

STAR VALLEY STAKE CONFERENCE.

AFTON, Wyoming, May 19, 1897.—The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion was held in Afton, Wyoming, May 15 and 16, 1897, President George Osmond presiding. Some opening remarks were made by Elder Osmond who was pleased to meet in conference with so many of his brethren and sisters under such favorable circumstances. He hoped all felt grateful to the Lord for the many blessings enjoyed at the present time; invoked the blessing of the Lord during conference.

Bishop Geo. Walte reported the Afton ward in good condition. He was followed by Bishop Chas. Porter, who reported the Fairview ward, Bishop Wm. Parsons, Cottonwood; Bishop Herman Hyde, Auburn; Bishop Hans J. Hemmert, Glenco; Bishop Osborn Low, Freedom; Bishop James Jensen, Grover; Bishop John B. Thatcher, Buford. These wards were all reported favorably. The Saints as a general thing were striving to do right and uphold those placed over them. Chas. D. Cazier addressed the Saints a short time; gave a good report of the high priests quorum.

Elder Emery Barrus reported the Sunday schools of the Stake as doing a good work.

Elder John Nelld felt well in being at conference and thankful for its blessing.

Stake Counselor William W. Burton gave a sketch of his travels going to and returning from the Sandwich Islands. He spoke of the manners and customs of the people; felt thankful that he had the privilege of bearing his testimony to a number of people on his homeward journey.

Elder A. Gardner expressed great pleasure in again meeting so many brethren and sisters; exhorted all to diligent in keeping the laws of God; hoped everyone would sustain the woolen factory which is almost completed at Afton, Wyoming.

Stake Counselor Anson V. Call gave a short address; touched on the evils of infidelity, explained how the laws of God must be explained obeyed and our children educated in the principles of the Gospel.

Elder John F. Aatie, returned missionary from the Southern States, felt to rejoice in being home again and for the privilege he had in meeting in conference with the Saints after an absence of two years and six months; he was thankful for the experience he had gained; was desirous of doing good, and exhorted all to make themselves acquainted with the principles of the Gospel and do right under all circumstances.

Elder Orlando Barrus, recently returned from the Samoan islands, where he has been laboring for three years and six months, spoke encouragingly to the Saints on the fulfillment of prophecy; said we could plainly see that the judgments of the Lord had been commenced among the nations; wars, pestilence, famine, earthquakes, fire and floods could be heard of every day. By request he gave a short address in the Samoan language, which seemed to be much appreciated and interpreted not very well understood. The choir then sang On My Father.

Elder W. H. Henningtons Jr., who has been laboring in the Southern States, also bore a faithful testimony and was thankful that he had been counted worthy to be an ambassador for Christ. He said he had been treated well while on his mission and rejoiced in the Gospel.

Elder Osmond blessed all in the name of the Lord, and conference adjourned for three months.

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NEWS NOTES.

A rare specimen of the California condor was shot at Fresno, Cal., a few days ago and was brought in to be mounted. The bird measures nine feet from tip to tip of wings.

Jerry James has been selected chief of the Humboldt Indian tribe in California, and will go to Washington to see President McKinley and get him to intercede for government aid.

Strawberry growers of Hood river, Or., say that an immense crop is coming on and that persons seeking work can find employment for the next month picking berries in Hood River valley.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Beautiful Bells, the sensational brood mare of America, has a foal. The new comer arrived at Palo Alto Tuesday night and is sired by Monaco, a son of Electioneer and Manoa by Piedmont.

OMAHA, May 24.—Judge Minger, United States district court, this morning made an order that the divorce decreed by Judge Brewer between the Western Union and Union Pacific telegraph companies must be completed by September 1.

Carl Anderson, a miner, carrying membership card 8092 of Canjal Lodge of Foresters, Portland, Or., was killed by a cave in the Free Silver mine at Aspen, Colo., Friday evening. Anderson was about 32 years of age and a Swede.

The long contest between the Idaho state land board and the People's Canal company in Idaho has been settled in favor of the canal company. The amount of land involved was 67,000 acres, which came under the canal company's ditch.

Mrs. Ida Buckley of Salt Lake and Miss Dalton of Springville, Utah, are visiting at the home of "Budd" Weaver of this city, says the Montpelier, Idaho, Examiner. Mrs. Buckley is Mr. Weaver's sister. Miss Dalton will stay during the summer.

At the railroad yards at Red Bluff, Cal., Wednesday morning, a brakeman named O. W. Kinkaid was killed. In some manner the brakeman was thrown from the cars and the wheels passed over his body, cutting him in two.

B. F. Runels, living in the mountains near Alma, Cal., was found dead in bed in his cabin Wednesday morning. An inquest will be held over the remains, which were brought here. Death is believed to have been due to natural causes.

The first grain fire of the season occurred near Clouston, Cal., on the Val-

ley Road, Friday afternoon. Over 100 acres of summer fallow wheat belonging to Harry Cavil was burned. There was no insurance. The county road saved a large acreage from destruction.

The Moro, Or., Observer says that a pure white snake was killed recently on the Newton farm, near Monkland, in Sherman county, by Miss Alma Newton and J. B. Gregg. The snake was three feet long, and the Observer says it is the first of the kind ever killed in Oregon.

In New Whatcom, Wash., last week a cow caught little Bobby Kratzig, three years old, on her horns and tossed him up over her head. He lit on her back and slid off. Torn clothes and a few bruises were all the injuries sustained. The cow had a small calf with her and objected to the boy coming too close.

Montpelier, Idaho, Examiner: Mrs. Emil Maeser opened a kindergarten school in the Latter-day Saints meeting house last Monday with about forty-five members. This school has long been needed and we hope some one in this end of town will take the matter up and follow suit. A second class will probably be organized by Mrs. Maeser shortly.

W. W. Fogg, a well-to-do farmer of New Hope, was found dead in a livery stable at Lodi, Cal., Thursday morning. He had been in that town for three or four days and had been drinking rather heavily. The coroner's jury decided that death resulted from an overdose of laudanum, but did not say whether it was a case of suicide or not.

B. F. O'Hara was blown up about 9:30 Wednesday morning while blasting logs with giant powder about four miles north of Omsen's spur, Whitehall, Montana. The lacerated and mangled body was found a short time after the accident by Mr. O'Hara, wife of the unfortunate man. Deceased was 76 years of age and leaves a family of grown children.

San Francisco Chronicle: One of the most perfect whispering galleries in the world is in the dome of St. Paul's cathedral in London. Another of equal perfection is in the courtroom of the castle in the old city of Chester, England. The most remarkable instance of perfect acoustics in America is probably found in the great Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City.

The first of the trials arising out of the tramway disaster at Point Ellice bridge, Victoria, last May, was concluded Thursday afternoon at Vancouver, B. C., when the jury decided that the city was liable for the disaster. The plaintiff, Mrs. Gordon, whose husband was killed, was awarded \$10,000 damages; \$7,000 for herself, \$1,000 for her eldest son, \$1,500 to the youngest child and \$500 to a stepson.

Tai He, a Chinese woman, was stabbed in her bed Wednesday morning, at Portland, Oregon, by Mun Yin, a cook. A butcher-knife with a blade eight inches long was found sticking in her throat at noon by Ah Bow, the cook in the house, who had broken open her door. Bow had seen Mun Yin leave the place two hours.