

babe, a young lady, Miss Phyllene Zundle, and a child of Sister Josephine Hall.

Our schools are in excellent condition—every child of school age enrolled and quite a number over 18 years of age, while the schools in this State in Idaho are lingering on account of the small amount of taxes allotted for that purpose.

Wishing success to the DESERET NEWS, I am yours respectfully,
REPORTER.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

Mrs. E. B. Wells of Salt Lake City returned on Tuesday via U. P. railroad, from attending the suffrage convention which was held last week at Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Wells reports crowded houses and of the hospitality of the Iowa people speaks in unbounded praise. The most careful arrangements had been made beforehand to meet all delegates and to give them entertainment during the sessions of the convention.

Mrs. Wells arrived in time to be present at the opening of the first session, Tuesday morning, and answer present when Utah was called on the program. As she had arrived on a midnight train and gone direct to Hotel Kirkwood, the headquarters, it was not known to those on the platform and it created quite a surprise in the audience, and especially to her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Woods, delegate from Idaho, and when Miss Anthony called Mrs. Wells to come to the platform she also called the Idaho delegate. The newspapers of Des Moines spoke of the unexpected meeting between mother and daughter as an "affecting incident." Of course Miss Anthony explained that both the ladies were there to represent enfranchised states, and added many complimentary things to the men of both these grand western states; of Mrs. Wells's little speech, when being introduced she has nothing to say, as both Utah and Idaho were taken by surprise that morning. However, it must have been a pleasant introduction, especially for Mrs. Woods whose husband was an Iowa man and served in the Fourth Iowa cavalry through the civil war and like other gallant and brave officers did honor to his country of which Iowa is proud.

The convention as a whole was a great success in every respect, at the evening sessions the church was always packed and hundreds went away who could not get in, and many of the people of Des Moines, both the ladies and gentlemen, stood during the entire exercises.

Three public receptions were given to the officers and delegates; the first was on Tuesday evening at the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell of Terrace Hill, and was a most delightful affair; the Governor, members of the senate and the house, as well as other invited guests, were present. Miss Anthony, Mrs. Anna Shaw, Mrs. Avery of Philadelphia, Miss Blackwell of Boston, Mrs. Catt of New York City, Mrs. Upton of Ohio, officers of the association, were the leading attractions. Delicious refreshments were served to all the guests, hundreds in number.

The second reception given was by

the Woman's club of Des Moines, in their elegant club rooms, beautifully decorated, and at that reception Miss Anthony gave the initiative speech, several others favored the company with bright, witty and timely remarks. Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson of California, who is one of the most charming literary women of this age, recited in her own original style her poem entitled "Prejudice." Miss Lucia B. Griffin of Abila gave two of her inimitable child impersonations. Besides the officers and delegates of the convention and club members, leading ladies connected with legislative homes from different parts of the state of Iowa were present. The club served coffee, chocolate and cakes from a table artistically decorated in the club colors, green and white, the centerpiece being white carnations.

Another reception was also given by the ladies of the Christian Endeavor society at their Home and was a charming affair in every respect, but it is impossible in one short article to do justice to a week of public meetings and receptions.

The president of the senate of Iowa, who is also the lieutenant governor of that state, sent to the convention a committee of three members of the senate inviting Miss Anthony and the delegates to attend the session of the senate the following morning, the 29th, and that she might select a number to address that honorable body. Miss Anthony accepted in her usual cordial and gracious manner and added it was the first time in the history of the movement that the officers had been invited to speak before the legislature. Accordingly on the following day the ladies were promptly admitted to the senate at 11 o'clock a. m. The senate chamber is very elegant in all its appointments and furnishings, and the members were fine-looking men, and most polite to the ladies. As many as could be were seated in the speaker's desk and Miss Anthony introduced first Miss Blackwell of Boston, who did herself and the cause great credit; she is logical and a good story teller. Miss Anthony called upon the enfranchised states next; as Wyoming had no delegate present Mrs. Colby of Nebraska spoke for Wyoming, Mrs. Bradford of Denver for Colorado, Mrs. Wells for Utah, Mrs. Woods for Idaho; then followed Rev. Anna Shaw and Mrs. Catt. All the speakers of course were listened to with respect and close attention; Miss Anthony closed with an eloquent and earnest appeal to the Iowa legislature to give the women of that state equal suffrage. The president of the senate asked if any members wished to reply, and as no one seemed anxious to do so, and as a motion was made to adjourn, the ladies concluded that the members were more interested in their dinner at that particular time than in discussing the suffrage question. However, the ladies of the convention felt it was a great compliment to be invited to present their views on this (vital) question to the Senate of a great state when assembled in regular session. This they considered a step in advance in the progress of the work.

It is impossible to give in detail the most interesting work of the conven-

tion but suffice to say the reports from states, reports from committees, and the speeches made aside from these, were of great value and interest, as large audiences testified from day to day. There were three very able men who addressed the convention as well as dozens of bright women, one the president of the Iowa college. After Miss Anthony who is always first, foremost and the favorite, the speakers most original, impressive and who created the greatest enthusiasm were Rev. Anna H. Shaw, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Rev. Ida C. Hultin, though Mrs. Wells would like a dozen other bright and brainy women mentioned; but one evening was almost entirely devoted to addresses of welcome to the convention, etc. First Francis M. Drake, governor of Iowa, on behalf of the state, John McVicar, mayor of Des Moines, on behalf of the city, Dr. H. O. Breedon, pastor Christian Central church (where the convention was held) Mattie Locke Macomber on behalf of the Women's clubs and Adelaide Ballard, president Iowa Woman Suffrage association. After a solo Miss Susan B. Anthony responded, and was followed by a stirring address from Mrs. Catt.

The election of officers by ballot resulted in the re-election of Miss Susan B. Anthony by unanimous vote, and Mrs. E. B. Wells was accorded the honor of introducing her to the audience.

Mrs. Anna K. Shaw was re-elected vice president; Rachel Foster Avery, corresponding secretary; Alice Stone Blackwell, recording secretary; Harriet Taylor Upton, treasurer; Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman organization committee (the only chairman of a committee elected; others are appointed by the business committee); Laura Clay and Catherine Waugh McCullough, auditors. Mrs. McCullough was the only new officer, that place having been previously filled by Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper of California, recently deceased.

The entire day on Saturday was devoted to executive committee work. This convention has certainly been an interesting one and the first annual convention ever held in the West. The next one will be held in Washington, D. C., in 1898, and will be made an anniversary and jubilee of the first Woman's Rights convention held in Seneca Falls, New York state, in 1848. In addition to this the convention voted that all suffrage societies throughout the states hold jubilee anniversaries on the 19th and 20th of July, 1898, the very days on which the meetings were held in 1848, at Seneca Falls.

Mrs. Wells returns home in good health and spirits, and accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Woods, who will remain for a few days visiting relatives and friends.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—It is reported at the Capitol, on what is believed to be good authority, that Gov. Bradley of Kentucky has decided to appoint Mr. Yetkes as senator for that state upon the retirement of Senator Blackburn in March and not call the legislature in extra session. He takes the position, it is said, that the appointment will be sustained by the Senate because the legislature will not be in session when the vacancy occurs.