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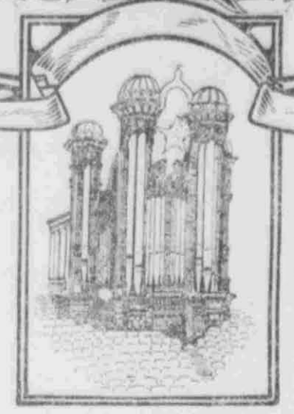

CENTRAL STATES MISSION ACTIVITIES

302 South Pleasant Street, Independence, Mo., April 9.—Since the restoration of the Gospel in these last days Mormonism has not had so many investigators as now, and as far as this mission is concerned there has never been a time when our missionaries had more in the way of fair prospects to encourage and give them joy in their work. It is a very unusual thing now to hear of our elders being maltreated; on the other hand, their labors are being appreciated by many who were formerly counted among their opponents.

All the letters we quote from this week are dated Saturday, April 3.

Missouri Conference—Elders T. F. Corbett and H. L. Neves of Missouri conference, have this to says: "At present we are holding meetings in the Thompson schoolhouse. We have held six and will continue till Monday. We are surrounded by friends. There is a schoolhouse north and another south of us with open doors for all Mormons to preach in, and if the Lord permits we expect to hold in both. We feel much impressed with these people. When we enter their homes they confront us with loads of questions." . . . Elders Jos. W. Nettrall and Newell N. Dalrymple, had two places ahead to hold meetings after finishing the series where they were then engaged. Elders G. E. Hulme and S. S. Simpson were commencing a series of meetings in Howell county and Elders A. Gordon Kimball and J. E. McKean were busily engaged in dispensing the truth in various places in Oregon county, while Elders A. L. Eastland and Walter Stevens were doing the same in Wayne county. . . . Elders A. C. Webster and O. A. Tolman wrote that the work was still progressing nicely around Sullivan, Mo., and the following day they would have another baptism, when two young heads of families would unite with the church of Christ.

East Kansas Conference—President Peter Mortensen of East Kansas conference, tells us of good meetings the elders are holding on the streets of Columbus, and the friendly feeling the people have for them; also of a visit he and companions were inspired to make in answer to the prayers of the saints at Humboldt where a religious revival had been going on, but closed the day they arrived, and how the Lord blessed them in the two meetings they held there, so that they were enabled to impart much comfort to the saints and new truths to other listeners.

Louisiana Conference — Elders George Bell and Kepler Sessions, Jr., at Morse, Louisiana, write: "We are having success in this part of the field. People receive us gladly. They give us a hall to preach in and we held some well attended meetings, and were invited to come again. Our book sales have been better than usual, and we feel much encouraged in the good work."

Similar reports come from the nine conferences of the mission.

With one or two exceptions all our missionaries are enjoying the best of health, and all seem to be deeply interested in extending the gospel of all truth.

Release—Elders Geo. E. Cahoon of Leavitt, Alta., Canada, and Geo. C. Murdock of Beaver, Utah, having faithfully labored for a long term, have been honorably released to return to their homes. Elder Cahoon presided over the Missouri conference for about a year and a half. Elder L. John Nuttall has been appointed to succeed him.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only organization in the world whose missionaries, at the call of the Lord through those who are over them, are willing to forsake their loved ones, leave their dearest interests and place their all upon the altar to go into strange and distant lands to teach the gospel, paying their expenses with their own hard-earned money and receiving nothing in the way of earthly reward for the so-called sacrifice they feel honored to make. Nor is this trait confined to our missionaries alone for many of them leave wife and family, a widowed mother or other loved ones to struggle for the necessities of life in the absence of their breadwinners, and it is these who often have the greater trials during the absence of the missionaries, yet in the midst of all that would be unpleasant under other circumstances, the Kind Father of all gives them an assurance that it is His will and surrounds them with such evidences of His love that they rejoice continually as long as they attend to their duties.

