



BLACKFOOT STAKE.

New Presidency Chosen.

The fifteenth quarterly conference of the Blackfoot stake convened at Blackfoot, Idaho, July 13 and 14 and was one of the largest gatherings ever held in the stake.

The following visitors from Salt Lake were in attendance: Pres. Francis M. Lyman, Ruger Clayton and Geo. F. Richards, of the quorum of Apostles, and Chas. H. Hart, one of the First Seven Presidents of Stake.

Reports from the Stake presidency, bishops and presiding officers of the various organizations indicated that the various conditions of the stake were good. The instructions from the visiting brethren which pertained principally to the spiritual development of the people were very appropriate and well received.

The principal item of business transacted was the selection of a new stake presidency. President Kimball and his counselors having tendered their resignations some three months ago. Presidents Kimball, Thomas and Walker were honorably released, with a vote of thanks, and Elder James Duckworth, of Salt Lake City, was nominated and unanimously sustained as the new president of the Blackfoot stake. He chose for his counselors Elders John H. Duckworth, of Shale, Idaho, and Heber C. Rich, of Rich, Idaho, who were also unanimously sustained.

While Elder Duckworth has not been a permanent resident of the stake, yet he has spent most of his time in this valley during the past year. He is interested with the Johnson brothers in a large ranch near Blackfoot and is a member of the Johnson-Severson Sheep company, who range their sheep in the northern part of this valley, consequently he is not a stranger to any means in this section of country. Elder John F. Shelley is one of the earliest settlers of this valley and resides at Shelley, which is in the north end of the stake. He is president and general manager of the Shelley Mercantile company, which operates a general mercantile business at Shelley, Basalt and Blackfoot and is recognized as one of the most successful business men in the Snake River valley. Elder Heber C. Rich owns and operates a large ranch at Rich, in the south end of the stake, where he has resided for the past 14 years. He has been a member of the high council since the Blackfoot stake was organized and has been a faithful and energetic worker. JOSEPH T. CAIRNTH, clerk.

BEAVER STAKE.

The one hundred and twenty-first quarterly conference of Beaver stake was held on Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14, 1907. President Chas. D. White, presiding. There were present all of the presidency of the stake, the majority of the high council, four patriarchs and the bishops of a number of the wards.

The reports of the stake presidency, the bishops of wards and the presiding officers of the various quorums and auxiliary organizations of the stake, showed the general good conditions which prevailed in the stake and wards. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered on Sunday by the stake presidency, patriarchs William Fotheringham, John R. Murdock and other local elders, and on Sunday Elders Hyrum M. Smith and Orson F. Whitney delivered instructive gospel addresses. Talks were also given by Primary association work by Sisters Zina Y. Card and Florence Snow Critchlow of the general board.

On Saturday evening the usual Sunday school union meeting was held, and a profitable time was had.

The Mutual Improvement association held their conference on Sunday evening, when a good program was rendered, and all the visitors addressed the young people.

A gratifying and successful gathering of the Primary association workers was had on Monday at 10 a. m. and after exercises by the children, Sister Zina Y. Card made a soul inspiring address to the officers. WILLIAM G. BICKLEY, clerk.

CONFERENCE AT PORTLAND.

Portland, Or., July 11.—The Portland quarterly conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in the Alaska building, Sunday, July 7.

The opening session commenced at 11:20 a. m. with President Nephi Pratt presiding. Elders Bromley, Gardiner, Sant, Ence, Curtis, Reynolds, Williams, Gates and Clayton of the traveling elders and a goodly representation of saints and investigators were present.

President Pratt made a brief address of welcome and presented the names of the general and local Church authorities, who were unanimously sustained.

Bishop E. P. Hanson gave an interesting report of the conditions in Des and Point Green. These places are two lumber camps which have recently been built up. He said that the time was not ripe for the establishment of Sunday schools which will be done in the near future.

Elder C. A. Gardiner, of Butte, Mont., spoke upon "Divine Authority."

branch were discussed and instructions given. In all these meetings the Spirit of the Lord was felt in great abundance.

On Monday evening Pres. Bramwell was the guest of Pres. Pratt and the saints in a launch ride on the Williams river. About 50 of the saints enjoyed the trip in seeing the sights, singing the "songs of Zion," etc.

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The following elders have recently returned, according to a letter, to the Church Historian's office, upon returning from various mission fields:

July 2.—Heber Arthur and Joseph P. Fernelius, both of South Weber, Davis county, returned from the Scandinavian mission set apart April 18, 1906.

July 11.—John Earl Garner of Rexburg, Fremont county, Idaho, from the California mission; set apart June 24, 1906.

John Wesley Reynolds of Panamint, Garfield county, from the Northwestern States mission; set apart July 11, 1905.

July 12.—Nathan A. Hawkes of West Weber, Weber county, from the New Zealand mission; set apart Nov. 23, 1904.

July 15.—Olaus Jensen of Lawlerton, Cache county, from the Scandinavian mission; set apart April 18, 1906.

July 15.—Walter J. Robinson of Raymond, Alberta, Canada, from the Northern Pacific mission; set apart Oct. 18, 1904.

