

CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCH.

SAN JUAN STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake of Zion met at Mancos, Montezuma county, Colo., Nov. 18th and 19th. Present on the stand Elders F. A. Hammond, Wm. Halle and P. D. Lyman, of the Stake presidency. Elders Brigham Young and Robert S. Watson of Salt Lake City, and, a very good representation of members of the High Council, the Bishops and members of the several wards.

After the usual opening exercise, President Hammond remarked he wished the Saints to put all secular matters to one side and wait upon the Lord.

The reports of the wards were quite encouraging notwithstanding light crops and low prices prevail.

The General and Stake authorities were pre-empted and unanimously sustained. Vacancies in the High Council, occasioned by Elders H. Holyoak being called on a mission and Mons Peterson being set apart as Bishop in Moab, were filled up by presenting the names of Peter Allan and Joseph Moore. Wayne H. Redd was sustained as clerk of the High Council and Geo. F. Burnham as alternae.

The speakers were Elders F. A. Hammond, Wm. Halle, P. D. Lyman, Brigham Young, Robert S. Watson, John R. Young, Kumen Jones, J. F. Barton, Hanson Bayles and W. A. Decker. The subjects most touched upon were the paying of tithes and fast-day offerings in kind and in season, the laying up of breadstuffs against a time of need, etc.

A notable event of the conference was Brother Robert S. Watson's singing of "Oh My Father, Thou that dwellest," in the new tune sang at the World's Fair. At the Priesthood meeting, Elders Brigham Young and F. A. Hammond spoke plainly on the principles of forgiveness, living pure lives, obeying the teachings of the Church, etc. The conference was noted as one of the best ever held in the Stake. Everyone seemed well paid for attending notwithstanding most of the visitors had come a distance of 100 miles via teams.

Adjourned to meet three months hence.

L. H. REDD,
Clerk pro tem.

MORGAN STAKE.

The quarterly conference of Morgan Stake convened Sunday and Monday, November 19th and 20th. The meetings were well attended and a good spirit and feeling was manifest. The conference was presided over by Councilor Francis, the president of the Stake, Richard Frye, being very sick and unable to attend.

The time was well occupied by Elders Frank Croft and Charles R. Clark, who had just returned from a mission to the Southern States; Elders John Seaman and Mark Lindsay, of Weber Stake, and others of the local brethren. The young people especially received good instruction, in which they were advised to make use of the valuable opportunities they have to store their minds with useful knowledge, to buy the standard works of the Church and

read them, that they may be prepared to teach and defend the principles of the Gospel.

The condition of the Stake as reported by Councilor Francis, was not as good as when last reported. The report showed that some of the people had become careless and that there was an unfortunate degree of dilatoriness in some quarters. The general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained by the conference. A good corps of active missionaries were chosen and sustained to travel in the Stake for the next six months.

Conference adjourned for three months.
ALONZO FRANCOIS,
Stake Clerk.

BANNOCK STAKE.

The Bannock Stake quarterly conference was held Sunday and Monday Nov. 19 and 20, in the music hall, Rexburg. There were present with us Elder S. B. Young, of the presidency of the Seventies, the Stake presidency and Patriarchs, Bishops, and other leading brethren.

Sunday 10 a. m.—The Stake presidency and Bishops gave satisfactory reports as to the spiritual condition of the people; financially, however, all are feeling keenly the effect of the prevailing hard times, but are hopeful of a brighter future soon.

Elder S. B. Young spoke of the difference between the principles of the Gospel and the false doctrines of the world. It is the power of the Gospel that holds together the Latter-day Saints and gathers them in such great numbers to worship God from time to time.

Sunday, 2 p. m.—Elders Charles Poole, Alma Green and Jas. Ricks, returned missionaries from Samoa, John L. Jacobs from Switzerland, and Henry Boyce from England occupied the time and rendered good reports of the labors of their missions. All enjoyed their callings preaching the Gospel to the nations whence they had been. They had received a great and beneficial experience, and were full of zeal to continue their good work in the Kingdom of God at home as abroad.

Monday, 10 a. m.—Elder Ben E. Ricks spoke of the principle of intelligence which is the glory of God, and the power by which all things progress, both spiritual and temporal. The Latter-day Saints have a double salvation to work out, a spiritual and a temporal, the latter, as the Bible inculcates, to be attained by the sweat of the brow.

Elder S. B. Young discoursed upon the wonderful events connected with the receiving of the Gospel by Joseph Smith, the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, notwithstanding the efforts of the learned to disprove its truth, and bore a strong testimony of the Gospel.

The General and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained; as also home missionaries for the next three months.

A novel feature of this conference time was the visit of our Governor, who is at present on a tour through the country and made his debut at this

morning's meeting. A grand reception was gotten up by the village trustees, who met the Governor at Market Lake, bringing him to Rexburg. At 1 p. m. the citizens, old and young, together with the Rexburg band, turned out to do honor to the Governor. The adults gathered on either side of Main street and the children in the center, headed by the band playing "Red, White and Blue," marched and countermarched through town to the afternoon conference meeting place at 2 o'clock, when, after opening exercises including selections of national songs and instrumental music, an address of welcome to Governor McConnell was read and presented by Henry Flamm on behalf of the town trustees and citizens of Rexburg.

The Governor thanked the people for their hearty welcome and said the object of his visit was to get acquainted with the people that he might know how to serve them. He needed to visit them and know their wishes or he could not serve them as he should. The governor's speech was devoted entirely to the discussion of subjects involving the best interests of the people of the state. He treated at length on the question of irrigation of the arid sections; he wanted legislation to create irrigation districts that the settlers could combine to control and own the water as well as settle the land; for water and land were inseparably connected. He also wanted legislation to curtail the holding of too large tracts of land, for those who had too much only raised sage brush, whereas a settler with 80 acres can invariably do well. He desired to have state jails made reformatories and not purgatories and have jails and asylums self sustaining, that the inmates thereof might be improved physically and mentally. The governor concluded with a brief address to the children, relating many humorous incidents of his schoolboy days and giving some good pointers on the road to success and distinction. Again he was grateful for the honors conferred upon him and the opportunity of speaking to the citizens of Rexburg.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given the governor.

The band played a selection.

Song by the children, "Red, White and Blue."

Prest. T. E. Ricks said we had had a most enjoyable time and thanked all for their attention and the band and choir for the inestimable services rendered by them.

Singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Elder S. B. Young.
JAS. GILLESPIE, Stake Clerk.

There is a rumor flying about the city, says the *Denver Times*, that there is on foot an attempt to kidnap Governor Waite, or to get him out of the way for a space of three months. It looks on the face like a wild scheme without possible foundation. Still a number of responsible citizens affirm that they have been approached to contribute a sum of money toward procuring the end. The governor has given it out to his intimate friends that he will not call an extra session until after January 1, if at all, which is not certain.