

This requires nerve, frugality, industry and no little self-denial. Yet the practice of these virtues brings a great reward and insures independence.

The climate on this part of the Snake river is much milder than farther north, and all the more bards fruits will prosper. There is no ward organization at the present, in Riverside, as this district is called, but it is expected that an organization will be perfected in the near future by the appointment of a Bishop. There are a number of excellent people living in the region, and the next year will see a great change. A postoffice will be established after the 1st of January at the townsite, which is called Moreland; and as the stage passes there daily the people will have a daily mail.

There is a great change in the town of Blackfoot, which was once a radical anti-Mormon town, where no mercy was shown a Mormon, but where they are now welcome and acceptable neighbors, the old-timers realizing that this industrious class brings prosperity.

TRAVELER.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

MONROE, Dec. 28, 1895.—The birth of Joseph Smith the Prophet was celebrated in a pleasing and fitting manner in the meeting house of our beautiful little town Dec. 23rd, 1895. Great spirit and enthusiasm was shown throughout the exercises. The life and deeds of the noble man were clearly shown forth, the whole affair being so impressive as to leave a lasting remembrance in the minds and hearts of those present.

There were five persons present who were personally acquainted with the Prophet. The names of these were, James V. Williams, Charles N. Smith, Joseph S. Horne, Andrew Rose, and Sister Catherine Winget.

The old folks were honored by prominent positions on the stand. Thus honored were, Sister Mary L. Johnson, aged 84; Sister Caroline Rich, aged 78; Sister Catherine Winget, aged 75; Brother Rudolph Hartz, aged 81, and Brother Alfred Newby, aged 71.

Sister Mary L. Johnson has in her possession a cane carved from the pine box in which the body of Joseph was sent home after the martyrdom.

Visiting brethren from the neighboring settlements were present, among whom were Elders Wm. H. Seegmiller, Joseph S. Horne, Andrew Rose, Prof. Noyes and Bishop Dorius, the latter of Ephraim, Sanpete county.

Bro. C. N. Smith presided over the exercises, which opened by music by the Elsinore brass band. The Monroe choir sang "America." Prayer was offered by Bro. Thomas Cooper. Choir and congregation sang, "Praise to the man."

Bishop Maghby gave an address of welcome, speaking concerning the purpose of the day's exercises, and somewhat of the man in whose honor the celebration was held. A recitation by Sister Emma Warnock was pleasingly rendered. Brother H. O. Maghby spoke interestingly on the life and mission of the Prophet. Music by the Elsinore band.

Questions and answers on the Book of Mormon by a class of seven girls under the direction of Brother

P. D. Jensen came next, after which Brother Andrew Rose, of Joseph, spoke of his personal remembrances of the Prophet, and also of the love, affection and loyalty which the Saints manifested toward him.

Sister Violet Duxford rehearsed the words of the angel Moroni to the Prophet Joseph.

Brother Joseph S. Horne, who has the honor of being one of the Prophet's many namesakes, spoke of his childhood remembrances of Joseph Smith, and said that the Prophet was a frequent and welcome visitor at his father's home.

A recitation by Sister Birdie Heese followed. Then a recital of Joseph's prophecy concerning the wars by Master Bent Larson. Music by Monroe orchestra. Benediction by Brother Thomas Cooper.

The audience reassembled at 2 p. m. Choir and congregation sang. Prayer by Brother J. B. Heese. An address was given by Prof. Noyes of the Ephraim academy, followed by an original poem by Lula Cooper Preston entitled, "An Ode to the Boy Prophet." Questions and answers on Church history by a class of young folks were given under the direction of Miss Birdie Heese. Music by the Monroe orchestra. Sentiment, Brother Jacob Maghby. Recitation, Sister Mary Anderson. Music by the Elsinore band. Oliver Cowdery's confession was recited by Master Delbert Webb, and the Articles of Faith by Master Willie Mansen. Sentiments by Elders Wm. H. Seegmiller, W. A. Warnock and Joseph Erickson. The choir sang and benediction was offered by J. B. Heese.

In the evening a ball was given which was greatly enjoyed by the participants. Each person present received a souvenir plate on which was printed the name of the Prophet and the date of his birth. The proceeds of the ball went to pay for a number of beautiful books which have been purchased for the pulpit. A good time was had throughout, and a goodly share of the spirit of God was manifested.

LULA COOPER PRESTON,  
Secretary.

### MARICOPA STAKE CONFERENCE.

At 10 a. m., December 22, meeting was called by President C. R. Hakes. On the stand were the presidency of the Stake, we were also favored with the presence of Elder Brigham Young, of the Council of the Apostles.

After singing and prayer, President Hakes made a few remarks, following which, Elder Brigham Young, in an able address, made the forenoon a time to be remembered.

At 2 p. m., after singing, prayer and administering the Sacrament, Elder Young again addressed the assembly, taking the time of the afternoon in excellent discourse.

Monday, 10 a. m., President Hakes called the meeting to order and after making a few remarks, called for reports from Bishops. These being given, President Hakes reported the Stake. All reports were favorable.

The general and local authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained.

Following this President Henry C.

reported briefly, his labors among the Lamanites.

Elder Brigham Young occupied the remaining time.

Conference reconvened at 2 p. m. After opening exercises, Brother Hyrum S. Phelps was the first speaker, followed by Patriarch Benjamin F. Johnson and Elder Wm. J. LeBaron, with closing remarks by Elders Hakes and Young.

Wednesday, December 25.—Meeting was called in the Lehi ward at 10 a. m. Bishop T. E. Jones offered his resignation and after some very good instructions by Elder Young, the resignation was accepted and Bishop Jones was honorably released with thanks. Elder Soren C. Sorenson was ordained Bishop of the ward.

Two p. m., December 25.—Meeting called in the Papago ward, at which their house, recently erected was dedicated, Elder Young offering the dedicatory prayer. Continuing Elder Young spoke from the Book of Mormon, on the Lamanites and their future.

A special Priesthood meeting was held Dec. 23, at which time very good counsel was given.

Conference adjourned for three months.

After meetings were concluded, the people gathered at the Co-op hall, bringing picnic, and together with this, songs, recitations, speeches, etc., made the afternoon and evening a very enjoyable time, long to be remembered by the Saints of Maricopa.

GEO. PASSEY, Clerk.

### UTAH MINES AND MINING.

James A. Pollock said in his weekly mining share market letter under date of today, January 3rd:

The first of the year—the annual period of liquidation—has passed and those who are well posted predict that Utah is about to enter upon a period of commercial and mining activity unprecedented in the history of the Territory. The conditions are ripe and already the signs of the coming splendid improvement in general business are making their appearance. The condition of the local stock market upon the commencement of the new year reflects this anticipated change for the better in all lines, but especially in a mining way. The total Utah production of the precious as well as the base metals for the year just passed showed a very handsome increase, that of silver being over eight and one-half million ounces and gold over sixty-five thousand fine ounces. All of the properties throughout the Territory, silver as well as gold, show extreme activity, and their outputs are increasing steadily. During the past week the stock market has maintained itself in good shape and taken all in all showed an improvement over the previous same period. The Mining Exchange is now in running order and gives signs of permanency.

Alliance suffered the worst in the fray of the week, being offered as low as 85 cents. There were no unsettling reports and the work of development continues as of yore. The coming legal battle with the Silver King is responsible for the condition. Ajax showed some activity and several deals were reported. This stock is consid-