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People Who Have Resided in Utah Invariably Friendly to the Missionaries.

Elders T. C. Hoyt and L. G. Kirkman, in a letter dated San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 4, write:

The Elders and a few Saints and friends of the Austin, Texas, conference met in conference in San Antonio, November 27 and 28, a report of which we herewith enclose as given by the Daily Express of this city, to which publication, and the Daily Light, also of this city, we are indebted for many favors both in announcing our services and publishing reports of our work and teaching. Both have published our "Articles of Faith," and given us favorable introduction to the public during the past summer.

In Mr. J. H. Roberts, city editor of the Express, and formerly a resident of Salt Lake City, and connected with the Tribune staff, we found a friend to whom we are indebted for many courtesies extended by the press. We have met other ex-residents of Utah in this city and invariably we have found them very friendly disposed to us and our people generally.

The report as published by the San Antonio Daily Express is as follows:

"The Mormon conference, which began Wednesday, closed Thursday afternoon. The sessions were held at Knights of Pythias hall.

"President J. G. Duffin, of the Southern States mission, who came from

Kansas City to attend the conference, left Thursday night for Italy, Texas, where he will attend a conference to-day.

"This conference here practically ends the labors in San Antonio of the Elders who have been here since last May. They have almost finished their house-to-house canvass of the city and they will wind up their affairs and leave in a few weeks. While they have won no converts here, they say they have succeeded in breaking down much of the prejudice against their sect which existed before they came, and have interested a number of persons in their religion.

"The first session of the conference Thursday opened at 10 o'clock in the morning. President Duffin presided. Elder W. G. Walker opened the exercises with prayer, after which President Duffin addressed the Elders. He discussed the Articles of Faith of the Latter-day Saints and dwelt with particular emphasis upon the belief that through vicarious baptism the dead may enjoy the benefits of religion.

"The afternoon session began at 3 o'clock. At this session Elders Kirkman, Walker, Fillmore and Knowlton of the San Antonio mission, and Elders Brinkerhoff, Hoyt and Miller, who have been laboring in other parts of Texas, reported the progress made in their fields. They all expressed themselves as much pleased with the work.

"President Duffin occupied the remainder of the time with instructions to the Elders. He did not neglect to advise them as to the preservation of their health.

"The exercises closed with prayer by Elder Walker."

CONFERENCE IN KENTUCKY.

Report of a Semi-Annual Gathering in that Field.

Elder J. R. Canova reports as follows from Louisville, Ky., Dec. 4:

The semi-annual conference of the Kentucky missionaries has just closed and all the Elders have been assigned their fields of labor. The conference was held at Louisville, the metropolis of the Blue Grass state.

On Saturday, Nov. 30th, there were twenty Elders, including the writer, assembled at the Victoria hotel awaiting the arrival of our mission president, Elder Ben E. Rich. Elder Rich arrived at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, and after a general handshaking we retired to the parlor of the hotel, where we spent the rest of the evening. Elders D. W. Marchant and Robt. J. Evans were transferred to Florida conference, and the following Elders honorably released to return home about Dec. 12th: Joseph H. Dye, J. P. Nielson, T. E. Olson, T. R. Barton, Thos. Alvey and George A. Jones.

This reduced our number to twelve, but owing to the fact that we were honored with six new Elders from Zion, who arrived in Louisville today, our little band has been increased to eighteen. The new arrivals are: John A. Bevan of Tooele, Utah; William C. DeLooney of Evanston, Wyo.; Amos W. Neeley of Rexburg, Idaho; T. De Vera Smith of Heber, Utah; J. Roy Free and James

Fowler, Jr., of Forest Dale ward, Salt Lake county, Utah.

Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 11 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. public meetings were held at Liederkranz hall, Sixth and Walnut. Pres. Rich addressed the public. Each Elder of our conference desires to express his deepest sympathy through the "News" for the two lady missionaries of Denver.

On the 11th of November one of our faithful Saints, Sister Leslie Johnson of Hindman, Knott county, Ky., was taken sick and lived only till the following Thursday, November 14th. She was indeed a noble woman and has done much for the Elders.

IN THE SOUTHERN STATES

A Brief Account of a Conference Held at Atlanta, Ga.

