

others; of Stake officers, the Stake presidency, High Council, officers of the different associations; also representatives from all of the wards.

Sunday, 10 a.m.; President Joseph E. Steele reported the condition of the Stake which was thoroughly organized with the exception of one ward where the Bishop had resigned. All were working harmoniously together and are in a prosperous condition. First Counselor R. L. Bylen endorsed the report and said that all officers in the Stake were exemplary men as far as he knew. Second Counselor Joe. S. Mullmer endorsed the remarks and reports of previous speakers.

Elder Francis M. Lyman was pleased to note the many improvements of a public nature that have been made; gave some practical hints and suggestions, in regard to the building and adorning of public grounds; was gratified to learn that all was working so harmoniously in this new State; our safety depends on abiding by the counsel given by our leaders and it is our duty to uphold and sustain the authorities of God.

Elder Brigham Young added his testimony to that of his brethren who had spoken; the Lord demands of His people willing hearts and willing hands; dwelt upon the necessity of Latter-day Saints cultivating the Spirit of God.

At 2 p.m. the sacrament was administered, and following this Elder Brigham Young occupied the time in an interesting and powerful discourse upon the partaking of the sacrament.

At 4 p.m. a Priesthood meeting was held. Elder Francis M. Lyman catechised the High Council, other Stake officers and the Bishops in regard to their conduct, asking them if they observed the Word of Wisdom, etc.

Monday, 10 a.m.—The following wards were reported in good condition and the people as a rule striving to live their religion and obey the commandments of God: Rigby, La Belle, Willow Creek, Grant, Gray's Lake branch, Eagle Rock, Lewisville, Iona and Palisad.

Elder Francis M. Lyman spoke upon the subject of fasting, offerings, and prayer in a clear and logical manner, every word carrying conviction to the heart and convincing his hearers of the necessity of observing these commandments.

At 2 p.m., reports were received from the Shelley and Basalt wards.

Elder Brigham Young related some of his early experiences in the Church, the trials and difficulties encountered in crossing the Plains, etc.

Elder Lyman continued the subject of fasting and prayer, treated in the forenoon meeting; showed that the great change in our condition since the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple had been brought about by fasting and prayer.

The general and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained, also the home missionaries for the next three months. The meeting closed by the choir and congregation singing, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning." Benediction by Elder Jas. E. Steele.

The Primary and Relief Society held their conference on Saturday the 14th, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The conference was well attended throughout. Sunday afternoon there were so many people in attendance that it was necessary to hold an overflow meeting. The meeting house was used for this, the general meetings of the conference having been held in the Menan Opera house. No better conference than this one was ever held in the Stake. A good spirit prevailed at all of the meetings, and the instructions given were of such a nature that they will not be forgotten soon as they would reach the hearts of all, more deeply impressing them with the beauties of the grand and noble principles taught by the Latter-day Saints.

JOHN C. RUSHTON,  
Stake Clerk.

### WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Governor Richards has proclaimed May let as Arbor day in Wyoming.

John Bugg, an Indian who has killed several men in fights, was himself killed in a drunken brawl with another Indian at North Fork, Cal., on Sunday.

J. Morris, who lives near Selo, in Linn county, Or., has a hairless calf. The calf is said to resemble a greyhound almost as much as he does an ordinary calf.

Frank Kellinger, a eleven-year-old boy, was run down by a bicyclist on Wednesday, at Alameda, Cal., and received serious injuries, causing concussion of the brain.

Thomas Gillies, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, offers \$500 reward for information that will locate the whereabouts of his brother, Findlay Gillies, and lead to his recovery, dead or alive. Findlay disappeared in April, 1894.

The Nevada Press association will leave Reno on April 14th for a ten days' excursion to Sacramento, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Jose and San Francisco in a special Pullman car.

James Treadwell one of the directors of the Alameda and San Joaquin Railroad company, Cal., is just recovering from toxic stool poisoning, which he got through eating supposed mushrooms at a restaurant. It nearly cost him his life.

Father Nugent, of Liverpool, England, the Catholic priest who became famous by his establishment of places of refuge for homeless boys, is traveling on the Pacific coast. He is now in California.

