

He complained of the oneness that exists in our Legislature; said any other denomination similarly situated would have tried to do as we have, but was frank to acknowledge that no other sect could have produced the principle of unanimity that predominates here, (the only inference to be deduced from this assertion is that we have something in advance of "any other denomination.") "We believe that government should come from the people—you that it should come from God, and these two opposites can never assimilate—God will not interfere and consequently the weak must submit to the strong. We want you to forego your principle of unity and vote the freeman's ticket—throw off the iron oath to obey without question any mandate that may be issued by your priesthood. You cannot stay in this country if you do not divide in your principles; it is idle for you to talk of your rights so long as you persist in this principle of unity."

He then informed us that we had been laboring under a gross mistake in supposing we have any right to vote; any right to unite together, any right to pay tithing, but that this "tax" should be given to the support of the "Free School system." The above incongruities, and many others of a similar nature, were answered in detail by the speakers of the People's Party in the Ratification Meeting, held last evening at the school house. The speakers were: J. W. Noble, Wm. McFadyen, Pres. F. Spencer and Bishop Jensen, each of whom from his spirit and deportment elicited the fact that he was in earnest, and the people expressed themselves satisfied with their efforts. The meeting adopted the platform of the People's Party, and unanimously sustained the Territorial nominee for Delegate to Congress.

The particulars, in short of the accident that befell Horace A. Steele on the 2nd, inst. are as follows: Bro. Steele had been married but three weeks to a day, when the accident, which terminated his life, befell him. He was at the time on his way to fill a mission to Arizona to which he was called at the last April Conference, and while descending the Mary's Vale Hill the off fore wheel struck a large rock causing the wagon to lurch to the other side precipitating him to the ground directly in front of the wheel. While falling he spoke to the team which stopped just in time to leave the wheels standing on his back.

Instantly his heroic wife was at his side, and as quick the mail carrier, who had just driven up from behind, was at the head of the team, and requested Mrs. Steele to whip the team, which she did causing them to draw the wagon off her husband; while he stopped them before the hind wheel came up. The unfortunate man was able to help himself considerably in getting into the buckboard, his wife getting up and holding him in the seat while the driver drove gently down toward Mary's Vale about half a mile, when Brother Steele, unable to ride further, was taken out and placed upon some blankets by the roadside, where with his faithful wife he remained till word was taken to the house of Mr. Dargy, five miles, and a carriage returned which conveyed him thither. Medical skill was summoned, but all efforts were fruitless, and he expired at about 9 o'clock on Friday the 3d, about 24 hours after the accident. His body was returned to Salina, his former home, and the funeral ceremonies performed yesterday the 6th.

The wheel passed over the small of the back breaking no bones but causing internal injuries of the most serious character. His agony was necessarily the most intense; but he bore it without complaint.

Respectfully,  
JOS. W. NOBLE.

#### SOMETHING NEW IN KAMAS.

KAMAS, November 2d, 1882.

Editor Desert News:

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 1st, the first "Liberal" political meeting ever held in this place, was held under the chairmanship of Col. Ferry, from Park City. The speakers were Major J. F. Bradley and the Hon. T. C. Griffiths.

Many of the citizens of Kamas turned out to hear them expecting to learn something from them of the platform and principles of the "Liberal" party; but they were badly disappointed, for not one word was said about it, not even so much

as to state who the candidate was. The first speaker asserted several times in the preliminaries of his speech that he did not wish to interfere with our religious principles, but their object and business here was of a political nature; but from that on, his whole speech was full of a tirade of abuse of the "Mormon" people, the "Mormon" Church, the Church authorities, the Utah Legislature, the People's candidate, etc. He was so very desirous to separate Church and State that he said he wanted a government without any God in it. The other speakers followed in a similar strain until ten o'clock, so much so, that one of our wildest boys made the remark after the meeting that they had talked like apostates.

The speakers wished to have a platform established on which all could unite but to the best of my judgment for us to unite with them we would have to deny God, forsake our religion, exchange honorable plural marriage for the social evil, and submit to let Utah be governed by a very small minority. They talked to us about the United States as though we had just been "shot out of a bomb shell right from the old country." I don't think the People's Party have lost anything by their visit.

The weather here is good, roads good and dry for freighters. Crops have been excellent this season and prosperity has attended us generally.

Our Y. M. M. I. Association and other societies are doing well. Educational interests are looking up in Kamas, eight young men started to-day to attend school at the B. Y. Academy, and others expect to go either there or to the University, and our day school is well attended.