Elders and Saints in That Part of the Field Enjoying a Spiritual Feast.

Elder J. H. Foye writes from Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 3:

At 2 o'clock p. m., November 23, 1901, the Elders laboring in the Georgia conference met at 72½ North Broad St., Atlanta, Ga.

Meeting was called to order by our president, Elder B. E. Stewart, and after the opening exercises each Elder bore testimony of the Gospel and then Elder J. A. Sorenson read a synopsis of the October conference held in Salt Lake City, which was listened to with much interest by all present. Elder Ben E. Rich of the Southern States mission was with us and spoke of the great change that has taken place in the Presidency of the Church since the October conference.

Elder L. F. Zundell was chosen to succeed Elder B. E. Stewart, with Elders J. H. LeFevre and E. Whitaker as aids. Meeting then adjourned until 7 o'clock in the evening, when another meeting was held to which the public was invited. A number of Saints and friends were present and a very enjoyable time was had.

Elder B. T. Stewart was first to speak, followed by Elders H. C. Butler, M. J. Rich, J. C. Coffin, I. W. Clegg and J. A. Sorenson.

Elder Ben E. Rich was last to speak. He made very plain many important points of doctrine, but dwelt mostly upon divine authority and revelations.

Elder Stewart and M. J. Rich left on November 29 for Zion, having fulfilled honorable missions, and Elders J. A. Sorenson, H. C. Butler and I. W. Clegg left Saturday, the 30th, the former two having been honorably released to return home, the latter transferred to the North Alabama conference.

J. A. Coffin has also been trans-

ferred to the Virginia conference and will leave in a few days.

Our conference has been greatly rejoiced, yet it is in a prosperous condition and all the Elders are enjoying good health with few exceptions. The "News" is a welcome visitor.

ITEMS FROM THE FIELD.

Many Changes in the Mississippi Conference.

Elder H. P. Dotson writes from Pulcher, Miss., Dec. 9:

Many changes have taken place since conference was held at Sturges, when Elder P. T. Pomeroy presided over the Mississippi conference. We often call to mind the pleasant scenes enjoyed then. Council meeting was held under a bower erected mostly by the Elders on our place. There were 42 Elders in all, 18 of whom spent the night with us. Since that time, we have had the pleasure of entertaining all who have called on us from time to time.

Elder T. R. Condie succeeded Elder Pomeroy.

The Elders now in Mississippi are few. Nearly all people here have been warned; and orthodoxy, so-called, has been shaken. Consequently, or unconsciously, sectarian preachers and writers have imbibed many features of "Mormonism." In this way, truth is cutting its way like a two-edged sword.

A company of twenty, embracing three families, left Sturges on the 27th ult. for Circleville, in Plate county, and we hope they will be well pleased with their new home.

The "News" is a welcome messenger, and is a great help to the missionaries.

A REMINDER TO ELDERS.

Do Not, When at Home, Forget the Friends in the Field.

Elders Hans P. Ipson and W. H. Bernard write from De Ruyter, N. Y., Dec. 6:

At our fall conference, which convened in Philadelphia on November 3 and 4, we were assigned to visit the Saints and friends in the northern counties of East Pennsylvania, and left for our field of labor on the 7th of the same month.

At Scranton, Pa., we held a district conference, with good success. From Scranton we went to the cities of Olyphant and Carbonade, and visited all the Saints in Wyoming and Bradford counties, and found a harmonious spirit prevailing.

The Saints and friends of these cities and counties have a complaint against the Elders who have returned home, as many of them seem to have forgotten those who were hospitable to them in the missionary field.

We welcome the "News" on its semi-weekly visits, and scan its pages, especially the "Church Intelligence," and the editorials.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Jones, of 16 S. Mead St., Wilkesbarre, Pa., would like to hear their Utah friends know of their whereabouts, through the columns of the "News."

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, with their family, spent several years, among the Saints out there, living most of the time in Park City, Utah. They have always been true to what they have found and know to be true about the "Mormons" people and speak much to praise of them. The doors of Brother and Sister Jones (as we call them) are ever open to entertain the servants of the Lord.

The Elders' address is, No. 119 Jefferson St., Philadelphia, Penn.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Morgan Stake.

Morgan City, Morgan Co., Dec. 16.—The Stake conference was held here on the 16th and 17th of December.

