

Another fake is in the newspaper line and is somewhat of a new departure. Some pirates, said to have headquarters in Milwaukee, have lately been sending out notices, many of which have been received by St. Paul citizens, stating that in a copy of their publication of a certain date there is printed a flattering notice of themselves, and that for the small sum of 20 cents a copy the publication in question will be forwarded them by mail. Now nineteen out of every twenty people are tickled to death to see a flattering notice of themselves in a paper, and consequently about that proportion of the recipients of these letters have sent their 20 cents and received the paper in due course, with the notice printed in due form. Perhaps they have secretly wondered to themselves how their fame as business or professional men spread so far. They do not make allowances, in the simplicity of their heart, for the versatility of the schemers, the broad general tone of the notice, or the fact of a St. Paul directory reaching Milwaukee. Nor do they as a rule note that the flattering notices are printed upon a separate page of the publication which is cleverly pasted to the publication proper. Often they are so tickled as to remit an order to have the publication sent to them regularly, and so the schemers thrive.

Another scheme which has been extensively worked on St. Anthony Hill the past week, while not a new one, is deserving of attention. A well dressed young man, looking like a grocer's clerk, has been calling at houses and informing the servants that he has a package of baking powder for the mistress of the house. The servant knows nothing, and usually calls the lady of the house, who is informed that her husband has ordered the package of baking powder sent to the house, and that \$1 is due on the same. If the lady or servant is so foolish as to pay the charges, the grocery clerk marks the package "paid" and departs, leaving behind him a five pound can on which the only label is, "This baking powder contains alum." It is worthless for culinary purposes, but sometimes the experience is worth all it costs. When the package left is not baking powder, it is usually something else in the grocery line.

These are only a few of the plans by which some sharp-witted people live at the expense of the rest of the world, and such schemes may be regarded as the pioneers of a general movement which is calculated at some time in the future to let the ignorant and simple minded half of the world know how the clever and unscrupulous half lives. —*Pioneer Press.*

SAN LUIS STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the San Luis Stake was held Sunday and Monday, May 17th and 18th, in the new Stake house at Manassa, President Silas S. Smith presiding.

There were present Francis M. Lyman of the Apostles; John Morgan and B. H. Roberts of the Presidents of Seventies, and a fair representation of the local Priesthood. On Sunday the time was principally occupied by Apostle Lyman and President Mor-

gan, who laid before the Saints the temporalities of the Gospel, showing the necessity for reformation in the financial affairs of life, that we may become an independent and prosperous people, surrounding ourselves with the necessities and comforts of life, that we may be able to administer aid and succor to the unfortunate and those in distress.

The general and local authorities of the Church were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.

On Monday, reports were given by President Smith, of the Stake, by Bishop Dalton, of Manassa ward, and Counselor George W. Irvin, of the Sanford ward, all of which were of an encouraging nature, showing the Saints to be energetically engaged in the performance of the requirements of the Gospel.

Pres. B. H. Roberts gave an interesting discourse upon the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and the fulfillment of ancient prophecy, as expounded to the Prophet Joseph Smith, by the angel Moroni, in his second vision, and at the Hill Cumorah.

Counselor Jos. F. Thomas addressed the conference briefly upon the blessings we enjoy in listening to the servants of the Lord expound into us the principles of present and future salvation.

President Morgan related some of his experience in traveling among the peoples of the world, seeking to teach them the fulness of the gospel, as it has been revealed in our days; that Satan always made manifest his influence in opposition to the truth, as likewise he does among the Saints in their gathered condition, hindering them if possible from observing the commands of God.

Apostle Lyman dwelt at some length upon the sacredness of the Lord's supper, and of the necessity of Saints preparing themselves to partake of it worthily, for it is offensive in the sight of God for people professing to be Saints to refuse to fellowship one another, and witness that they remember the Lord, and the great salvation He has wrought out for the human family.

The conference was one long to be remembered, and the universal expression seemed to be that we had never had a more interesting conference, nor one where more practical and encouraging instructions were given. In every heart there seemed to be renewed faith and new determination to hold fast to the "rod of iron."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The regular meeting of the Sunday School Union was held Monday, June 8th, in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms; Stake Supt. Thos. C. Griggs presiding.

The Sunday schools of Union, Farmers, Big Cottonwood and Hunter wards were represented, and all the city wards were represented except the Fifth, Eighth, Ninth, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Twenty-second.

The opening singing exercises were capably rendered by the Third ward school choir.

Elder Jos. Hyrum Parry delivered a brief address on the "Art of Securing

and Retaining Attention." The speaker observed that it was a difficult matter to hold the attention of young children; but in order to present a lesson to a class, it was of the utmost importance that the attention of its members be secured, as no good could be accomplished without it. To get the attention of the pupils the teacher must be able to interest them. Children are readily attracted by a story or a parable that pleases or interests them. A teacher, in order to command the attention of his class, must be accurately and abundantly prepared on the lesson he desires to convey. Whatever he proposes to teach he must understand accurately and fully. It is not only necessary to be fully prepared by understanding the lesson, but the teacher should aim to present the lesson in the most pleasing and attractive manner.

A common mistake with Sabbath school teachers is that of going over the matter for consideration in a hurried manner, gauging the capacity of the class by the brightest scholars.

Another requisite to make a successful teacher is earnestness and enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is contagious, and the more of it infused into the lesson by the teacher the more success he would obtain in his class work. It is not only necessary to procure attention at the beginning, but the attention must also be retained throughout the whole lesson. To do this, the exercises must be varied; the scholars may perhaps need a change of posture. If they have been seated any great length of time, let them arise to their feet for a change. Reading in concert would be a good change, occasionally. Many mechanical devices of similar character might be suggested for the purpose of retaining attention. In case of inattention on the part of a class, wisdom should be used in correcting it. Rapping on the desk, or calling attention publicly to individual offenders would not be effective. Unruly scholars should be labored with privately. Silence is a very effective method of correcting inattention.

Elder Brigham W. Ashton followed with remarks "On the Cultivation of the Memory." Memory is the faculty of retaining impressions received through the senses. The more keenly one's senses are the better able is he to remember what comes under his observation; and incidents impressed upon more than one of the senses are better remembered than those coming only to the attention of but one. The association of events and incidents with other events is a very effective way of impressing them upon the memory. To impress children's minds with facts we desire them to remember it is very necessary that they be told those things in words that they can understand, and in a way that pleases them.

A male quartette was quite pleasingly rendered by members of the Third ward choir.

The subject of "Order" was spoken upon by Superintendent Arnold Glaque of the Sixth Ward Sabbath School. A teacher who desires to have order must be orderly himself—he must be an example to his class. His own department will be the most impressive lesson to them. Patience is very necessary on the part of the