Respectfully yours,  
S. F. ATWOOD.

#### EASTERN ARIZONA STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Eastern Arizona Stake of Zion convened in the Snowflake Relief Society's Hall, Sept. 30, 1882 at 10 a. m. There were present on the stand the Presidency of the Stake, Jesse N. Smith, L. H. Hatch and Oscar Mann, all the Bishops and the principal Elders of the Stake. Also President Lot Smith, Bishops L. M. Savage and J. H. Richards of the Little Colorado Stake.

After the opening exercises, Prests Jesse N. Smith made a few remarks explaining why the June conference was adjourned, and extended a welcome to all, after which Bishops John Hunt, J. C. Owens, S. E. Johnson, D. K. Udall, J. H. Standiford, and Elder Wm. Ellsworth reported the Snowflake, Woodruff, Erastus, St. John's and Taylor wards and Forest Dale branch. The reports were quite favorable and showed a marked improvement among the Saints. The subject of giving recommends to unworthy members was dwelt upon by several of the speakers. Crops had been good, and the people generally felt to be alive to their duties.

After the opening exercises, Bishops P. J. Christofferson, E. A. Noble and J. K. Rogers made reports of the Round Valley, Bush Valley and Smithville Wards, which were quite favorable and encouraging; there was an increase of faith and numbers in most all the places reported.

Prest L. H. Hatch made some good and pointed remarks upon the subject of Bishops giving recommends, showing clearly how the unworthy were the first to clamor for these blessings, and when they were refused would say it was because the Bishops had a personal dislike to them. If every one enjoyed the spirit of their calling there would be no questions about recommends.

President Jesse N. Smith followed, speaking on the same subject, likened the unworthy who wish these blessings like unto the child that wishes edged tools, which if obtained often prove their own destruction; that it injured a man to be over estimated.

President Lot Smith spoke of the qualifications that the Saints must have who go back to Jackson County, encouraged the Saints to be faithful and full of integrity.

At 4.30 p. m. there was a meeting of the shareholders of the Arizona Co-operative Mercantile Institution, at which a statement of the business of that institution for the last year was read, which showed a dividend of 35 per cent. The same officers were re-elected.

Sunday, Oct. 1, 10 a. m.

After the usual opening exercises, Brother George C. Williams gave an interesting and instructive discourse on the first principles of the Gospel, showing how the Gospel had been taken from the earth and again restored, and what constituted the Kingdom of God, and how to become legal subjects of that kingdom.

2 p. m.

After the usual opening services the sacrament was administered. The congregation voted to continue the conference another day. The Statistical, Sunday School and Primary Reports were read.

President J. N. Smith made a few remarks upon the duties of Home Missionaries that they were expected to feed the flock, said such men had no liberty to be lightminded, and eat and drink with the drunken.

The general and local authorities were presented, and sustained by unanimous vote of the Conference.

Bishops J. H. Richards and L. M. Savage, of the Little Colorado Stake, made some very instructive remarks in relation to our growth as a people, being exemplary, observing our meetings, and the necessity of putting away our faults and weaknesses and be men of faith if we wish to enter into the kingdom of God.

There was a Priesthood meeting in the evening at which President Smith and others made some excellent remarks upon political and other subjects.

Third day, Monday, October 2, 10 a. m.

After the opening services Bro. John M. Moody gave some valuable instructions upon the Word of Wisdom and being charitable.

The report of the Y. L. M. I. A. was read.

Brother S. H. Rogers spoke of the lack of appreciation among the Saints of the great blessing we enjoy.

Prest L. H. Hatch spoke of the necessity of faith among the Saints, that without it we cannot please God or obtain a salvation.

2 p. m.

The report of the Relief Society was read.

Prest Jesse N. Smith gave an interesting and instructive discourse upon the subject of plural marriage, showing that the law applied to those who were worthy. During the discourse many fine points were made by the speaker, and much good counsel given. The speaker made many references to the scriptures and showed that the prejudice of the world against the principle was without foundation.

Conference was adjourned to convene at Taylor on the 30th and 31st of December next.

The services of Brother McBride and choir from Smithville were much appreciated.

The building was crowded, all not being able to get inside. All felt to say they had been fed by the word of God.

JOSEPH FISH, Clerk.

#### BEE CONVENTION.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
October 12, 1882.

Editor Desert News:

As announced in your paper, the 30th ult., the Territorial Beekeepers' Convention assembled Oct. 5th, at the Council House at 7 p. m.

