

presidency of the Salt Lake Stake might be considered the orator or principal speaker of the day. He was introduced as one of the most intimate friends of President Smoot, and his speech was confined to the life and labors of the man to whom the Brigham Young Academy owes so much. A duet was sung by Miss Otille Mæser and Prof. Lund; Elders Partridge and John, and also Elder Brigham Young followed in short speeches; Prof. B. Cliff Jr. made the closing remark; Miss Ida Peterson sang, and Warren Dusenbury pronounced the benediction.

The eight hundred persons then repaired to the basement of the Academy building, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. In the evening a sociable was held, and a general hand-shaking indulged in.

ELLEN JAKEMAN.

SEPTEMBER TEMPERATURE.

Temperature—The mean temperature for the Territory was 60.8 degrees; highest monthly mean, 70.2 degrees, at St. George; lowest, 52.4 degrees, at Grouse Creek. The highest temperature, 103 degrees, was recorded at St. George, on the 8th, and the lowest, 9 degrees, at Fillmore, on the 22nd, making the range of temperature for the Territory 94 degrees. The greatest local monthly range of temperature was 90 degrees, at Fillmore, and the least, 60 degrees, at Logan. The average maximum temperature was 91 degrees, and the minimum, 22 degrees.

The average precipitation for the Territory was .60 of an inch; greatest monthly amount recorded was 2.28 inches at Millville, and the least amount recorded, was a trace at Orton. The principal part of the precipitation was in the shape of snow which fell on the 20th and 21st. The average number of days on which one-hundredth of an inch or more of rain, or melted snow fell, was 3.

Wind—Prevailing direction southwest. Total movement at Salt Lake City, 5,140 miles; maximum velocity, 38 miles per hour from the south on the 10th; average hourly velocity, 7 miles per hour.

The weather was generally clear to fair from the 1st to the 16th, cloudy and stormy from the 17th to the 21st, and generally clear the remainder of the month. The heavy snow storm on the 20th and 21st, and the severe cold wave on the 22nd, were the most notable features of the weather during the month. The storm was general over the northern portion of the Territory, and caused great damage to late fruits and vegetables.

The average number of clear days was 20; partly cloudy 7, and cloudy 3. There was 72 per cent of sunshine at Salt Lake City, and 81 per cent (estimated) at Grover, Wayne county, during the month.

Thunderstorms—Gilee, 14, 17, 18; Grover, 14; Loa, 18; Scipio, 17, 18; Parowan, 17, 18; Vernal, 18; Moab, 10; Snowville, 13.

Hal—Orton, 17; Grover, 14.

Sleet—Orton, 21; Grover, 21.

Solar halos—Gilee, 29; Grouse Creek, 17, 18.

Lunar halos—Gilee, 29.

Killing frost—Orton, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29; Gilee, 23; Grover, 22, 23, 24;

Heber, on 4 days; Levan, 22; Scipio, 20, 21, 22, 23; Parowan, 22; Vernal, 22; Moab, 22, 33, 24; Snowville, 22, 23; Thistle, 22, 23, 24; 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Mantle, 20, 22; Grouse Creek, 5.

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ST. JOHN, KANSAS, NOTES.

The last issue of the St. John, Kansas, News, contains the following items of news that will interest Utah people: Elders J. C. Lyon and Alvin A. Beesley started out for a week's missionary trip Tuesday morning.

We are informed on good authority that Elder Henry Kirkman, of the Saints' Church, who, during the meeting of conference of that Church September last, afforded our people so much pleasure with his organ recitals, will, in a month or six weeks, be transferred from the Indian Territory to the St. John Branch, which will be pleasing news to the many friends he made during his short stay in our city.

The St. John branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will soon place a fine five-octave organ in their beautiful building on the "Hill of Zion," this city, which fact will not only be appreciated by the Elders and members in charge, but the already fast increasing many friends of the organization; and that those who are working among us are doing a good work, none but the prejudiced will deny, and that a nicer set of gentlemen than the Elders stationed here cannot be found no one will dispute. We only regret that we haven't more of them among us.

The entertainment given at the Baptist church Friday evening the 4th, was greeted with a well filled house, and proved one of the most pleasant affairs given for some time in our little city. The entire entertainment was well received, but the most pleasing feature to the greater part of the audience was the instrumental music furnished by a trio consisting of Professors A. Baker, violin; M. Kane, cornet; and Alvin A. Beesley, organ which as a trio have no equals in this part of the country; these gentlemen using all fine musicians.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon made highly important and sensational statements regarding Venezuela, which seem to show that the dispute between that Republic and Great Britain has assumed a grave aspect. It says since Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain resumed office as secretary of state for the colonies, he has paid close personal attention to the question of the relations between Great Britain and Venezuela, and hastened the initiative in directing in part the administration of the affairs of the British colony of Guiana, adjoining Venezuela.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 18.—Additional advices from Key Chow, where the steamship Kun Pal was destroyed by an explosion which sank her in shallow water, last Wednesday, confirms the dispatch which stated the loss of life was believed to be very great. The Kun Pal was loaded with troops. The ex-

plosion, the cause of which is unknown, completely wrecked the forward portion of the steamship, and only twenty-four of those on board were saved.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—A telegram was received at the navy department this morning from Mr. Orr, at Nashville, stating that William Guild, son of the mayor of Nashville, had been accidentally shot and killed there last evening. The telegram was forwarded to Harper's ferry to intercept the mayor and daughter, who were en route to Newport News, where the young lady was to name the gunboat Nashville, tomorrow.

HONG KONG, Oct. 18.—Dispatches from the island of Formosa, announce that Takio, on the west coast of the island, was captured, October 16, by the Japanese. Dispatches also state that the Japanese intend to bombard Tai Wan Fu, the Chinese capital of the island, today. It is held by the Black Flag leaders, who refused to surrender unconditionally, and heavy fighting is expected.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon follows up the disclosures of yesterday regarding the policy of Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, toward Venezuela and the apparent determination of the British government to uphold its claims by force of arms, by making the following important statement:

"We are in a position to state that the Marquis of Salisbury has sent an ultimatum to President Crespo, which not only sets out the demands of the British government for reparation on account of the arrest of the deputation and inspectors of police at Orjan, but it also states the terms upon which Great Britain will definitely determine the boundary dispute with that republic. The ultimatum is now en route to President Crespo, if not already delivered to him.

"This final action was decided upon by the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain before the former's recent holiday in France. Both the Marquis of Salisbury and Chamberlain are in perfect agreement as to the necessity of ending the frontier dispute, even if Venezuela has to be brought to terms by means which are most effective in reaching an understanding with South American republics."

The St. James Gazette also publishes a letter, signed by Hugh Watt, deploring the retrograde condition of British Guiana, due, it is claimed, to an attempt to bolster up the decaying sugar cane industry; but predicting that Chamberlain's policy will revive its industrial prospects.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 19.—A fire last night destroyed the National Rice mill and four adjacent buildings on Elysian Field street. The loss is estimated at \$200,000; insured. The loss included \$40,000 worth of rice.

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—The Vorwärts says Frederick William Horn, a national liberal member of the Reichstag, has been sentenced at Dresden to ten months' imprisonment for lese majeste, and even at the expiration of that time, he will only be released on condition that he finds sureties for 10,000 marks for subsequent good behavior.