

ered one of the best buys on the market around 50 cents. Gas did some business at very much reduced quotations. Anchor was inactive.

Bogan did nothing, free offerings of the stock not bringing out any bids. The showlog in the Bullion-Beck is reported to be better with each day's development and the company will undoubtedly make a dividend payment this month. Centennial-Eureka is held far too strongly to make it a very active stock. There are plenty of bids but no offers of the security under \$60. The usual double special dividend of \$1 per share was paid yesterday. Comstock and Crescent are doing nothing to the local market.

It is probable that the deep snows may delay the shipment of high grade ore from the Dillon for some weeks, but the reports received from the property are of the best and indicate that the value of the ore in the heavy vein is increasing with development. Some of the weak holders are willing to sell at anything like present quotations. Daly-West's mill should be in active operation within the next two weeks if no unforeseen delays occur. This company may pay dividends before March. Daly continues the usual heavy production of silver and the surplus in the treasury is rapidly growing. Horn Silver pays a quarterly dividend of \$50,000 today in New York. The properties of the company are in a splendid condition. Lucky Bill continues the rapid sinking of its shaft.

Again did Mammoth maintain itself in splendid shape, sales being made on both sides of \$150. The stock was a prime favorite with local and outside investors and well deserved to be. Dividends come nearer daily. Morgan is still making improvements to its shaft equipment and produces regularly. Mercur showed signs of stiffening early in the week, but with the close there was a slight weakening and offers were made of the stock below the point where bids ceased on Tuesday. As the time for the De Lamar option to expire approaches the interest in the deal increases. It will not prove a disappointment even should the deal not go, for the increased dividends that are assured in that event make the security gilt edged and the well posted one predicts that it would easily go to \$10 within three months with the option out of the way.

Outario did not show much life, but no stock was offered below \$9.50. The old reliable is still one of the favorites. Rover did some business as did also Silver King. Quotations on the latter are stiffening materially. Sunshine is preparing for a shipment of product and the movement should take place today. The cyanides are very high grade, higher, in fact, than those from any other Camp Floyd district mill. The mines make a wonderful showing. Tetra is advertising a list of delinquents although it does not show a very large number of shares. Work at the properties continues at a satisfactory rate and the indications for the future are good. Applications for gold dust continue to flow in in gratifying numbers and the success with which the splendid company has been placed before the investing public is an evidence of the esteem in which Utah's first-class mining propositions are held

throughout the country. Orders for gold dust are not confined to the United States, however, flattering inquiries being received from foreign investors who have made heavy money in Utah securities.

POCATELLA NEWS.

POCATELLO, Idaho,

December 21, 1895.

Dear Sir—About two weeks ago it was decided that some kind of social should be gotten up, as two of our brethren were about to leave for missions, and it was desired to show that we appreciated their labors in our midst, as both were Sunday school workers.

A committee of five of our sisters was appointed, and notwithstanding the great holidays before them, these sisters went to work and in about two days, had visited the whole ward, and had food enough prepared to feed several hundred people; thus showing the earnest work of the committee and generosity of the Saints to such a noble cause. The evening of the 27th of December was fixed for the gathering; and sisters—the committee—were seen from an early hour in the morning, busily engaged preparing for the evening's enjoyment, assisted by two of the brethren and some the Deacons. Sisters Thoroughgood and Spillman could be seen driving from house to house with a buggy, gathering up the chickens, turkeys, ducks, hams, pies, cakes, and other varieties too numerous to mention, while Sisters Hopkins and Cox remained at the vestry of our meeting house, carving and preparing for the great feast.

At about 6 o'clock p. m., our meeting house was nicely decorated and lighted up, with a banner on the north end of the house with the words, "Brethren, be faithful," which caught the eye of all present. The tables were clean, and very neatly decorated with various kinds of food for the temporal man, and were admired by all who were in time to see them before the first sitting. The committee then gave the meeting into the hands of the amusement committee, which consisted of Elders Cox, Spillman and Peake.

At about 7 p. m. fifty-four persons took seats at the table; our Bishop at the north end of the west table; Elder E. D. Harrison, the missionary to Europe, at the south end of the same table, surrounded by the relatives; superintendent of the Sabbath school at the north end of the east table, and Brother C. Dinwoody, missionary to the Northern States, at the south end of the same table. By request of the committee, our Bishop made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, after which prayer was offered and our guests indulged in the good things provided.

Our meeting house was crowded to excess, and about 200 persons partook of the good things placed before them. The committee, assisted by a few more sisters, kept the tables well supplied until about 9 o'clock, at which time contributions in aid of the missionaries were taken; and in a few minutes order was called. Sister Hopkins, one of the committee, presented each missionary with \$17 and some odd cents, including a gift from the Relief society

of \$5 each, after which the brethren responded in a few words.

A program of songs, recitations and short speeches was rendered. The evening's enjoyment closed with a dance of one and a half hours. By this time the hands of the timekeeper were on 12 o'clock. Prayer was offered and all returned home feeling well. Great praise is due to the committee for their untiring efforts, and they are to be congratulated on their success. Our brethren will have cause to remember the well wishes of their brethren and sisters in the same cause of truth.

The old year evening and New Year's day passed away quietly. The snow is falling fast, and has the appearance that several inches will fall before ceasing.

Elder R. G. Lambert, who is traveling in the interest of the DESERET NEWS, paid us a visit on the 24th. He visited the Christmas tree on that evening and left for Blackfoot the next evening, returned on Sunday morning, visited our Sunday school, also afternoon and night meetings; gave some valuable instructions at these meetings, the same being appreciated by the Saints.

A death took place in our ward early on Saturday morning, Dec. 28th, 1895 — that of the seven-year-old daughter of Brother E. L. Jordan. She had been suffering for several weeks.

T. L. Cox.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the St. Joseph Stake of Zion began at Pima, Arizona, Sunday, December 15 at 10 a. m. There were present on the stand: Christopher Layton, William D. Johnson and Morgan H. Merrill of the Stake presidency, Patriarch Philemon C. Merrill, members of the High Council; Bishops of the various wards (with few exceptions) and other influential men.

The Bishops reported their wards to be in a thriving condition temporally. Considerable wheat had been put in and is now up and looking well, while more is being put in. There was considerable sickness reported in some of the wards, such as colds, diphtheria, membranous croup, etc. There were eleven deaths reported in the last quarter. Some of the larger wards have suspended all gatherings, especially where the young come together, on account of the contagious diseases in our midst. It was thought we were getting the upper hand of these.

Elders Willford Crooke, George R. Shirts and A. B. Kempton addressed the conference, as they were expecting to start on a mission soon. The speakers expressed themselves as being willing to go and fulfill their mission, and hoped they would be able to bring some one into the fold, and do honor to the Stake or ward that sent them.

Elder Benjamin Cluff, president of the High Priests' quorum, said the greater number of his quorum were living their religion, while the remainder were not. The speaker exhorted all High Priests to seek the Lord, and see if they are in line with the First Presidency and those that preside over them; for we do not want to be cut short of the blessings that are in store for the faithful.