The happiness one feels when in possession of this sweet spirit is expressed in a letter from Elders Samuel J. Orme and William E. Karren, who are laboring in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. They say: "We can truly say the Lord is mindful of us inasmuch that we are having great joy in our labors, and the happiness we find in them, we continually pray that all the elders may enjoy the same and that wherever they are they may have the same protecting care that is over us. Two weeks ago we left our former field to come to this parish, a distance of about 100 miles, walking nearly all the way. On this little trip we were entertained in three hotels and one restaurant. In one town the cashier of the bank gave us money to pay for our lodging at the hotel. When we went to pay in the morning, the proprietor said he did not expect us to pay. He said two of our elders had stayed with him several years before. The people here testify that they like the way we preach the gospel. The day before yesterday we walked about seven miles without seeing a house. It was about 3 p. m. when we came to the first place. The folks insisted on getting dinner for us and keeping us over night and holding evening meetings in their home. Last night we held another meeting in a neighbor's house and now we have appointments for meetings in two other houses. It makes us feel the responsibility of our calling when we find people so anxious to hear the message we know is so important to them."

That you may know Elders William E. Jenkins and Francis W. Leigh are likewise enjoying their labors in Scott county, Ark., just read what they say: "Since sending in our report last Saturday we have found it necessary to change our next address, as we have so many invitations to preach around here that we can't get to Huntington for two weeks. We have appointments out for two and three nights ahead, and invitations to come back any time where we have been holding as well as to go to two different places ahead. We have sold all our Books of Mormon and sent orders for song books. The people are coming from a mile or two and some of them more, over rugged hills, with torches and lanterns to attend our meetings. Some say they never heard such doctrines before. They never knew that was Mormonism. One old war veteran said we had given him more information on the Scripture in half a day than he had heard in all his life before. The Lord is opening the way before us; we can see that He is blessing our feeble efforts and touching the hearts of the people with His Spirit and they desire to hear the truth."

Elders Niels Christiansen and Alma Nielson have been in Madisonville, South Texas, about a month. They have held more than 20 meetings, baptized seven converts and blessed six children. They tell of the death of Miss Lula Decker, which occurred on the 26th of March. Her parents joined the Church last October and Lula was very desirous of being baptized, but owing to ill health the ordinance was not performed. The bereaved ones, however, find much comfort in the assurance held out by the restored gospel, that there is salvation beyond the grave.

Since our last report there have been five more baptisms in St. Louis.

Elders K. L. Barton and Newel Mathews of Arkansas conference report as follows: "The Lord is blessing us in a great many ways and we certainly appreciate it. Almost every day we find people who are anxious to know about us and our gospel. We came into a town yesterday and there were several people who asked us if we would preach for them, and we told them nothing would suit us better. They got the church for us and we had a fine meeting. A Baptist minister took us home with him after meeting and bought the Book of Mormon from us. He already had the Voice of Warning and Mr. Durant. We also sold a number of other books. The work of the Lord is growing very fast."

From Marlow, Okla., March 27, Elder Alma Williams sends this sad news: "Sister Puckett died this morning about 4 o'clock. A baby girl was born about 12 o'clock and is doing well. Brother Puckett takes it very hard. It is so pitiful to see such a large family left motherless."

President James S. Crane of North Texas conference reports a sorrowful time at Kelsey, as the result of the death of the 7-year-old son of Brother Lon Cantrell, and the 4 or 5 months old baby of Sister Belle Owens. The funerals of both were held the same day. There is considerable sickness in the colony just now."

Elders David A. Berry of Independence conference and George C. Murdock of Louisiana conference have filled their missions and gone home in honor.

Editor B. F. Cummings of Idaho, the Elders' Journal, has gone to Salt Lake City to attend conference.

