

as other influential men from the Snowflake and Maricopa stakes.

After the usual opening exercises, President Layton made a few opening remarks; he said since we last met one of his counselors, Brother Henry Merrill, had gone behind the veil; our desires are that he will come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, and that it will be said of him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." The speaker referred to the blessings the Lord had poured out upon us; and exhorted the Saints to be prayerful and live honorable lives before the Lord.

The Bishops reported their wards to be in a fair condition temporally and spiritually, although there was much room for improvement; the officers were all alive to their calling and the members, generally speaking, were trying to live their religion and perform their duty, while there were others that were slack and indifferent towards the Priesthood and were asleep as pertaining to the principles of the Gospel.

The subjects dwelt upon during the conference were the law of Tithing, Word of Wisdom, the principles of the Gospel, work for our dead, the mission of our Savior and of the Prophet Joseph Smith, the restoration of the Gospel in the latter days, the necessity of being prayerful, honest, virtuous, etc. Elder Jackson spoke very plainly and pointedly upon the slackness of some of the officers and members in the Stake, and gave them to understand that they could not trifle with the things of God and hold a full standing in His kingdom.

The statistical report and general and local authorities were put before the people and sustained. A vote of thanks was given the Thatcher choir under the leadership of Prof. Edwin M. Curtis for their promptness and good singing rendered during the conference. All felt to enjoy the spirit of the conference. F. W. MOODY, Clerk.

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 29.—A special to the Times-Democrat from Atlanta, Ga., says: A disastrous hurricane swept over Brunswick and along the Georgia coast this morning. Meager reports have been received from the storm center, which say that the hurricane was one of the most terrific and that great damage and probable loss of life resulted. All the wires along the coast are down, and up to a late hour communication has not been restored to Brunswick, Savannah or Charleston. The wires are down for a distance of forty or fifty miles this side of Brunswick, and no information has been received from that place except by a train which left there while the storm was still raging. The train was delayed in Brunswick two hours this morning, the engine being unable to make headway against the wind, which was blowing at a high velocity.

People were injured by flying objects, and one lady was killed at Everett, a small station a few miles from Brunswick. The railroad track was obstructed by trees and poles, and the only train which came through from Brunswick was preceded by a wrecking-iron and crew for a distance of twenty miles.

H. M. Merrill of the Atlanta Telephone company reached Atlanta late tonight from Brunswick, and states that the city of Brunswick is badly damaged and that three big vessels were sunk in Brunswick harbor. The vessels were blown away from their moorings.

The Monitor was blown from her pier and was floating helplessly in the harbor in danger of going to the bottom.

Part of the Oglethorpe hotel, the leading hotel of Brunswick, was blown away, and other big buildings were totally or partially wrecked. Four persons were killed outright.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Sept. 30.—No action of a conciliatory nature is expected from the meeting of the Miners' union this evening and the mine owners are preparing for the worst. Fences are being built around the principal mines preparatory to resuming work with non-union miners. The stockade to inclose the In x group of gold mines, including Little John's, the construction of which was begun by a large force this morning, will be a mile in circumference and will be bullet-proof in every part. A hundred thousand feet of lumber will be used in the construction. All the families of the union miners living in the buildings erected on the Ibe x company's ground, will be evicted, the company paying the house owners whatever the buildings are worth. The Ibe x company is receiving applications for work and claims to be able to secure all the men needed in camp. The men employed at this company's mine did not strike as they were receiving \$3 per day, the union scale, but when the strike was inaugurated at the mine where the rate was \$2.50 the Ibe x company discharged all its employees. Now no union men will be employed at the mine.

It is said that over 300 members of the union have signed a paper declaring the policy of the union detrimental to their interests, and they will be governed by it no longer.

To put a stop to the guerilla warfare on the hills at night it is proposed to place two flash lights at points from which the entire country around can be swept and the guerillas detected.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 30.—Je nie Love was shot in the head and instantly killed by William Swanson today. The testimony of several witnesses goes to show that the bullet which ended the woman's life was intended for William Lee, a negro with whom Swanson had been quarreling.

Jealousy about the woman is the cause alleged.

DALTON, Ohio, Sept. 30.—Though he is a mere baby it was a felonious motive that enraged little seven year-old Carroll McHaney to plan and then deliberately shoot and kill his playmate, Tommy Kidd.

Tommy Kidd was sitting in his cradle chair in which, by means of hand wheels, he had managed to move his little paralytic body from room to room. He was just fourteen years old, having for ten years of short existence been a invalid and confined to the house. He was bright, intelligent and had an aptitude for study. The parents of Tommy, when they left two weeks ago, decided to leave the little invalid in the country in the care of Mrs.

McHaney, who is a widow. Carroll, the child murderer, has been the active terror of this whole community ever since he donned his knee breeches. Two years ago he set fire to his mother's barn. Tommy Kidd, in defending himself from one of Carroll's practical jokes, slapped Carroll. This was the provocation for the murder.

Last Saturday Mr. John Honan returned a borrowed double-barreled shotgun to the McHaney house. The gun was put in the front parlor. The barrels were empty. Carroll hunted and found the gun, loaded both barrels, came down, considerably drew his baby sister from the range of his aim, aimed at little Tommy's head and deliberately shot and killed him instantly. He put the gun back into its accustomed place. The body of the dead boy had fallen over in the chair. He sat him erect and taking his little sister went to spend the rest of the morning with the neighbors. The boy murderer is not legally responsible although he has confessed.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 30.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Jacksonville, Fla., says: It is a conservative estimate to say that fifty people have lost their lives from yesterday's hurricane and the number may run much higher.

The hurricane struck Florida at Cedar Keys, and it passed in its path of destruction over twenty towns and villages, and reports show that between thirty and forty people have certainly been killed.

Cedar Keys is about 100 miles southwest of Jacksonville. The hurricane which had been churning the waters of the gulf first struck this place, a village of 1,500 inhabitants. The only report which has come concerning Cedar Keys is that the town has been swept away and many lives have been lost. This report comes from Gainesville, which is fifty miles away. Nobody has been able to get anything definite from Cedar Keys. Moving northeasterly the storm struck Williston, a small town, at which eleven houses were blown down, several persons killed and several badly injured that they will die.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 30.—The city of Staunton in the Shenandoah valley was visited by a terrible flood today. Many lives were lost and great damage done to property. The great storm yesterday caused the lake to rise and flood the city. All the water-courses in the valley became raging torrents and swept over their banks, carrying destruction in their paths. The water invaded the lower portion of the city, rising so rapidly that many were unable to escape in time and were engulfed. Others barely escaped with their lives, leaving their property to the mercy of the water. Houses were swept from their foundations. In several cases persons were with difficulty rescued from the roofs and upper stories.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—The Pacific Mail steamship Oahu arrived today from Hong Kong and Yokohama two days ahead of time, breaking the trans-Pacific record between Yokohama and San Francisco and lowering the record of the last steamers of all lines between San Francisco and Honolulu two hours. The run to Hon-