

NEVADA FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

They Will Come to Utah and be Sent Elsewhere in Large Quantities.

BUILDING OF NEW TOWNS

Reclamation of Mormon Settlements That Were Abandoned More Than Fifty Years Ago.

Very few Salt Lake of the younger generations are familiar with the string of towns running down the Muddy river valley in Nevada, and comprising a group of early "Mormon" settlements, planted in the years when the fight against the sagebrush had just begun in Utah, and when Brigham Young was in the midst of his great colonizing work, with Salt Lake as its center, and its farther outposts at San Bernardino, Carson valley, Las Vegas, and down by the Rio Virgin.

The Rio Virgin runs into the Colorado river, and the Muddy river joins with the Virgin far above the outlet into the Colorado. Parley P. Pratt led the first party of "Mormon" explorers down to that country in the early fifties, and after that settlements were made at St. Joseph, now to be known as Logan, at Overton, and St. Thomas.

Muddy River "Wash."

The country appealed to the early pioneers, for while a vast outlook of it pictured it all as a barren waste, and part of the great barren waste of the West, a closer inspection revealed a wonderfully rich Muddy river wash, in between the desolate sandy mesas, which make up the general contour of the country. This section is below the great geological faults, which pile up fold on fold to make the altitudes of the Grand canyon plateaus, and looking at their valley, whether the valley runs only 1,000 feet above the sea. Therefore there is the great advantage of a climate in which crops grow the year round, with an altitude that allows tropical fruit to grow, and a latitude that puts into them flavors richer by far than those of the more beautiful Sierra slopes and valleys.

LAY PLANS AHEAD.

Now after 50 years, the swinging of events has brought about an opportunity to see the fruition of a plan laid half a century ago, and down in the Muddy River valley there will soon grow up a community that will be rich among western communities, and Salt Lake will soon have on the local market, cantaloupes, melons, peaches, apricots, almonds, and all kinds of fruit and vegetables, and the gardens which are now being planted. The Salt Lake route runs to Moapa, at the head of the string of towns running down towards the Virgin river, and an effort is being made to secure a spur through the valley, which, if it succeeds or not, there will be an outlet, as the Santa Fe has surveyed a route along the Muddy, taking in all these towns and connecting with the Rio Grande near Salina canyon. The people of the Muddy river towns are so proud of their section, and the tonnage to support a line that they are not working over its being built.

PERMANENT HOMES.

The permanent work now in progress, opening up this vast area as a farming country, is being conducted by the Moapa Land & Improvement company, and the Nevada Land & Livestock company, both organized by people on the ground, who have the objects of making permanent homes and developing the country for the benefit of the residents in it, rather than for money making by the corporation. They are rather an association of citizens, than corporations of exploiters, and are each working in a separate field.

FOR MORE WATER.

The great need now is for improved water facilities, and a company has been formed to work out this problem, along the lines originally started by Brigham Young, colonist. It is estimated that it differs from most corporations in that it is not organized for money making, but is one of the most comprehensive corporations ever organized in southern Nevada. It seeks no business, induces in no speculation, but is organized for the people, by the people, and of the people. It consists of a union of practically all the water rights of the Muddy river, and its waters at present irrigate some 3,000 acres of land. Being a combination for the protection of the small farmer, it is unique.

NO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

The organization of the company is of vital importance, because it will effectively shut out all private ownership of reservoir and canal schemes which have been manipulated in California and other states greatly to the detriment of communities and the welfare of those engaged in small farming, by reason of the fact that such private speculators invariably extort unreasonable rentals from the consumers.

On the productiveness of the region, the Las Vegas area declares the section is gaining a wide reputation for the favor of its fruit and that farming land in the Muddy river valley has doubled in value in the past year, now being worth \$10 an acre, unimproved. Freighters will be in great demand from July 1 on, hauling fruit and melons to the railroad at Moapa.

MR. THOMAS TALKS.