On the stand were President Joseph F. Smith, President Anthon H. Lund, Apostle Rudger Clawson, the president of the Stake, Patriarchs, High Council and alternates, presiding, High Priests, Seventies and Elders' quorums; also Bishop and counselors

of all the wards. Elder Daniel Heiner briefly reported the condition of the Stake.

President Anthon H. Lund spoke on the general interior of the Stake building and its arrangements for the different quorums of the Priesthood, and their duties.

President Joseph F. Smith, in a forcible manner, spoke of the propriety of not turning a child from its seat for the purpose of making room for some one older. It had a tendency to drive the young from the meetings and make them think they were not wanted. He spoke also on the Word of Wisdom and the law of tithing.

At 2 p. m. the Stake was administered by Bishop Chas. Turner of South Albion ward. The general Church and Stake authorities were presented by W. H. Rich of the Stake presidency. The cost of the erection of the house and its rebuilding after the fire and the heating and seating the same, was stated by W. W. Francis of the Stake presidency. All had been paid aggregating about \$14,000. The Relief Society had furnished the carpets and chandeliers, the Y. L. M. I. A. the sacramental services and the blinds, the Primary association the books for the stand, also the table and cloth for the reporter.

President Joseph F. Smith then offered the dedicatory prayer. We regret that the prayer was not taken by a stenographer and handed down in the history of the Stake together with the blessings pronounced upon the people. In the evening at 7 p. m. the Mutual Improvement associations met in joint session.

At 10 a. m. on Monday W. H. Rich of the Stake presidency spoke briefly and testified of the unity of the Priesthood. President Lund spoke on religion class work, and its benefits to the young. Apostle Clawson occupied the remainder of the time till noon on the subject of marriage.

President Joseph F. Smith spoke nearly one hour and a quarter, on infidelity, the marriage relations of the world and the celestial order of marriage as ordained by God.

Conference adjourned at 1:15 p. m. for three months.

ALMA PORTER, Clerk.

Pocahontas Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Pocahontas Stake was held Sunday and Monday, December 8 and 9, in the Latter-day Saints' assembly hall, Pocahontas, Idaho.

John Henry Smith and Rudger Clawson, of the Council of Apostles, were present; also the Stake presidency, W. A. Hyde, N. S. Pond and H. S. Woodard, and nearly all the High Councilors and Bishops of the Stake.

The Sunday school convened in regular session at 10 o'clock, and after all the preliminary exercises were over, Elders Smith and Clawson gave timely talks to the children.

At the close of the Sunday school, and administration of the sacrament, Elder Hyde reported the condition of the Stake. It is composed of ten wards; all, with the exception of one, had been visited by the Stake presidency during the last three months. A matter of importance looked after in these visits was to see that each ecclesiastical ward had its corporation papers properly signed and recorded, and giving instruction in correct record keeping. All the organizations in the Stake were doing good work as auxiliaries to the Church. The Bishops were good and faithful men as a rule.

Elder N. P. Nielson spoke a short time on the necessity of proper devotion to duty. H. Smith Woolley followed in a few well chosen remarks. Bishop McClellan of Dempsey dwelt briefly on the responsibility attached to membership in the Church.

Elder Clawson was the next speaker. He recounted the sad experience connected with the losing of our children, especially after we had watched over them and reared them. He spoke consoling words, and concluded as follows: "We might ask, 'Why did she die?' We do not know. We know, however, that God is just in all His dealings, and doeth all things well. The speaker cited some instances where

it had been made known to certain individuals of the special taking away of loved ones, that God had a particular mission for them to perform beyond the veil."

7:30 p. m.—Important business was transacted pertaining to the Pocahontas ward. Elder N. S. Pond spoke for a brief time upon the subject performed by the leaders of the Church.

Bishop Carl J. Cannon and his ward was in a fairly good condition, and was gradually improving.

Elder John Henry Smith spoke upon the faithful work performed by Bishop Cannon. After some further talk, he presented Bishop Cannon's resignation to the congregation, and he was honorably, and with a vote of thanks, released from his bishopric.

The name of H. Smith Woolley was presented for the new Bishop. He was unanimously sustained.

The name of Samuel G. Garbett was presented for first counselor, and James L. Edlerson for second counselor, and each was unanimously sustained.

