

tacking our local musical aspirants. In a lengthy article published two or three weeks ago, he erroneously quoted those who assisted in the Z. M. S. 'concerts as having advertised themselves the "best local artists," and "best local talent." On that mistaken basis he sought to build justifiable reasons for previous and future harsh criticisms. If his remarks had the effects which he assumes they ought to have, if the individuals thus roughly handled could smother their natural feelings, and continue appearing before the public, maintaining heroic efforts to scale the Faber slinger's empyrean height of musical culture, he might then justifiably "keep a pitch-in," but unluckily, perhaps, the unassuming gentlemen and ladies to whom I allude, have got the natural sensitiveness accompanying talent, and I cannot blame them for resenting public, and unnecessary, mention of their trifling shortcomings. I consider it the height of impertinence to stigmatize them as childish, cowardly, etc., when they simply exhibit a proper pride in shrinking from unkind public notice.

I hope the public will more frequently see and hear our local musical and dramatic organizations in the future than heretofore. I was highly pleased with the performance last night, the choruses were splendidly rendered. The intervals between performances are much too long. If such entertainments were given monthly, the managers would soon become more familiar with the business, and be better able to please the public. Many defects might thereby be avoided. The soloists could then have more opportunities for public practice, which would impart confidence, all that some of them lack. To encourage these organizations should be one of the duties of the press, and I hope the mistaken policy of indiscriminate and discouraging criticism will be discarded by the writers.

Yours truly, MAC.

LITTLE COLORADO STAKE CONFERENCE.

The 12th quarterly conference of the Little Colorado Stake of Zion, was held at Sunset, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28, 1880. There were present Jesse N. Smith and L. H. Hatch of the presidency of the eastern Arizona Stake, the presidency of this Stake, with bishops and others.

Saturday morning the speakers were President J. N. Smith and Bishop L. M. Savage. In the afternoon, the general Church authorities as sustained at the late Semi-annual Conference held in Salt Lake City were presented and sustained, and the authorities of this Stake were presented and sustained as at the last quarterly Conference. The statistical reports of the Stake and Sunday Schools for the past quarter were read, after which the Bishops or representatives reported their wards, and President L. Smith and Counselor J. Bushman spoke.

Saturday evening, a council meeting was held, where matters connected with Sunday Schools, the education of the young, tannery and other home industries were spoken upon.

Sunday morning, Elder S. D. Rogers, Counselor W. C. Allen, Elders J. N. Walker and J. Steele were the speakers, and in the afternoon, Elder L. H. Hatch, Presidents J. N. Smith and Lot Smith. Conference was then adjourned for three months.

The subjects spoken upon were brotherly love, charity, oneness, hypocrisy, obedience, home manufactures, education and training of the young, benefits of the gospel, and an account was given by President J. N. Smith, of the counting of the returns of the late election of Apache County for Territorial and County officers. The reports given by the Bishops of their Wards were generally very favorable.

T. G. NIELSON,
Clerk of Stake.

CACHE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. Dr. Fisher, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for Utah, Idaho and Montana, visited Logan last Sabbath in the interest of that noble work. He preached an eloquent sermon in the Tabernacle in the afternoon, and again in the evening delivered a fine discourse in the Presbyterian church to a large audience. At the close of the evening service a County Bible

Society was organized with J. H. Martineau, Esq., President; R. S. Watson, Esq., Vice President; Rev. C. M. Parks, Secretary; Wm. Goodwin, Esq., Treasurer
C. M. P., Sec'y.

Correspondence.

The Colorado Settlements.

MANASSA, Conejos Co., Col.,
Nov. 29, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

It is rather late to report anything of this last season's harvest, but in gratitude to Our Heavenly Father we have much satisfaction in acknowledging a good crop of grain for our summer's labor. A great deal of grain grown in this valley was blighted by frost long before its maturity. Notwithstanding that our harvest did not begin till the 1st of September, very little of our grain was injured by frost; but owing to some supposed mismanagement, not any of the grain grown in this settlement has yet been threshed and many are out of bread and have plenty of grain in the stack. To add to the aggravation, the recent cold snap has frozen up the grist mills, and the people are compelled to pay high prices for a very inferior grade of flour.

Our Mexican neighbors count themselves better off in not having to wait on the machine thresher. They keep up the ancient system of threshing out their grain by animal power; namely, by employing horses, cattle, sheep, goats and even donkeys to tread out the grain, afterwards cleaning it by the process of washing.