Mathoniah Thomas of the law firm of Thomas & Maycock recently returned from a trip through the entire section, and thence a considerable light on the bright future for that section. "The railroad," he declares, "is going to make it a well known and well populated country, and its fruits are going to be famous, for I have never tasted fruit so good as the fruit of this valley. It is a well known fact, and they are peaches, cantaloupes, and grapes. They mature early, and will lead the western market."

MINERAL RESOURCES.

"In addition to the farming there are valuable copper deposits, which are being investigated by big companies, and deposits that promise well, and two tracts of 160 acres each, containing valuable kaolin deposits, from which sample carloads are now being shipped to manufacturers by the Salt Lake road. Kearns and Keith have valuable mining claims leased, the only outfit to which is through the Muddy river valley. Six crops of lucern mature there in a year, while irrigation never gets out of season. A big reservoir is now being projected to conserve the winter surplus for summer use, and the Moapa people are talking of asparagus fields by the hundred acres, pea fields of an equal size, and then there are grape vineyards, plum orchards, and all other branches of farming being projected, that with the railroad for an early and easy market, surely assure the section a great future."

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THREE CROWN

SECOND WARD BANQUET.

Fine Affair Given in Honor of Retiring Ward Officials.

One of the most pleasing and successful affairs ever given by a ward organization occurred in the second ward of the Liberty stake of Zion on Thursday and Friday of the week, in honor of Elders Paul Olsen and L. Frank Branting, the retiring counselors to Bishop Heber C. Iverson.

On Thursday afternoon the old people of the ward assembled in the ward hall, where an address was given by the retiring officers. A program of songs, speeches, toasts, greetings, etc., was carried out, with a gratifying feeling of love and enthusiasm. On the return of the guests to the hall, the banquet table to the main hall, they were completely surprised at seeing on the platform enlarged portraits of themselves, flanking a similar one of the Bishop. These were presented to the meetinghouse by the members of the ward, in recognition of the faithful services of Elders Olsen and Branting.

In the evening the younger adult members of the ward assembled with the old people already in attendance. The chairs were carried to the platform by four young men, and the two recipients were escorted to them by their successors in office, Elders George Rowles and Robert H. Siddoway. This was followed by a presentation to each of the honored guests of a large bouquet of white carnations.

Though almost overcome by these tokens of esteem, Elders Olsen and Branting responded in terms of love and gratitude to the expressions of affection, and reviewed their association with the ward, and their connection with the Bishop in the work of the ward. The next surprise of the evening was the presentation by Elder Branting of a hand-painted Japanese vase, filled with American Beauty roses, to each of the retiring officers. In the Bishop's Bishop Iverson responded as well as his feelings would permit, and in the course of his remarks referred to the faithfulness and efficiency of the two men who had been associated with him for seven years, and expressed his regret that Elders Olsen's age and Elder Branting's increasing business interests rendered a change in the Bishopric advisable.

On behalf of the members of the ward, Elder William Dore presented a bouquet of love, confidence and gratitude to the retiring counselors, and this was followed by an impromptu program, consisting of choice music by the choir, the ward quartet, and John Robinson, convulsing specialties sung by Mrs. Amanda Dore, and other pleasing features. A banquet was served to the guests; and it is estimated that during the afternoon and evening fully 400 people sat down to the tables. The banquet was followed by a dance.

On Friday afternoon, the children of the ward, to the number of about 200, were entertained with refreshments, games, dancing, etc., under the direction of Lucy Stringham and her associates in the Religion class work. Altogether, the affair was a gratifying function, and was the most forcible and touching manifestation possible of the faithfulness of the service rendered by the retiring men, and the love and confidence existing between them and the members of the Bishopric as newly organized.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The marriage of Amy Anderson Taylor and Albert E. Harris will take place Monday, June 11, at the home of the bride, 653 south West Temple.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Looftow on Wednesday night, when the latter's sister, Miss Mary Alice Hilpert and Mr. S. L. Palmquist were united in marriage with Rev. Josiah McLean performing the ceremony. The rooms were decorated with a profusion of cut flowers and vines, the bride couple standing under a canopy of white flowers intermingled with plumosa. Little Dorothy Looftow acted as ring bearer. The bride wore a dainty gown of white tulle and carried a shower bouquet of roses. Only the immediate relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Looftow will be at home after July 15 at 825 east Sixth street.