Adon E. Smith of North Ogden, Weber county, from the Eastern States mission; set apart Nov. 14, 1905.

July 16.—Nile Olson of Millville, Cache county, from the Northern States mission; set apart May 19, 1906.

GENEALOGY.

Early Quaker Settlers in England—Romantic Story of William Shreve—Keziah Shreve Marries Moses Ivins—Progenitors of Mrs. Rachel Ivins Grant, Israel Ivins and Annie Ivins—Notable and exclusive Family—Temple Lists.

It would surprise some young people, who fancy that Mormons are the only despised and persecuted religious believers, to know what other sects have endured, in order to establish their own forms of religious worship. And if such thoughtless young persons were to read of the terrible experiences of one of the meekest and mildest of all sects, the Quakers, they would be amazed. Most Quakers were a part of that passionate religious uprising in Great Britain which demanded the right to think religious, social, and political thoughts without the interpretation of the bigoted clergy. They were persecuted, vilified, abused, and murdered. But they

son, who was likewise a wealthy Dutch settler in the new world. Deldrich had large estates in Amsterdam, and after his death, his son's three sons still could have returned to their mother-country and secured their treasures. But again follows intrigue and romance. There is a story of the son Benjamin dying just as he was ready to sail for Holland; his widow, Rebecca, married again, and it was her sons who quarreled over her estates; the second husband's children seized the American home, the one that now remains in the Shreve family; but the other son moved his effects out into the capacious barn, among them being the family desk with the precious papers, deeds, and marriage certificates. What should happen? A most unexpected fire, and desk and papers went up in smoke. But away down in 1834, a large family gathering of the descendants of Benjamin Shreve gathered to discuss ways and means of obtaining the no. 5 famous estate over in placid Amsterdam. An organization was effected, and lawyers employed to secure this mighty treasure, but nothing came of it all. And still, it lies in Holland, and still the Shreve heirs talk 'nights about it. But none of them particularly need it; for above all things, they have inherited the thrifty Dutch habits of money-getting. The family are very conservative, and especially in their refined and dignified in manner and deportment. They took a most loyal part in the stirring affairs of the colonies, and each acted his individual part with valor and distinction. The three brothers, descendants of Caleb, have scattered their seed from ocean to ocean. And among them all there is no record of an unworthy descendant.

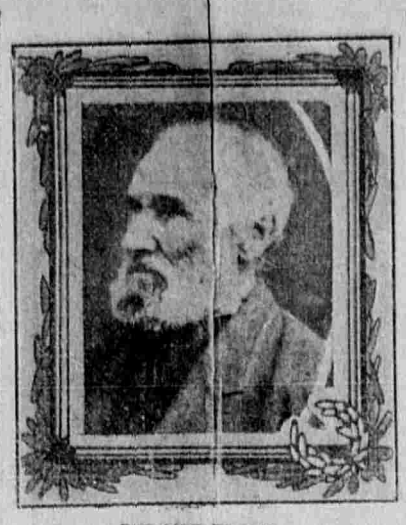


RACHAEL RIDGEWAY GRANT.

still maintained their right to interpret the Scriptures for themselves, to be liberal in their political views, and to "speak in meeting" or to "keep silent," as the "spirit" might move. And thus, they found themselves in the early part of the middle of the seventeenth century. Their leader, George Fox, decided once for all to try the rigors and dangers of a new and savage country, rather than the cruel mercy of an excited mobocratic populace in England. To the shores of this new world they calmly floated, and as calmly landed, taking possession of the country lying along the Delaware river, and finally settling up the green and pleasant pastures of Pennsylvania with their sturdy personalities and filling the whole sentiment atmosphere with that calm acceptance of good and evil in life's battle, which has so engrained itself on the annals of the gentle Penn's country, that modern descendant of these Quakers, although the butt of the New Yorker's wide guffaws and bad jokes, still goes peacefully on his Philadelphian way, knowing that his advantage is supreme.

With their first incursion to America, there came a Thomas Shreve, or Sheriff. He was a mindful man, was Thomas; he might be willing to forego fighting, as his religion demanded, but he took what he wished in quite as masterful way as did any young Lockvian just out of the west. For Thomas had a fire in his bonny England, and an abhorrence of most pious life and thrifty habits; also was she of very high and noble Dutch birth. She was conducting what might be called, a modern parlance, a select school for young ladies in England; that is, her convent sheltered such nobly born maidens as she could accommodate, while she initiated them into the sedate mysteries of French, delicate tambor-work, and perhaps a trifle of zither-playing. One of these delicate descendants of nobility, was her own niece, the romantic daughter of the Dutch lord, Oara. And the maiden's given name was likewise Oara; so she was Oara Oara. What could one expect? Shady walks, singing birds in the hedges, herbs to gather, and embroidery to match, these do not offer much for the fertile soil of youthful imagination. But when Sir William Shreve, with his strain of Greek or even Mohammedan blood tinged his olive cheek with crimson, his chivalry and his devotion when he comes a visiting at the convent, would you now expect any flaxen-haired Dutch maiden to be