The recent severe winter weather has moderated but very little. It is the coldest spell I have ever felt. Some mornings at sunrise the thermometer stood at 33 degrees below zero. In fact it got so cold that some of the folks took their thermometers into the house to preserve them from destruction.

One week ago to-day 117 emigrants arrived from the south, in charge of Elder M. F. Cowley. Although the change from the mild climate of the south to this frigid season and region was a severe trial to the new arrivals, the most if not all of them

are feeling very well. A way has been opened up for our needy brethren to have good employment during the coming winter at paying wages. Judge Hammond of Cache Valley, and Bishop Ferrin of Weber County are here under the approval of the general authorities at home, and have obtained good contracts on the Denver and Rio Grande Railway; they will likely have plenty of work for the brethren located in this valley for the present season. It may be well for me here to add a word in confirmation of your word of counsel to those seeking employment from home. If they contemplate coming here they should first find out the reliability of the parties bringing them. It is considered to be the policy of this railroad to fill the country with laborers and thus from necessity the men not having means enough to return would have to work for any wages they could get—the fuller the laboring market the lower the wages.

Besides the increase of our numbers from the south, we have had additions to our numbers from many of the settlements of Utah, who are doing pretty well here.

We have in successful operation here a very good Sunday School, which is well attended and I believe fully appreciated by the parents in this community.

Apostle Erastus Snow and Prest. Silas S. Smith are again with us; have already held two meetings with the Saints, the instructions and encouraging words of counsel being of a practical nature are much appreciated and enjoyed by the people.

President Smith will remain with us for a season to preside over the affairs of the Church here. Elder Snow contemplates staying a week or ten days with us before returning home, and will in the meantime, hold more meetings and visit and organize other branches of the church in this valley.

Your brother in the gospel,
JOS. HYRUM PARRY.

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THE CENSUS.

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The statement of the population in relation to any township, town, city, or county is still subject to possible corrections by reason of the discovery of omissions or duplications of names in the lists of inhabitants returned:

COUNTIES.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Native.	Foreign.	White.	Colored.
The Territory.....	143,907	74,471	69,436	99,974	43,933	142,381	1,526
Beaver.....	3,918	2,372	1,546	2,820	1,098	3,828	10
Box Elder.....	6,761	3,585	3,176	4,714	2,047	6,357	404
Cache.....	12,561	6,271	6,290	8,363	4,198	12,543	18
Davis.....	5,028	2,529	2,497	3,716	1,310	5,019	7
Emery.....	556	313	243	427	129	555	1
Iron.....	4,013	2,031	1,982	3,206	807	3,948	65
Juab.....	3,473	1,809	1,664	2,480	1,004	3,407	6
Kane.....	3,085	1,594	1,491	2,708	377	3,079	6
Millard.....	3,727	1,910	1,817	2,794	933	3,721	6
Morgan.....	1,783	962	821	1,293	490	1,786	17
Piute.....	1,651	893	758	1,339	312	1,652	122
Rich.....	1,293	665	598	934	359	1,292	1
Salt Lake.....	31,978	16,099	15,879	20,291	11,687	31,957	281
San Juan.....	204	104	100	171	33	204	0
Sanpete.....	11,557	5,773	5,784	7,439	4,118	11,485	72
Sevier.....	5,138	2,700	2,438	3,599	1,539	5,109	29
Summit.....	4,240	2,458	1,782	2,819	1,421	4,191	49
Tooele.....	4,497	2,500	1,997	3,196	1,301	4,331	166
Utah.....	799	479	320	708	91	790	19
Wasatch.....	17,918	8,974	8,944	12,949	4,969	17,891	27
Washington.....	2,927	1,555	1,372	2,134	793	2,919	8
Weber.....	4,235	2,356	1,879	3,205	1,030	4,150	79
	12,597	6,539	6,058	8,710	3,887	12,544	53

Colored includes in the Territory, 501 Chinese, 804 Indians and half-breeds, and 17 East Indians and half-breeds; in Beaver County, 28 Chinese, 48 Indians and half-breeds, and 17 East Indians and half-breeds; in Box Elder, 159 Chinese and 237 Indians; in Cache, 9 Indians; in Davis, 7 Indians and half-breeds; in Iron, 55 Indians and half-breeds; in Juab, 4 Indians; in Kane, 6 Indians; in Millard, 1 Chinese and 4 Indians and half-breeds; in Morgan, 17 Chinese; in Piute, 120 Indians and half-breeds; in Rich, 1 Indian; in Salt Lake, 131 Chinese and 19 Indians and half-breeds; in Sanpete, 71 Indians and half-breeds; in Sevier, 24 Chinese and 4 Indians and half-breeds; in Summit, 43 Chinese; in Tooele, 10 Chinese and 152 Indians; in Uintah, 18 Indians and half-breeds; in Utah, 23 Indians and half-breeds; in Wasatch, 2 Chinese and 6 Indians and half-breeds; in Washington, 53 Chinese and 25 Indians; in Weber, 33 Chinese and 3 Indians.