Misses Hazel Woodruff and Ruby Erskine will entertain at a china dinner Thursday, the 14th, in honor of Miss Claire Midgley.

Mrs. R. H. Channing entertained at a delightful tea yesterday for Miss Mary McLane, the rooms being bright with flowers, and a number of friends assisting.

Tonight at the Country club the members and friends will participate in a dancing party, from 8 to 11, and having charge of the preparations.

Miss Mary Louise Anderson will leave tomorrow for Europe.

Mrs. Clarence Warnock entertains at cards tonight.

On Wednesday night Miss Libby Pettit and Herman Keiser were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Pettit, and a reception was held for the friends and relatives.

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edward and Prof. and Mrs. Sidway have gone for a 10-days' concert tour through Idaho.

Cards have been received in Salt Lake announcing the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wallis, in Preston, Ida., on the 10th. Their marriage took place the same date, 1881, 25 years ago. Their many friends will join in greetings and congratulations.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Moline, Ill., Millionaire Invests in Salt Lake Property.

C. H. Deere, the Moline, Ill., millionaire agricultural implement manufacturer, has just closed a deal with M. B. Lichtenstein, the well known jeweler, for 24 feet front on State street, between Second and Third South streets, at \$200 per front foot, or \$3,600. Mr. Lichtenstein bought this property five months ago, at \$200 per front foot, and was preparing to erect a substantial three-story business block there, when Mr. Deere made an offer. Mr. Lichtenstein has several other pieces of property on State street. The Moline capitalist has great faith in the city.

BIG EXCURSION AND DUTCH LUNCH

Commercial Travelers Having a Great Time in Junction City.

TROUT AND CHICKEN TODAY.

Senior Counselor McAllister Issued Statement of Appreciation and Thanks to Citizens of Ogden.

(Special to the "News.") Ogden, June 9.—At 10:15 o'clock this morning, 15 cars were loaded with commercial travelers who took a trip over the cut off and returned to this city at 1 p. m. Upon their return a Dutch lunch was served to them, and then all went up Ogden canyon where a trout and chicken dinner was served. The Dutch lunch was given at Becker's brewery.

This evening the Elks will entertain the visitors with a fine reception and smoker at the R. P. O. E. hall. A fine program has been arranged and a general good time is anticipated.

The following was issued today by Grand Senior Counselor McAllister:

To the Citizens' Committee and United Commercial Travelers' Council No. 248, Ogden, Utah:

I am unable to properly express the appreciation of the United Commercial Travelers of Montana, Idaho and Utah, for the generous hospitality and hearty welcome that has been extended to us by the big hearted citizens of Ogden, and local Council 248.

We duly appreciate the fact also, that the liberal entertainment you have thus extended has not been limited to the members of the U. C. T. organization, but has included many of our brethren of the grip who are not yet enrolled with us, and numerous accompanying friends.

I must not omit to mention that, foremost among those to whom you have on this occasion extended the hand of welcome and fellowship, are the representatives of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' association, who have gladly embraced this opportunity to fraternize socially with Ogden's good people.

I assure the committees and all the Junction city residents that we who have been so splendidly entertained, unite in most sincere thanks and praise for the unstinted kindness you have manifested.

The United Commercial Travelers are proud of the fact that U. C. T. representatives, Unity, Charity and Temperance; principles, I am pleased to observe, that are not confined to that organization.