PRIESTLY ATTACK ON MORMONISM

Esbjerg, Denmark, March 25.—On Feb. 24 our conference president, Elder A. H. Andersen, paid us a visit, and while here, we decided to hold a public meeting in a large hall. The meeting was well attended, the Athaliasalmonsts hall being filled to its utmost seating capacity. President Anderson occupied the pulpit for one hour and a half, treating the subject "Mormonism and Its Mission in the World." The sermon was listened to with deserved interest. There were present at the meeting several of the priests of the city, and at the close of our services one of the ministers announced that he would hold a meeting in the near future, at which he would expose Mormonism and its detrimental as well as immoral doctrines. Next day President Anderson left for his headquarters at Aarhus, telling us to notify him when the meeting would be held, and he would be present.

People began to talk considerable about this meeting, and of how the Mormons would look and feel when this minister would show up our doctrines in their "right" light. Time went and the much talked of subject almost died out, greatly to our sorrow, for the interest in our message among the people in this city was entirely dead. At last the long expected meeting was announced in the newspapers, stating they had given the Mormon representatives a special invitation, which was true. I immediately sent word to President Anderson, who was here promptly on the day set for the "expose."

At 8 o'clock p. m. on March 12, the Esbjerg "Bode Hus" was filled to overflowing, approximately 1,200 people were present. President Anderson and myself took our seats at a table, well to the front, where the four priests and five or six other "antagonists" were located. A glance at the books and pamphlets stacked up in front of our theological brethren, reminded me of the trial of Christ, when placed before the high priests and rabbies to be convicted of crimes never committed. Prayer being commenced the "trial" by giving a somewhat limit, and at times, faithful sketch of Joseph Smith's youth, revelations and component and charity to establish the right Church of God upon earth, after a period of non-existence of said Church in which the gospel and its attendant ordinances were neither preached nor practised on earth. After using 20 minutes in that strain, another Priest got up and brought the following charges against the Latter-day Saints: First, they practised polygamy and taught that it was necessary to have more than one wife in order to obtain salvation. Second, they taught the "awful" antibiblical doctrine of the "Plurality of Gods." Third, they had a doctrine that required the shedding of blood in order to save a person's soul, when he had broken his covenant with the Lord, also a band of "secret police" or "cut-throats" known as "Danites," whose duty it was to rid the world of the existence of all apostates from the Mormon faith. Fourth, we were accused of the "horrible crime" of condemning as blasphemy the "holy" ordinance of infant baptism. Book of Mormon, Moroni eighth chapter was read as evidence; also the "ridiculous" doctrine of baptism for the dead. Fifth, we were accused of denying "Sanctification through faith alone," and last of teaching contradictory doctrines concerning the Godhead. Proofs presented were Doctrine and Covenants, Lect. on Faith, ch. 5; second paragraph, as against Sec. 130: 22. These and a few minor points were brought up as proofs of our unbiblical, contradictory, immoral and heathen doctrines. Thereupon 20 minutes was given President Anderson to answer all of the above charges. He used the time allotted him by giving the people a short and concise explanation of the purpose of our Church in sending out missionaries to preach the gospel, appealed to their sympathy by showing them that he was a person like they, born in Denmark, with an immortal soul, which he desired to save, and was not among them to do harm, but on the contrary, to do good, and would thank his theological brethren if they could show him the error of the path he was following; would gladly exchange an error for a truth, let it come from whatever source it may. Much more in a similar strain was said; he concluded by inviting all present to attend a meeting the following evening, to be held at Gansberg "Concert Sal," where he would answer point after point until the whole was explained or the time used, and showed the public the impossibility of answering all that we were accused of in the time allotted him, and the uselessness and impracticability of even making the attempt. After the allotted 20 minutes were used in this manner, the "men of the cloth" became simply wild; they acted more like imbeciles or maniacs than preachers of the word of God. They closed by an appealing sermon to the public to beware of our influence, and by all means not to attend our meeting, and in his closing prayer he besought God to lead them into all truth, but to protect them from that heathen doctrine, Mormonism. The priests lost in the popular opinion by their actions and treatment that evening, as well as by advising them not to go and hear the answer to all the venomous accusations brought against the Mormons and their doctrines. A collection was taken up at the door to help defray Harold Jonson's expenses while laboring among the poor deluded Mormon youths in Utah.

