

quires a boy to be confirmed. The confirmation consists in appearing before the congregation of the synagogue and delivering a lecture, at the close of which the president of the congregation offers his congratulations and also the congratulations of the congregation, and then gives the boy his blessing.

There being no synagogue in Ogden the parents of the boy requested the Tabernacle for the confirmation. The boy delivered his lecture, which occupied one-half hour. He drew attention to the fact that Judah had been oppressed by kings and nations, his people had been sunk to the lowest depths of degradation by persecution and oppression, but God was with Israel and the nation of Zion would never be lost. He quoted several passages from Tabaria proving that Judah was for liberty and freedom. He closed his lecture by appealing to the youth to love, honor and obey their parents.

Elder N. C. Flygare offered to Master Kohn his congratulations and also the congratulations of the congregation, and as president of the congregation blessed the boy, which finished the confirmation, all of which was listened to with great interest by the audience.

Of the Jewish congregation, President Rosenbaum and a few others were present and were seated with the audience.

A COAL RAILROAD.

The filing of the articles of incorporation of the Grass Creek Terminal Railway company marks a step of great moment to the people of Utah. It will be at once recognized, upon reading the names of the incorporators, as a move of The Utah Company in the furtherance of its great plans.

The amount of capital stock of the new company is placed at \$120,000, which is to be divided into 1,200 shares of the value of \$100 each, and the term of the company's existence is placed at fifty years.

The corporation, as set forth in the articles, is organized for the purpose of acquiring, owning, operating and maintaining a line of railway commencing at the Grass Creek junction of Echo and Park City railroad, in Summit county, and running easterly up Grass Creek canyon to section 19, township 3, north range 6 east—the coal miner. The length of the proposed railway is six miles, all being in the county of Summit.

The actual contemplated cost of constructing the road, together with the cost of right of way and other appurtenances for the completion and running of the same, as nearly as can be estimated by competent engineers, is \$120,000. Steam or other mechanical power will be used.

The incorporators and the number of shares subscribed for by each are as follows:

Name.	Shares.
Wilford Woodruff.....	250
George Q. Cannon.....	250
Joseph F. Smith.....	250
William W. Cluff, Coalville.....	150
James Jack, Salt Lake City.....	100
Frank J. Cannon, Ogden.....	100
Arthur Winter, Salt Lake City.....	100

There are five directors, and these are named as follows: Wilford Wood-

ruff, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith, Wm. W. Cluff and James Jack. George Q. Cannon is president, Joseph F. Smith vice-president and Arthur Winter secretary and treasurer.

The surveyors went to work today, laying out the route from the mines down the canyon. It is stated by the engineer that a grade of two per cent can be made. In response to inquiries today, Mr. Jack stated that they were waiting for Messrs. N. W. Clayton and Frank J. Cannon to return from New York before much can be said. He could not state just when the road would be completed, but it was expected to put a heavy force of men at work this fall. When Messrs. Cannon and Clayton come home, the date of commencing actual operations will be determined upon.

The Utah company has three groups of coal mines. At present the rate on coal, paid to the Union Pacific for freight, is \$2 per ton, and the coal has to be hauled by teams to the U. P. track. This hauling will be done by the Terminal line.

If the Utah company can make satisfactory arrangements for a depot in this city, it is quite probable that an independent railroad will be built through here from Grass Creek at an early date. When this is accomplished it will be good-bye to the coal combine that so long has had a grasp on the people. The commencement of the Grass Creek Terminal is a step in that direction that will be hailed with delight.

COUNTY COURT MATTERS.

The usual weekly session of the county court was held Monday morning, all the members being present, viz.: Probate Judge Blair (who presided), Selectmen Cahoon, Bamberger and Morris.

W. N. Cole submitted his first semi-annual report as tree inspector for Salt Lake county. He states that a large majority of the fruit growers took hold of the work of spraying with a determination to get the best possible results therefrom; some few did it because the law said they must—and that class did just as little as possible so as to comply with the law. The work this season had been practically "theoretical," very few persons having any practical knowledge of it. Consequently the work was done under a great many disadvantages, and did not prove as effectual as it would in the future. The frequent spring rains coming, as they did, just in the spraying season, rendered much of the spraying valueless by washing the poison from fruit and foliage.

So far this season the warfare had been waged almost entirely against the larva of the codlin moth; but enemies of no less moment were upon us in large numbers: The pear leaf blister mite and the pear and cherry leaf slug were doing incalculable damage to the foliage. Scurvy bark louse, white woolly aphids, green aphids, red spider and other sucking insects were drawing the life from our trees and plants, while several different species of fungi were found preying upon the fruit foliage and tender twigs of our orchards and vineyards. All of these could be overcome by the proper remedies,

applied at the right time. For our fruit growers to get the best results next season it would be necessary to do a vast amount of work while the trees are in a dormant condition. A large number of the pests named could be more successfully fought while the trees were bare of foliage, because much stronger washes could be used without danger of any injurious results to the trees.

So far as he could learn, about 75 per cent of the early ripening fruits was put upon the market in first-class condition. In some of our orchards of winter apples, when the work of spraying was well done, it is estimated that 50 per cent of the crop is sound and free from worms, while others would not go over 25 per cent of good fruit.

All circumstances considered, the universal verdict was that the new law, weak as it is, had scored a grand success for its first season's work and saved to the farmers and fruit growers thousands of dollars over and above the cost of its operation. So far as he could learn, there had been no injurious results to persons or stock in consequence of spraying.

The inspector then proceeds to give a condensed statement of the season's work and says that under the operations of the law a new impetus has been given to our fruit interests: new orchards had been and were being planted, a county horticultural society had been organized and was now in good working condition.

What we most needed now was a Territorial organization of the fruit growers, and means to issue bulletins from time to time, so as to diffuse knowledge throughout the Territory that the public would not otherwise generally obtain, and to this end our county board had issued a call for a convention of all the people in the Territory interested in horticulture, to be held during the Agricultural Fair in October.

The report was ordered filed, and thereupon Selectman Bamberger moved that Mr. Cole's services be now dispensed with. He saw no reason for continuing them further, the fruit season being now nearly over. But the motion finding no second, it fell through.

The Associated Veterans of the Mexican War celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of the occupation of the City of Mexico by the American army with a banquet last Friday evening at San Francisco. The celebration was held at the California hotel and some seventy-five snowy-haired veterans were present to enjoy the festivities of the occasion.

According to an exchange, the Vanderbilt, Cal., *Shaft* has suspended, and the editor has left for Utah. He posted the following notice on the office door: "The *Shaft* is sunk. Development work has closed, for no success has attended our efforts to find the pay streak. To our enemies we say: If you can get any comfort out of the failure of one whose efforts are and have been entirely for the good of the camp, just take it and may you be happy. To our friends we say: Good luck to you, and please accept our thanks for what you have done for us. To all, our friends and our enemies, those we owe and those who owe us, we say—Adios."