

carry a large amount of water and will give fine mill power.

We are in need of a good saw mill and a grist mill to help build up one of the finest valleys of the great Snake River country. We have timber, water and stone, coal of a fine quality; the three great elements of progression. There are yet many hundreds of acres of the best of land on the west side of the valley to be taken. But there will require the building of a canal to convey the water down the west side, some fifteen miles in length. Don't get it into your heads, dear readers, that this valley is an ice-bound region, fit for nothing but the polar bear and the winter king moose. The year of 1895 was a frosty season, but it brought us many hundreds of bushels of good grain just the same, and all kinds of good garden stuff. Those who have no homes may profitably come and see our valley. It has been dedicated and set apart for the use of the children of men by God's servants, and in time will yield up to the honest sons of toil all their hearts can desire. The streams are abundantly supplied with fish, and winged game of all descriptions. Deer and elk are not so plentiful as they were some four years ago; in the game season, however, there is still good hunting; but ere long, if the wanton slaughter of these noble animals is not checked by the iron hand of the law they will be a thing of the past, and the snort of the proud buck, and the shrill whistle of the monarch elk will awaken the solitude of the woods no more. Very respectfully,
NE PLUS ULTRA.

SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of Sevier Stake of Zion was held in the meeting house in Richfield Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22, 1896. Of visiting brethren there were present of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles John W. Taylor, and of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies Jonathan G. Kimball; also William H. Seegmiller and Joseph S. Horne, of the Stake presidency, besides Bishops, counselors and representative men from all parts of the Stake, and a very large number of Saints.

There were two regular meetings held each day, besides a Priesthood meeting on Saturday evening and a meeting for the young people Sunday evening. Elders John W. Taylor and J. G. Kimball spoke in all the meetings and occupied most of the time in imparting such instructions as were timely, appropriate and of most value to the Saints in their present condition. The topics treated upon were obedience to the laws and commandments of God, paying due reverence and respect to those in authority in the Priesthood and refraining from finding fault with them, or criticizing their actions; the necessity of teaching our children obedience and the principles of purity and virtue; the benefit of keeping the Word of Wisdom; the importance of living such lives as will secure to us the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost; also the necessity of pushing the work on our Stake tabernacle to its completion, together with many other subjects of interest and benefit to the Saints. On Sunday afternoon an overflow meeting was held in the Relief

Society hall which was addressed by Elder Taylor and others.

The weather during the conference was most beautiful and pleasant and the spirit of the Lord was poured out upon both speakers and hearers in great abundance; all united in the expression that we had a most enjoyable time and one of the best conferences ever held in this Stake.

SIMON CHRISTENSEN,
Stake Clerk.

SPANISH FORK EISTEDDFOD.

The fourth annual Eisteddfod of Spanish Fork Cambrian Association was held on Monday, March 2nd, 1896, at the Young Men's opera house. Mr. J. O. Thomas, of Spanish Fork, was the president of the Eisteddfod; Prof. H. E. Giles of Provo the master of ceremonies and conductor; Prof. A. C. Smyth of Mantli, the adjudicator of the music. Mr. T. C. Martell of Spanish Fork, had the honor of being the adjudicator of the poetry, recitations and speeches; he did his work with a clear conscience and to the satisfaction of the people.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the first session commenced with a Welsh air by the Spanish Fork brass band under the leadership of Mr. Rees D. James. Introductory remarks were made by John O. Thomas, and the Eisteddfod was opened to compete for the prizes according to the program.

Singing the male chorus, "Soldier's Victory March" (Gwent), for six to twelve voices; the Spanish Fork male chorus under the leadership of Wm. H. Davis, was the only party singing. The tea silverware set donated by the Spanish Fork Co-op. was awarded to the choir and the baton to the conductor.

Welsh recitation; two competing, the prize, \$3, was given to Henry E. Giles Jr., son of Prof. Henry E. Giles, Provo; he is a promising young musician.

Bass solo, Let All Obey; two competing; the \$3 prize was awarded to Richard Evans, Scofield, who sang well and possesses a splendid voice and will make his mark in the musical world.

Recitation, Convict Joe; the prize of \$2 was awarded to Miss Emeline James, Spanish Fork, who recited the piece in an excellent manner.

Male solo, Welsh air and song, the silver cup and the money were awarded to William T. Evans, Scofield, who sang a love song, Y Gwenth Gwya, (white wheat).

Adjudication of the poetry, The Rise and Progress of the Eisteddfod at Spanish Fork, five compositions in; the gold pen and the money were awarded to John J. Davis (Ieuan Dau), Provo.

The harp solo, The Rising of the Lark, was played excellently by Wm. L. Jones, Scofield, who took the prize of \$5; Matthew Jones, his promising son (only 7 years of age) played after him and was encored.

Soprano solo, My Western Home, (Stephens), two contestants; the lady's dressing case was awarded to Mrs. Mary Ann Bowen, Eureka.

Duet and chorus, Our Homes in the Mountains (J. S. Lewis) for children from 10 to 12 years of age. The children's chorus of Spanish Fork, Miss Rowe, conductor, and the Lake Shore children's chorus, under the leader-

ship of Mr. Gleason, competing. The prize of \$5 was equally divided between them.

Soprano solo—Welsh air and words. The silver cup and money were awarded to Mrs. Mary Isaac, Spanish Fork, who sang the love song Aderyn-pur, (Blackbird).

This finished the program of the afternoon session.

Soon after 7 o'clock in the evening the house was overcrowded by patriotic Welshmen and their friends. Ex-Governor Thomas was greeted when he took his seat on the stand. The program was preceded with as follows:

Music by the Spanish Fork brass band.

Selection, Utah We Love Thee, by the Spanish Fork Choir. This singing was very good.

Address by Ex-Governor Thomas; he greeted the audience as citizens of the State of Utah, who will have a voice in the election of the next President of the United States, and referred to the success of the Salt Lake Grand Eisteddfod, and the loyalty of the Welsh-Americans to this great republic.

Duet, tenor and bass, The Sinking Ship; two parties competing: Harry B. Hughes and his friend were the winners, and were awarded the prize of \$5 worthily.

Impromptu speech, five contestants, David T. Lewis, Spanish Fork, took the prize.

Mixed chorus, Moonlight Will Come Again (W. D. Thompson); from eight to twelve voices; the Spanish Fork choir, under the leadership of Wm. T. James, worthily took the prize, the \$10 and one set of silver table cutlery were given to the choir and the baton to the conductor.

Duet, Lili; to the Convent Bells, was rendered by Mrs. Bowen and Miss Mary Reese.

Solo, Hundred Fathoms Deep, sang by Joseph Phillips; encored.

Harp solo, Ash Grove, was played very well by Wm. L. Jones, Scofield, followed by his little son Matthew on the same instrument.

Welsh song, Men of Harlech, sang by William T. Evans, Scofield, the congregation joining in the chorus.

Prof. Giles sang with the organ a Welsh comic song, followed by Prof. Jos. A. Rees with another Welsh comic song.

After Gething Jenkins rendered a song the Eisteddfod was closed by singing the solo and chorus, Land Of My Fathers. The Cambrians had a joyful time.

BRUTUS.

AIR SHIP.

OXFORD, Idaho, March 5, 1896.

If space could be allotted for the following in your valuable paper you will confer on me a great favor.

I read an article in the SEMI-WEEKLY of the 28th ult., about a new air ship, which made me think of publishing my invention. It would perhaps be equally interesting. I am struggling with little means to get it done, as much as to make an intelligent people believe its practicability. I am a watchmaker by trade and have learned to work accurately and perfectly in metals, and I have worked hard and long mentally, so that I am