The following evening found the Concert hall filled to overflowing, yes, literally packed, while many stood outside and could not obtain even standing room, either on the gallery or ground floor. It was estimated that at least 800 people were inside and half as many more outside. After a song and prayer, President Andersen stepped up in the pulpit, and in a clear, concise and able manner answered one accusation after the other, holding that vast audience spellbound with interest for two and a half hours, during which many a person changed his former views concerning our doctrines. Not a whisper or noise broke the stillness the entire time, something unusual for so large an audience.

Just as he finished, one of the three priests who were present jumped upon the pulpit beside President Anderson and commenced in screeching and impatient tones to demand a hearing; to, as he undoubtedly thought, disturb the good influence brought about by the recent sermon. President Anderson quietly but firmly bade him be seated, drawing his attention to the lateness of the hour, the unbecomingness of his actions and told him to wait until our services were brought to a close, then he could speak all night if he desired. Upon this our "brother of the cloth" became even more boisterous and irritated, which demanded more radical measures, and President Anderson showed him by actions what words failed to impress, by setting him forcibly down off the pulpit. That kind of procedure was very surprising to the honorable pastor; he gathered up his books and, followed by his colleagues, yelling at the top of his voice, "Come out! Come out!" left the hall. Our president brought the congregation to order by a couple of raps on the pulpit, announced the song and dismissed, with a peaceful and quiet spirit again prevailing. A respectful appearing and well-dressed man came out of the audience and, stepping up to the pulpit, addressed the audience for about seven minutes, telling them that the treatment the Mormon preacher received the pastor was well-deserved, and he thanked us for our able discourse and clear presentation of the principles of our religion, which speech was received with "Ay," "Ay," all through the vast assembly. The expressed feeling of that audience was strictly in sympathy with us, largely on account of the rude and almost barbarous demeanor and actions of their professed spiritual leaders. This demonstration of popular sympathy and tolerance towards the Mormons was corroborated by expressions which reached our ears, while down among the people thanking them for their presence and shaking their willing hands in friendly clasps. Expressions like these were frequent: "These Mormons are Christians after all." "This meeting was beyond all expectations." "I couldn't have believed it if I hadn't personally heard it from their ministers." "That Mormon has been trained to respect other people's rights, and expects our priests to do the same." "I guess that is the first time our pastor has been set down by a Mormon, but he needed it." "I wish that preacher would have Mormonism and preach in our church," and many more of similar nature.

The next day an announcement came that the priests of the city would hold another meeting Monday evening, at which the Mormons would be requested to come and defend their principles in public discussion. The evening arrived and the city's population had turned out en masse, the concert hall being much too small, the crowd adjourned to the theater building, the largest assembly hall in Esbjerg, which could not accommodate the eager public. When this mass of people were seated and standing, and no more available room, the first act was a yell from the audience telling Pastor Bruun that he must throw away his cigar, as he was the only person in that vast assembly that endangered the safety of the meeting by smoking. He accepted very decorously the "invitation," dropping the lit cigar in the cuspidor. He thereupon commenced his meeting by singing and prayer, after which an hour's time was used in going over the same ground he and his colleagues went over the previous meeting held in the "Bode-Hus," the public occasionally breaking in with "Sit down, old man," "Are you soon through," and similar expressions. Among other things, he said we condemned other sects because of having changed the baptismal ordinance from immersion to that of sprinkling, at the same time, we substituted wine with water in the emblems of the Lord's supper. A loud and penetrating voice from the audience, "That is very sensible; you ought to do the same." Many such indications of lack of support from the public greeted the ears of the pastor. At length the affair was turned into a discussion, in which several of our principles were discussed pro and con, prominent among which were that of polygamy and blood atonement. After two and a half hours of a fruitless presentation of both sides, they (the priests) permitted a prominent politician of the city to take the stand and help them denounce the Mormon propaganda as detrimental. He wound up by telling the public how unreliable a book the Bible was and that any one could easily prove their respective doctrines from that book, but that Martin Luther, the founder of their religion, had said the Bible was a book for heretics, and also that the Mormon religion was very impractical and out of date in this modern and civilized age we now live in. This seemed to dampen all the ardor of the priests, who closed by singing, while the public shouted, and they forgot entirely to close with prayer.

