

## STAKE CONFERENCE.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
April 5th, 1878.

The Quarterly Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion met pursuant to appointment, at 10 a.m., in the Large Tabernacle.

Present on the Stand:

Of the Presidency of the Stake—A. M. Cannon and J. E. Taylor.

Presiding Patriarch, John Smith.

Presidents of the Seventies—Joseph Young, Sen., and A. P. Rockwood.

The statistical report of the Priesthood of the Stake was read, showing as follows: Apostles, 7; Patriarchs, 6; Seventies, 1,134; High Priests, 496; Elders, 1,623; Priests, 149; Teachers, 172; Deacons, 653. Total number of officers, 4,240.

The Report of the tithing received from the various Wards of the Stake for the year ending December 31st, 1878, was read, the total amount being \$100,246.53.

A report of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations was presented. It showed the number in the Stake to be 34; the membership 2,147, and the average attendance at the meetings, held weekly, during the last half year, 1,421. The exercises have principally consisted of answering questions upon religious, social, scientific, historical and other subjects; short addresses, readings, essays, music, lectures, &c.

On the 15th of March, 1878, the following were appointed officers to form a central organization for the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations of this Stake of Zion: John Nicholson, Superintendent, with Milando Pratt and C. W. Hardy his first and second counselors; Heber J. Grant, Secretary, and George C. Lambert, Treasurer.

A report of Sunday schools showed as follows:

Number of male teachers, 326; number of female teachers, 304; total number of teachers, 630; average attendance of teachers, 514; number of male pupils, 2,576; number of female pupils, 2,742; total number of pupils, 5,318; average attendance of pupils, 3,921; number of Bible classes, 71; number of Testament classes, 103; number of Book of Mormon classes, 68; number of Doctrine and Covenant classes, 21; number of theological classes, 15; number of Juvenile Instructor classes, 25; number of catechism classes 25; miscellaneous, 206; total number of classes, 510; number of books in library, 3,703, amount of funds on hand at the end of last year, \$380.34; amount of funds collected \$2,088.27; amount of funds disbursed, \$2,082.54; amount of funds in treasury, \$382.85.

A communication was received from Geo. Goddard, Supt. of Sunday schools, and William Wiles and Samuel L. Evans, his assistants, showing that the Sunday schools are in a flourishing condition, the interest being greatly enhanced by the concerts held by the Supt. and his assistants in combining two or more schools in one meeting house and exercising them in singing, answering questions, and reciting the principles of the gospel in unison.

PRESIDENT CANNON made a few pointed remarks upon the principle of tithing. He attributed much of our sickness and the failure of our crops to neglect of compliance with that law. He exhorted all the Saints to a more faithful observance of it, that the Lord might bless them in their temporal matters and also bestow upon them a greater degree of His spirit and power when administering in the ordinances of His gospel.

Conference adjourned to 2 p.m.

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After the usual opening exercises, Pres. JOS. E. TAYLOR stated that as the Saints would have an opportunity of voting for the General Authorities of the Church at the General Annual Conference, their names would now be omitted. He then presented the authorities of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, who were unanimously sustained, as follows:

Angus M. Cannon as President of the Stake, with David O. Calder and Joseph E. Taylor as his counselors.

As Members of the High Council:

Wm. Eddington, Thomas E.

Jeremy, John H. Rumel, Miner G. Atwood, Dimick B. Huntington, Theodore McKean, Hosea Stout, Milando Pratt, John R. Winder, Sen., George J. Taylor, Henry Dinwoodey, Millen Atwood, Joseph Horne, Anders W. Winberg, John T. Caine, Jesse W. Fox, Sen., Elias Morris, James P. Freeze, Joseph Woodmansee.

Elias Smith as President of the High Priests' Quorum; Edward Snelgrove and Elias Morris, as his counselors.

As Home Missionaries:

Millen Atwood, Miner G. Atwood, Geo. G. Bywater, John Clark, John T. Caine, James W. Cummings, Benjamin F. Cummings, Sr., Rudgar Clawson, Wm. Eddington, James P. Freeze, Henry C. Fowler, Nathaniel H. Felt, Joseph Horne, Thomas Harris, Thomas E. Jeremy, Richard G. Lambert, A. M. Musser, Elias Morris, David McKenzie, Wm. A. McMaster, Hamilton G. Park, Robt. Patrick, Charles W. Penrose, Milando Pratt, Lorus Pratt, George Reynolds, John H. Rumel, Wm. J. Smith, Samuel H. B. Smith, John C. Sanberg, Edward Schoenfeld, Thomas Edward Taylor, Wm. W. Taylor, John R. Winder, Sr., Charles H. Wilcken, Junius F. Wells, Rulon S. Wells, Geo. B. Wallace, Orson F. Whitney.

