

## THE EXCURSION TO GRANITE.

The Temple Halls and Their Friends Enjoy the Day.

On Friday the laborers working on the Temple Block, and other public buildings, with their families and friends, to the number of about three hundred, had a picnic excursion to the pleasant summer resort of Granite, which, as many know, is up Little Cottonwood canyon, a mile or two above the mouth. The excursionists were won by the D. & R. G. & R. to three trains in the morning, the last train descending the eastern branch families as the setting sun gloriously tipped with gold the sharp line of the western range of mountains.

The excursion was under the efficient supervision of several commissioners of the Temple Committee—David Cameron, H. H. Hyatt, Joseph McRae, C. C. Spencer, L. J. Nuttall, John William Parry, J. S. Shumway, and F. Gardner. Hotel management was there to entertain the party.

On the arrival of each train the members were assisted with their bags to the cars, and the excursionists were seated along the superposed rocky mountain walls and crevices in a thunderous roar.

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There was abundance of pure water to wash off dirt, and the plentiful picnic provisions provided the water and the right temperature for drinking purposes, until the city pipe water, with its taste.

The weather was delightful, warm enough in the sun, but just cool enough in the pleasant shade, the heat of the day being most agreeable. There was apparently nothing to tax the power and enjoyment of the occasion, and thus the happy hours sped by few away in a rapid review, festinating and invigorating and invigorating.

## National Conservatory of Music.

The annual entrance examinations at the National Conservatory of Music, Nos. 101 and 102 East Seventeenth Street, New York, will be held as follows:

Starting—September 2d, and 2d, 1891, from 9 a.m. to 12 m., 2 to 5 p.m.; from 8 to 10 p.m.

Violin, Cello, Contrabass, Harp and other Orchestral Instruments—beginning 2d, from 9 a.m. to 12 m., and 2 to 5 p.m.

Piano and Organ—September 2d, 8 a.m. to 12 m., and 2 to 5 p.m.

Orchestra—November 2d, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Operatic chorus—November 2d, from 8 to 10 p.m.

The object of the National Conservatory of Music is the advancement of music in the United States through the study of the art in its highest development, for admission into the classes of the conservatory are hereby invited. It is expected that positive and decided efforts will be made to secure dates for admission without regard to the applicant's stage of progress, and that his or her desire to receive the instruction offered in the conservatory will be a serious and well-defined purpose. The successful candidate will enjoy the tuition of the best teachers that can be engaged, and, after graduation, will be entitled to a certificate of his attainments, giving a record of his accomplishments, thus securing engagements. The conditions of admission are as follows: First, a thorough knowledge of the elements of music, determined by the Board of Directors. Instruction in all branches will be given, and the student may withdraw at any time, and circumstances warrant it. The course commences in singing, speaking and instrumental studies, including violin, cello, double bass, organ, harp, piano, violoncello, double bass, French horn, cornet, trombone, harp, harmonica, and composition. The fees of music, chamber orchestra, and strings are \$100 per month.

For further particulars, address CHARLES ISMAY PARKER, A. M., Secretary, No. 125 & 126 East 17th Street, New York.

## Energy Stake Conference.

Quarterly Conference of Energy Stake convened at Castle Dale Sunday and Monday, August 19th and 20th.

On the stand were the Presidency of the Stake and representatives from the sixteen different wards. The reports made were brief, showing a steady increase in number and improvement of conditions. The health was very good all over. The prospect for harvest was encouraging, and the future looks bright.

The trust and confidence are sufficient, giving great encouragement for the future.

Finally, during a plenished meeting, was held, where the stakes were presented and sustained to the highest.

The old Stake Board of the local estate was released, and a new local estate was organized, consisting of Wm. Howard, J. W. Seely, G. J. Jewell, Wm. Taylor, Jr., L. M. Olson, and P. V. Buschman.

The terms of removal, Victor D. Clark, were voted, and the new estate supervisor for the Stake and Utah Curtis of Orangeville sustained to all him.

At the close of the conference every stakeholder left Saint George to receive the old covenant, "I and mine house will abide the Lord God of Israel." O. J. Adkinson, Stake Clerk.

On Sabbath George Anna, son of John and Anna, was playing about the stake when some boy threw one of them toward a pitch fork toward him, driving one of the tines clear through his ankle.

## SAN LUIS VALLEY.

Church and Industrial Progress in This Colony.

## Editorial Note.

On August 1st I left on the D. & R. G. for the purpose of attending a summer School Conference in this place on the 9th, in company with Apostle John Henry Smith, whose designation was also Missionary, to attend the Quarterly Conference of the San Luis Stake on August 16th at Grand Junction. On Friday morning an engine that had been ditched thirty-five miles ahead of us detained our train three hours. We arrived at Southwicks, a shipping place three miles west of Gunnison, about noon Saturday, where a team was in waiting to convey us to our destination.

During the past few days considerable rain had fallen, and water over took the road at several points, and we were unable to get across. The weather outside was a agreeable change. We found F. M. Lyman, who had been in this place in time to be present at both conferences.

On Saturday, August 10th, we attended the services of the Stake in the San Luis Stake, and then drove to Montrose, and had the pleasure of seeing the Stakeholders and visiting the universal interests of the colony. We were greatly pleased to find that all the other leading men in the moral and religious training of their youth. In addition to the morning and afternoon services, we were entertained with the superintendents and trustees of Manassa, San Luis and Ruidoso schools, to inquire of their character and give such instructions as they could.

A special Sunday school meeting was also held at school, six miles from Montrose, on Monday night, and the services were conducted in a simple and effective manner.

On Tuesday, August 11th, we attended the services of the Stake in the San Luis Stake, and then drove to Durango, where we attended the meetings of the Durango Stake, accompanied me to both the above meetings and gave some timely and appropriate instructions.

The total number of people in Manassa, San Luis and Ruidoso schools is 500 and their average attendance 200.

Up to the present time Ruidoso has taken a portion of the Standard ward.

On Thursday, August 13th, a special meeting of the priesthood was held to consecrate the new Tabernacle, and the services were conducted by a separate ward organization.

There was a unanimous expression of thanks to all, although not a word of thanks was uttered.

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