

spoken upon were the Word of Wisdom, prompt payment of tithes and offerings, the support of the poor, the erection of the pioneer memorial, the contaminating effect of the horse racing tendency, and the encouragement of home industry, especially in the erection of a grist mill, that we might become self-supporting.

Between the services Sunday a meeting of the Priesthood was held, when something substantial in regard to a grist mill was done. The general authorities of the Church and the Stake authorities were all sustained with a unanimous vote. Reports showed the health of the people good.

GEORGE PASSEY, Clerk.

By FRANK T. POMEROY,
Assistant Clerk.

GRAND SURPRISE.

SPRINGVILLE, Utah, Dec. 29, 1894.—Last evening, Dec. 28th, an army not bristling with bayonets, however, but composed of citizens of the Springville Second ward armed with baskets groaning under the weight of rich viands superadded by ice cream, took peaceable possession of the residence of our esteemed citizen J. M. Westwood, the house being filled to its utmost capacity, not even a corner being left for "Auld Nick" to get a claw or toenail in. The occasion was in memory of that most highly esteemed and venerable lady Hannah Harrison whose fidelity to the cause of the Latter-day Saint Church is so well understood by all her acquaintances. Every one present was brimming over with humor and fun and two tables, spread out the entire length of the house, literally groaned under the weight of good things. Even supper did not stay the flood of humor and soul-stirring joke, emanating from a score of tongues, producing side-splitting laughter. Brief but pointed little speeches sparkling with sentiments of praise and recognition of the many excellent virtues and wise counsels of our venerable sister, were made by both male and female.

Sister Harrison pulled a hand-cart, in connection with her husband, all the way from Florence to Salt Lake City or until they were met by teams. The family, consisting of nine in all, were overtaken by that perilous snow-storm, in which so many brave hearts fell victims to the pitiless elements. Her heroic energy, and that of her husband, will go down to posterity as a lasting memento of endurance and energy under such extraordinary conditions, when many of the stoutest hearts succumbed and perished by hunger and cold, Sister Harrison eating snow and asking the Lord, in that extremity, to make it as manna was to the children of Israel, her husband covering with rawhide and other rude material the feet of the children to protect them from freezing.

The prime mover in this surprise was Sister Zebina Alleman, to whom the credit of originating and planning it is altogether due. Her daughter Ida performed finely at the organ. The whole proceeding gave evidence of how much better a company, filled with song, recitation, speech and wit, can enjoy themselves than in so much of the silly nonsense of heel and toe. Sister H. is in her seventy-eighth year

and until infirmity rendered her bodily inactive has been an ardent worker in the Relief Society since 1868, the period of its first organization. We know of no one family all of whom came through that terrible journey except hers without the loss of a single member.

CHARLES D. EVANS.

IN THE COAL REGION.

Work in the coal mines in Pleasant Valley is slack; for the last month the men have not put in over half time. The mines are in excellent condition to turn out a large amount of coal it worked up to full capacity. The Pleasant Valley company's mine at Winter Quarters could put out twelve hundred tons a day if crowded. This is a well managed and admirably arranged mine, turning out an excellent quality of coal. F. J. Parmley is in charge. The coal is hauled out by an electric motor and they have a real underground railway on which one may ride for over a mile into the tunnel at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. Your representative took this ride, seated on some grain sacks in a coal car. The sensation was peculiar as we dashed along trying to keep our nerves steady and held onto the miner's lamp that had been given us. The sudden turns, the gloom of darkness only lit up by the glare of the electric light on the motor and the feeble light of a miner's lamp made it quite a sensational ride.

We must have walked at least eight miles visiting the different workings. There are at present about 250 men employed in and around this mine. The company has just erected an addition to their barn, 30x40 feet, to accommodate their animals, of which they have quite a number.

The Wasatch Store Co. run a store in connection with the mine and the day before Christmas distributed 125 turkeys to their patrons as a Christmas present.

The Latter-day Saints have a comfortable meeting house and a live ward organization, and hold meetings at Winter Quarters and at Scofield, which are well attended.

The U. P. mine at Scofield has now about one hundred employees and there is a store in connection with this mine. Ingles & Ballantyne also do quite a business. The postoffice is kept by Mr. Earl, about half-way between the two mining camps, and is out of the way for each. There should be a change and a postoffice established at Scofield, centrally located, and one at Winter Quarters, to accommodate the people, as the present arrangement is very unhandy and expensive.

The Pleasant Valley Mining Co. is now opening another excellent mine opposite the present workings that when properly developed will give them unexcelled facilities to produce coal in large quantities and will establish this as a permanent coal mining center. There is considerable snow on the ground here and prospects of more, while the air at this altitude is quite cold, as we are about 7,832 feet above the sea level, and can feel the difference in the air between here and Salt Lake valley.

Wm. Howell is now acting as agent for the DESERET NEWS in this locality and has quite a nice circulation.

The scene at Castle Gate looking

down the canyon from above the town is quite brilliant at night, as the coke ovens send up a red glare that is relieved by the brighter light of the big electric lamps. There are now about fifty coke ovens in active operation here; the mine is kept running quite regularly and all the slack it produces is made into coke. The vein of coal in this mine is not very thick, being only between four and five feet, yet it is very hard and makes fair coke. It lies on the top of a big ledge of sandstone, while there is another ledge above it. The mine is partially lit up by electricity and the coal drawn out by the electric cable, and all the shots in blasting the coal are fired by electricity in the evening after the men are out of the mine. The dust in this mine is apt to explode, hence the precaution to fire the shots while the men are out. The mine is also regularly watered to keep the dust damp to prevent accidents.

This mine is located in Price canyon about twelve miles from that town, and there are now about 250 men employed in and around it, while there are about 50 men employed at the coke ovens. This place is on the main line of the R. G. W. near the famous Castle Gate and about six miles from Helper, the end of division, and where the railway company have a round house and shops.

The Latter-day Saints have a ward organization here and a respectable meeting house. Wm. T. Lamph is the Bishop. The people here are not without amusements. A local company is now rehearsing to give a theatrical performance on New Year's eve. The camp boasts a very good brass band that would do credit to a more pretentious place.

Snow has been falling here for the last two days, and the weather has been cold. Trains are passing on time. The officers elected in this county went to Price to qualify yesterday. Yet the question who the selectmen were to qualify before has not been settled. The law says they are to go before the probate judge, but there has been no probate judge appointed for this county, so they have none to approve their bonds. Some of the people feel to criticize Uncle Grover for not gratifying somebody's ambition to become probate judge.

David L. Evans will look after the interests of the DESERET NEWS at Castle Gate from now on and the subscribers will get good service.

TRAVELER.

CASTLE GATE, Carbon Co., Dec. 29, 1894.

CHRISTMAS AT ANN ABBOR.

DESERET NEWS BUREAU,
ANN ABBOR, Mich.,
December 27, 1894.

At present we are having our first "real" snow storm, and it is one of the severest we have ever seen.

We have somewhat neglected to report matters in our colony of late, but it has been necessary, it seems, owing to so much work before closing of the U. of M. before holiday vacation.

It gives your correspondent great pleasure to announce the marriage of Miss Parthenia Barton, of Salt Lake City, to Mr. Arthur Dalley, student in