspects of affairs, and condition of this people, and Elder Carlyle in the pleasing manner of a Utah graduate, portrayed his convictions of the truth as presented to his mind at home and on his mission.

These addresses, together with the seasonable instructions of Presidents Spencer, Thurber and Seegmiller and various remarks by several of the Bishops and others rendered our Quarterly Conference exceedingly interesting and instructive.

Since then the M. M. I. Y. Associations have been largely visited by Superintendent Seegmiller and Brother Carlyle, in whose honor a social party was held last Friday evening.

One hundred and forty-one dollars was forwarded to the Manti Temple, mostly 50 cents monthly donations.

Last Saturday an Educational Institute meeting was held, inaugurated by County Superintendent Harrington, for the mutual improvement of teachers throughout the county; designed for diffusing a knowledge of the best means of communicating instructions to the rising generation.

Wm. MORRISON,  
Stake Recorder.

They have placed the statue of George Washington on the steps of the sub-treasury building in Wall street, and it is commented gravely, and with hope that perhaps "the presence of the dignified figure of the cherry tree incident" will cause the Wall street broker to depart from his wicked ways and cultivate the art of truth-telling.

### A MORMON ON MORMONISM

THE EDITOR OF THE DESERET NEWS  
DEFENDS THE PEOPLE.

The following is from the Sacramento Bee:

Charles W. Penrose, editor of the "Deseret News," the organ of the Mormon Church published at Salt Lake, was in Sacramento the other day, and had quite a chat with one of the editors of the BEE. Mr. Penrose is a mild-mannered and pleasant-spoken man, intelligent, plain, direct and forcible in his language, and seemingly thoroughly in earnest in defense of the Mormon people. He said that the latest story that the Mormons were preparing to take up arms against the Government or had entertained any such thought, was simply preposterous and absurd.

"Why," said he, "that would be supreme folly. What would we be against the power of this nation, or even against a mob? These stories are circulated by interested individuals, who would like to bring down the army upon us that they can further their own personal and political ends. There is a crowd of Federal office holders in Utah, whose only hope of retention therein is to keep it in Territorial limits, and prevent it from becoming a State. To do this, they have recourse to the most abominable lies, which are spread broadcast through the land, and seized upon with avidity everywhere and commented upon most savagely in the daily press. The question of polygamy cuts a very little figure at present. Few, comparatively, of the Mormon men have more than one wife. In the first place, there are not women enough to go around, and if there were, our people are not rich enough to support such households as we are credited with maintaining. The large cities of the Union hold up their hands in holy horror at the Mormon who has more than one wife, and yet they themselves are very sink-holes of prostitution. It is supremely ridiculous to see Representatives in Congress denounce us most bitterly because of our marriage relations, when it is notorious that they themselves are maintaining four, five and six mistresses. I notice by the papers that Governor Murray is again branding us. Well, that is part of his stock in trade. He is desirous of holding his position again, and he is but following the tactics of abuse in which all the Federal ring in Utah engage. If they did not do that, and create the impression abroad that we are moral monsters, who needed to be curbed by the strong arm of the law, they would find, like Othello, their occupation gone. I am not certain, though, that Murray will be successful in his present ambition. When he refused a certificate of election to George Q. Cannon, and gave it to his opponent, Campbell, he weakened himself, even among the republicans. Cannon, you know, was elected by a very large majority, but Murray deliberately gave the certificate to Campbell, alleging that Cannon was not a citizen of the United States. In doing so, he usurped powers belonging only to the House of Representatives, which is the judge of the election and qualification of its own members. All the duty devolving on Governor Murray was to give the certificate of election to the person receiving the highest number of votes. Cannon had already proved his citizenship, but even if he had not, that was a question which only the House of Representatives could settle.

Speaking of Governor Murray personally, Mr. Penrose said that he was a very social and affable man, with fine conversational powers, who had made a fair record in the army, who was soldierly and handsome in appearance, but exceedingly vain of his good looks. He had a good word also to say of Goodwin, editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, which has always bitterly opposed the Mormon Church, and whom he describes as a well-educated and even a brilliant writer. Neither of these gentlemen, however, knew of what they spoke when they attempted to discuss Mormon affairs. They were only recent importations into the Territory, and the denunciations of the one and the editorials of the other appeared childish to those conversant with all the facts.

Mr. Penrose was much taken with Sacramento, which reminded him greatly of Salt Lake, especially in the uniformity and regularity with which the streets were laid out, although, with true native pride, he asserted that Salt Lake was much the prettier of the two.

### CONSUMPTION CURED.

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