#### DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1905.



## St. Joseph the Scene of a Happy

Gathering-Releases.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 14, 1905 .- Sixten Elders and four sisters laboring in Misseuri met in conference with Mis-Missouri met in conterence with Miss-con President James G. Duffin and counselor, Arthur Livingston, at St. Joseph, Feb. 4 and 5, 1905. Because Eder Daniel O. Larson was very ill Eder Daniel O. Larson was very ill empanion, Elder Don C. Clayton, could companion, Elder John W. Shurtliff was and attend. Elder John W. Shurtliff was plasposed, also, and remained at Kan-adisposed, also, and remained at Kanmassion." The other missionaries were set City. The other missionaries were well and in condition to partake freely well and in condition to partake freely of the Spirit that was manifest. Sisters frenie Morrison, visiting with her hus-frenie Morrison, visiting with her hus-tand, also took part with the mission-tand.

aries. Four Priesthood and five public ses-sons were held. The missionaries taught the glorious truths of the Gospel is the public meetings and reported their feelings and experiences in the Priesthood meetings. President Duffin commended the missionaries for their digence as shown by the literature dis-rubuted and the meetings held. One of differce as shown of the meetings held. One of inbuted and the meetings held. One of inbuted and the meetings held. One of the greatest features of the missionary work reported is the holding of family meetings while making our daily visits to the homes of strangers. A year ago president. Duffin promised that if we would make opportunity to sing and pray and arise to explain the Gospel as we visit from house to house, the herd would give His Spirit to touch the herd would give His Spirit to touch the heards of the people. Both city and country workers testify that some of their strongest inspirations have come is fulfilment of that promise. In the cites these meetings have been held in the finest homes and have brought the interest and good will of the most culated and the meetings held. One of terest and good will of the most cul-

tured people. Those who worked at St. Louis get letters from any people whom they met at the fair, asking for literature and expressing great interest in the princiexpressing great interest in the princi-ples taught them. While the number of haptisms during the last year is just about the same as two years ago, we feel that it has been a propitious seed-time and a time of great change in the attitude of people from hostility to fa-merble herest. orable interest.

vorable interest. Our beloved conference president, John A. Dunkley, and Sister Mary C. Ockander and Elder Joseph E. Jensen were released just before conference. These faithful workers will be greatly missed by their companions, and all of them have been most successful in making friends who will also miss them. Eder Attewal Wootton, Jr. was Eder Attewall Wootton, Jr., was Elder John Clayton was made his counselor and Sunday school superintendent. All of the missionaries seem to feel pay-dy has come and their re-

ird is great. The Red Men's hall was tendered free charge except for light and janitor

After conference all went promptly to e felds assigned with faith confirmed hem in the severe weather prevailing swell us in times of sunshine. WALTER W. MORRISON,

General Conference Secretary.

Conference at Anaconda.



were sustained, and Nephi Pratt as president of the Northwestern States mission, with Elder John William Bo-man as president of the Anacoudo on. ference, with Elder William C. Hopkin as traveling Elder, Elders George A. Hunter, Willard Green and D. B.Thomas were sustained as the presidency of the Anaconda branch. The superinten-dency of the Sunday school is made up dency of the Sunday school is made up of Eiders John William Boman, Charles Maxwell and Henry Peterson. Mary Davis is president of the Relief society. Mr. and Mrs. Spackman of Ogden were here during conference, and kind-ly treated the Elders to a sumptuous dinner.

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# STAKE CONFERENCES.

dinner,

Woodruff Stake Conference. The regular quarterly conference of the Woodruff stake was held at Evan-

ston, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12. There were present Elders John Henry Smith, of the Apostles quorum, and O. C. Ecebe of the general board Y. M. M. I. A., the stake presidency, John M. Baxter, A. McKinnon and T. J. Tingey, members of the High Council, the four patriarchs, and nearly all the Bishops of the stake. The time of the forencon meeting on

Saturday was occupied by the Patri-

During the afternoon meeting Prest. A. McKinnon and Elder J. H. Smith were the speakers. At the Priesthood meeting Elder Smith advised that the labors of the

Priesthood be so apportioned that all may be engaged in some department of the Church work, so that none be over-burdened, and thereby be deprived of the companionship of their families at home

Elder O. C. Beebe read from the Doctrine and Covenants regarding the duties of parents to teach their children and explained that a great deal of the indifference manifested by the youth of Zion was due to the fact that they At the Sunday morning meeting El-der Beebe spoke on the labor and du-ties of the Lesser Priesthood. In the afternoon the general and lo-

cal authorities were sustained, after which Elder Smith addressed the people upon the subject of marriage, and impressed upon young people the im-portance of marrying those of their

own faith, and explained some of the evils following mixed marriages. President Baxter made the closing address, and conference adjourned for threee months to be held at Lyman,

PETER MCKINNON, Stake Clerk, Millard Stake Conference.

