

yet we have not commenced building. There are good prospects for small business enterprises such as will grow up with the town. There are quite a number of our people taking your paper, our Bishop being your representative and agent here.

Ever praying for the success of yourselves and of our new ward,
Yours, etc.,

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JUAB SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Juab Stake Sunday School conference was held Friday and Saturday, May 1st and 2nd, in the Nephi tabernacle. We were favored with the attendance of Assistant Superintendent George Goddard and Elder Francis M. Lyman of the general board.

Elder Goddard expressed his pleasure in meeting with the conference and in seeing so many in attendance and promised all present a very happy time. Reports were given by the superintendents of the schools in the Stake showing a healthy and prosperous condition of the schools. Many pleasing and instructive exercises were rendered, consisting of the following: The Lord's Prayer repeated in concert by the Primary department of the Nephi Sunday school; Book of Mormon exercise given by the second intermediate department of the Levan Sunday school which called forth words of praise and commendation by Elders Goddard and Lyman; the Articles of Faith were recited in concert by the first intermediate department of Nephi; the ten commandments were given in rather a novel way by the second intermediate department of Nephi; the theological department of Nephi gave an elucidation of the doctrines of salvation for the Gent and the different degrees of glory; the little girls of Juab did their part by singing a beautiful song, and a short exercise was given by the Nebo Sunday school.

Stake Superintendent Wm. Paxman expressed his pleasure in the condition of the Sunday schools, and stated that the Stake have contributed its full share to the nickel fund; he spoke highly of the faithfulness and energy of the Sunday school officers in the Stake. Elder Goddard rendered three songs in his usual happy way, which greatly pleased the children as also the older folks.

A Sunday school has been organized in Mammoth since our last conference and is doing well.

The visiting brethren gave some excellent instructions on the following topics: Punctuality, proper administration of the Sacrament, Word of Wisdom, the necessity of Latter-day Saints children attending the Sunday school, that they may have the principles of truth instilled in their minds while young; the necessity of children attending to their prayers and being humble in the days of their youth.

All who attended the conference were well pleased and the Spirit of the Lord was richly bestowed upon us.

ALBERT R. PAXMAN,
Stake Secretary.

Colonel James H. Taylor, a well-known sport of Tacoma, Wash., killed himself recently by taking a dose of poison.

NEWS NOTES.

Disappointed miners are returning in large numbers from Alaska.

Almost the entire fruit crop of New Mexico is reported to be killed by frost.

J. E. Dooley of Salt Lake stopped at the Palace hotel when in San Francisco on Sunday.

John G. Gray was run over by a horse car at San Jose, Cal., Saturday night and died next morning.

Lewis Cass Wright, a farmer of Killekitat county, Wash., has killed forty bears already this year.

Patrick Riley, a well-known farmer of Aberdeen, Wash., killed himself last week, while dependent, by cutting his throat.

B. H. Von Schmidt and a Swedish sailor were out in a boat at the mouth of Oakland creek, Cal., Sunday, when the vessel capized and both men were drowned.

Ripe apricots are in the market from Palm valley. This is the earliest fruit of the season, and, though small, is finely flavored and well ripened. Palm valley is in Riverside county, Cal.

John Weaver, a machinist employed in the Southern Pacific company's shops, at Los Angeles, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon. A driving wheel fell on his neck and nearly severed his head from his body.

Within the next ninety days the street railway mail system is to be in operation in San Francisco. Three cars will be used in the service, and 150 men will be employed in the distribution.

Mrs. Sophia Swanson, a young woman who was deserted by her husband a few weeks ago and left without means, jumped into the bay at San Francisco on Saturday but was fished out before she was dead.

Saturday afternoon a man about 50 years of age, who gave his name as Frank Kilgore, and said he was a plumber by occupation, entered a San Francisco police station and asked for a place to lie down. He said he felt very ill. A few minutes later Kilgore fell dead on the floor of the station. He was a stranger in the city.

William Berry, a riveter, came down from the north a short time ago and stayed at the Union Hotel, San Francisco. Saturday, while intoxicated, he wandered out to the neighborhood of the Polero ropewalk and became involved in a quarrel with a Chinaman, who shot him in the back of the neck. Berry is now in the receiving hospital and is expected to die as the bullet passed through the vertebrae. It ranged downward. The Chinaman escaped.

Tempe, Arizona, News; Saturday morning Ira M. Saylor had a serious disagreement with one of his mules and as is usual in such cases the mule got the best of it. While standing behind the mule Mr. Saylor presumed on a long acquaintance and struck the animal. The mule returned the compliment by kicking him on the head, cutting a deep gash over the left eye. When the wound was dressed a piece of the hoof was found imbedded in the flesh.

Sunday night Harry Ferguson, a brakeman in the employ of the Southern Pacific, at San Francisco, was run over and killed in the Mission bay freight yards. He was engaged in making up a train of empty cars, but, failing to return to the engine to get another cut-off of cars, Engineer Hunter and Fireman Quill went in search of him. They found the brakeman lying across the track between the cars. His head was completely severed from the body, which was cut in two at the abdomen. Both legs were crushed, and there was hardly a whole bone in his body. Letters found in his pocket show that he had a wife at Wallace, Idaho. He had been employed on the railway about four weeks.

The total value of the mineral and metal production of the United States in 1895, according to the Engineering and Mining Journal, amounted to the enormous sum of \$673,689,505, which compares with a similar total of \$578,463,002 for 1894, showing a total increase of \$95,226,503 for the year. Of the whole amount last year \$240,615,120 represented the value of the metals; \$433,074,385 that of the non-metallic products, including \$5,000,000 for various unspecified products. From these totals, however, it is necessary to make some deductions for articles which have been necessarily duplicated in the table. Among these is the iron ore used in making pig iron; a large part of the lead used in making white lead; the zinc used in making zinc oxide; the coal in making coke, the anthracite ore used in making the metal; and the manganese ore used in making spiegeleisen, which is included in pig iron, and some other articles of the kind. A careful estimate of the proper amount of these deductions would give about \$45,000,000 in 1895, against \$34,000,000 in 1894. Making these deductions, we have a total net value for 1895 of \$628,689,505, as against \$544,463,002 for 1894, the increase amounting to \$84,226,503, or 15.5 per cent.

For some time past the custom officials in San Francisco have had under surveillance a saloon, in the belief that its proprietors, P. H. Hink & Co., were in some way connected with the illicit sale of opium. Their suspicions being confirmed to some extent, a raid was planned and successfully executed Saturday afternoon. The result, however, was somewhat of a disappointment to the officers, for although over 600 tins of a preparation which appeared to be opium were discovered in the basement of the saloon, the stuff on examination proved to be nothing but molasses and flour. A complete plant for turning out the make-believe opium was found, including the requisite stamps, labels and sealing compound used upon the imported packages of the drug. The operator evidently arranged meetings with customers, whom he admitted to the basement through a grating in the sidewalk of an alley adjoining, showed them a sample of real opium, and delivered for pot cash any quantity required of the alleged smuggled goods; his dupes dared not prosecute him after discovering that they had been swindled, nor could the authorities interfere with him if discovered, as the compound he turned out was not opium.