

The parade ended on the meeting house ground, where a large howery was raised for the occasion, and where lemonade and ice cream was served free during the afternoon, between speeches and recitations. In the evening a shoe ball was given in the new school building where the day closed with dancing and ice cream. The committee in charge of the affair had been busy days before to make it a real holiday, which it was. Charles Crane, of Herriman, was one of the committee and marshal of the day, and deserves the thanks of the people for what he did. He was busy as a bee all day long.

THOMAS E. VISSING.

IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA.
ST. DAVID, Cochise Co., Arizona,
July 24th, 1895.

I have received and answered many letters of inquiry since my last letter in the NEWS, and we have received some visits from parties seeking homes. Today has been a gala day with us. At 9 o'clock a. m. we formed in line for marching. In the parade were wagons representing the Pioneers of '47, and early emigrants to the valleys of the mountains. At 10 o'clock we met at the Assembly hall which was very neatly decorated with flags, hunting, evergreens and pictures. There a program, consisting of speeches, songs and recitations was very creditably rendered. In the afternoon horse races, foot races and games generally were indulged in; and as usual the day's entertainment was concluded with a dance in the evening.

Our rainy season generally commences in the beginning of July, but thus far the rains have not reached us, therefore the outlook for stock on the range is at present discouraging.

PETER A. LOFREN.

ALMY ITEMS.

ALMY, Wyo., July 26.

Pioneer Day was spent in worthy style by the people of Almy in general. Extensive preparations were made to commemorate the day, and honor the noble army of Pioneers who, for the sake of religious liberty abandoned scenes of modern civilization and were content to dwell in, and build up a commonwealth peculiar to themselves, in which to enjoy that liberty which is, or should be, the common heritage of all.

The procession which started from No. 7 camp was quite a study to any person who gave it consideration. Utah as it was, and is, was well represented in the procession. Brother Thomas L. Beach and son drove a couple of teams the sight of which look us back to the early times and gave to the young a faint idea of the experiences of the hardy pioneers. Utah as it is was well represented by the modern carriage drawn by a splendid team and driven by a footman, its occupants being Bishop James Bown and wife, Elder Wallwork and Mrs. Eardley.

Utah's best crop was magnificent, and was shown to splendid purpose. This is a crop that thrives in rain or sunshine, and Almy can boast as large a crop as any town of like proportions. Arriving at Bown's grove the Almy band gave some splendid selections,

which were continued throughout the day and enlivened all our exercises.

The officers of the day were: Silas Eardley, marshal and master of ceremonies; Joseph Dean and Stephen Sharp, deputies.

The following program was tastefully rendered and reflected credit on all participants.

Music by the Band.
Song, Utah the Queen of the West, S. S. Choir
Prayer.....by Elder J. E. Pottit
Song.....S. S. Choir
Remarks.....Silas Eardley
Recitation.....Martha Jane Cox
Oration.....Andrew Wallwork

Mr. Wallwork's oration was such as would stir up one's thoughts to the importance of the labors performed by the Pioneers and the hardships they encountered in their dreary march to the valleys of Utah. He referred to the Prophet Joseph and the persecutions he endured for the Gospel's sake, also his martyrdom, and finally the Pioneers. The speaker showed how they laid the foundation of a commonwealth that has challenged the admiration of the world, and established for Brother Brigham a reputation as a leader second to none in modern times.

The program was concluded by a recitation from Mr. Teasdale, which was rendered in perfect style.

After the program, sports and various exercises were the order of the day, and all seemed to enjoy the day to their utmost.

The day closed with a grand ball which was well attended and highly appreciated by the dancers.

The health of our people is good, but work at the mines is very poor, which is generally the rule this time of the year.

On Friday evening a party was held at the residence of Sister Cox who is leaving Almy as her husband was killed in the late explosion. Sister Cox is president of the Relief society, and her many friends will be only too sorry to lose her society, and constant labor in the Relief society. The many Saints in Almy wish her God speed and happiness.
J. E. BELL.

WEBER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Weber Stake commenced on Sunday morning July 21st, and as on former similar occasions the old tabernacle was packed with anxious, earnest listeners, while a large number of others who desired to gain admission could not and therefore had to go away sorrowing. There were present on the stand, Elders Franklin D. Richards and Heber J. Grant, of the Twelve Apostles; Seymour B. Young and C. D. Fjeldsted, of Council of Seventies; Elder J. M. Sjodahl, of the presidency of the Stake, a large number of the High Council, Bishopric and leading Elders. The meeting was called to order by President Shurtliff. After singing by the choir the opening prayer was offered by Elder Joseph Hall.

Elder C. F. Middleton reported the condition of the Stake which he said was generally good. Since the last quarterly conference the presidency with some of the High Council and others had visited and held eight ward conferences, filling some vacancies, and settling in some things that were

needed. He said he would divide the people of this Stake into four classes as follows:

"My first class I call 'good Latter-day Saints.' They are good people in every sense of the word; and coupled with this, they try with all their might to live up to all the requirements of the Gospel. They attend all Sabbath and fast meetings, pay their tithes and fast offerings, observe the Word of Wisdom, and attend to their prayers in the season thereof.

"My second class I call 'Latter-day Saints.' They also, are good people—honest in all their dealings; they attend some of the meetings, pay some tithing, and some fast offerings, and so live that they could not very well be refused a recommend to the Temple or to another ward.

"My third class I call 'good Mormons.' They, too, are good people, but they neglect almost every known duty required of them as members of the Church.

"My fourth class I call 'Mormons.' They are members of the Church because somebody has neglected to do their duty, in not cutting them off."

Elder Fjeldsted next addressed the meeting. He was pleased to see so many of the Saints present, and he liked the report of the condition of the stake. He felt his inability to say anything that would be profitable unless he was aided by the spirit of the Lord. The large congregation present shows that they have an interest in the work of God. The gospel found us in the nations of the earth, and the Lord has brought us together here in these mountains to build up his kingdom. He quoted the saying in the book of Doctrine and Covenants: "The Lord is angry with none except those who do not acknowledge His hand in all things." This, he said, was a short saying, but the practical part of it presented many difficulties and opens a wide field for reflection. The speaker took a wide and comprehensive view of the whole human family, in which he contrasted the poverty and wretchedness of the poor with the wealth, refinement and luxury of the rich, and said there appeared to the casual and unenlightened observer no good reason for such apparent discrimination against one class in favor of the other, seeing that all alike are the children of God. But he believed that our condition, acts and standing in our pre-existing state formed the basis for our condition in this life. He believed, however, that the honest poor enjoy more real happiness here than do the rich, many of whom are in constant fear of their wealth being stolen. All men will be judged according to their works, and it is said blessed be the poor and the meek for they will inherit the earth, inasmuch as they are faithful to the Gospel covenants which they have made.

Elder J. M. Sjodahl was the next speaker. He felt great confidence in standing before such a large congregation to speak on the principles of the Gospel. He said the first time he heard an Elder bear testimony that God had revealed the Gospel from heaven in these days he did not believe it; yet there was something about it that very much impressed him, and he could never get entirely rid of it. At that time he was training for the