The Presidents and Counselors of the fifteen Elders' Quorums; the Bishops and Counselors of the thirty-five Wards; the Presidents of the two Quorums of Priests, the three Quorums of Teachers and the forty-three Quorums of Deacons. Wm. W. Taylor as Clerk of the Stake and the High Council.

The Presidents and Counselors of the Scandinavian meetings; the officers of the Y. M. M. I. associations; the Relief Societies; the Supt. of Sunday Schools, with his assistants; and the building committee of the Tabernacle of this Stake were presented and unanimously sustained.

A report of the building committee of the Tabernacle was read by their Secretary, Brother George Goddard. The total amount received from all sources being \$14,996.41. They have paid out for material and labor \$16,504, leaving the committee in debt \$1,507.59.

Pres. ANGUS M. CANNON urged upon the Saints the desirability of completing the Tabernacle of this Stake before the coming winter sets in, and asked the Bishops and all associated in the government of the several Wards of this Stake to do their utmost to sustain the hands of the building committee. He referred to the efforts being made to emigrate the suffering Saints of Wales, and hoped all would feel interested in assisting in that work. Also in gathering the poor Saints of other countries. Where persons are called on missions they should cheerfully respond, and the families of those called should feel willing to have their husbands, fathers or brothers go and remain till released by the authorities that sent them.

Elder CHARLES C. RICH addressed the conference upon the necessity for union among the Saints. By it we can accomplish all that is required of us. We should strive to please the Lord and do his will independent of our own. If we do the will of the Lord, he will provide for and protect us.

President CANNON read the amounts of donations received from the various Wards of the Stake for the Tabernacle, the total being \$5,688.51.

Conference adjourned *sine die*.

Benediction by Elder ORSON PRATT.

W. W. TAYLOR, clerk.

## A NEW THING UNDER THE SUN.

YESTERDAY we witnessed a trial of a new machine which is destined, we think, to make a revolution in an essential department of agriculture. The trial took place on Bishop C. Layton's farm northwest of Kaysville. The machine is called the Screw Harrow. It is a plow, harrow and seed-sower in one, and by fitting on wooden jackets, designed for the purpose, it can be quickly converted into a field roller. The Screw Harrow is divided into sections, each of which has six semi-circular cast steel knives, two and a half inches wide by five-

sixteenths thick, beveled and ground to a sharp, cutting edge. They are fitted so as to make each section cylindrical in form and spiral in action. They work in pairs; one with right hand screw motion, against another with left hand. Thus they screw themselves into the ground as they roll, turning over, cutting and pulverizing the soil. The sections run on hubs fitted on to a square iron axle, made in two parts, joined to a centre slide that moves back or forth on the centre beam at the rear of the tongue, and by which the depth of the plowing is regulated. Each knife cuts and turns a furrow six inches wide and from one to eight inches deep, as regulated according to the angle at which the sections are set by a lever. When straight the machine merely rolls over the ground, so that the driver can ride to and from his work.

In front of the machine, between the team and the harrow, is a seed box, which can be used or not as required, fitted with a shaking lever and pinion operated by a cam. It is divided into compartments and sows the seed broadcast with perfect distribution. The driver, on a seat behind the whole machine, can, without any labor except driving and regulating, sit comfortably and plow, sow and harrow his land at the rate of from ten to twenty acres per day.

The machine we saw in operation has four sections, and was drawn by a span of mules and a span of horses abreast. This is the largest size; the smaller has only two sections. The animals walked right ahead without appearing to pull heavily, and the ground, which had not been plowed for two years, was literally cut all to pieces. We measured the depth and found it to be six inches. The angle of the sections was changed, and the machine cut down to a depth of eight inches, leaving room on the centre beam for a further change if desired, which would make it cut still deeper. The land thus cut up at each plowing was eight feet wide. Fifteen acres a day can thus be put in without extraordinary effort. Ten acres can be plowed, seeded and harrowed in a day, going over it twice, if considered necessary.

