

a. m. in the ward house. After the usual opening exercises, addresses were delivered by Elders Charles W. Petross, Jos. E. Taylor, Angus M. Cannon and Brigham Young. The Stake presidency gave some wholesome advice to the Saints in regard to the duties of the hour in connection with the approaching dedication of the Temple, also words of encouragement and advice in regard to the erection of the new meeting house.

Elder Young spoke of his pleasure in again mingling with the Saints in the valleys, and predicted increased spiritual life and temporal prosperity as a result of diligence in pushing to completion the building about to be begun.

After a song by the choir, Patriarch Holman offered a short prayer and the meeting adjourned to the outside, where a procession was soon formed with Elder Young, the Stake Presidency, and Elder Holman at the head, followed by the Sandy bishopric, visiting Bishops and counselors, the ward Teachers and male members of the ward, the officers and members of the Relief society heading the sisters. Then came the Sabbath school, headed by the superintendency and accompanied by their teachers. Each department of the school was separate and carried appropriate banners. The little folks marched well and elicited much favorable comment.

Arrived at the grounds the Sunday school sang a selection, after which the prayer dedicating the ground for the erection of a house unto the Lord was offered by Elder Young. The corner stone was then laid by the Presidency of the Stake, assisted by the Sandy bishopric and Teachers. After testing the same, Elder Cannon then declared the southeast or main corner stone of the Sandy ward meeting house properly laid by the authority of the Holy Priesthood. The Sunday school then sang a selection, and Bishop James Jensen then pronounced the benediction.

The morning was a lovely one, in pleasing contrast to that of the preceding week, and in consequence an immense concourse of people came out to attend the services both from Sandy and in neighboring wards, so that the building was filled to overflowing, and crowds stood at the doors and windows. Truly the work has commenced under most favorable circumstances, and the Saints in Sandy will now erect a building that will be a fitting monument to the cause they represent.

FASTDAY IN NEPHI.

NEPHI, March 27.—The Nephites have been enjoying a spiritual feast for the last few days.

On Thursday, March 23rd, the High Council met, all spoke and asked each other's forgiveness and an excellent spirit prevailed.

On Friday a general Priesthood meeting of the Stake met; the same spirit prevailed as was witnessed in the High Council meeting.

On Saturday, fastday, the stores were all closed and the Nephi Saints met in the tabernacle. After the opening exercises the address of the First Presidency was read and accepted. Many bore their testimony asking to be forgiven; all

testified that they had no bitterness of feelings towards any one. There were also gratifying manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit. In all seventy-five brethren and sisters during the two meetings bore their testimony and asked to be forgiven wherein they had offended anyone, and many more wished to speak. A resolution was then presented and accepted, in substance that we accept the address of the First Presidency to the Saints as being the word of the Lord and that we forgive each other our trespasses and pray the Lord to forgive us so that we may enter the Temple in an acceptable manner. A rising vote was then taken with uplifted hands. It will be a day long to be remembered by the Saints.

Elder George Teasdale visited the Sunday school on Sunday morning and preached in the afternoon. The Saints are pleased to meet and shake hands with Elder Teasdale who was president of the Juab Stake of Zion before he was called to the Apostleship.

On Sunday March 19th, 1893, President Joseph F. Smith dedicated the Mona Ward chapel. An excellent time was had—one long to be remembered. LANGLEY.

WOODRUFF HAPPENINGS.

WOODRUFF, Utah, March 26.—We held our general fast day and a good time was had in making things right and in speaking of the Temple. There is a person here, Brother William Loughurst, who was born the day the corner stone was laid; this made him thirty nine the day the capstone was laid and he will be forty on the day of dedication. There are about eighty from here who intend going as the snow is deep and nothing can be done in the shape of putting in crops.

We have had a long winter and are wishing for spring; the people have sold most of the surplus hay and as we have plenty of snow we are looking for good crops again.

There has been considerable sickness here in the shape of a gripe, but it is decreasing some now; there have been more deaths the last thirteen months than in four years before, the last one being Brother Wm. Higgins, who was found dead in the house of his son Charles, on Sunday, March 12th. John Dean, justice of the peace was notified, and he sent a team to Almy to notify the family. The deceased was there alone, the son being at work in Almy and the family having gone there on a visit. It was proven that Brother Higgins came to Woodruff on foot four miles; the walking was bad and he being 69 years old it was too much for him. It appeared that he when he got home he put his cane beside the door, and being tired went and lay down on the bed. He seems to have never moved afterwards as there was no sign of any struggle. His will power had kept him alive until he got home. The body was in good condition. It was found that he died on Thursday, March 9th, as that was the day he came to Woodruff. It was stated in the Evans-ton paper that cats had marred the race, but this is not so. A little boy was at the house on Friday morning and thought the old gentleman was

asleep and did not wake him; but a neighbor, not seeing any one moving, thought he would go on Sunday and see if anything was wrong. He found the body as stated. The jury's verdict was according to the above statement. Deceased lived a faithful Latter-day Saint. J. D.

NOTES.

AMID ALL our grumbling and growling over the unpleasantness and long duration of the winter, it may be some satisfaction to learn that there are places worse off in the matter of weather than ours is. Pike county, Pennsylvania, is one of them, where it is said the schools have been closed since Christmas and the stores likewise for lack of customers. The returns from certain districts in the February election were 22 days in reaching the county seat, and had to be thrown out because they were filed too late. The people in the snowbound region where it has been snowing since November and the drifts are 15 feet deep, are living on potatoes and pork. No weddings have taken place in three months.

WE ARE somewhat surprised, and of course considerably pained, that neither of this morning's papers contains a rejoinder from Superintendent of Water Works Ryan or any of his soft-muscled and tender-handed employees relative to the News' observations on the great question of dirt-lamping in wet weather. If no other periodical will consent to publish further communications on the superintendent's side of the controversy, the News will have to offer its columnus. We have just begun the fun which this matter will be found to afford.

Between Mexico and Canada—about half way between—and between the Atlantic and the Pacific, the Mississippi and the sea, the Mormons have established themselves and tried to relieve Puritan bigots of their presence. Is there anything else the poor Mormons can do to please the grumbling *Traveler* except to move off the earth?

It is hardly necessary to say that the following is from that 'most simple and superannuated of old grannies, the *Boston Traveler*:

The Mormons have established a colony in the northwestern section of Canada. Between Canada and Mexico, we hope they will find a way to relieve us of their presence. We can well do without them.

A COTEMPORARY tries to make out that Mayor Baskin is in a state of volcanic eruption over the News' report that he was listening to the soft humming of the gubernatorial ear. We don't think it is quite so bad as that, though there may be a question as to the amount of vehemence employed by him when he says, "Shoo, fly!"

A DEMOCRAT from Tennessee, Mr. Bible by name, is lurking around the White House corridors willing to serve in any office to which his country may call him. There are those who think Mr. Bible ought to be read out of his party.

The *Colorado Magazine* has just made its appearance. It is a monthly, and is understood to have strong financial backing.