After this, you will not be surprised to know that this family is well represented in our Utah pioneers. In deed, the collateral branches of this family have certainly written their names large in the history of this people, from Canada to Mexico. To begin with, the family's most distinguished pioneer, Mrs. Rachel Ridgeway Ivins Grant is the mother of Heber J. Grant and also of Caleb Grant. She was a Quaker, with the calm dignity, the unflinching patience, and the refined intelligence which, in the opinion of Heber J. Grant, was the best type of the Shreve Quaker family. It is said of Caleb Ivins, her progenitor, that he was loved by all who knew him, many having christened him the "good Samaritan." He was possessed of farms and homes, and owned store, grist mill and a dis-



ISRAEL IVINS.

tillery. Rachel's sister, Anna Lovrie Ivins, who married her second cousin, Israel Ivins, was of as strong personality and as lovely temperament as is her illustrious sister, Rachel Grant. Anna Ivins was a pioneer of that most difficult mission "Dixie," and her name is a household word in every Dixie home. Her son Anthony W. Ivins, is too well known as the tireless president of another hard mission, the Mexican, to need any introduction to Latter-day Saints. Their daughter, "Caddie," well known in former days, has left some representative children behind her. And who does not know the shining record made by the one only son of Rachel Ivins Grant—Heber J. Grant? When one studies the genealogy of such a man, one is not surprised to find an ancestor who could join a despised sect, for his religious convictions, and then could silence the fears of the golden-haired girl of his heart, while he sailed away with her to freedom and to secure home and liberty. Such is in brief, the all-to-short story of this family, and such are the interesting stories gathered in the folds of this Shreve book. In its proper place, appears the history of Mrs. Grant, her husband's sketch, as well as a brief one of her son Heber J. Grant. There is an excellent picture of Mrs. Grant as well as one of Apostle Grant. The writer, in his preface, mentions gratefully the encouragement given him by the information and means furnished by Heber J. Grant. And all in all, the book is one that would make any Utahn proud that the pioneers of this state had secured such a lineage as is represented in this family.

TEMPLE WORK ALREADY DONE.

Following are names of families already officiated for, in part, at least,

In the temple. These lists should be carefully preserved:

LOGAN TEMPLE.

Jolly family from England by John Jolly, of Franklin, Idaho.
Jacobs family from England by John Jacobs, Logan, Utah.
Joyce family from England by Thomas Joyce, place not given.
Jenkins family of Wales by D. Jenkins, of Logan, Utah.
James family from England by Alfred James, of Logan, Utah.
Jones family from England by Charles Jones, of Smithfield, Utah.
John family from England by John family, of Portage, Utah.
Jensen family from England by S. W. Jensen, of Salt Lake City, Utah.
Jackson family from United States by Samuel Lamb, of Hyde Park, Utah.
Jardine family from Scotland by Jardine family, of Charleston, Utah.
Jameson family place not given by J. A. Jameson, of Logan, Utah.
Jackman family place not given by P. Jackman, of Logan, Utah.
Knowles family from England by J. E. Knowles, of Logan, Utah.
King family from England by John King, of Millville, Utah.
Kent family from England by Adam Kent, of Logan, Utah.
Kingsford family from England by Edward Kingsford, of Coalville, Utah.
Kessler family from United States by Frederick Kessler, of Salt Lake City, Utah.
Kunz family of Switzerland by John Kunz, of Bern, Switzerland.
Kilbourne family from United States by Orlan Kilbourne, of Potererville, Utah.
Kirby family from England by Amos Kirby, of Hyde Park, Utah.
Kilgore family from United States by W. C. Kilgore, of Logan, Utah.
Kimball family from United States by Kimball family, of Salt Lake City, Utah.
Knowlton family from United States by Mary Hooper Jennings, of Salt Lake City, Utah.
Kasson family from United States by Andrew Allen, of Cove, Utah.
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blind! She was counting her beads for recreation and drying herbs for diversion; and would you now, I ask simply as a matter of veracity—would you expect anything less than what happened? Waits with two along the hedges; youthful ears listening to the bird's song thrilling along the fringe of the night. And, of course, two heads are bent over one rosary, while the absurdly vigorous Quaker-lover explains the cruelty and mysticism of a creed which was once pellucid truth in the Savior's day, but which the apostasy of nations had transformed into an enlaving nightmare of despotism. And then, what next? As one would expect: there follows an enraged father, a suffering mother; and lo, the ship of the wealthy Dutch father sails over to the English shore to bring the truant maiden home and to her senses; and lo, the ship is said to be seized by the determined Mr. Quaker-like lover, and maiden and lover are secretly married, and then both sail away and away, to the home of the free and the land of the brave. That sounds like the rank romance. But it's all solid, well-substantiated truth. And you may read it for yourself in the thick book recently published by the Shreve family, and sold privately. The editor is Mr. C. P. Allen, and right interestingly has he compiled his vivid material. And there are other most romantic legends well verified, of this Quaker love affair. There was a great fortune left to Oara Oara by her finally reconciled father; besides which she came loaded with jewels; her son Caleb could have secured the Amsterdam property, but for unfortunate circumstances. Caleb married the daughter of Deldrich A-

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