

Elders Jacob S. Baatian, Heber J. Wilson and Franklin W. Young, who reported the Thurber, Lyman, Calneville, Giles, Loa, Tesedale and Fremont wards in good condition; the Saints are attending their meetings well, observing the law of tithing and sustaining the ward organizations.

The subjects of honesty, veracity, purity of life, the need of religion classes, and the good accomplished by the Saints in redeeming the waste places of Zion were treated by the speakers.

Elder Joseph Eckersley spoke upon the subject of obedience, and assured his hearers that if they would be great men in the Kingdom of God, beloved by Him for their integrity, they must harken to the counsels of His servants and faithfully abide their teaching.

Elder Willis E. Robison said the instructions given during our conference had been very choice. If we make a mark in this Church, it will be on account of our industry, perseverance and faith. He spoke briefly upon home influence and the sacredness that should overshadow the hearthstone; also referred to the great evil wrought by evil speaking and faultfinding and the necessity for cultivating the spirit of forgiveness and brotherly love. He gave notice that the afternoon meeting would be given into the hands of the sisters of the Relief Society, and the conference would be adjourned for three months. Benediction was offered by Elder Wm. Paxman.

At the close of the meeting all the brethren and sisters were invited to a sumptuous feast of choice watermelons provided by Brothers Jonathan J. Hunt and John J. Ekker, who had each hauled a wagon load of melons from their homes in Clifton, and took their pay in watching with pleasure the eagerness with which the melons were devoured by the hungry crowd.

The afternoon meeting was presided over by President Jane S. Coleman. In her opening remarks Sister Jane S. Coleman spoke upon the magnitude of the Relief Society work. Referred to its first organization by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the great amount of good that is done every year by the sisters, in caring for the sick, feeding the poor and supporting and strengthening the Bishops and other Church officials in their work. Reference was made to the instructions given at the last general Relief Society conference. The sisters were encouraged to perform faithfully and well their high calling, and asked to render every assistance possible to the Sunday school cause and all other organizations that have for their object the training of the young.

The statistical and financial report of the societies in Wayne Stake for the year 1895, was read:

Sister Wilson presented the authorities of the society, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote.

After the societies had been reported in good condition by their respective presidents, Elders W. E. Robison, William Paxman and Joseph Eckersley addressed the conference briefly, and bore testimony of the great work being done by the Relief Societies in Zion. Elder Hasm M. Haseen pronounced the benediction.

The conference was one of the most enjoyable ever held in the Stake. Our only regret was that our beloved

brother, Bishop Hiett E. Maxfield of Fremont, took sick the first day of conference and was the subject of much pain and suffering; but was sufficiently strong to be able to resume his journey home when the conference was over. We feel to praise God for the outpouring of His Spirit and look forward with joyful anticipation to our next quarterly conference.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY,
Stake Clerk.

HUNTING CINNAMON.

Frank and Enos Clark of Olympia, Washington, their cousin, Henry Walker, a rancher living near Elk Point, and Elsen Hoffman of Astoria, Oregon, had a fight with two large brown bears on Sept. 7th, which they are not likely to forget.

They went down the Columbia river and put in a few days shooting big game. Four miles back of Oak Point the country is pretty densely timbered with a somewhat heavy undergrowth. That section has the reputation of abounding with deer, and that is all the sportsmen were looking for.

In the forenoon they were fortunate enough to bring a big buck to grass. After cleaning and skinning the game they left and went in pursuit of more deer. After hunting a couple of hours without getting another glimpse of a deer, Henry Walker remarked that some one had better look after the slain animal to guard against its being carried off by a bear, as bruis also thieves down there. Enos Clark and Hoffman volunteered to see to the carcass, but it had disappeared. They instituted a search in the underbrush and found their venison in the possession of two cinnamon cubs which were feasting upon it. Clark dispatched one of the cubs with a rifle ball in its head. The report had not died away when two huge cinnamon bears rushed upon them.

Hoffman, whose back was turned to the brutes, was knocked down with one stroke of a paw, landing on his right side and fracturing four of his ribs. The brute rushed from the prostrate man, who was rendered unconscious, and the two bears centered attention upon Clark, who, being armed with a magazine rifle, shot the animals every time he had a chance to shoot. Both were wounded in several places when Mr. Clark's magazine gun was empty.

Young Clark's rapid firing attracted the attention of his brother and his cousin. They reached Enos not a moment too soon. At the same moment that Frank and Henry appeared the female bear had caught up with Enos and, rising upon her haunches, she threw her whole weight upon him. She was on the fallen man chewing away at the clothing covering his right shoulder. While Frank was keeping the huge male bear at bay Henry, in rapid succession, sent two rifle balls through the head of the brute covering his cousin, thus saving his life. Enos, however, suffered a broken collar bone and the loss of the tip of his nose, which greatly disfigures him.

Meanwhile Frank also had the left side of his face crushed and his right arm broken by a stroke of the remaining bear's paw and his fall from the blow. At this stage of the proceedings

Bruin was frightened from the scene by the two volleys from Henry's rifle and disappeared in the brush. Hoffman was in a semi-comatose condition when found by the rest of the party but a big dose of whisky enabled him to get on his feet.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

DETROIT, Sept. 6.—A special to the Free Press from Benton Harbor, Mich., says:

The most horrible holocaust, with the greatest loss of life, that has ever occurred in this part of the state, occurred last night at midnight when Yore's opera house took fire, and in the fight to save the building and other blocks adjoining, eleven firemen, one a volunteer, met their fate at one time, death being instantaneous with five of them. Six lived only a few hours in awful agony, while several others met with severe bruises and burns.

During the evening the play of A Factory Girl had been given by local talent and had closed but a half hour before the fire was discovered. The building was filled from basement to fourth story with a suffocating smoke, which burst into a sheet of flames throughout the entire audience room before the fire department could respond with a sledge stream of water, there being some confusion at the outset.

The firemen approached the building through an alley, unloading ladders in the rear of the building, and while hoisting them the upper walls fell over without a second's warning, covering the men. This was witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

The origin of the fire is unknown, several theories being given.

Guy Prescott is under arrest as being one who knows of the origin, but when asked by a reporter the cause, he remarked that "he was not going to give anybody away," assuming that he was in possession of facts that caused his detention.

The building was comparatively new, having been erected seven years ago at a cost of \$40,000 by Patrick Yore, a wealthy farmer.

A two-story brick block owned by Joseph Frick, which stood adjoining, was demolished by the opera house walls falling on top and crushing through to the basement without apparent resistance.

The building and stocks destroyed, with losses, are as follows:

Opera house block, loss \$40,000, insurance, \$19,000.

Evening News plant, \$4,000; insurance, \$2,500.

J. Bernstein, \$3,000; no insurance.

S. M. Austin, \$3,000; no insurance.

J. M. Frick, \$7,000; insurance, \$3,000.

J. N. Herr, grocery store, across the alley, damage to building and stock, \$1,000; fully insured.

Dr. Hunt and S. M. Austin, grocers, across the alley, damage to building and stock, \$600 each; fully insured.

A high wind prevailed, which caused the walls to fall outward, and adjoining buildings were saved only with the greatest effort. A large quantity of stage scenery belonging to Harry Emery of the Kelle Putnam company, J. A. Simon and W. O.