

tremulous movement of their outstretched wings.

Domestic pigeons, in letting themselves down to the street from a high building, when near the pavement do not alight as soon as they might, but they sail along the street very slowly with a constant flutter until they drop on their feet. A fluttering wing is not an uncommon motion. Young birds use it often before their lessons in flight are perfect, and older birds vibrate the wing to attract the attention of their mates, and it is not difficult to come to the conclusion that those birds that float kite-like in the air prolong the time of sailing after momentum is expended by a tremulous movement of the wings, though it may not be seen on account of the great distance from the observer.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

KANAB.

The quarterly Conference of this Stake was held at Orderville on Sunday and Monday, December 7th and 8th. Present on the stand the Stake Presidency, members of the High Council, and Bishops of several wards.

The remarks of the brethren were devoted principally to education, the Word of Wisdom, morality, obedience to the Priesthood, the teachings of the Holy Spirit, tithes and offerings.

The reports of the Bishops were presented, and the general and local authorities were presented and sustained.

The crops during the past season have been good, with the exception of those in Kanab Ward. The people not having been able to put in a substantial dam, their crops have been nearly an entire failure. Bishop Joel H. Johnson says he believes that the dam which is now being built will stand, and that the residents of Kanab will once more enjoy the blessing of water for irrigation purposes. We all hope such will be the case.

F. L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

SNOWFLAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake of Zion was held on Sunday and Monday, November 30th and December 1st, at Taylor.

There were present the Presidency of the Stake, the Bishops of wards, the local Priesthood; also a good attendance of the Saints.

The first meeting was occupied by President Jesse N. Smith and Lorenzo H. Hatch, who reported the condition of the people as being good spiritually, and in most places temporally. They spoke on some points of doctrine of great interest to the Saints.

In the afternoon the Sacrament was administered, after which the following brethren spoke: John Lock, J. H. Richards, S. D. Rogers, Paul Smith, James Lewis, G. B. Gardner, John Reidhead and Joseph W. Smith.

At 7 p.m. there was a Priesthood meeting at which some good instructions were given.

On Monday morning the statistical

and ward reports were read. These showed a slight increase in the Stake as to numbers. The speakers were President Jesse N. Smith, Charles Shumway, S. H. Rogers, Marshall Hunt, Niels Peterson and W. J. Flake.

At the afternoon meeting the general and local authorities were presented and sustained by vote of the conference. The speakers were President Lorenzo H. Hatch, J. H. Willis, J. A. West, C. E. Richardson and President Jesse N. Smith.

Several subjects were treated upon of great interest to the Saints, such as Church Schools, the Word of Wisdom, the order of the Priesthood, Faith, Prayer, etc.

A good spirit prevailed during the conference, and all felt that they had received spiritual strength.

Conference adjourned, to meet at Snowflake the first Sunday and Monday of March next.

JOSEPH FISH.

Stake Clerk.

SNOWFLAKE, Dec. 3, 1890.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The Sugar Enterprise.

The first \$50,000 payment to the contractors of the sugar factory—E. H. Dyer & Co.—was paid Dec. 9. The project is meeting with fine success and strong support.

Released from Prison.

H. F. THORP, of this city, has been released from the penitentiary. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment for unlawful cohabitation, but obtained a pardon after serving a period of three months.

A Missionary Drafted.

Elder Fred Wyas of this city, who has been laboring as a missionary in Switzerland, was recently drafted into the Swiss army and at last accounts was with the forces which are posted on the frontier of the Canton that lately revolted against the government. The experience of a "Mormon" missionary in foreign lands is frequently of a varied character, but it does not often embrace a term of military service.

Sent to the "Pen."

On Saturday, Dec. 13, the following prisoners were taken to the penitentiary from the First Judicial District, under the watchcare of Baliff Gill: Charles Turner, sentenced to a term of three years for burglary; Henry J. Newman, sentenced to serve five months and to pay a fine of \$300 and \$58 costs for unlawful cohabitation; Fred Ellis, sentenced to sixty days and to pay a fine of \$42 for adultery; Lars P. Johnson convicted of unlawful cohabitation, to serve sixty days and pay a fine of \$54.

Monticello.

Dec. 10th we received a call from Brother William E. Hyde, formerly of this city, but now of Monticello, San Juan County. The settlement is only three years old, is situated

at the east base of the Blue Mountains, and consists of ten families, with a prospect of numerous additions in the spring. The soil is rich, yielding liberally in cereals, while white-flint corn can be raised plentifully without irrigation. The water supply is obtained from two creeks named respectively North and South Montezuma. There is abundance of saw and fuel timber, two loads of the latter being obtainable in a day. Fruit can be raised. The climate is temperate and salubrious. The altitude is 7300 feet above sea level. There are numerous coal beds in the vicinity awaiting development.

Death of an Estimable Young Lady.

A correspondent from South Carolina writes:

Martha Jane, beloved daughter of Brother Robert C. Poole, passed peacefully away November 10th, 1890.

Sister Poole was born at Pacolet Springs, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, October 25th, 1871, where she always resided with her family up to the time of her death; was baptized by Elder F. A. Fraughton, February 23rd, 1887, and has since that time been highly esteemed by the Elders and Saints, who have so often participated in the hospitable receptions at the home of Brother Poole.

The announcement of Sister Poole's death will bring a pang to the hearts of her many friends in Zion, who sincerely hoped to meet her there, as it was also her heart's desire to gather with the Saints of God.

The "Father of His Country."

The title "Father of His Contry" was first applied, according to one historian, to Cincinnatus, but there is much in the story altogether mythical and uncertain. It was undoubtedly applied to Cicero, who lived from B. C. 106 to B. C. 43, and broke up the Cataline conspiracy. It was given to Julius Caesar after the Spanish rebellion, to Augustus, to Cosmo de Medici, Andrea Doria and others. Louis XVI., Henry IV. and Louis XVIII. of France were styled "Father of the People," as also was Christian III. of Denmark. The title "Father of His Country" was not the only one bestowed on Washington. He was styled the "American Fabius" from his cautious policy, and from the fact that he never won a battle, but wore out the enemy by harassing campaigns. Lord Byron, in his ode to Napoleon styles Washington "The Cincinnatus of the West." Vittorio Alfieri, the Italian dramatist, called him the "Deliverer of America." He was styled the "Savior of His Country" by the newspapers of his own day, "Lovely Georgius" by the British soldiers, and the "Stepfather of His Country" by political opponents during his second term.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

The Russian Situation.

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