Joseph Edgley, the retiring counselor, and each of the new bishopric made short addresses.

Elder Clawson admonished the brethren to seek the spirit of their callings.

Monday, 10 a. m.—An interesting session was held.

Ex-Bishop Carl J. Cannon was ordained a Patriarch.

The Relief Society Stake conference was held Monday afternoon 2 o'clock, and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. President Eliza Oram was in charge of the meetings. Mrs. Stevenson of Salt Lake City, a member of the general board, was present.

In the afternoon session, Elder Rulon S. Wells of the First Council of Seventies, and Joseph Kimball of Salt Lake City, were among the speakers.

L. C. POND, Stake Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Hans O. Young, of Park City, was set apart on the 21st of September, 1900, for a mission to the Scandinavian countries. He was assigned to the Christiania conference, where he has been laboring most of the time. He returned home on the 8th of this month. He says the mission is very prosperous in that country.

Elder John D. Bryson, of Woodruff, Rich Co., was set apart on the 6th day of Dec., 1899, for the Northern States mission. He returned from there on the 17th of this month, after a fairly successful mission in the Northern Illinois conference. He reports that conference in a prosperous condition.

Elder T. B. Barton, of Granger, Salt Lake Co., returned on the 16th of this month from the Southern States mission. He was set apart on the 15th day of November, 1899. He has been laboring in the state of Kentucky all the time, with fair success.

Elder Dryden R. Coombs, of Payson, Utah Co., returned on the 17th of this month from the Southern States mission. He has been laboring in the Middle Tennessee conference, where he met with fair success. He was set apart on the 18th day of October, 1899, and returns home in good health and spirits.

Elder R. D. Green, of Alta, Uinta Co., Wyoming, returned on the 18th of this month from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart on the 11th of Nov., 1899. He labored the first eleven months in the Georgia conference, and the remainder of the time presided over the South Carolina conference. He states that he enjoyed good health. The work, he says, is one of gleaming and consists mostly in visiting Saints and friends.

Elder Henry Sabin, of Salem, Utah county, was set apart to fill a mission to the eastern states on the 8th of November, 1899. He was assigned to the West Pennsylvania conference. He labored in the capacity of a canvassing Elder until July, when he was called to assist the conference presidency in special labor which lasted for three months,

and at the fall conference he was assigned to labor in Oil City with three companions. He labored there until February 5, 1900. In March of the same year, he was chosen second counselor to Elder Hanks, and in May, first counselor, which position he held until released. He returned home November 28th of this year. He says he enjoyed his labors very much while in the mission field and had the privilege of assisting in baptizing 20 persons.

Elder Thomas G. Reese, of Beaver city, Beaver Co., returned on the 18th of this month from the Northern States mission, for which he was set apart on the 5th day of January, 1899. He has been laboring in the Wisconsin conference all the time. He says he has met with good success, having witnessed a good number of baptisms.

Elder Harry Hill Bowler, of Gunlock, Washington county, returned on the 12th of this month from a mission to the Southern States, where he has been laboring in the state of Texas. He was set part on the 11th of October, 1899. He says the mission is progressing very well. The Elders are well treated. He and companion baptized thirteen persons in various places.

Elder T. E. Olsen of Iona, Idaho, was set apart on the 20th of December, 1899, for the Southern States mission, where he has been laboring in the state of Kentucky. He returned to this city on the 13th of this month, and reported that the work is progressing very well. A good work can be done there by the Elders.

Elder Joseph J. Gill, of this city, returned on the 13th of this month from the Eastern States, for which mission he was set apart on the 5th day of July, 1899. He labored the first six months in the western part of New York, eighteen months in Philadelphia and five months as first counselor to Elder McQuarrie, in the Southern States. He says the work is progressing very well.

Elder Joseph H. Dye, of Basalt, Ida., was set apart on the 15th day of November, 1899, for the Southern States mission. While there he labored in the state of Kentucky with very good success. He speaks well of the hospitality of the people. He returned home on the 13th of this month.