Unity is a characteristic that, it is hoped, will ever exist between Ogden, Salt Lake and all other municipalities in Montana, Idaho and Utah, all working unitedly for the general welfare.

Charity is a divine principle which the good people of Ogden recently manifested in a large and marked degree, by liberally ministering to the needs of the multitudes of refugees from sorely stricken San Francisco.

Temperance, I need hardly say, is a distinguishing characteristic of the Traveling Men's fraternity; you all know that they are "temperate in all things," especially in quenching their thirst.

I now call upon the members of the United Commercial Travelers' organization, the representatives of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' association, and all friends who have, with us, participated in these three days of enjoyment, to join in three cheers for Ogden's generous citizens!

Hip! Hip! Hurrah!

AT THE RESORTS.

Calder's Park entertained 5,000 visitors yesterday, and experienced its first big day under the new management.

The occasion was the outing of the Y. M. M. I. A. and Y. L. M. I. A. The street car company accordingly was taxed to take care of the crowds, especially in the evening, when trailers were brought into requisition. Among the entertainment features were a baseball game between nines from Weber stake and Boxelder stake. After 11 innings had been played the score remained a tie, and stood at 4 to 4. The game was accordingly called, and the purse of \$20 was divided between the two teams. The basketball game between the "Blacks" and the "Blues," both teams being recruited from the ranks of the L. D. S. university, resulted in victory for the latter to the tune of 4 to 1. The fat men's race was captured by Nephth C. Jensen of this city, with John Hickman of Provo, panting second. The race for the ultra-fat men, 25 pounds or over, was captured by Theodore Tobison. The race of ward presidents was captured by A. Nelson of St. George. In the evening an informal reception was held in the dancing pavilion, after which dancing was indulged in.

Stephen's singers to the number of 50, are to take possession of Saitair next Friday. In the afternoon the 400 children will render an interesting musical program, including a solo contest for free scholarship for the next season. Out of the 400 little soloists have already appeared in a preliminary contest, and 12 of the best will compete for final honors at Saitair Friday. The Tabernacle choir and its friends will spend the evening in dancing and singing. Of course the general public is invited, and children's day means "family day," while choir night is always a favorite with music lovers and young people in general.

The management of Calder's park announce the following bookings for various organizations for next week: Tuesday—Elk, Third and Thirty. First wards.

Wednesday—Twenty-fifth, Thirtieth and Brighton wards.

Thursday—Sugar, Waterloo and Farmers wards.

Friday—Salt Lake stake.

Saturday—Relief societies and Daughters of the Revolution.

HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Report of City Board for Week Ending June 9.

Twenty-nine births were reported during the week; 17 males and 12 females; 24 deaths were reported; 22 males and four females; five shipped here for burial.

There were reported nine cases of contagious and infectious diseases, consisting of two cases of smallpox; two cases of scarlet fever; two cases of diphtheria; one case of measles and one case of chickenpox.

Six cases of smallpox; seven cases of scarlet fever; four cases of diphtheria and one case of epidemic cerebro spinal meningitis remain in quarantine.

YOUNG LADIES IN CONFERENCE

The Subject of Testimony Meeting and Giving Discussed At Length.

WERE SEVERAL SPEAKERS.

Theme Was Sub-Divided and Treated Accordingly and From a Number Of View Points.

At the Assembly hall this morning the Y. L. M. I. A. met and discussed "The Testimony Meeting," a number of talks being given on various things of importance connected with the holding and conduct of the gatherings. The session opened with singing by the congregation, "Hark, Listen to the Trumpeters," and was followed by prayer; the song "Where the Voice of Friendship's Heard" coming afterward. President Mattie Horne Tinsley made an address of greeting and said that she was anxious to know how the young ladies were present from the different stakes, as she had heard that there was such a splendid attendance of the Y. M. I. A. conference that cheers were given as each stake responded. She felt sure there was an equal representation of the different stakes, and of the interest manifested. Mrs. Lucy Smith gave the first address, her subject being "The Value of Testimony Meetings." The first thing to be considered was to help others with our prayer in giving their testimonies, for many desired to do this who had not the courage. The testimony meetings are invaluable, for in this way we show our gratitude for God's blessings. And even as human parents love their children, and will do more for them when they show gratitude for good done them, so we who are the Father do for us in proportion as we acknowledge our blessings. Every time we testify of His goodness we are added upon, and when we rise to our feet in humility of spirit to testify, we will be filled with a higher spirit. She read the message of the Father to the missionaries who should go abroad to preach the Gospel and said these passages should be committed to memory by all.