President A. M. Musser called the meeting to order. Prayer by Bishop C. A. Madson, of Gunnison, Sanpete County.

Tooele County was represented by Secretary T. W. Lee, who said that in Tooele City they started with 65 hives of bees this spring. Their increase had been 93 swarms, making a total of 161 hives of bees at this time in good condition for wintering. The honey season had been fair this year. They had extracted 3,000 pounds of honey, and taken considerable comb honey. Swarming commenced on the 10th of May. Some of our beekeepers allowed natural swarming while others divided by artificial swarming. They had no foul brood in that city. In Grantsville there was no organization, but would like to have a branch association there. They were pleased with the profitable enterprise and would try and give a better report next meeting.

Vice-President Samuel McKay went into winter quarters with 76 hives of bees, all in good condition, and when the very late spring set in he had only 15 hives left and

some of them in a very weak condition. He had nursed and cared for them this summer and had got them back nearly to their former number, having his hives well stocked with combs and honey, facilitating very much his increase, but had not taken much honey this year. Some of his hives now had 90 lbs of honey in them. From the best information he could gain, about 90 per cent. of the bees had died in Salt Lake County. The sudden changes of last winter and the late spring, he thought, was the cause of so many losses. Mr. Murphy, of Mill Creek, had lost 109 swarms out of 107. Mr. Bailey also had lost nearly all of his bees at the same place. Mr. Woodruff lost his entire stock of over 20 hives, also Messrs. John and Edward Morgan, of Mill Creek, lost all of their colonies. Mr. W. A. O. Smoot, of Sugar House Ward, lost all of his 40 colonies. The loss to Mr. Murphy alone would be, counting his hives at \$12 each, \$1,200.

A question, by Secretary Lee, was asked: Could a September swarm of bees be successfully wintered, furnished with young brood and honey?

Mr. Edward Stevenson said that two years ago, late in September, he captured a stray swarm and gave them to one of his small boys. The night he hived them was so frosty that a few straggling bees around the hive perished. Some young brood and honey were given them, and now there were three good swarms and surplus honey this year.

Mr. George Luff, of the 20th Ward of this city, had 17 swarms last fall, 10 this spring; four died during the late spring; has nine now, and had taken 100 pounds of honey this season.

Bishop C. A. Madson, of Gunnison, Sanpete County, said there were twenty hives of bees in that place, all in good condition. The inspector of Manti had visited and pronounced their bees healthy. Did not know how much honey was taken.

Mr. Edward Stevenson of this county said his experience in the mortality of bees during the past winter and spring exceeded any previous year in this county, but could not agree with Mr. McKay, of 90 per cent. loss, but thought 50 per cent. would cover the loss by death. In East Mill Creek five swarms of his bees wintered on a plank close to the ground, the snow drifted against them and remained in that condition until late in the spring, and while other bees exposed to the warm rays of the sun would often fly out, but the cool air and snow on the ground caused them by thousands to chill and fall into the snow, thus depleting the colonies so that in late spring and cool frosty nights either caused them to dwindle away so that they were so weak that they could not gather honey from fruit bloom, or entirely perish, as hundreds of swarms did, but those five hives imprisoned could not waste away and consequently were strong and able to gather supplies from fruit bloom and other blossoms. This advantage increased the five to 15 this season. Some of them are two story hives, and now contain 100 pounds of honey each; two have yielded 300 or 400 pounds of honey this season from the five thus wintered.

Bishop Bills, of South Jordan, wintered quite a number of swarms of bees surrounded by chaff in long boxes, removing the tops of the hives, placing cloths over them, and then chaff, keeping them mouse proof. So that the warm rays of the sun could not affect them until it was sufficiently warm for them to fly and return home again. He lost none during the winter.

President Musser said that the Bee industry should be interesting and kept alive. It paid a better per cent than farming and other industries when intelligently managed. Honey has medicinal properties and is healthy as well as a luxury. Thought it would be well to have blanks to be filled as reports from branch associations. Said some considered the smoke from the numerous smelters in this city detrimental to the beekeepers.

E. Stevenson moved that a committee be appointed from this meeting to get up blanks to be sent to branch associations to be filled and returned, to facilitate general reports from the various counties of our Territory. The motion was carried. Edward Stevenson and Wm. Egan were sustained as that committee. The convention adjourned until next April 5th, Benediction by Mr. Thomas Lee.

E. STEVENSON,  
Secretary.

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