

has been done and the miner chooses to combine system with work. I took the liberty to crawl down and into many of these abandoned silver pot holes and found here and there pieces of silver bearing rock, and occasionally found a cinnabar stain, as it were, something like the same as found in the gold bearing deposit now being so profitably worked. This silver bearing ore seems to possess much antimony, in fact I found several pieces which seems to be all antimony and doubt if there is any silver in it.

From the facts I have stated in regard to the condition of the gold bearing rock, which seems to be a conglomerate mass of quartz, spar, crystallized lime, shale and black lime, verging onto dolomite and also talc, it has two perfect walls. The floor or foot wall of the ledge is black, hard lime, while the roof or hanging wall is composed of lime shale. On the Mercur and Marion grounds the ledge or deposit lies almost flat, and only has a dip where the mountain slope is quite abrupt. The trend or strike of this gold-bearing ledge or deposit is northerly and southerly, and my opinion is that the miner or prospector who finds this ore zone either north or south of the above mentioned locality will find it more nearly averse and more perpendicular, and perhaps a higher grade of ore. This very easily worked ore cannot possibly be confined to the small territory which has been prospected near the town of Mercur the past fall and winter months.

Near the valley on the Glencoe side, I understand, very fine prospects have been opened up and large boulders of ore of a better grade have been found. This part of the camp I have not yet visited. On the Rush Valley side Messrs. Dicks and Jones seem to be opening up an immense deposit of this ore, which they claim will assay on the average of some \$12. Mr. Jas. McNeece has several claims in this same vicinity that also look fine with what work has been done. These claims are almost in the valley. Some day some enterprising miner is liable to go farther down in the valley, get a solid formation that has not been interfered with by a stray volcanic eruption, and get a bonanza for his pains. This may prove a false theory, but the chances are greatly in its favor. In my opinion the Mercur mining district will be to Salt Lake City what Leadville was to Denver.

The fact that the Colorado party did not take the Mercur mines need not deter those interested from working their claims, nor keep Utahians or any other legitimate mining men from faithfully prosecuting work in the camp in the belief that a legitimate profit will crown their efforts with success.

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IOWA CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Iowa conference, held in Huntington hall, Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 24th and 25th, 1894, Elder William Butterworth presiding.

Elder Beal reported his labors in Boone, Iowa; spoke on the labors of the Elders, and on the goodness of God. His field he reported in a good condition.

Elder Joshua Cook was the next speaker; he bore testimony to the truth

of the Gospel. He was followed by Elders H. J. Nielson, J. M. Jepson and Francis Webster, who bore testimony to the truth of the work we are engaged in and reported their various districts.

Elder S. A. Bunker reported his labors in Decatur, Nebraska, where the Elders had been the means of allaying a great deal of prejudice, and a much better feeling prevailed. Elder P. J. Garn spoke on the principles of the Gospel and expressed his pleasure for being called to go forth as an Elder.

Elder Wm. J. Butterworth reported his labors in the Council Bluffs district, where he held two meetings during the winter. The Josephites were not as prejudiced as they have been, and they treated us well.

The Elders at the Conference were President Wm. J. Butterworth and P. J. Garn, Council Bluffs, Iowa, headquarters, 191 Graham avenue; George A. Beal and Francis Webster, headquarters in Nebraska, Coyard, Dawson county;

Joseph M. Jepson and Hans J. Nielsen, headquarters in Boone, Boone county, Iowa;

Stephen A. Bunker and Joshua Cook, headquarters at Decatur, Burt county, Nebraska.

Elders not present—Miles F. Weaver and J. J. Jensen, headquarters at Warrens, Monroe county, Wisconsin;

James Cluff, headquarters at St. Johns, Stafford county, Kansas.

P. J. GARN, Clerk.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING

held March 26, 1894, in the Huntington hall, Elder Wm. J. Butterworth presiding.

Elder Butterworth presented the general authorities of the Church and those of the conference, all of whom were sustained.

Elder J. Jepson reported the St. Johns branch in good shape, and that a good work could be done there with the right kind of effort. He also bore his testimony to the work.

Elder George A. Beal reported the Boone branch in fair shape; that some were investigating the Gospel; also that a great deal of good could be done there by canvassing the county, that there are some that are converted but not baptized yet; that they are asking a great many questions in regard to the Gospel.

Elder S. A. Bunker reported his labors in Nebraska; two baptized, one re-baptized; also some investigating. He had met with some opposition, but believed a good work can be done there.

Elder William J. Butterworth reported the Council Bluffs branch; that an impression for good has been made with some of the people. He also spoke encouraging words to the Elders.

Elders J. Cook, H. J. Nielson, F. Webster and P. J. Garn spoke on missionary labor, bore strong testimonies, and expressed their desire to do their full duty as Elders and messengers of salvation.

P. J. GARN,

Clerk.

RETURNED ELDERS.

The NEWS had a pleasant call April 5 from Elder James Vance Jr., who returned yesterday from a mission to the Southern States. He left his home in Salt River valley, Arizona, on March

3, 1892, and was assigned to labor in the Virginia conference. His field was the central portion of the state, where he was well treated by the people. He speaks highly of their hospitality. His health was good and he enjoyed his missionary labors. He will leave for Arizona after Conference.

Elder L. D. Cranney, of Logan, who returned with Elder Vance, also called in April 5. He left home April 4, 1892, and performed missionary duties in the West Virginia conference, meeting with good success. There was quite an interest manifested by the people, among whom he was hospitably treated. His health was good.

Elders John P. Cardon, of Logan, and John S. Curtie, of Orangeville, Emery county, also returned, each having filled a two years mission in Virginia.

Elder John L. Howells, of the Fifteenth ward of this city, called on the NEWS Thursday afternoon. He arrived home on Tuesday from a mission to Great Britain, on which he left April 9, 1892. The first few months of his missionary labors were in the Manchester conference, where he met with many friends. In the fall of 1892 he was transferred to the Welsh conference, and remained there until his release, laboring most of the time in Monmouthshire, where he met with gratifying success. There was considerable interest shown by the people in the testimony of the Elders.

Elder Howells left Liverpool on the Teutonic on March 21, and passed through the stormy experience met with by that vessel, as related in the dispatches.

Elder George H. Hall, of Huntsville, Weber county, made a pleasant call at the NEWS April 6th. He returned on Tuesday from a mission to Great Britain, and is in excellent health and spirits. He left this city April 9, 1892, and for the first year labored in the Leeds conference of the British mission as traveling Elder, receiving good treatment among the people and meeting with satisfactory success in his missionary work. In the latter part of April, 1893, he was appointed to preside over the London conference, and remained in that position till his release to return home. He reports the conference as being in a very prosperous condition, the labors of the Elders there being blessed with much fruit in the way of bringing people to a knowledge of Gospel truths. Elder Hall made the homeward voyage in the Teutonic, which sailed from Liverpool March 21st.

Brother George D. White, of Beaver City, Utah, paid the NEWS a pleasant call Tuesday morning. He has just returned from a mission to the Southern States, his field of labor having been in the northern Alabama and Mississippi conferences. Elder White left home on March 15, 1892, and his time has been equally divided in the states named. He reports having thoroughly enjoyed his labors and had received good treatment as a general thing. The mission is in a prosperous condition, he says, and he had been successful in finding out many of the honest in heart, and had assisted in baptizing eleven.

Elder Martin Henderson, of Idaho, returned home with him, having been released on account of sickness after an absence in the South of six months.