We announced another meeting to be held and conducted by the Mormons for the following evening, at which President Andersen would explain to them the restoration of the gospel and priesthood as well as establishment of the Church of Christ in this last dispensation.

Promptly at 8 o'clock we commenced our services at Concert Salen, March 16. The police were compelled to step in and close the doors when the hall was ordinarily full, both sitting and standing, to avoid a rush from the crowd that could not get in for lack of room. There were present about 800 people, who again listened with interest, giving close attention to a two-hour sermon, in which the restoration and establishment of the Church of God in our day and age formed the body of the discourse.

This meeting closed the campaign and we can truthfully say a glorious victory was won, many people expressing themselves more than satisfied with the understanding they now had concerning Mormonism. People were anxious to clasp our hands and extend a "thank you" to us at the close of our meeting. The elders laboring at Esbjerg feel like new men; we are invigorated and strengthened beyond description through this recent conflict. We can see so plain, when our doctrines are compared to those of sectarianism, that ours are the truth of the living God, whose servants we are and whose work we are out here to further. We place our whole confidence and faith in Him, and the recent happenings prove conclusively that our trust is not misplaced. We anticipate successful results from our encounter with the ministers at Esbjerg.

O. A. GAMFF.

EAST IOWA CONFERENCE.

A conference of the elders of East Iowa and saints of the Rock Island branch was held in Rock Island March 27 and 28, President G. E. Ellsworth, seventeen elders and two lady missionaries were in attendance. Priesthood meetings were held Saturday at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Missionary work done since last conference was reported. The elders have been receiving friends and investigators and find that it adds strength to the branches of the Church. The homes of the saints, also of many friends have been thrown open for cottage meetings which have been well attended. Prospects for baptisms were never brighter than at present. The past winter a number of our Father's children have made covenants with Him in the waters of baptism and become members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

President Ellsworth, in instructing the elders, said that two years did not mean a mission—we are called to labor until released, and from now on three years would be nearer our standard than two. He encouraged the elders to travel without purse or scrip as much as possible, and give the people an opportunity to assist them, that by so doing they might receive the blessings. "Whoso receiveth you receiveth me, and the same will feed you, and clothe you, and give you money." And he who feeds you, or clothes you, or gives you money, shall in no wise lose his reward."

A public meeting was held at night. Conference President Franklin O. Green spoke upon the personality of God and Jesus Christ, and President German E. Ellsworth spoke upon the restoration and power of the priesthood. He said there was but one true Church with the authority to act for God and we are members of that Church.

Conference reconvened Sunday at 2:30 p. m. The saints had the privilege of partaking of the Sacrament. Brothers Alstead of Decorah, John F. Sowash and Henry Millman of Rock Island had the Aaronic priesthood conferred upon them and were ordained priests. Sister Nell Sumsion, Elders Harrison Tippitts, George A. Smith and Ira A. Pace spoke to the people.

At the evening meeting Elders Joseph C. Sorensen and Robert W. Pinney addressed the conference.

Monday night all met in a social in Mathis' hall. Many friends were also entertained. A good musical and literary program was rendered, after which the sisters of the Relief society served refreshments.

Mrs. Afreda Bowman added much to the enjoyment of the evening by playing a number of selections on the piano.

The elders returned to their respective fields of labor Tuesday morning. Four elders will remain in Rock Island, two in Moline, and two in Davenport, and they hope with the support and assistance of the saints to build up a strong branch in the "Tri-cities."

