

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

in darkness. Man cannot judge in this case, but if we take the Scriptures we shall see who is blind. Elder Taylor read some of the Articles of Faith and proved from the Bible that the Latter-day Saints were the true Christians. He gave much valuable instruction to the Saints.

Saturday at 7:30 p. m. a Priesthood meeting was held. Elder James W. Paxman read the circular letter presented to the people at the April Conference. Elder F. M. Lyman presented the letter to the Priesthood for their acceptance or rejection. Not a vote was cast against it.

Elders John W. Taylor and F. M. Lyman spoke on the letter and also on the manner of calling missionaries to go to the nations of the earth. Elder Geo. Goddard also made a few remarks.

Sunday, 10 a. m., Elder James W. Paxman read the circular letter issued by the leaders of the Church and first presented to the people at the last annual Conference. Elder John W. Taylor placed it before the people for them to accept or reject as they felt disposed. It was accepted; only one person voting against it.

Elder Taylor then preached a Gospel sermon.

Sunday, 2 p. m. Elder F. M. Lyman spoke upon the benefits of the Sacrament to those who partake of it worthily and gave many valuable instructions.

The general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

President Peterson of the Sanpete Stake expressed his pleasure at being present at the conference and showed the beauties of the Stake organization. Spoke of the blessings to be obtained in our Temples.

7:30 p. m. Elder John T. D. McAllister of Mantt was the first speaker. He spoke on the ordinance of baptism; then read from second Corinthians, "Be not unequally yoked." Said that in the marriage relation it is inconsistent for believers to be married to unbelievers. The importance of the Temple work for the living and the dead was also clearly shown.

President William Paxman testified to the words of inspiration that had been uttered by all the speakers during conference; testified to the good work being done in the Sabbath schools. He bore testimony to the great value of the declaration of principles we have accepted, which will help to unite and bless the Saints. He cautioned the Saints not to find fault with each other or the servants of God, and expressed his gratitude for the blessings we enjoy.

Conference adjourned for three months. JOHN T. MILLER, Clerk of Conference.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 17.—The most serious conflagration this city has experienced in ten years broke out shortly before 11 o'clock tonight in a block in the center of the city bounded by the tracks of the Southern railway, and Peoria, Decatur and Collins streets. The Markham house, adjoining the union depot, and one of the best-known hotels in the country, was destroyed, involving a loss of about \$75,000 on building and furniture, covered by an insurance of \$50,000.

Durlog 1895 the beach mines of Curry county, Or., produced 324 ounces of gold dust.

The recent storms have just about destroyed all the sheep increase for this year, and consequently sheep owners are feeling blue about it.

James M. Young, the eleven-year-old son of Indian Agent J. R. Young, was run over and killed by a train at Tempe, Arizona, Monday.

The Laramie Boomerang announces that the mayor of that city has given full immunity to inmates of houses of ill fame, who now have no bar to carry on business.

The purchase price of the Pierce gold mine near Tucson, Arizona, \$275,000, has been paid, and the ownership now passes to an English syndicate. A one-hundred-stamp mill is to be erected at once.

Carl Albrecht, the man who murdered his wife on the streets of Marshfield, Oregon, on February 18th, was sentenced Monday by Judge Fullerton to be executed on June 28 at Empire City.

The Union Pacific officials are now taking their last ride over the Oregon Short Line as managers of that road, since it is to be separated and placed under new management on the 1st of June, with W. H. Bacroft in charge.

Dr. A. B. Gregory, one of the oldest residents of San Luis Obispo county, Cal., was sandbagged and robbed of \$55 near the home of a friend Monday evening. Gregory stepped out of the house, and was twenty-five rods from the door when struck.

Joe Pasqual, well known to all sports of southern California, who kept a restaurant on an old house boat on Balona lagoon, Los Angeles, was drowned Monday. He tried to swim the lagoon and was either taken with cramps or caught by the current.

Twenty-three of the principal strawberry-growers of Humboldt county, Cal., have formed a permanent organization, representing fifty acres of bearing strawberry vines, which, it is estimated, will produce \$300,000 pounds of fruit, valued at \$10,000.

Professor J. R. Wetherbee of the University of Oregon, in gathering a collection of snakes and toads for that institution, has received a five-legged toad. The extra leg is joined to the left shoulder, in front of the fore left leg. It is a perfectly formed leg.

Ak Kym, alias Yom Doy, a Chinese woman, was shot and killed at Santa Ana, Cal., Friday by some unknown assassin. She was found in her bed, bound and gagged, by a constable when the door of her little lodging house in the Chinese quarter was broken in.

Senator John Beard of Alameda county, Cal., ten years ago planted an acre in locust trees. Last season, he sold all the trees thereof, measuring six inches in diameter, to a sea captain for ship timber, and made \$648 by the transaction, besides cutting thirty cords of wood for use.

The secretary of justice and public instruction has presented a bill to the

Mexican Congress for the creation of a bureau of public instruction, whose head, while not a cabinet officer, will be almost independent of other departments, although subject to the supervision and orders of the secretary of justice.

A runaway team with a heavy wagon crashed through a plate-glass window, broke the folding doors from the hinges and piled up in the private office of Postmaster Hedrick in the Fresno, Cal., postoffice, crushing his desk. He had just stepped out. Had he been at his desk he would probably have been killed.

Lehi Banner—John Mason got a fine flow of water down in the field on the land belonging to Gen. Schow.... The storm on Sunday covered the low hills north and east of us with a coat of the beautiful.... The Utah Sugar company is going to have its building repainted during the summer—that is if we have any.

D. W. Watson, a wood dealer, was instantly killed at Seattle, Wash., on Monday. His team ran away in an alley, and in falling off he was caught and his left leg torn off at the thigh. His body was dragged about 100 feet, his leg hanging by a foot in the fence, being left behind. He died instantly. Several persons witnessed the accident.

Deputy Constable Collins killed William Burke Moody evening while attempting to arrest him on Bear creek, half a mile north of Merced, Cal. Burke escaped from the Fresno local train last Monday near Livingston while in charge of a sleepy officer, who was taking him to Selma to answer a charge of burglary. He attempted to shoot Collins, who managed to fire first.

Six years ago, Stella, the 5-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Resegule, of Boise, Idaho, fell out of a swing and was paralyzed. For six years she has been in bed, unable to speak or hear, and not able to recognize anyone in all that time. While awake her body was perfectly rigid, but when asleep her limbs were supple as rubber. On Friday, May 15, she died, and the funeral occurred yesterday; Sunday.

Omaha Stockman, May 15: Sheep receipts for this week will be the heaviest on record for this market. The five days' supply foots up 21,085 head, while the heaviest previous supply was for the seven days ending October 8, 1894, when 20,256 were received. October 1894 was also the banner month for sheep, the run being 45,426, but the indications are that a new record will be made this month, and over 50,000 received.

The Two Republics of the City of Mexico reports that A. E. Milliken, a mining man, has just effected the transfer to a syndicate of Colorado and Kansas City capitalists of a half interest in the Jesus Maria mine in the state of Durango for \$1,000,000. The condition of the sale, in addition to the handsome consideration which he is largely to receive in cash, is that improvements to the amount of \$1,500,000 are to be made forthwith in the property of his associates.