

be taught to respect each other and to love God. When thus taught, they become good, noble and virtuous men and women. The formation of the family ties is part of our duty. God has established love in the hearts of men and women that the world might be peopled. A violation of this law of love destroys men and women. Some people have avoided their obligations but in doing it have departed from the law of God. The woman is not without the man nor the man without the woman in the Lord.

Throughout the meetings, the choir, under the leadership of Prof. S. N. Lee, rendered many beautiful selections.

Sunday afternoon the general and Stake authorities were presented and sustained. No change was made in the presidency of the Stake.

NEPHI ANDERSON, Clerk.

Sanpete Stake.

Ephraim, Sanpete Co., Utah,
Nov. 21, 1898.

The conference of the Sanpete Stake of Zion was held in Moroni on the 19th and 20th of November, 1898, commencing at 10 a. m. On the 19th there were present of the presidency of Stake, Elders Beal and Maiben. Elder Canute Peterson was unable to attend, being quite sick. Elder Anthon H. Lund was also prevented from attending from same cause.

The conference opened by singing, and prayer by Patriarch R. N. Allred.

Elder Beal made the opening remarks. The following named wards were reported by their Bishops or counselors: Moroni, Wales, Fountain Green, Chester, and Spring City. Elder George Christensen, president of the Young Men's M. I. associations of the Stake, gave a report of the labors of himself and associates among the ward associations. Recess to 2 p. m.

2 p. m.—After opening exercises, Elder John Henry Smith arrived; also Elder Bailey of Nephi. Elders Maiben, Bailey and Smith addressed the conference and each gave a resume of the work accomplished by the Saints in carrying the Gospel to the nations; subduing the desert; founding of cities, etc., and the advancement made in the education of the people; also an outline of the labor before the Saints, yet to be accomplished. After singing and benediction, conference adjourned till 10:30 a. m. Sunday.

6:30 p. m.—A meeting was addressed by Elders George Christensen and John Henry Smith.

9 a. m.—The Sunday school held a session. The exercises on the articles of faith were quite creditably rendered both by individual pupils and class in concert. The school was addressed by Elders Bailey, J. B. Maiben and John Henry Smith.

10:30 a. m.—Elder Canute Peterson arrived. Conference was opened by singing and prayer.

Elders C. N. Lund and John Henry Smith occupied the time.

Elder Canute Peterson gave a brief report of the condition of the Stake. The Stake presidency endeavored to keep the organizations as nearly fully organized as possible. He believed the people had improved some financially and advised against going in debt when possible to avoid it.

Recess till 2 p. m.

2 p. m.—The conference opened by singing and prayer. The sacrament was administered and the statistical report of the Stake was read. The name of John J. Reese was presented and sustained to be ordained a High Priest.

Elder John B. Maiben presented the general and Stake authorities; all were sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder Edward Cliff was sustained to be ordained a Patriarch.

Elder Andrew Jensen met with the Saints and laid before the conference

the necessity of the erection of a building for Historian's Office as the needs of the Church had entirely outgrown the present buildings' capacity gave an outline of a plan to accomplish the desired object, which is the publication of a general index to all the public documents and records belonging to the Church. He said the index was to be purchased by the Saints in sufficient numbers, and the net proceeds to be devoted to the erection of a building of sufficient capacity to properly hold all public documents and records belonging to the Church, together with proper accommodations for the Church historian and assistants.

Elder John Henry Smith spoke on the necessity of care being taken in keeping records complete and accurate. He said that in many instances sufficient pains had not been taken in this matter. He believed it to be very important to have full and complete records. He congratulated the Saints in the establishment of a character for honesty that has marked the conduct of the people who have settled and subdued this mountain country and spoke of the great contrast of the present conditions to that which the Pioneers found.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was pronounced by Elder Henry Beal.

The conference adjourned for three months to meet in Ephraim.

GEORGE TAYLOR,
Clerk of Conference.

Star Valley Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion convened in the Afton ward meeting house on Nov. 13th and 14th, 1898. The meetings on Sunday were addressed by young men who had recently filled missions, and their teachings were principally on the first principles of the Gospel. They gave some excellent instructions to the Saints.

On Monday the Bishops gave a brief report of the wards of this Stake, which were very good, and showing a marked improvement in some wards by the valuable labors of the home missionaries.

All the speakers who spoke during conference enjoyed a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and they said many things that were of interest to the people, if they will only profit by them.

Everything seems to be prospering in this Stake at the present time. The country has been blessed with a bounteous harvest this year, and all seem to be satisfied.