SOME EXPERIENCES.

She spoke of the testimony of fire and earthquakes and divine things which should follow the testimony of the preaching of the Gospel and believed those were at hand, naming the recent San Francisco disaster, and referring incidentally to the interesting experience of five "Mormon" Elders who were to have set out on a mission to the Hawaiian Islands on the morning of the disaster and whose trunks were at the ferry. All they had in the way of equipment for the journey was their trunks, and to wait for new supplies and the circumstances meant a long delay.

Without hope of finding their belongings they made their way to the office with their checks and were all ridiculed by the clerk. However, he accompanied them to the wharf, where they saw a single trunk which proved to be that of one of the missionaries, and those of the other four were rescued in the same strange way. She felt that this was a sign of the Lord's protection of His servants in His work. In closing she urged that all should bear testimony on every possible occasion as a blessing followed it. She said that when missionaries are at a loss for words, that if they testify of the divine mission of Joseph Smith their tongues are loosed, and if we have a testimony that we are made in the image of God, and that we are His children.

AS TO ESSENTIALS.

The next subject, "What Are the Essentials of a Successful Testimony Meeting?" was given by Mrs. Emma Goddard in place of Mrs. Mary Freeze, who was not able to be present. She said that if what Mrs. Smith had just said was observed and if we put all our heart into the subject of serving God and obtaining a testimony, that we would flow through our physical frame even like blood. She and many others had experienced it, it could not be described. An important element of the success of testimony meetings was to go to the subject with the right spirit. On that day no thoughts of discord should be allowed to gain prominence, only sweet and loving thoughts should enter our consciences. Even if things went wrong, as they often do, we must strive with prayer to maintain this attitude of peace. Prayer was a most essential thing, and all should attend the meeting with prayer for a peaceful spirit and influence. If you can do nothing else, get the saying of some good writer in your mind and hold to it. It will have its influence in keeping your spirit calm. Call this telepathy or what you will, the power of holding the right thoughts is wonderful in its effect on the spirit, and we can use it. She spoke of a recent Temple meeting, in which she had experienced a peculiar incident, which illustrated the power of telepathy. Another element is the right choice of songs, peaceful and sacred ones that will bring us nearer to our Heavenly Father. Judgment must be used also in selecting one to pray who seems to have the special power in prayer.

WHEN FAILURE COMES.

Mrs. Eardly spoke on the theme, "When Testimony Meetings are a Failure," and said that this occurred when there was not a good order, or when the officers were not of love of officers for members and members for officers, when the officers occupy the time themselves, when long essays are read or speeches made, and when there is not enough concentration on the purpose of the meeting. Prayer should be offered for an outpouring of the spirit that all those obstacles might be put down.

Mrs. Estelle Neff Caldwell spoke of the "Dangers of Testimony Meetings," and said that like all good things there may be carried to excess, that once a month is all that is necessary, outside of special occasions, and that they should always be authorized. No doubt it would appeal to some that it would be pleasant for a few to meet together privately and hold these meetings, but where it had been done, false doctrine had come in, and influences of evil, and they were therefore to be avoided. Authority lay with the Priesthood to direct these spiritual gifts, and meetings should be held only under the authority of the Bishop.