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and a fair rerpesentation of the Priest-hood of the stake, considering the great amount of snow, and the very inclement weather prevailing. The

inclement weather prevailing. The reports of the three Bishops, all that, was in attendance, showed a union of spirit in their wards and the report showed a library fithing had been iference of the Milithing had her paid, as good crops had been harvested. President Seymour B. Young gave some good and timely counsel. A meeting of the High Counsel, held on Saturday, the 11th. A con-joint meeting of the M. I. associations was held on Sunday evening, which was a fitting finale to the conference. JOHN T. LAZENBY, Stake Clerk.

Duty of the Saints to Impress

-Strangers with the Truths of

the Gospel by Living Exemplary

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employment. Beautiful singing was furnished by the Descret ward choir under the lead-ership of Samuel Western. On account of a severe attack of sickness through the previous night. President Lyman was unable to be in attendance at the least day's meeting.

Wayne Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Wayne stake was held at Loa, Feb. 12 and 13. There were present Elder Seymour B. Young of the First Coun-cil of Seventies, all the stake presi-dency, Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn,

The quarterly conference of the

Stake Clerk.

was unable to be last day's meeting. WM. A. REEVE.

times, namely, that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus was to be preached in all the Lord Jesus was to be preached if all the world, and that a beavenly messenger would fly through the midst of heaven bearing this decree. To this end the brethren who have spoken this morning have discharged that obligation. In many lastances our Elders have gone hungry, have been banished, and have been made outcasts in the countries to which they have gone to discharge that most sacred have gone to discharge that most sacred of ligation. They were not enemies of their fellowmen; they were not im-planting one theory that would lead a man to perpetrate a wrong; their warning voice was raised only in declaration of the primary principles of the Gospel as enunciated by the Redeemer of the world Himself. Their monotone was to impress upon the rounds Redeemer of the world Himself. Their ministry was to impress upon the minds of men and women who had read the Scriptures, the sacraflness of those writings, the character of the work laid down in them, and the necessity of the human family obeying the require-ments of heaven, as taught by the Redeemer of the world to the young can who came to him asking what he man who came to him asking what he should do in order to obtain eternal life. His instructions to that young man were clear and explicit. "I shalt do no murder, thou shalt Thou President Lyman addressed the meetsteal, thou shalt not bear false wit-ness, honor thy father and thy mother, and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The burden of the ministry of the servants of God in the day and Sunday morning was occupied by the Sunday morning was occupied by the Sunday school. Stake Supt. John Reeve gave a report of the Sunday schools of the stake. of the servants of God in the day and age in which we live has been the ful-tiliment of that requirement. They have sought to lay the foundation of the Gospel in the souls of men upon the basis presented by the Redeemer in the care of Nicodemus. He pointed out that the course to pursue was to enter in at the door of the Gospel, be baptized of the water and of the spirit, and walk in harmony with the princi-ples enunciated to the young man. Those who have addressed you during this conference have had part in the accomplishment of that ministry. Not one of these men has ever counseled a President Lyman urged that an ag-gressive campaign be conducted by su-perintendents against evils which threaten the young men and boys: drinking and smoking with the kindred evils he and smoking with the kindred evils, he said, are more dangerous than At the afternoon meeting President Hinckloy completed the report of the stake and urged the people to make every possible effort to complete the dam under construction at Sevier bridge to store water for this season's use. President Lyman sijoke in a very hopeful and encouraging way to the people, urging them to take advantage of the opportunities that surround us looking to the decalement and huild one of these men has ever counseled a man to steal, or to lie, or to bear fals man to steal, or to lie, or to bear false witness against his neighbor, or to violate the honor of any man or wo-man, or to take the life of a fellow creature; but each of them, in the dis-charge of his sacred duty as a servant of God, has proclaimed the divine mis-sion of the prophet of this dispensa-tion, the visitation of heavenly mes-sencere and the restration of the of the opportunities that surround us looking to the development and build-ing up of the county. Commended the people for their efforts towards the storing of water, and said the comple-tion of the large dam now being made would add greatly to the stability of this part of the country. At 7:30 p. m. a conference of the young people's Mutual Improvement associations was held. A protracted meeting was held on Monday closing at 1 o'clock. The gensengers, and the restoration of the Gospel in its fullness and purity, Christ and Him crucified has been the theme dwelt upon by these Elders, and they have gone forth in the per-formance of this responsibility without money and without price. A protracted meeting was held on Monday closing at 1 o'clock. The gen-eral authorities of the Church, and of the stake, were presented and sustained by unanimuos vote of the conference. Brief reports were made by the presi-dent of the Third quorum of Elders, Ira N. Hinckley, Jr., chairman of the stake board of education, and Joseph Finlinson, stake superintendent of Re-ligion classes. Elder A. W. Wright and wife, returned missionaries from New Not one living can of a truth say that any of these have coun-scied them to violate the laws of scied them to violate the laws of their country and to trample be-neath their feet the institutions of the state; for the articles of faith of the Latter-day Saints lay down the proposition that the members of this Church are to obey the laws of the country in which they live, to maintain the principles of liberty and justice, and to deal rightly and promerly with their ligion classes. Elder A. W. Wright and wife, returned missionaries from New Zealand, reported their labors in that land, Addresses were also made by the stake presidency. Fresident Hinckley, in his concluding remarks, urged the young men to marry and become home builders, and aid in building up the country instead of leaving home to seek employment.