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One red and white speckled HEIFER, about 18 months old, branded H on left side.
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A. W. SMITH,
District Poundkeeper.
Draper, S. L. Co., Dec. 21, 1880.

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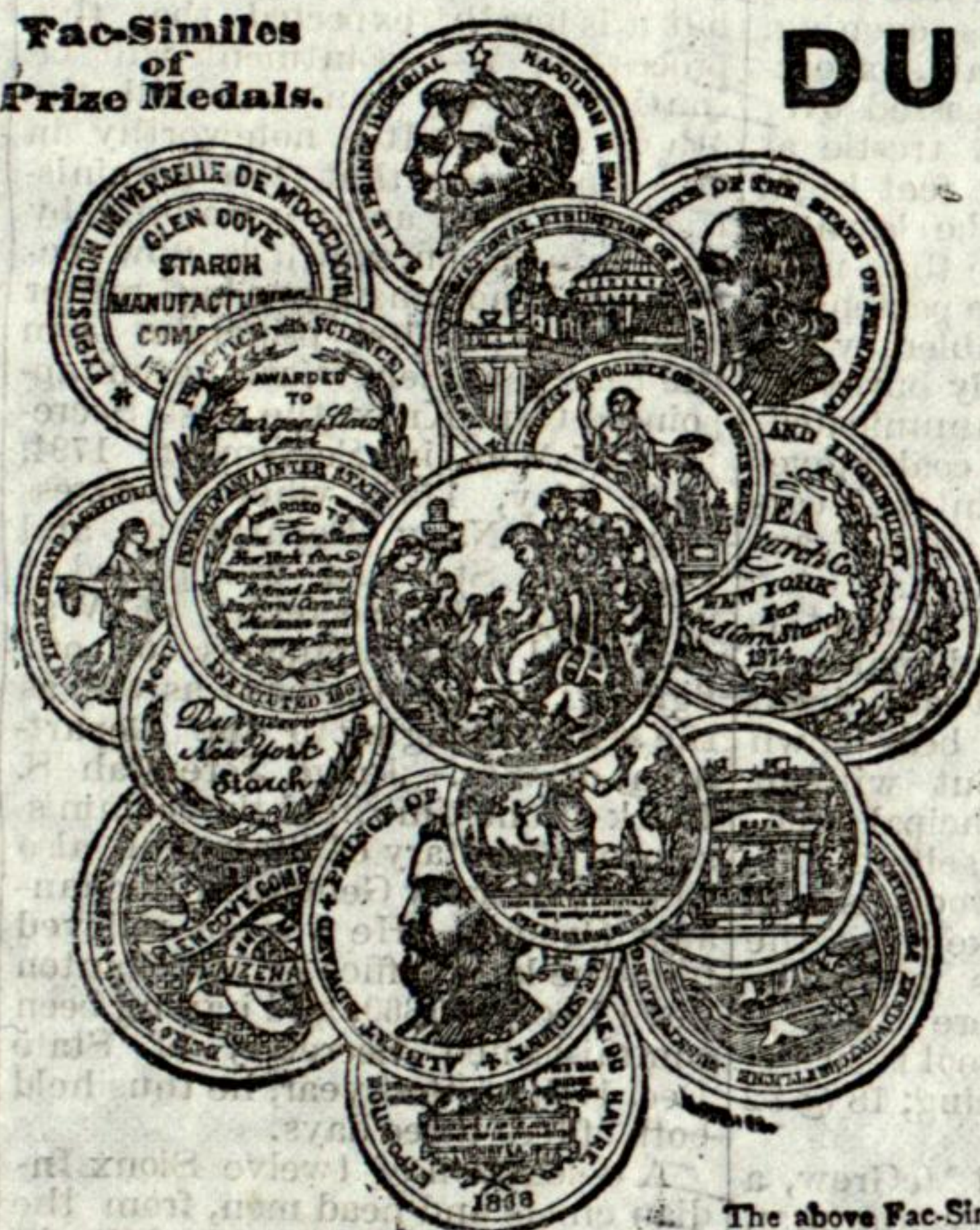
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