Another great danger was to allow the emotions to overcome reason and self-control. The spirit of violence or excitement, or anything hysterical is contrary to the Spirit of God, which only peace and harmony should manifest themselves at such meetings. We like to see love and faith and sympathy manifested, but not in tears or hysterics; it should be in peace and joy. Fastings is a great factor in obtaining spiritual gifts, but it was too often practiced in excess. There were sisters whose physical condition made it dangerous to fast, and when carried to excess it might result in both physical and mental disaster. All conditions at these meetings should be in perfect harmony and the keynote to it was peace. She then spoke of the gift of tongues, and said that this is one of the

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gifts which God has given us, but that great caution must be exercised in using it. If the heart was not pure and all conditions perfect evil might creep in, and we must be on guard against bad influences.

A BRIEF SUMMARY.

Mrs. M. H. Tinsley made a brief summary and said that we must not forget that these meetings are invaluable in strengthening us for trial, for burdens of life for positions of trust, and for our faith in the Gospel. She called upon Mrs. A. T. Hyde, counselor of the Relief society, who was present, who said that it was a pleasure to her to be present and look upon the lovely and pure faces of the many young women present. She thought what a mighty influence they were for good, and how far they might carry it into the world. Great blessings have been promised the daughters of Zion, and she hoped they might all be fulfilled.

THIS AFTERNOON.

The meeting closed with singing and prayer, to convene again this afternoon, when the following program was scheduled to be given:

- Singing, "Lord, Thou Wilt Hear Me When I Pray".....Congregation
- Singing, "A Poor Wayfaring Man".....Congregation
- General report and presentation of officers.....Congregation
- "Social Pleasures".....Congregation
- (a) "The Value of Social Pleasures".....Congregation
- (b) Use of Abuse.....Emily C. Adams
- (c) "Some Innocent Forms of Pleasure".....Congregation
- (d) "When Evil Lurks in Social Pleasure".....Leah D. Whitson
- Discussion.....Congregation
- Summary.....Ann M. Cannon
- Address by President John R. Winter Ladies' chorus, "How Long Will Thou Forget Me, O Lord".....Congregation
- Eva Musser James and M. I. A. Girls

GRAFTERS AT WORK.

See America League is Compelled to Issue Warning Against Them.

The newest thing as an American movement is the "See America League," while about the oldest thing of record is the great American principle of graft, and the two movements have come together in several points of America's broad areas. Fisher Harris has now been compelled to take up the battle against graft, practiced in the name of the league, and in a statement sent out today through the Associated Press, he makes his case clear.

THE STATEMENT, WHICH IS SELF-EXPLANATORY, FOLLOWS:

Statement to the Press:—Information has reached the office of the "See America League" in Salt Lake City that designing persons in certain localities have been endeavoring to trick themselves dishonestly by appealing to commercial organizations for contributions of money. In the name of this state at present just how extensively this graft has been working. We do know that it has been attempted in the name of the league, and this statement is therefore issued as a warning to all commercial clubs and boards of trade to refrain from giving attention to any communications concerning the work of "See America League" unless they emanate from the Salt Lake office, and are signed by either Fisher Harris, executive secretary, or James A. Metcalf, assistant secretary.

(Owing to the fact that the "See America League" has become so widespread as the limits of the continent, the opportunities for imposition and abuse of public confidence are many. We therefore reiterate this statement as possible, to the end that the public may be protected.)

The "See America League" has been investigated as a means of raising money for the relief of the poor, and has been brought to our attention, and in all cases where proof is obtained promptly will follow.

(Signed) FISHER HARRIS, Executive Secretary See America League.

WANTED IN IRON COUNTY.

Elijah Conger Arrested Today by Deputy Sheriff Emery.

