

more stimulative of patriotism in La Belle France, than at the glitter of its Republic, the few relics left of our own immortal Washington along with those of Lincoln and others are valued beyond computation, and it is no slavish homage, no more infatuation to be interested in things made sacred by the use or ownership of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff or the Pioneers, than for the loving mother to cherish in tearful remembrance the toys and trinkets of an angel child.

The Hall of Relics is open early and late; let public appreciation be shown by patronage, and interest be perpetuated by reading there the open book of sacrifice, patriotism, faith, as it leaves are turned by observation, and Utah and her citizens will be wiser and better for the creation and preservation of this Hall of Relics.

LOOKER ON.

### JUAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Juab Stake of Zion convened in the tabernacle at Nephi City, Utah, on July 25, 1897, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., President William Paxman presiding.

President Paxman was the first speaker and was followed by Elder George Teasdale of the Apostles, who said that we should always be ready to perform whatever we are called upon to do. If we humble ourselves before the Lord and do His will, he will fill our hearts with gratitude, and when in this state he would be able to accomplish what He desired with us. He warned the Saints to be diligent in keeping the commandments of God.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 o'clock. Bishop William H. Warner reported the condition of his ward; Bishop N. P. Rasmussen the condition of the Levan ward.

Elders James W. Paxman and Thor. Ord spoke of the labors of the Pioneers and their sufferings in coming to this State and helping to bring about the prosperous conditions that we now enjoy.

Evening meeting was opened at 7:30 o'clock. Elder George Teasdale of the Apostles was the speaker, giving an eloquent and soul-stirring discourse on the principles of the Gospel. He said we are a peculiar people because we are taught of God, who teaches us where we came from, why we are here, and prepares us for our future life. These everlasting principles were taught us in our former estate. There is more happiness and consolation in communion with the Holy Spirit than in anything else we can attain. The Holy Ghost is the spirit of redemption and perfection. He explained the different degrees of glory and said we must obey the principles of any glory in order to attain thereto. It is our right to understand the God we worship; he wants us to understand the eternal principles in order that we may yield intelligent obedience to them. We are in the image of God, but His glory is beyond description. We must overcome everything that is not of Him, that we may receive eternal glory. It is necessary to be born of the water and of the Spirit in order to be saved. Faith and repentance must precede baptism and the conferring of the

Holy Ghost. If we desire to receive the blessings of God we must subscribe to His eternal principles. Saints are sanctified beings. The Holy Ghost will not dwell in unclean tabernacles, therefore in order to obtain the fellowship of the Holy Ghost we must purify ourselves from all sin.

Elder William Paxman made closing remarks and expressed his approval of what had been said.

Monday morning Bishop William Newton reported the condition of the Levan Ward. Elder David Stephenson, who had just returned from Great Britain, gave a very interesting account of his mission.

Elder John T. Miller, who had just returned from a trip to California, said many people are being led to investigate the Gospel in that state, and he believed a great work will be done there in the near future. He exhorted the Elders to inform themselves so that they would be able to explain the principles of the Gospel intelligently.

Elder George Teasdale said how beautiful it would be if we would all live so that we could go into the Temples of the Lord and learn the principles of the Gospel; if we could separate ourselves from evil and devote ourselves to serving the Lord. When we are required to do anything to righteousness, it is our duty to comply with the requirements. Those who despise the ordinances of the House of God despise God, and have no claim in the blessings which He has promised to those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Elder William Paxman invoked the blessings of the Lord upon all.

Afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:10 o'clock, and the general and Stake authorities were unanimously sustained by vote of the people.

Elder Carter from Fountain Green ward, Sanpete county, related some of his early experiences in the Church. He bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and urged the Saints to be diligent in keeping the commandments of God.

Elder William Paxman portrayed the necessity of the vision which the Prophet Joseph enjoyed in order that the falacies of the world might be overthrown. He spoke of the great work that is being accomplished by our missionaries in the various parts of the nation; referred to the opening of the Book of Mormon and read from the Doctrine and Covenants some of the wonderful promises made to the faithful. He exhorted the Saints to be obedient to all the requirements made of them, that they may stand justified before God and be entitled to the great and mighty blessings He has promised.

Elder George Teasdale made closing remarks, and exhorted all to try and improve and to live purer lives in the future. T. C. WINN, Stake Clerk.

### TIMES ARE BETTER:

SNOWFLAKE, ARIZONA,

July 27, 1897.

We are having a very prosperous season, all things considered, a hundred times are certainly much better with us than they were a year ago.

We have had one good rain, and are

very much in need of more; but, as the season of rain has arrived, we can reasonably expect some at any time. We have had damaging frosts every month this year, but not sufficient to destroy all our fruit, nor to seriously hurt our crops.

There is much more fruit here this season than ever before; the yield of wheat promises to be double that of any previous year, and preparations are being made to care for it, when ripe. The busy rattle of the self-binder can be heard every day.

A new and improved roller mill was built upon the site of the old Shumway mill last season, and is ready to manufacture a good article of flour. We will perhaps save a cash expenditure of several thousand dollars during the next year, for flour alone.

The forest farmers have good prospects, and need only a little more rain to fully realize their anticipations.

The grass upon the range has not been so good at this time of year, as it is now, for a long time.

Our storage reservoirs are about exhausted, and the supply from Silver creek is all we have, until favored with rain.

Our local board of trade recently decided upon prices for hay and grain for the coming season; they are about twenty per cent below former prices, but it is generally conceded that the country will be better off by not having such commodities so high.

The general health of the people is good and a more satisfied condition of mind is prevalent.

The nation's birthday was celebrated in a becoming manner and the rendition of the program gave general satisfaction.

The Twenty-fourth was a day long to be remembered. The program as outlined in the Jubilee songster was carried out entirely; and, as all were ready with their parts, was exceedingly interesting and instructive. The committee were prepared to feed the entire community, and they assembled for that purpose as follows: All of 60 years and upwards at the residence of John A. West. All under 12 years were provided for at the academy hall, and those between the above ages assembled at the Flake Bros. hall. Every one reports as having had an exceedingly happy time, and are proud in their praise of the committee in charge.

At 4 p. m. about thirty wagons, well loaded with young and old, started for Taylor, under the direction of the marshal of the day; we formed in a corral on the road to show the youngsters how we managed it while crossing the Plains. Upon arriving at Taylor, we corralled our wagons in front of the school house, where our neighbors were assembled for amusement, and after augmenting our martial band with Brother Jennings and the famous Duzate drum, a large number of people from both settlements formed for a dance and had a jolly good time of it. We then returned home by the road on the opposite side of the valley, having a beautiful view of the crops, and feeling well satisfied with our drive. The day's exercises, as usual, finished with dancing and was generally considered the best celebration ever held at this place.

ALLEN FROST.