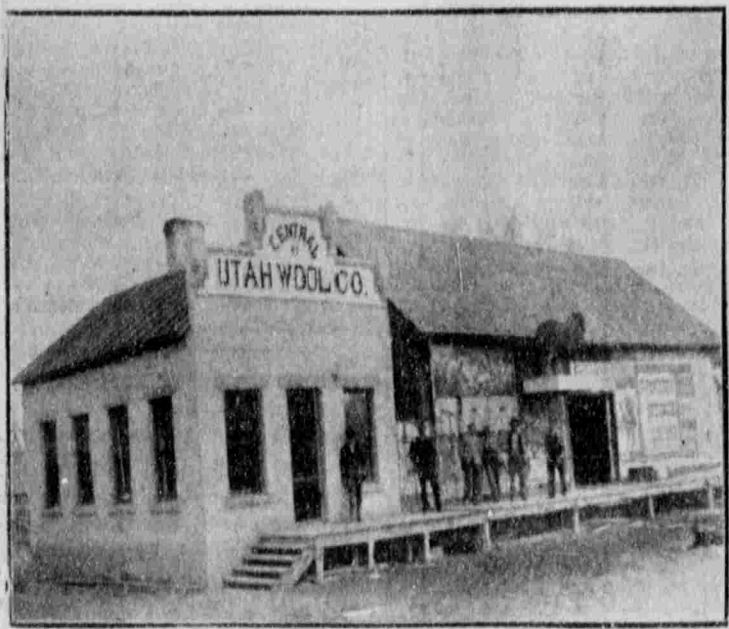
Elder Brigham Y. Baird, of Kanab, Kane county, returned on the 10th of this month from the Southern States mission. He was set apart on the 13th of July, 1899, and he has been laboring in the South Alabama conference since the time. Part of the time he labored as a canvassing Elder, and the rest of the time he visited among Saints and Elders. The conference is in a good condition. There have been numerous baptisms lately.

Elder Seymour H. Neff, of East Mill Creek, this county, returned home on the 13th of this month from the Eastern States mission for which he was set apart on the 8th of October, 1899. He has been laboring in the New England conference, and he says the work there is prosperous.

Elder W. Gale, of Duncannon, Graham county, Arizona, in a letter dated Dec. 10, reports that he has just returned home from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart on the 19th day of July, 1899, for missionary labors, and on arriving in Chattanooga he was assigned to labor in the South Alabama conference. The first eighteen months were spent as a canvassing Elder, and the remainder of the time he acted as the superintendent of the Sunday schools, which are doing a good work. He enjoyed good health most of the time, and had his testimony strengthened in many ways. He was absent from home about twenty-nine months and had the pleasure of witnessing the baptizing of twenty-eight souls. En route home he visited Independence, Missouri, also the Temple lot, and had a conversation with Mr. Hartley, who is the leading man of the owners of the Temple lot. He treated the Elders with all kindness.

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Z. C. M. I. OF MORGAN.



THE LEHI MERCANTILE COMPANY.

The Lehi Mercantile Company is a new company that has lately been launched in the business field. After purchasing the business of L. Garff, the company capitalized at \$20,000. The manager is Mr. J. L. Snow, who has been long and favorably known in the mercantile business of that region. The store is now stocked with new goods, all up-to-date, and has been completely remodeled, while the business is done strictly on the up-to-date principle. The company propose to alter the building, improving the front plate glass windows, taking out the partitions and making a modern salesroom 42x50 feet in dimensions.

THE PEOPLE'S CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTION OF LEHI.

The People's Co-operative Institution of Lehi, Utah county, is one of the strong institutions of the State of Utah. It was first organized in 1872; Thomas R. Cutler was its first manager, and under his direction the business grew from a small beginning to the proportions of a large mercantile institution. M. Cutler is still its president, and retains an active interest in the business. Wm. E. Racker is the present manager. He started with the concern as bookkeeper in 1878 and served in that capacity eight years, when he was appointed assistant manager under Mr. Cutler; he acted till 1893, when he was made manager.

The People's Co-op. carry a general line of merchandise, clothing, gent's furnishings goods, and, in fact, everything from a needle to a haystack. It employs a force of twenty-five hands, and does a business of upwards of a quarter of a million dollars a year. The business is conducted in two stores, the branch near the Rio Grande Western depot, and the main store near the Oregon Short Line depot. The business reaches throughout the State of Utah and into Idaho and Nevada.

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