

Richards (representing the Deseret Sabbath School Union), O. C. Andreasen, Bishops H. H. Bell and Harry M. Payne, Bishop's counselor V. E. Bean, President Geo. W. Bean, who was suffering with cold, was unable to address the conference.

Samuel G. Clark was sustained as assistant Stake Clerk, and W. A. Seegmiller as clerk of the High Council. H. P. Miller, Superintendent of Sabbath Schools, who was also Stake Tithing Clerk, was released from Sabbath School labors, and James B. Morrison was sustained in his stead, with W. A. Seegmiller as his first and G. W. Blomquist as his second assistant. The sixth Elders' Quorum was organized with Orson M. Manwill as President, Edgar Fillmore as first and Alfred Hellquist as second counselor. A. D. Thurber was sustained as first counselor to Bishop Poul Poulsen of the First Ward, Richfield. Mortin Jensen was promoted from alternate to High Councilor. William Gardner was sustained as second counselor in the Superintendency of Y. M. M. I. Association, and a few other necessary changes were made. Some of the duties of the Saints were treated upon by the speakers. The Saints were encouraged to keep the laws and commandments of God, so that by living faithfully they might escape the evils which will follow the wicked and careless.

Our meetings, although somewhat interfered with by rain and snow, gave no occasion for murmuring, as the rich deposits of snow make the prospects for another harvest quite favorable. The conference was throughout very enjoyable.

SAMUEL G. CLARK,
Assistant Stake Clerk.

HAPPY ELSINORE.

Elsinore never intrudes itself upon public notice, being content to pursue the even tenor of its progress and peace, conscious of its own worth. But today it expresses a pardonable pride in the completion of its new Tithing Office, a building which is not only an ornament to the town but a credit to the whole county. A portion of the upper floor is reserved for the Ladies' Relief Society, who are not a whit behind. One of the rooms on the lower floor is finished off for a business and council room. The building is centrally situated, and looks more like the residence of a leading citizen than the receptacle of voluntary contributions of a grateful people. Bishop James I. Jensen was the architect, and the work was directed by Brother Thomas Durhan, late of Parowan, Iron County.

Sevier valley is developing in fertility every year, and most of the hardy fruits will yet be grown in abundance at Brooklyn, two miles south of Elsinore. Brother Joseph Bland has raised currants in very large quantities. The bushes were literally borne down to the ground with fruit. He had also strawberries of enormous size and quantity.

Some of the apples grown in his orchard on a three year old tree measured 13 inches in circumference and weighed 14½ ounces. It was a sample called the "Man Apple."

S. Madsen, Esq., has a handsome lot of pure-blooded Jersey stock. At Joseph, Mr. Thomas Ross, Jr., is leading out with a nice herd of fine blooded Holsteins; the county is getting well stocked with good horses also, and with the advent of the railway and the development of gold and silver mines near by, the future outlook is encouraging.

We have recently had a visit from the agent of the News. The people's appreciation of his appearance will be best attested by the renewal of the subscription lists. By invitation some of us visited Monroe and Joseph with him. At the former place, upon mountainous benchland, owned by Bishop Cooper, are found a number of warm springs, admitted to possess the most invigorating bathing properties of any waters in the territory. These springs are conducted down the hillside to a receptacle standing above ground at the foot of the hill and the public have free use of the bath. Certain days are reserved for ladies only. The aquarium dimensions are only about 12 by 10 feet. One very singular feature in connection with this bath is that, being in the open air, if the proprietor's directions are carried out no unpleasant effects of the chilly atmosphere are experienced. These waters will yet become famous.

Elsinore is noted for excellent flour made by the roller process, with a capacity of about 400 bushels per day. Many have to camp for days waiting for this grist, after traveling from as far south as Kanab, Kane County. But we expect this difficulty will be overcome in the future, as another mill site is located and work will shortly commence in the erection of a first-class mill.

The health of the people is good, and the hearts of the faithful are brave.

GEORGE A. BIRD.
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GORDON'S POWER.

What was the secret of his wonderful success? Much of it lay in his fearlessness, much in his swiftness of thought and action, and much in what the Yankee would call his capability in all things, small as well as great, says a writer in *Scribner's*. He could ride and shoot and tinker and conduct campaigns and negotiate treaties, all with unhesitating self-reliance. As a matter of course such a man takes command. Gordon never lacked opportunities to show these qualities. When steaming quietly up the Nile a monkey with which he was playing fell overboard. In a twinkling Gordon was in the water after him. By good luck the crocodiles got neither Governor-General nor monkey. When a nigger was being hauled up the rapids some way south of Lado the cable got away from the men on the bank and the vessel was

swept on the rocks. No one would volunteer to go out and pick up the cable and Gordon jumped into a skiff and went alone. To be sure the skiff upset, and the Governor-General sat some hours dripping on a rock, but his men had a lesson.

On another occasion the garrison of one of the stations was thrown into much anxiety by seeing Gordon alone, rowing across the river to the east bank, which in that region was occupied by intensely hostile negroes. He landed, made his boat fast and tried by a display of beads and wire to induce the savages to come and talk with him. They simply sat on the hillside and scowled. Finally Gordon shot a hippopotamus and paddled back, leaving the beads on the shore and a fine feast of hippopotamus meat in the rushes. Another man would have been killed. I was amused to see on his table at Khartoum handsome spoons and forks with his crest half effaced by rough scratches. I could fancy Gordon, vexed by some unusual flummery, seizing a cat-tail file and proceeding to put out of his sight one more vanity. It was not that he was not proud of his family. On the contrary he could pay a man no greater compliment than to say "You are like a Gordon;" but all the marks and signs of rank sometimes became intolerable to him.

THE Louisville *Courier-Journal* suggests that the centennial of Kentucky's admission into the Union be celebrated by the erection of a mammoth public building, to be used for the various purposes required by the people in their aggregated capacity. There is more in this than in costly monuments.

THE New York *World* thinks our new navy would do better by going to Brazil at this juncture and thus lending a kind of moral encouragement to the infant republic, than going on a "showy" trip to the Mediterranean. The world must know that we have that navy, sure.

ALL THE genuine philanthropists are not dead by any means. London has one in the person of Sir Edward Guinness, who, as a dispatch some days ago informed us, has donated \$1,000,000 for the erection of dwellings for the laboring poor of London. He could not have a grander monument.

"NELLIE BLY," the New York *World's* accomplished female correspondent, started on November 14 to circumnavigate the globe, her time being limited to seventy-five days. At this rate she must return to New York by January 27. She has made no preparations, traveling in "light marching order," has secured no transportation and intends generally to take things as she finds them. This is rather risky, but there is fame and money in it if she succeeds.