fellowmen. Standing before you, my brethren and sisters, as one of the witnesses of the mission of the Redeemer of the world, and of the restored truths of the Gospel given in the day and age in which we live, I bear this record in your presence today. I have grown from childhood to manhood in connec-tion with these leading men of the Church of Christ. I knew Brigham Young as intimately as a boy could know his father. I knew John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, in like manner. I have been as intimate like manner. I have been as intimate with President Joseph F. Saith as kinsman could be. Standing "here kinsman could be. Standing 'here as a witness before God today, I sol-emily declare that I have never re-ceived one item of instruction from these men and from the Council of the Apostles—those of the old school as well as those of the present school—that did not breathe words of life, words of en-couragement, words of loyalty and de-votion to every element of true man-hood. Those who have violated the rules of morality have turned back up-on the instructions of the authorities of the Church of Christ. Those who



Elder John W. Boman, president of lard Stake of Zion was held in the he Anaconda conference, writes the Deseret meetinghouse Sunday and News" from Anaconda, Mont., Feb. 18, Monday, Feb. 12 and 13, President

Alonzo A. Hinckley president Francis The Anaconda conference was held on the Anaconda conference was held on the 21th of February. President Nephi Pratt and the Elders from the Butte conference and Saints were present. A most excellent spirit prevailed during the conference. The general authorities

these Presidents of stakes with whom I have been conversant, and whom God has blessed and made great in the ac-complishment of good. The require-ment laid at our door is that he who is warned, let him warn his neighbor. It is upon us to fulfill that duty, to dis-charge that obligation, and to acquit ourselves fully of its responsibilities. I trust that the goodly words spoken by the brethren as affecting you who are Saints shall make its impress upon those who are not united with you in a knowledge of the truth, but to whom the seeds of the truth must be carried and they utilize their agency to accept LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. and they utilize their agency to accept

or reject it. The Gospel is true. The angel of God spoken of by the Prophet of old has flown through the midst of heaven. flown through the midst of heaven, "having the everlastingGospel to preach to them that dwell upon the earth, to every nation, kindred, tongue and peo-ple." Upon the head of this man (point-ing to President Smith) and his asso-clates today lies the responsibility of seeing to it that every child of our Father within reach shall hear that witness and accept or reject it. My witness before you is that God has spoken, that His truth is established, and that His Church is in the world. God, the Father and His Son Jesus Christ have spoken to man in this dis-Christ have spoken to man in this dis-pensation. The key has been turned and the work is in motion. It lies at our door to see to it that every child of our Father shall hear that warning voice, if within our power, While we discharge this obligation, we want to question and weighing the possibili-ties of a missionary work that shall be in keeping with the best shall be in keeping with the best interests of the Latter-day Saints as discharge this obligation, we want to discharge our obligations of citizen-ship in justice and right, standing for the principles of liberty. In the interest of every other mortal as well as our-selves; for if we should seek to take away the liberties of any man, it would a solution of our well as make its impress upon our brothers and sisters whose faith is not as our own. This can and should be done upon the basis of frankness and followed upon the dosing to ground upon fairness, with no desire to crowd upon our fellowmen that which is sacred to only result in the destruction of our own liberties. Those who plot and scheme for the overthrow and destruc-tion of your liberty and mine are not alone the enemies of the Latter-day Saints, but they are the enemies of lib-erty, the enemies of God the Father, the enemies of balls and mercy, and in the due time of the Lord, it will come their turn to pay the penalty of out-raged mercy and justice. May God bless you with His Spirit. May the feelings and sentiments of this conference on forth to the world show.

conference go forth to the world, show-ing that here are indeed true Chris-tians, who love Christ and the principles of righteousness, and who pro-pose to devote themselves to the accomplishment of our Father's purpose and to the blessing of His children to the utmost limit. God bless the good and noble among mankind. May He remember the statesmen of our land, that they may fulfill their destinies in that they may fulfill their destinles in righteousness, and that justice may characterize the land. God bless the people in this land who stand by the principles enunciated by the fathers of the republic, so that they may never be overthrown, but that beneath the flag and under the Constitution of the United States the right of conscience shall never be infringed, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.





