

on the north side of Henry's Fork. After a few days they returned. In the fall Mr. Winegar came back with four of his sons and commenced to put up hay and make improvements.

The first building was erected by Stephen Winegar and sons, September 1, 1879, on the bottom land near the river, at a point three miles southwest of the present townsite, on the northeast quarter of section 13 of township 7 north, range 39 east. Two other houses were erected about the same time. Three families spent the winter of 1879-80 at the little settlement. During the winter the river froze over and the water rose so high that it flooded the flat where two of the houses were built. Consequently, the little colony, consisting of about twenty souls, were obliged to spend part of the winter in the only house left on dry ground, which was the one first built. The settlers lost nearly all their stock, the winter being quite severe.

In 1880 other settlers arrived, and in 1881 Wyman M. Parker and others moved in with their families from Morgan County, Utah, and located on the quarter sections adjoining those taken up by the first settlers.

The new settlement was first known as Garden Grove, which name it retained until application for a postoffice was made, when the postoffice department at Washington made objections to that name. A meeting of citizens was consequently called in the spring of 1880 and the name of Egin adopted. Egin is an Indian name signifying cold, and was suggested by the fact that it was the coldest day of the season on which the meeting was held. The Egin postoffice was opened July 1, 1880, with A. F. Parker as postmaster.

November 28, 1881, at a meeting held at the house of Stephen Winegar, and attended by M. W. Merrill, of the Cache State Presidency, William D. Hendricks, of Logan, and John R. Poole (set apart a few days before as President of the island branch), the little colony on Henry's Fork was organized into a branch of the Church, with Wyman M. Parker as presiding Priest. This branch organization was to include all the Saints residing at Egin, Camas and Market Lake, and in fact all the Saints living on the north and west side of Snake River. William Rawson and John Powell were appointed Teachers, Robert Greenwood leader of the choir, and Thomas G. Parker clerk of the branch.

January 8, 1882, the Sunday School was first organized, with William Rawson as superintendent and twelve members.

In June, 1883, Bishop L. W. Hardy, President William B. Preston and Bishop Thos. E. Ricks visited Parker, on which occasion they selected the Parker townsite and named it such in honor of Wyman M. Parker, who was then acting as presiding Priest there. About that time water was first brought upon the Egin Bench. On that occasion the Bishop was digging a well for family use, and had already reached a depth of 84 feet without any prospect of water, but while some of the visiting brethren were joking the Bishop about his dry well, Bishop Hardy stepped up, tapped Brother Parker on the shoulder

and declared that in a short time he should have plenty of water in his well. This prediction was fulfilled two days later when, without striking another lick, the well was found filling up with a clear, pure stream, and there was always plenty of water in it afterwards.

January 1, 1884, Thomas G. Parker, a son of Bishop William M. Parker, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Moroni Smith, a young lad ten years old. He was buried on the 4th. This first death in the new settlement cast a gloom over the whole population.

In October, 1883, the first Y. M. M. I. A. was organized by the Stake Presidency with sixteen members, and Francis Rawson as president. November 13, 1883, a Y. L. M. I. A. was organized by Susie R. Poole and others, with seventeen members.

May 11, 1884, the first Relief Society was organized with Elizabeth Jenkins as president, and sixteen members.

May 13, 14 and 15, 1884, the Parker townsite was surveyed by Andrew S. Anderson.

June 11, 1884, at a meeting held at Egin and attended by Apostles Wilford Woodruff and Heber J. Grant, President Thomas E. Ricks and others, the Parker Branch was organized into a ward, with Wyman M. Parker as Bishop.

August 14, 1884, the ward was visited by Presidents John Taylor and George Q. Cannon, and Apostles Francis M. Lyman and George Teasdale.

August 17, 1884, at a conference held at Rexburg, Francis Rawson was ordained a High Priest and set apart as First Counselor to Bishop Parker, and November 24, 1884, Arnold D. Miller was ordained a High Priest and set apart as Second Counselor to Bishop Parker. No change since.

In the following October (1884) there were one hundred and eighty-two members in the ward, which was divided into four districts.

The Egin Canal, through which the people get their water for irrigating purposes, was commenced in the fall of 1879, and completed in June, 1883. It has since been enlarged and lengthened, until it is now twenty miles long, and supplies both Parker and Brighton with water; it cost \$20,000. This canal taps the river just above the bridge at St. Anthony, and will carry 20,000 inches of water.

The first meeting house, which was also the first in the Stake, was built in the winter of 1882-83, and the first meeting was held in it January 7, 1883. It was burned through the work of an incendiary in February, 1886, after which steps were immediately taken to build the present meeting house on the townsite. This was erected in about two weeks.

Early in the year 1888 an attempt was made to build an anti-Mormon town at a point three miles northeast of Parker. The high-toned name of St. Anthony was given to the prospective city and the sale of town lots commenced, but the scheme proved a failure, and only one store and a dwelling house now marks the site. The place, however, is of importance as the point where a substantial wagon bridge spans the river.

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## EMERY STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Emery Stake of Zion was held at Ferron Sunday and Monday, Feb. 8 and 9, 1891.

Present on the stand, President C. G. Larsen of the Stake Presidency and the Bishops of the different wards.

After singing and prayer, President Larsen gave a report of the Stake in general, after which Elder Uriah Curtis delivered a discourse on the first principles of the Gospel.

Bishop F. Olsen, of Ferron, and Bishop G. Pelley, of Emery, reported their wards as in good condition.

2 p. m. After singing and prayer, the Sacrament was administered. Bishops L. S. Beach, of Molen, Herrin Olsen, of Castle Dale, L. P. Avertsen, of Cleveland, and C. More, of Lawrence, reported their wards all well.

Elder Brown, principal of the seminary of Huntington, and Elder Day, principal of the Academy at Castle Dale, with President Larsen occupied the remainder of the afternoon and spoke with the Spirit of God upon the duties of parents in the education of their children.

A Priesthood meeting was held in the evening, at which much valuable instruction was given, especially to the High Council and leading brethren.

Monday, 10 a. m.

After singing and prayer, Bishop C. Pulsipher of Huntington, Counselor Simmons of Glendale and Bishop McMullin of Wellington reported their wards in good condition.

The statistical report of the Stake was then read.

President Wm. Howard occupied the rest of the forenoon, speaking upon true education.

1 p. m. Singing and prayer, after which the general authorities of the Church and Stake were presented and sustained.

The following brethren then reported: John Zwalhen, the High Priests; P. R. Petersen, the 91st quorum of Seventies; J. F. Wakefield, the Sunday Schools; A. G. Jewks, the Young Men's Association, as all in good order.

Elder John Snow, of Orangeville, then gave a discourse on the principle of baptism.

Elder Jorgensen of Emery, President Howard and President Larsen occupied the remainder of the afternoon, speaking upon the different duties and callings in the Priesthood and the necessity of true education.

President Larsen then thanked the Saints for turning out so well to our conference and asked the blessing of God upon all, and especially upon the choir who rendered such excellent singing under the leadership of Prof. R. P. Thomas.

Altogether we had a good time, with a rich flow of the Spirit of the Lord. Conference was adjourned for three months, to meet at Huntington.

Benediction by Elder J. Petersen.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Jr.,

Clerk pro tem.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The Council tomorrow will discuss the invitation of the United States government to take part in the World's Fair at Chicago. The minister has already agreed to accept the invitation.