The knives scour perfectly, will wear a long time and can be replaced when worn out. They cut a sod or corn stubble into fragments. By parting the large machine two corn cultivators are formed, which, with two span of animals and two drivers, Bishop Layton says he can cultivate 32 acres of corn per day, making his calculations on one of his big fields, in which the furrows are a mile long.

The wooden jackets are portable and can be piled and laid away when not in use. They are made of oak staves fastened by bolts to iron straps, and form a cover to the cylinders, being fastened to each section by two bolts. They thus act as a heavy farm roller. There is not a cog in the whole machine.

Bishop Layton is enthusiastic over the operation of the machine. He has tested it in different kinds of land and found it equally successful in all. He is anxious for farmers or co-operative companies having large tracts of land to see it, so last evening shipped it to this city, in order that it may be publicly inspected. It will be found for a few days at the wagon yard of Mr. George A. Lowe, on First East street, between First and Second South streets, who is agent for the machine, and where further information can be obtained.

We give this description because we consider the machine will be of great benefit to the cultivators of the soil, saving a vast amount of toil and time, and enabling farmers who co-operate or owners of extensive fields to put in their crops very rapidly when the season is suitable. It is not adapted for wet ground nor as a breaking plough. But in tilled soil or to follow a sulky it is ahead of anything we have seen or heard of, as it effectually pulverizes the land, perfectly covers the evenly scattered seed, is much easier on the driver than a gang plow, makes a first class roller, and cannot be excelled as a cultivator. If some of those ancient Egyptian farmers who used to scratch the ground with a crooked stick for a plow and a ram's horn for a point, could have seen with us yesterday the aston-

ishing work accomplished by the Chicago Screw Harrow, they would certainly have ascribed the invention to the wisdom of the Gods.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY APR. 8.

**Mortality**—The mortality among children appears to be quite heavy just now. Sleeping rooms should be well ventilated, and great care should be taken to prevent the little ones taking cold.

**Pirates on the War Path**—By Deseret Telegraph to-day, we learn that on Saturday, four Piute Indians attacked two Moquis Indians, about eight miles from St. George, killed one and wounded the other, who escaped to Winsor Castle. The Piutes robbed them of two donkeys and a large pack of blankets. The Piutes were all arrested and are held in custody here.

**False Alarm**—The fire alarm bell was rung on Saturday night, causing considerable of a rush upon the streets among people generally, as well as firemen. It appears it was but a ruse to get the members of the brigade together at a meeting. We question the wisdom and propriety of such a proceeding. The cry of "wolf" when it is known there is none should never be sounded.

**Fire at Provo**—The following special to the NEWS was received to-day by Deseret Telegraph:

Provo, April 8, 1878.

**Editors Deseret News:**

At 4 o'clock this morning the Gardeners' Exchange Buildings were discovered to be on fire, and had been burning some time. The main brick building was totally destroyed, and the adjacent ones only saved by the greatest exertions. The entire stock of W. G. Mills was totally destroyed. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

**Grand Jury**—On Saturday afternoon the grand jury of the Third District appeared in court and presented 29 indictments under the laws of the Territory and 10 under the laws of the United States. They also presented the result of their investigations of public records, jails, etc., in the form of a voluminous report, covering over 100 pages of legal cap. The Court thanked the jury and discharged them.

**Information Wanted**—Information is wanted of the whereabouts of Sophia Klon, who emigrated to Utah, from Gautofsted, near Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1861-2. She is aged about 56 years. Her husband's name was Peter Peterson, who died in Copenhagen.

Address, Juckso Klon, care of Mrs. Magdalena Gus, 192 Antoine Street, Detroit, Michigan.

**The New Colony**—A private letter from Elder J. Z. Stewart states that he was at Pueblo, Col., two weeks ago yesterday. He and a few others intended starting out on an exploring expedition, to find a location for the new colony the following day.

Elder Stewart spoke very highly of the company, which is composed, he states, mostly of people who appear to have integrity for the work of the Lord.

**Emigration Agent**—This morning Elder William C. Staines, Church emigration agent, left for New York, to attend to the business of the present season. Those desirous of communicating with him by letter should make a note of his address: P. O. Box 3957, New York City.

Those wishing to call upon him personally will find him at No. 8 Battery Place.

