

bureau records at Salt Lake City, Utah:

Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 42 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1879, with an average of 50 degrees; the coldest month was that of 1875, with an average of 35 degrees; the highest temperature was 77 degrees on March 30, 1879; the lowest temperature was zero on March 1, 1890; average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 12; average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 1st.

Precipitation (rain and melted snow)—Average for the month, 2.01 inches; average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 10; the greatest monthly precipitation was 4.66 inches in 1891; the least monthly precipitation was 0.35 inches in 1887; the greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 1.17 inches on March 30, 1874; the greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-5 only) was 8 inches on March 20, 1884.

Clouds and Weather—Average number of clear days, 11; partly cloudy days, 11; cloudy days, 9.

Wind—The prevailing winds have been from the northwest.

The highest velocity of the wind was forty-eight miles from the northwest on March 7, 1877.

J. H. SMITH,
Weather Bureau.

At the regular meeting of the semi-centennial commission held Saturday evening the sub-committee reported that Hon. John Beck had subscribed the liberal sum of \$1,500 to the Pioneer Jubilee fund. The members were greatly encouraged by this report, feeling that the people of Utah are indeed interested in the big event, and one of them remarked: "There is no such word now as fail; the whole of Utah is taking a deep interest in the celebration, and it looks most encouraging for a grand success."

Ex-Governor A. L. Thomas and Messrs. D. L. Davis, Elias Morris, W. N. Williams and A. F. Evans of the Cambrian society, were present at the meeting, and there was a lengthy discussion between these gentlemen and the members of the commission on the proposition to hold a great Elsteddfod two nights during the celebration. The Cambrian society wanted two nights towards the last of the week but the commission offered them Monday and Tuesday nights, with the understanding that a part of the gross receipts go to the commission. No decision was made, and it is probable that the matter will be disposed of at Wednesday night's meeting.

The resignation of Hon. John R. Murdock as a member of the commission was read and referred to the Governor.

A number of communications affecting the details of the celebration were read and referred to the proper committee, and a brief discussion of minor matters ensued, after which the meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening.

Word comes from Plain City that John Nichols Feb. 28 shot Joseph Lewis and afterwards committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

The tragedy occurred on Salt creek, near Plain City, at noon, and was the

result of bad blood that had existed between the two men for some time.

The bullet from Nichols' gun lodged in the body of Lewis just below the heart, and it is said he cannot live. After shooting Lewis, Nichols went to his residence and completed his murderous day's work by firing a bullet into his brain.

After being shot Lewis was taken to his home and Dr. Driver immediately summoned. A partial diagnosis was made but the peculiar location of the wound made all speculation as to the result very uncertain. It was feared that the bullet had taken a downward course and in case the abdomen has been entered the worst is feared. The wound is a ragged hole as large as one made by a rifle. It bled internally and there was a probability of hemorrhage. At midnight he was resting easily.

Richard H. Cabell, a well known attorney of this city, who for the past four years has held the position of deputy United States internal revenue collector for Utah, is alleged to be from \$8,000 to \$10,000 short in his accounts.

Special Agent T. B. Carson arrived in this city about two weeks ago and immediately began investigating Cabell's accounts, with the result that on the 23rd ult. Cabell was suspended from further duty. Efforts were made by the friends of Cabell to make the shortage good and also to hush the matter up, but in both instances, it seems, they failed. A News reporter called on Mr. Carson at the Knutsford yesterday afternoon, but that gentleman declined to be interviewed on the subject.

Mr. Cabell is under a \$15,000 bond, his sureties being Matthew Cullen, George Cullins and Parley L. Williams. They have all been notified of Cabell's shortage, and informed that unless they make the shortage good, proceedings will immediately be commenced against them. It is understood that the bondsmen will do nothing until the exact amount of the shortage can be learned. A special agent of the treasury department arrived today and will immediately begin a overhauling of Cabell's books. Speculation in mines is said to be the direct cause of the collector's downfall. It is understood that he has deeded several claims over to his bondsmen, in hopes that they may be secured.

LOGAN, Utah,
Feb. 22, 1897.

I notice in your issue of Saturday a brief account of the arrival of the Legislature at the Logan station, and I think it does the Logan people injustice, as it merely gives the names of a few parties who met them at the depot, and leaves the reader to infer that those few were the only ones who were there to welcome them.

We are not informed as to the exact number in the legislative party, but it was estimated that there were from 300 to 500, and when we find that there were more than enough sleighs and carriages in waiting to convey the visitors all up to the college at once, it is positive evidence that there must have been about seventy-five conveyances.

I only call your attention to this because we would not like our friends who were not here to feel that the

people of Logan and Cache county would show disrespect to the Legislature.

So far as the visitors themselves are concerned, we are sure that they do not feel that there was any indifference shown by the people here, for certainly we did the best we could to make them welcome, and to make their visit as pleasant as possible.

LOGANITE.

Such a thought as that the telegram referred to could convey an idea that the people of Logan displayed other than the most generous hospitality never entered our mind, for we know they are the soul of generosity; hence the thought that seems to have been awakened because the sender of the dispatch was a little more brief in his message than he might have been did not occur to us. We cheerfully publish "Loganite's" note to clear away doubt if any exists, and add that no more cordial greeting and respectful consideration for the legislative party could be shown anywhere than was done on the trip to Cache county, the hospitality of whose citizens is highly appreciated.—ED. NEWS.]

VERNAL, Utah, Feb. 7, 1897.—The quarterly conference for the Uintah Stake opened with Second Counselor Jas. Hacking presiding. Singing by the Vernal choir. Opening prayer by Patriarch Nathan Davis. Singing. Opening remarks by Elder Jas. Hacking, who was much gratified to see the large number present and stated that he regretted the absence of President Bennion and Counselor Collett. The morning would be occupied by a general Stake fast meeting and he asked all to speak who felt moved upon by the Spirit. The speakers were Bishop James Freestone, Elder N. G. Sowars, Sister A. K. Bartlett, Elder E. J. Starkie, Bishop P. Abplanalp, Elders Wm. Wimmer, W. E. French, Joseph Black, Hyrum Perry and John Bowler.

The choir sang and benediction was offered by Bishop Geo. Billings.

At 2 p. m. there were present of the Stake presidency Elders R. S. Collett and James Hacking. The latter conducted the meeting.

Bishop James Shaffer, Elders A. B. Anderson and Geo. T. Merkley, and President R. S. Collett, addressed the congregation. Benediction by Elder Thomas J. Caldwell Sr.

At 10 a. m. on February 8th meeting was held again and Bishop Freestone, Elder Heber J. Timothy, Patriarch Nelson Merkley and Elders Israel J. Clark and Geo. A. Davis addressed the assembled Saints.

Singing; benediction by Bishop P. Abplanalp.

In the afternoon meeting the opening prayer was offered by Elder Reuben Collett.

The general Stake authorities were unanimously sustained.

The Saints were addressed by Elder Jas. Hacking, Patriarch N. C. Davis, Elder T. Karren and Elder R. C. Collett, who gave much good instruction to the Saints.

Appointments for ward conferences were read; also for Sunday schools.

Singing; benediction by Elder Joseph Black.

J. D. RUDY,
Clerk pro tem.