Elijah Conger was arrested by Deputy Sheriff El Emery this morning upon a warrant charging him with immoral conduct. The arrest was made at the investigation of the officials of Iron county, and the sheriff of that county will come after Conger at once. According to the charges made in the complaint, Conger, who is a married man, induced a young girl to elope with him and the couple went to Mexico. The affair occurred about a year ago. Afterwards the girl returned to her home, but Conger was not seen until yesterday. It is rumored by Sheriff Emery that the fellow was in Salt Lake, so the deputy was detailed to find him, and succeeded in arresting him this morning and took him to the county jail, where he will stay until the Iron county officials come after him.

WEATHER REPORT

Record at the local office of the weather bureau for the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m. today:

Temperature at 4 a. m. 26; maximum, 28; minimum, 24, which is 2 degrees below normal.

Precipitation since the first of the month, .27 inch, which is .28 inch above the normal.

Excess in precipitation since Jan. 1, 2.34 inches.

Relative humidity, 45 per cent.

FORECAST TILL 6 P. M. SUNDAY.

Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity:

Fair tonight; showers and cooler, Sunday.

R. J. HYATT, Local Forecaster.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE.

4 a. m.	26
7 a. m.	27
10 a. m.	28
1 p. m.	28
4 p. m.	26
7 p. m.	24
10 p. m.	24
1 a. m.	24
4 a. m.	26

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

Highest temperature	28
Lowest temperature	24

ROBERTS SOUNDS STRONG, NEW NOTE

More Initiation and Aggression On Part of Mutual Officers.

SUBJECT OF AMUSEMENTS.

Interesting and Timely Topics Discussed as to Work Among and For Young People.

The second day's session of the conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement association convened in Barratt hall at 10 a. m. today. The meeting was highly interesting throughout. A keynote was sounded by Elder B. H. Roberts, who ably presided over the deliberations of the gathering. It was to the effect that more initiation and aggression were needed to be exercised on the part of leaders of Mutual Improvement work. Society presidents and strongly advised to strenuously maintain their rights and privileges.

In answer to a question as to what course should be pursued when appointments for Mutual Improvement meetings had to be set aside at the behest of ward authorities, Elder Roberts said that the Presidency of the Church had given the Mutual Improvement societies permission to use the Sunday evening when stake conferences are held for stake Mutual Improvement purposes, and the Sunday evening of each last day for the holding of conjoint meetings of the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. These privileges should be courteously but firmly demanded from the bishopric of the ward.

AS TO AMUSEMENTS.

A resolution was offered by Elder Benjamin Goddard, covering the question of reforms in amusements for the young people of the Church, the eradication of evils, etc., the same to be presented to the general Mutual Improvement board.

A substitute was offered by Elder Lyman R. Martineau, to the effect that a committee be appointed, to draft resolutions along the lines indicated, the committee to report at the afternoon session of the conference. The substitute carried, and on motion the chairman named the committee, as follows: Benjamin Goddard, Lyman R. Martineau and E. S. Hinckley.

SOME GOOD SINGING.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the splendid congregational singing. Male voices, especially trained in part singing, are usually not productive of satisfactory results, especially where hundreds of men are called upon to sing, without previous rehearsals. Today witnessed a strong exception, and the splendid results of the part played by vocal music in Mutual Improvement work.

Led by Prof. Evan Stephens, "Count Your Blessings" was rendered by the congregation. The opening prayer was offered by Dr. Hyde, of the Fremont stake, after which "Cath the Song of the Saints" was sung, and the roll of stakes followed. Nearly every stake was represented.

TOPICS DISCUSSED.

Designated topics were discussed from the body of the hall, it being necessary only in a few instances to ask persons to speak. The subjects were five in number, and twenty minutes were allotted to each, a period far inadequate, as there was no dearth of persons who desired to be heard upon each topic.

The first question considered was, "What is the spiritual status of our boys?" Responses were made by Elders Knight, of Taylor stake; Morris, of St. George; Oldham, of Cache; Herick, of Weber; a representative of Union stake, and Hickman, of Utah.

"THE BOYS."

The second topic was "How do the Boys Spend their Time?" This question