The Relief society with Sisters Hilda Frank, president; Alice Frank and Minnie Berg, counselors; Emma W. Miller, secretary, and Cecelia Rosenquist, class leader, is doing a good work, and the Sunday school is a strong factor for good.

The saints are happy in the gospel. It has brought so much joy into their lives they desire others to enjoy the same blessings and so are striving to teach the gospel to their friends and neighbors by precept and by example.

Elder Joseph C. Sorensen, who has labored in Iowa for 27 months, has been transferred to the Northern Illinois conference. He has been a loyal, earnest worker, and he leaves with the good wishes of all.

Sisters Nell Sumsion and Sarah Lindholm have labored in Rock Island the past month, and go from here to Council Bluffs to continue their work.

President Franklin O. Green has been in the mission field 35 months, has been president of conference the past six months, and rejoices in the opportunity he has of still continuing in the field.

The harvest is great and the laborers are few. The elders whose privilege it is to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ are working hard and conscientiously, ever striving to be found worthy of the cause they have the honor to represent.

FRANKLIN O. GREEN.

ANACONDA CONFERENCE.

The Anaconda conference was held in the Dewey hall, 231 Oak street, March 29, 1909.

President Pratt and the following elders were in attendance: Six elders from the Great Falls conference, four from the Bozeman conference and four from the Butte conference with the four elders of the Anaconda conference, namely: Nathaniel Rehby, Jesse F. Bushman, Jesse L. Roberts and William G. Shields, a number of members from Butte being present also.

The first meeting was held March 28, at 7:30 p. m., President Pratt and Elders Heber Swindle president of the Bozeman conference, were the speakers.

This is president Pratt's last visit with the elders and saints of the Anaconda conference and he gave them good counsel in his farewell address.

After meeting a spicy program was rendered and a tasty lunch was served by the Relief society sisters.

The Relief society sisters presented President Pratt with a beautiful gold ring as a token of love and appreciation of his labors as president of the Northwestern States mission.

On the morning of March 31, President Pratt was obliged to leave to fill another appointment. The other elders remained and a well attended and spirited meeting was held in the evening at 7:30, the speakers being Elders William Monear president of the Great Falls conference and Joseph C. Cowley president of the Butte conference and J. W. Jones of the Great Falls conference.

After conference adjourned a social dance and program was enjoyed by all present.

The work has been prospering in the Anaconda conference during the winter with four elders. We have sold 74 Books of Mormon, 60 Cowley's Talks, 32 Voices of Warning. Distributed 11 books and 2,669 tracts, had 926 gospel conversations, visited 1,451 families in tracting and 326 revisited; 195 families of strangers were visited by invitation and there have been six baptisms. We have made many friends and held cottage and hall meetings during the winter which were well attended.

There was one change made at our conference, Elder William G. Shields was transferred to the Seattle conference and Henry L. Ward was chosen from the Butte conference to preside over the Anaconda conference.

There has been much sickness among the saints of Anaconda during the winter. The 13-year-old son of Brother and Sister Brabant was accidentally shot and killed, their 10-year-old son died of diphtheria and their 18-month-old son died of scarlet fever. Sister Brabant also had the diphtheria and their little daughter Sarah has just recovered from scarlet fever; they have the sympathy of the elders, saints and friends.

WILLIAM G. SHIELDS.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The elders of the Oklahoma conference, 14 in number, met at Marlow, Okla., March 26 and 27, in conference with saints and President Bennion of the Central States mission. A number of priesthood meetings were held in which President Bennion gave many valuable and encouraging instructions to the elders who have labored so valiantly in the campaign work during the fall and winter months.

President J. E. Coleman, with his company of elders, deserves great credit for the record-breaking reports of books sold, tracts distributed, meetings held and in general all the work assigned for them to do.

Saints, friends and investigators, crowded the church to its limits during the regular sessions of conference, where President Bennion and elders eloquently addressed them upon various principles of the gospel. The sisters did not fail to play their part well, for the noon hours were spent in feasting upon the good things for the physical man, served to every one in attendance.

