

"The Spirits in Prison."

Michael Stanley of Lewiston, Cache county, who has been serving an 18 months' sentence for living with his wives, was released on Saturday last. Richard Jenkins and Samuel Linton, of Nephi, who have been doing a three months' sentence for violation of the Edmunds-Tucker act, will emerge from the penitentiary, the former today the latter tomorrow. Three more of the brethren will be released this month, leaving only twelve. Charles Vincent, non-"Mormon," who has been serving a one year's sentence for adultery, received a commutation by the President to eight months; he will go out today.

The new wall and main building are nearing completion. The old shops and adobe walls are being razed to the ground. The new structures have an imposing appearance.

Respectfully,

B. W. DRIGGS.

UTAH PENITENTIARY, June 3, 1891.

A Destructive Cyclone.

ST. PAUL, June 2.—A *Pioneer Press* special from Watertown, S. D., says that this afternoon about 5:30 a hurricane appeared in that vicinity and passed just by the edge of the city, demolishing some outbuildings and destroying everything movable. The path of the storm was about 100 feet wide. Five miles to the northeast several houses were wrecked, and at Waverly, twelve miles away, much damage was done.

C. P. Chamberlain and son were in a barn when it was blown down and were painfully injured. Three people were killed at Hazel, and the storm is said to have been very severe in that vicinity. No other fatalities have yet been heard of. Heavy rain and hail followed the storm, and the damage in the county is altogether probably heavy.

The Persecuted Jews.

LONDON, June 2.—It is reported that the Czar in responding to a personal appeal made by an exalted personage in behalf of the Jews in Russia said he was determined to continue his measures of Jewish repression with a view to the solution of the Jewish question.

The Jews themselves, declared the Czar, had forced this policy. There never had been a Nihilist plot hatched in which they were not concerned, and they would actively engage in propagating subversive movements.

LONDON, June 6.—A Moscow correspondent of the *Daily News* gives the details of an incident where two Jews were chained and herded with a convoy of criminals because they had no money to pay the expenses of travel. The correspondent says he thinks there are many similar cases. The first but—six families—of Jews who were expelled from Kieff, have arrived in Buda Pesth by railway. They were conveyed virtually free. They gave a heartrending recital of their treatment.

Earthquakes.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 7.—A distinct shock of earthquake, accompanied by a rumbling noise, was felt here this morning.

ROME, June 7.—The cities of Verona and Mantua were shaken by an earth-

quake today. Many houses were damaged. An invalid woman was so badly frightened by the shock that she died.

Venetia and Tuscany were visited this morning by repeated shocks. The worst shocks occurred about 2 o'clock in the morning. Shocks were also felt in Venice and Milan.

The centre of disturbance was at Venetia. A subterranean noise was heard like the roar of artillery, which was followed by three strong shocks. The inhabitants rushed into the streets in terror.

At Marengo three persons were killed and at Badaia and Caivano seventeen were badly injured by falling houses and chimneys. At the latter place another shock was felt at 6 o'clock this morning and much additional damage was done. The movements were undulatory in character and were more or less felt over the whole of north Italy.

The Musical Contest.

Some time ago the *Contributor* company offered \$500 in cash prizes toward a musical contest in which young men from all parts of the city and Territory could compete. Last night the contest came off in the Tabernacle in this city. Prof. Evan Stephens was master of ceremonies. The judges were Prof. Beesley of Salt Lake, Prof. Lewis of Logan, and Prof. Daniels of Provo. Immediately after the rendering of the pieces the judges sent down their decision to Prof. Stephens.

The first contest was for \$75, between a double quartette from Lehi and one from Ogden. The selection was Spohr's "Proudly as the Eagle," and the purse was awarded to the Ogden boys amid great applause.

Number two was the song, "The Old Brigade," competed for by John Buckley, Provo; J. H. Poulton, H. S. Ensign, Alonzo Platt and John James, all of Salt Lake. The first prize, \$15, went to Mr. Buckley; for the second, of \$10, there was at first no decision, each judge naming a different man; finally, the judges decided on Mr. James.

Number three was a quartette, "Like the Woodland Roses," prize \$50, competed for by four gentlemen from Ogden, four from Provo and four "unknowns," admitted at the last moment. Provo walked off with this prize.

The fourth bout was a contest between three tenors on the song "Once Again," \$15 for first and \$10 for second. T. Ashworth, of Salt Lake, was an easy winner.

Contest number five was a duet, "Ship Ahoy," for \$25. There were four contestants, and the result was a draw between the Boshard brothers, of Provo, and the Messrs. Tout, of Ogden, who divided the purse.

The big contest of the night was for a purse of \$200, best rendition by twenty-five or more voices of Stephens' chorus, "Invocation to Harmony." The Twenty-first ward, Salt Lake, the Fourth ward, Provo, and a choir from Spanish Fork entered the list, but Provo walked off with the purse.

At the conclusion of the contest Apostle Moses Thatcher made an announcement that the prizes to be given next year would amount to \$1000. The idea is to bring out whatever musical talent may now be lying dormant in the rural and in the urban districts of Utah. The next contest will be a

memorable one in Utah history, as efforts will be made to make it a Territorial event.

Prof. Joseph J. Daynes was general accompanist during the contest.

Huntington Conference.

The conference was opened at Huntington, Emery county, on Sunday, May 10th. President C. G. Larsen and counselors were present, and there was a very large attendance of Saints.

After the usual opening exercises President Larsen made a few introductory remarks, expressing his gratitude to God for the favorable conditions under which they had been permitted to convene. His words were of an encouraging character.

Among other speakers were Elders L. M. Olson, who spoke on domestic economy, M. E. Johnson, of Huntington, and Curtis, of Orderville.

In the afternoon the speakers were Elder Chase, of Huntington, his remarks being based upon the eleventh commandment; Elder Jewks, of Orderville, and Counselor William Howard.

Some of the Bishops having been called upon to report their wards, conference adjourned till 10 a. m. on Monday.

A Priesthood meeting was held on Sunday evening. Among the business brought forward was the question of the promotion of a number of the Lesser Priesthood to a higher calling, and the releasing of some from the home missionary labor who were engaged in Sabbath school work.

Monday morning the bishops of the several wards of the Stake were called upon to report their wards. The general report was good, showing that the people, as a rule, are striving to live their religion.

The statistical report of the Stake was then read, and a number of the brethren were called upon to address the conference.

In the afternoon the authorities of the Church and Stake were presented and unanimously sustained. Some of the speakers were acquainted with the Prophet Joseph, and bore faithful testimony to the truth of the great latter-day work.

The Sunday schools and all other organizations were reported as being in good condition.

Notice of jubilees were given to be held at Price, on the 12th of June, and at Ferron on the 26th of the same month.

Conference adjourned for three months, to meet at Castle Dale.

J. W. NIXON,

Clerk of Conference *pro tem.*

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, June 7th, 1891, commencing at 2 p. m., Counselor Joseph E. Taylor presiding.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation
No longer as strangers on earth need we roam.

Prayer by Bishop L. G. Hardy.

The choir sang:

Hark! Listen to the trumpeters!
They sound for volunteers.