

when the tree top struck them upon their heads, killing them instantly, it is supposed.

Nerville W. Morgan, Roy T. Jones and William Shoemaker, lads of 13, 14 and 15 years old respectively, were arraigned before a Los Angeles justice on Saturday afternoon upon the serious charge of assault with intent to commit murder. A week ago last Tuesday Wesley, the ten-year-old son of G. W. Dodge, was set upon by the boys and a fight ensued. Morgan dealt young Dodge a blow back of the ear with a large rock, fracturing the skull. The lad was picked up unconscious, in which condition he has remained since, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Bert Casebolt, an eleven-year-old boy, was crushed between two flat cars in the yard of the Southern Pacific Railroad company at Oakland, Cal., Sunday evening, and will die from his injuries. He was playing around the yard with other boys and they were getting on and off the cars. Some switching was being done and some of the lads, Casebolt among the rest, climbed aboard a moving train. Casebolt was standing over the couplings at the end of the cars and one of the boys pulled the coupling pin. The engine started ahead, and then almost immediately backed up. Casebolt either did not know what was being done or slipped down, for when the cars came together his left leg was caught between the buffers and mangled in a terrible manner.

Sunday night Officers McKenzie and Brownlee, of Napa, Cal., effected the arrest of Charles Kugadt, charged with the murder of his half sister on October 19, 1896, in Washington county, Tex. Under the name of John Frey, the man has worked at the shoe trade for D. Keig, a shoe dealer in Napa, who reports him a skilled workman. Kugadt is an educated, intelligent German, 43 years old and has a wife and children in Texas. Three hundred dollars reward was offered by the governor of Texas for the arrest and conviction of Kugadt. The latter is completely broken up by his arrest and incarceration. He acknowledges that he and his half sister were out riding on the date given above. According to Kugadt, the woman fell out of the buggy, and the wheels ran over her and killed her. He burned the body and escaped.

PLEASANT GROVE NOTES:

PLEASANT GROVE,
Feb. 22nd, 1897.

The funeral of the late Major B. B. Rose was held here on Saturday afternoon. His remains were taken to Salt Lake City and interred by the side of his wife.

Those who have been ailing from la grippe are improving.

The Scandinavians gave a play at the opera home Saturday night for the benefit of Elder Isaac Carlson, now in Sweden filling a mission; the results were very satisfactory and doubtless will gladden the absent Elder's heart.

Dr. Noyes of American Fork lectured here last night, subject, "How to preserve health and treat accidents." The doctor gave some good receipts and advice which was duly appreciated.

The old folks of the Second ward

were given a dinner today; all the married people, as also missionaries' wives and the widows in the ward were guests. A program was carried out at the meeting house, after which the people repaired to the school house where all were seated at tables covered with the best the land affords. A general time of rejoicing was had. The committee did their parts well.

Two of Pleasant Grove's young men will lead two of American Fork's fair young ladies to the altar this week. The ceremonies will take place in the Salt Lake Temple.

Many will avail themselves of the lectures of Mrs. Mountford at Provo, our nights this week, as also the Farmer's State Institute, to be held there four days this week, commencing tomorrow the 23rd.

The Alpine people are giving their old folks a treat today, as also the widows and indigent of the ward. The program will wind up with a grand ball, in which the town's people will take part this evening.

Elder Herman Campbell is giving a series of lectures to the Third ward people on the Divine Authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Many students who are attending the High school of the State are home for Washington's Birthday.

Our district schools are running very smoothly and the teachers are giving general satisfaction.

CONFERENCE OF ELDERS.

PROVO, Utah, Feb. 22, 1897.—Pursuant to appointment, the Elders Utah Stake convened in the Stake Tabernacle, Provo City, at 10 a. m. Sunday, the 21st inst. The Stake Presidency, with some eighteen presidents of Elders, and a large number of Elders were present.

Elder Partridge, president of the Stake explained in a short address to the Elders assembled, that the presidency of the Stake for some time past had had under consideration the assembling of the Elders of the Stake in a conference capacity, in order to effect a better understanding between themselves and the Elders in regard to the duties, privileges and official calling of the latter; also for the consideration of plans that would be for the advancement of the Elders in their duties and studies in quorum capacity and further, for their encouragement in making themselves efficient workmen in the cause of Zion.

Elder David John, also of the Stake presidency, endorsed the remarks of Elder Partridge, and particularly called the attention of the brethren to the necessity of keeping their records correctly and in proper form, that they might be reliable.

On motion of Elder Robert Irvine, the presidency of the Stake were requested to number the quorum of the Elders of the Stake.

After this the presidents of the quorums present were called upon to report, whereupon some eighteen reported the condition and status of their quorums.

At the afternoon session Elder David John expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of the Elders of the Stake, considering the condition of the roads and the inclemency of the weather. The Elders had been invited together that they might be im-

pressed with the importance of their calling and the necessity of their magnifying their Priesthood for the Good of Zion. He advised that should there be members of the quorums who were delinquent in their attendance at meetings, they should be labored with in a spirit of brotherly love; but if they persisted in their delinquency they should be disfellow-shipped from their quorum.

Elder Reed Smoot of the Stake presidency showed up by comparison to the Cog-wheel; the importance of all bearing the Priesthood, magnifying their calling. The sisters should use their exertions and influence with their husbands to promote the attention of the latter to their priestly duties. He was assured that an awakening had come upon the quorums of the Priesthood of the Stake, by the increased interest manifested in their duties.

Elders George Harrison of Springville, Robert Irvine of Provo and Henry Jackson of Lehi, presidents of quorums, each spoke for a short time expressing their desire for the improvement of the members of their respective quorums.

Elder Partridge then gave advice on the necessity of pruning the vineyard, that the bearing vines might be known. Wisdom should characterize the hand of the husbandman in this particular. The presiding Elders would do well to invite their Bishops to meet with them occasionally. The presiding Elders should be consistent men, living up to all the requirements of the Gospel that they might consistently teach others their duty. He felt that the present meeting would be conducive of greater energy on the part of the Elders of the Stake in attending to their duties, and that a spirit of improve should animate each quorum.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the presidency of the Stake.

ALBERT JONES.

MORGAN CONFERENCE REPORTS.

MORGAN, Morgan Co., Utah.

Feb. 20, 1897.

In the SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS of Friday, Feb. 19, I saw a reference to Morgan Stake conference that I wrote after the first meeting, thinking it would appear in your evening's issue as a matter of news, and that I would furnish a complete report at the close of the conference. On the day after conference I sent a report which I thought was in time for yesterday's issue of the SEMI-WEEKLY, but it does not appear. Please inform me where I erred. I have neglected sending all reports but wish to do my full duty in this regard. I am disappointed in the report not being in and I doubtless will be censured for not making a more complete report.

C. R. CLARK, Clerk.

[The reports referred to did not reach us in time for the issues named, but were used immediately upon receipt thereof. Sometimes long and therefore cumbersome reports are held a day or two, subject to conditions of space and other interesting matter, but we endeavor to handle promptly all brief and comprehensive reports, like that from Morgan, as matters of news, and we appreciate the kindness and tact of clerks who furnish such reports.—ED. NEWS.]