The elders have returned to their campaign work with new energy and zeal, for the work of the Master, and invite all laborers for the truth to work with all the zeal they possess if they wish to keep in pace with them.

The Marlow school will continue under the tuteloge of Elder Alma Williams until the hot summer months appear.

BEAR RIVER STAKE CONFERENCE

The quarterly conference of Bear River stake was held Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, in the tabernacle, at Garland, President Milton H. Welling, presiding.

Elders D. O. McKay and Joseph F. McMurrin of the general authorities were present. The high council, general priesthood, Mutual Improvement, religion class and Relief society department meetings were held on Saturday. Dr. William Rich delivered a lecture to the Relief societies on hygiene.

All of the meetings were well attended by the officers and members.

The One Hundred and Fifty-third quorum of seventy was organized by Elder McMurrin, with the following members of the council: Peter Mortensen, Sr., Thomas F. Coombs, Olof Johnson, Joseph A. Capener, Hyrum S. Kimball, William Stayner, Orin A. Songer.

James R. Kennard was sustained as stake clerk in the place of Hersch Foulger, resigned.

The Elwood Dramatic company presented the drama, "The Squaw's Daughter," Saturday evening, as a benefit for the Religion class stake board.

Elder McKay visited Bothwell ward and held a meeting Sunday evening.

A conjoint M. I. A. session was held Sunday evening, which was addressed by the visiting sisters, Lovey and Brisen, and Elder McMurrin, upon purity of life.

The stake has a population of 3,200 and there were 670 present on Sunday.

L. A. C.

CONFERENCE AT BUTTE, MONT.

Butte, Mont., March 28.—The meeting of the Butte conference was held at 962 Utah avenue, with President Noah Pratt, in charge. The presiding officers of Butte Branch also 20 elders laboring in Montana, which embraces the conferences at Butte, Anaconda, Great Falls and Bozeman were present. The first session was held at 10 a. m. After the opening exercises President Pratt made the address of welcome. Short talks were made by the following elders: Bishop O. W. Benson, J. C. Cowley, G. R. Wilson, Anna Hanson of Bozeman, D. L. Brimhall, Clyde Desbgulet, Heber Swindle.

The afternoon session began at 1 o'clock. The Sacrament was administered, after which Elder Edward Jones and President William Monear and President Pratt addressed the congregation.

At the evening session, commencing at 7:30, the speakers were Elders Ben Robinson, W. L. Van Orden and President Pratt.

The sessions were well attended. The singing under Bro. Nephi Hanson and Sister Bertha Milsner as organist, was much appreciated. Also the solos sung by Lawrence Grenwell.

March 29 at 7:30 p. m. in I. O. O. F. hall a social and dance was given by the saints of Butte in honor of President Pratt of the Northwestern States mission and President G. R. Wilson of the Butte branch. President Pratt was presented with a gold-headed umbrella by saints of Butte and a watch by the elders. A very enjoyable evening was spent in song, dance, recitation and presentation speeches and responses.

March 30, at 8 a. m., elders' meeting was held with all 20 elders present. Many bore their testimony and expressed their feelings. President Pratt gave some very kindly instructions to the elders; all in all a spiritual feast was had.

J. C. COWLEY.

ELDERS OF THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

Reading from left to right, back row—John C. Hendrickson, J. Alma Ure, R. E. Tidwell, John F. Moody, Floyd Rose, William J. Lewis, William A. Whitehead, James Lawrence Heywood, Hyrum L. Hardy, Joseph A. Wagstaff, Jr. Front row, reading left to right—B. Cecil Gates, Albert C. Gardner, President William R. Dredge, President Ben E. Rich, President J. Gurnett Alfred, George S. Herner, Emil L. Huber.

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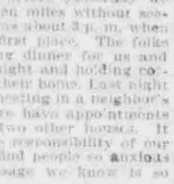

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