The weather is remarkably fine for this high altitude. No snow has fallen yet.

We would be pleased to have some of our city brethren and sisters visit us whenever opportunity permits, but it is a tedious journey for those not used to out-door life.

WM. H. KENNINGTON,
Stake Clerk.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman, Nov. 23: E. D. Clyde of Heber, Utah, was at the yards today and had cattle on sale.

At Spokane, Wash., Friday night, Wager Hurlburt, aged 24, grasped an electric cord, gave a gasp and fell forward, dead.

Willie, the 8-year-old son of James Hall, was killed by an engine at Nampa, Ida., Friday. The boy accidentally ran into an approaching locomotive, not seeing it.

The battleship Wisconsin was launched at the Union Iron works this morning. It is the first California-built battleship not christened with the native wine of the state.

In San Francisco Friday night the police stopped the fight between Smith and Joe Bell, light-weights, in the third round, to avoid possible injury to the contestants.

A. W. Barber is on his way to Boundary creek for the purpose of securing information concerning the overflow of lands on the American side by dams built on the Canadian side.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., Gus Carl has been convicted of attempted murder, for which the penalty is from one to fourteen years. Carl shot Gib Clark, a fellow employe, inflicting serious wounds.

Among the passengers going to Alaska on the steamer Rosalie, which sailed from Port Townsend Friday, was R. Goldstein, who claims a portion of the townsite of Juneau under a mineral location made in 1888.

United States Senator Perkins will leave San Francisco for Washington tomorrow. In an interview he said: "Personally I do not favor the retention of the Philippines, but great questions of state may arise which will outweigh my opinion." He expressed himself as favorable to the repeal of the war tax.

The United States gunboat Wheeling has arrived at San Francisco from Mare Island, after undergoing a general overhauling. The Italian cruiser Etna will leave today for Mare Island, where she will be put on dry dock. It is expected that the monitor Comanche will be taken to Honolulu at an early date in tow of the Iroquois.

Thousands of sheep are imprisoned in the mountains near Pendleton, Ore. Three feet of snow has fallen in the foot hills there and the sheep cannot get through it to the valleys below. The situation results from the fact that sheepmen have kept their sheep on the mountain ranges as long as possible on account of the dryness and lack of grass outside. Unless chinook winds blow and melt the snow sheepmen will be unable to bring their sheep out without heavy loss.

Col. J. A. Andrews, ex-United States Indian agent at Lemhi agency, Idaho, was taken before United States Commissioner Capron at Denver Friday afternoon for examination on the charge of having embezzled Indian funds to the amount of \$322. He was bound over in the sum of \$5,000 to appear for trial at the next term of the Federal court in Idaho. Andrews was captured in Idaho Springs.

J. W. Nee of Tacoma is at Vancouver, B. C., with an interesting Klondike mastodon story. He says of a big pile of bones found on Sulphur creek one was a tooth between four and one-half and five inches long and nearly two inches thick at the base. Another was the leg of an animal from the knee to the ankle. It was five feet and a half in length. From the ground to the animal's body the distance was probably over ten feet.

The whaling bark Charles W. Morgan will sail today for the South seas in quest of sperm oil. The Morgan will be the first of the whalers off this year. She will be followed by the Alice Knowles, California and Horatio. This little fleet will cruise in the South seas and then go to Honolulu to ship their catch to San Francisco. From Honolulu they will sail for the Okhotsk and Japan seas after replenishing their outfits. The steamer whalers are laid up in Oakland creek and will not leave for the Arctic until the spring.

A terrible windstorm in the oil district of California, near Los Angeles, caused much damage. Thirty-seven derricks were blown down, and many overhead pulley wires and smokestacks. Two oil tanks holding 1,000 gallons of oil were punctured by falling derricks, and the oil is running through the streets. Several houses and barns were crushed under the falling derricks. The cottage of Mrs. Romero was struck by a heavy timber, which went through the roof and fell across the bed where her two children were asleep, but curiously neither was injured. One horse was killed. Two hundred men are clearing away the debris.

George Lavigne gained the decision the decision over Tom Tracey Friday night at San Francisco at the end of a twenty-round fight at 142 pounds or under. The fighting was clever and interesting throughout, but lacked the excitement which usually accompanies a contest between two such exponents of pugilism. Lavigne did decidedly the main work, being aggressive in every respect, forcing Tracey about the ring and compelling him to use all his cleverness and shiftness of foot to avoid the little champion's rushes. Tracey did not seem to be at all chagrined over the adverse