**Petit Jurors**—On Saturday the following were drawn to serve as petit jurors to serve during the April term of the Third District Court:

149 Newton Dunyon, Tooele City.  
153 Charles Bailey, Stockton.  
115 Henry Hirschman, Park City.  
21 S. Maltese, Salt Lake City.  
151 John Paxton, Stockton.  
90 Thomas E. Taylor, Salt Lake.  
179 William Carroll, Ogden.  
46 George Stringfellow, Salt Lake.  
18 Thomas Alsay, Sandy.  
69 A. J. Riley, junr, Salt Lake.  
189 R. A. Wells, Ogden.  
67 James Anderson, Salt Lake.  
78 Joseph Covey, "  
161 Robert Davis, Rush Lake.  
110 John S. Lewis, Salt Lake.  
147 Joseph Selig, Jacob City.

126 John Sharp, junr., Salt Lake.  
52 Peter G. Burt, "  
180 Nathaniel Montgomery, North Ogden.  
112 Charles Smith, Salt Lake.  
143 J. T. Spangler, Jacob City.  
77 Moroni Edwards, Salt Lake.  
84 John Beers, "  
97 John Deardon, Alta.  
99 James Abrams, Bingham.  
193 James Harrocks, sen., Ogden.  
75 William Waddell, Salt Lake.  
117 George Robinson, Wanship.  
87 Ezra M. Cummings, Sandy.  
15 Joseph Davis, Salt Lake.  
107 Geo. Doane, Bingham.  
79 Henry Pascoe, Salt Lake.  
198 Thomas Wheatley, Call's Fort.  
194 John Peters, Three Mile Creek.  
29 Mark McKimmons, Salt Lake.  
92 Joseph Woodmansee.

**Birthday Anniversary**—Yesterday being the anniversary of the birthday of President Joseph Young, in the evening his children and grandchildren who reside in Salt Lake City made him a surprise visit, at his residence, in the 18th Ward. Congratulations and greetings were exchanged, presents and other tokens of respect for the venerable and worthy gentleman were tendered to him. Hymns and songs were sung, in which he himself took an active part, and, after expressing his joy and satisfaction at the pleasant surprise, he closed the interesting proceedings with a benediction upon the members of his family. The meeting was one of unalloyed pleasure to all who participated, and we join with the general public, by whom Bro. Joseph is held in the highest esteem, in wishing him many happy returns of his natal day. He is eighty-one years of age. A long life spent in the service of his God and his fellow-men.

**Sickness**—On account of sickness, which has caused him to be confined to his house for several days, Elder Albert Carrington, of the Quorum of the Twelve, has been unable to attend Conference.

## COMPARE.

A careful comparison of Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts with others in the market, will convince any person that for strength and delicacy of flavor, Dr. Price's is far superior. While the other flavorings have a turpentine taste and odor, Dr. Price's is as natural as the fruits from which they are made. 2 dsw

## Expressed their Delight.

Thousands of ladies of refinement have expressed their delight at finding such delicate, fresh, flowery fragrance in Dr. Price's Perfumes, Pet Rose, Alistia Bouquet, evening Violet, and his other odors. Ladies and gentlemen of taste appreciate the sweetness of Dr. Price's Perfumes.

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession:  
One brown stud COLT, two years old, white spot in forehead, white strip on nose, hind feet white, no brands visible.  
If said animal is not claimed before April 18th, 1878, it will be sold to the highest bidder, at 2 o'clock p.m., at the Estray Pound in Grantsville City.  
ABROE L. HALL,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Grantsville, Tooele County, April 4, 1878.  
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## ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession:  
One dark bay 4 year o'd STALLION, white spot on the end of nose, right ear split, branded on right thigh, illegible.  
If not claimed and taken away, will be sold to the highest bidder at 10 o'clock a.m. April 12, 1878.  
JONATHAN LEMASTER,  
District Poundkeeper.  
Scipio, Millard Co., Utah, April 1, 1878.

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession:  
One white two-year old STEER, branded S with a circle round it on left hip, slit in each ear.  
One red three-year old HEIFER, white spot on right flank, bush of tail white, branded S on left hip.  
One dark brown MARE and suckling colt, brand on left thigh illegible.  
One light bay MARE and colt, star in forehead, Spanish brand on left thigh.  
One roan two-year old STALLION, branded on left shoulder.  
One dark grey MARE, four years old, points of ears off, illegible brand on right thigh.  
The above animals, if not claimed before the 10th inst., will be sold at the Estray Pound in Tooele City, on Wednesday, April 10th, 1878, at 2 p.m.  
LORENZO KELSEY,  
Estray Pound Keeper.