### OBITUARY NOTES.

JANE W. C. HANKS.

PAROWAN, April 6, 1896.—Jane Wells Cooper Hanks was born in Washington county, New York, October 4, 1817; was married to Ebenezer Hanks, October 27, 1839. She joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about 1841; went to Nauvoo, Ill., in March, 1844, and received her endowments with her husband in the Temple at Nauvoo in February, 1846.

She accompanied her husband in that historic march as one of the Mormon Battalion, and did able service from beginning to end. Many a weary and afflicted one received comfort at her hands. When not thus engaged she would be found washing or mending the clothes of those noble veterans. Much

that is good might be written of the labors of Annie Hanks at that time.

She resched Salt Lake City July 29, 1847. In 1850 she was at the California mines from where she moved to San Bernardino. She returned to Utah in 1853, settling in Parowan. Since then she has visited her relatives in California twice.

Auntie Hanks, in the 79 years of her life, had a varied experience, much of it of a character that tried her sorely. She was a woman of marked individuality. Few people knew of her grievances. Her intimate friends were very limited; the one friend of her heart and the only one to whom she gave her entire confidence was Sister Paulina E. Lyman. On returning from California she boarded for a few weeks with a friend whom she had the greatest regard for, but she was not quite contented and asked Sister Lyman to let her have a place in her home, as it was her earnest desire to spend her remaining days and die there, which she did on March 27, 1896. She was ill two weeks, suffering intensely some of the time, but never a murmur or complaint passed her lips. Often she would say: "I am so well satisfied with my situation and treatment that I would not change it if I could." She frequently called for the Elders, testifying that she always rested comfortably after their administrations. She passed away peacefully while asleep.

EMILY CRANE WATSON.

### THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

CAVNAUGH.—In this City, April 7th, 1896, of cancer, Sidney Cavanaugh; aged 44 years and 3 months.

SWENSON.—In the Twenty-second ward, this city, April 6, 1896, of asthma, Pernilla Swenson, aged 64 years, 4 months and 14 days.

NORRIS.—In Sugar House ward, this county, April 11, of whooping cough, Ethel Susanne, infant daughter of John and Mary R. Norris.

RICHARDS.—At Pleasant Grove, Utah, April 12th, 1896, Isaac Richards, aged 76 years, after a lingering illness. Deceased was from Nottingham, England.

TALL.—In the Sixteenth ward of this city, Elizabeth E. Tall, beloved daughter of John William and Matilda Ball Tall; aged 11 years and 8 months.

WHITAKER.—Leon Taylor Whitaker, son of John M. and Ida Y. Whitaker, of Sugar House ward, died this morning at 1:45 o'clock of whooping cough. It was born February 23rd, 1896.

BARBER.—At Salt Lake, April 11th, 1896, Mrs. Hannah Barber, wife of Samuel Barber and mother of Jane Strickfellow and Charlie Barber. Deceased was born May 12, 1830, at Wirksworth, England.

BURNS.—In this city, April 13th, at 7:30 a.m., Robert A. Burns, aged 75 years, 1 month and 18 days. Deceased was born in Baltimore, Md.; came to Salt Lake City in October, 1851; served in the Indian war of 1853. He was one of the first pioneers to Green river and belonged to the pioneer fireman company.

TRACY.—At Yost, Utah, Alma, son of Wm E. and Mary Ann Tracy departed this life March 3, 1896, aged 1 year and 18 days. The funeral services were held at the meeting house on Thursday the 11th day of March. A large gathering of friends met to pay their respects to the departed. Salt Lake Herald and Ogden Standard please copy.

ELLETT.—At Fremont, on the 4th inst, of pneumonia, John James Ellett, born in London, England, Dec 29, 1820. He was baptized in March, 1849; a pioneer of Fillmore, Deseret, and Fremont valleys; was a staunch Latter day Saint and a man of great faith. He leaves a wife, five sons, five daughters, numerous grandchildren and one great grandchild, besides a host of friends to mourn the loss of a good man. Millennial Star, please copy.