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I am happy, my brethren and sisters, | minds of the Saints the sacredness | ates, has recently been considering this in the privilege of being with you in attendance upon this conference. The condition of my health prevented me from being present at the April conference, and I have not been able of late to discharge in any great degree the duties and responsibilities of the calling under which I labor. But I am pleased to say to you today that my condition is very much improved, and I trust that my volce will be heard in the various Hiskes of Zion with the same activity in the immediate future as has charac-betized my is how in the same

October 7, 1904, by

terized my labors in the past. I have rejoiced in the spirit of the conference. The considerate and thoughtful remarks of the Presidency vestorial and duties and esterday, bearing upon our duties and objections: the practical instructions hat were given yesterday afternoon by Elder Lyman; the reports of our brethreaction of the reports of our breth-reaction of the reports of our breth-which we are so intensely interested— the work for the dead—all appealed to me very forcibly. I have also listened with interest to the remarks made by the presidents of tables the presidents of stakes this morning, and I trust that their reports may be an inspiration to us who are convers-ant with the conditions of the people in the various sections where we live. If was more than pleased with the re-port of President Hinckley. The spirit of it especially struck my heart, when in speaking of the people who lived in his dicesse he pat only remembrased the of his own faith, but also those who were not of his faith and he spoke of them in his faith and he spoke of them in a respectful, considerate manner and bore witness to their good character. I believe that a remark of that kind, coming from the lips of a man of his standing, will bear fruit in the future in the overthrow of animosities and the awakening in men's minds of a spliri of fairness and justice to one another. I believe that the souls of the thousands of people who have made their homes in this inter-mountain re-gion are as dear to our Heavenly Fa-ther as the souls of the thousands who are scattered abroad and who have not bean made conversant with the work that we have to do. I trust that some remarks, made recently in one of the

their obligation to endeavor impress their neighbors with of to the truth of the gospel they themselves have received, and thus free themselves from the responsibility of the blood of their fellowmen. That obligation should lie very near our doors, and should be discharged thoughtfully and prudently by us. Not that we should seek to har-ass our neighbors by trying to force upon them our faith and doctrines; but in our associations with our fellow-men, in our business affairs, and in the dis-

in our business affairs, and in the dis-charge of the varied requirements that rest upon us all, we are brought into immediate contact with many men of fairness and of uprightness, some of whom perchance have no religious faith while many may be members of the va-rious religious organizations, and it rests with us to discharge this obliga-tion to these neighbors of ours. When President Lyman sprung the question as to how far we had gone in fulfilling this duity and seeking to impress upon the minds of our fellows the nature of the work so dear to ourselves, I was led to ask myself whether I had fairly, honestly and frankly discharged my honestly and frankly discharged my duty in this respect. When President Hinckley spoke in such a respectful manner of those not of his faith I was led to think that probably every President of a stake, every Bishop of a ward, conversant with the condition of the people in their midst, could reiterate his statement concerning their neighbors. I trust that we will not be unmindful of the fact that some men and women in our communities have received the Gospel after living in our midst. They have watched the lives of the people, have become impressed with the nature of the work, and have accepted of it. It is probable that sometimes we are too thoughtless in re-

farncess, with no desire to crowd upon our fellowmen that which is sacred to us, but in a way and manner that shall appeal to their thoughtful considera-tion, and cause them, while weighing the doctrines as presented by the re-ligious organizations of the world, to also consider and weigh the vlews and doctrines as presented to the human family in the mission and ministry of the Prophet of God in this last dispen-dn surado also is the volue of the the term for us a wonderful work in this direc-tion, to be thoughtfully and prudently done. I know of no reason why my neighbors who are not of my faith and myself should be enemics, so long as I preserve their liberties and my own justly and rightly, and am willing that they should worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, while insisting upon the enjoyment of that right for myself. I know of no reason why the men who are united to gether in their citizenship and in the upbuilding of a commonwealth should not be able to associate together in gether in their cltizenship and in the upbuilding of a commonwealth should not be able to associate together in friendship, guarding with sacredness that which is dear to us all, respectful of one another's faith, courteous in our treatment of one another's family, and considerate in our regard for every-thing that tends to the upbuilding and encoding of man. enuobling of man. THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY.

standing, will bear fruit in the future in the overthrow of animosities and the awakening in men's minds of a sibrit of fairness and justice to one the thousands of people who have made their homes in this inter-mountain re-ther as the souls of the thousands who have made ston are as dear to our Heavenly Fa-ther as the souls of the thousands who have not the work of the ministry that has been entrusted to us requires the preaching of the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. The bother who preceded me has dis-charged that obligation in several lands to bring to their understanding that is the souls of the thousands who have not do. I trust that sone that we have to do. I trust that ser-tice, wherein he impressed upon the The work of the ministry that has

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