

down to posterity side by side with the fathers of our country?

I have no objection particularly to any candidate personally; but by all means let us have a Utah girl for queen—one who was born and reared here; the honor belongs to Utah.

The course that is being taken to elect a queen is unfair from the fact that the poor of this county are being ruled out—they should have a voice in saying who should be queen, and how can they have a voice except through the ballot? The best results have not always been obtained from those placed in office where money has been the motive power.

In conclusion I will say, being a free born American citizen, my forefathers having served in the Revolutionary war and helped to establish the Constitution of our country, which gave us freedom of speech, protection to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; later on, my relatives had their life-blood spilled in defense of the Union, during the War of the Rebellion; therefore I feel closely allied to the institutions of our common country, and I would like to see a queen descended from our honored veterans, born and reared in Utah—one who will reflect honor on our records in years to come.

With best wishes and kind regards, I subscribe myself,

Yours in truth and liberty,
FREDERICK KESLER, SEN.,
SALT LAKE CITY, June 8, 1896.

MILLARD STAKE CONFERENCE.

FILLMORE CITY, Utah, May 26, 1896.—The regular quarterly conference of Millard Stake was held at Holden Sunday and Monday, May 24th and 25th, 1896. There were present Elder Heber J. Grant of the Twelve Apostles; Ira N. Hinckley, Daniel Thompson and David R. Stevens of the Stake Presidency, and a good representation of officers and members from all the wards.

After the opening exercises Sunday morning Pres. Hinckley made a few opening remarks and reported the condition of the Stake, which was in the main good, after which a few of the bishops were called and gave fair reports of their wards.

Elder H. J. Grant then preached a very interesting sermon on a number of subjects. He dwelt upon the necessity and benefit of fasting and prayer, and pointed out a few important results therefrom. He read from the Lord's sermon on the mount, from Alma in the Book of Mormon, and discoursed upon the beauties of charity, and the inconsistency of faith without works; also bore a strong testimony that Jesus is the Saviour of the world, and Joseph Smith a Prophet of God.

In the afternoon the Sacrament was administered, after which Elder Grant resumed his comments upon the sermon on the mount; emphasized the words: "By their fruits ye shall know them," and sought earnestly to impress the necessity of a living faith. The speaker also related a number of remarkable manifestations to prove that the signs follow those that believe.

After the opening of the morning services Monday, two returned missionaries, W. F. Pratt of Hinckley and

Charles Wood Jr. of Holden, were called to the stand and gave interesting reports of their experience and labors in Great Britain.

Elder David Thompson spoke a short time on the perfect harmony in the Church organization, etc.

Elder David R. Stevens spoke on the necessity of fast day donations and caring for the poor.

Elder Grant occupied the balance of the time, and showed the folly in the declaration by the fool, "there is no God." It seems to be harder for men of wealth to pay their tithing and live their religion than it is for those with limited means. Prayer is a check against sin. The sinner does not feel like praying.

In the afternoon the address to the Saints on Church discipline was read by Elder Christian Anderson and unanimously sustained. The general and local authorities were also presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Grant was pleased with the unanimous voting. He referred to how some of the papers had misrepresented some of our conferences, and desired that if there were any members present who had not voted that they would make it known. There was no response. He also read from the Doctrine and Covenants, section 121 in regard to the proper use of authority, and from the hymns on page 66 and on page 405, and scripture quotations relative to charity, and delivered a very impressive discourse on forgiveness and the force of example, etc.

President Hinckley made a few closing remarks, thanking the choir for their excellent singing, etc.

Conference was then adjourned to meet at Deseret, August 23rd and 24th next.

CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

OAKLEY, Idaho, May 30.—A very pleasant and profitable Sunday school conference was held at Oakley Hall, May 30 and 31. General Assistant Supt. George Goddard and T. O. Griggs of the Sunday School Union board were present and made valuable and instructive remarks relative to Sunday school work. It is gratifying to see how well Brother Goddard's songs, with choruses for the congregation, take among the people, especially among the children. The program consisted of illustration exercises from the four departments of the Sunday school, recitations in concert of the Articles of Faith, Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer; also reports for the various schools throughout the Stake by the superintendents as representatives, with short speeches from Bishops, officers, etc.

The conference was a grand success. After having held four regular and one teachers' meeting, the people voted for another meeting in the evening, which was well attended by parents and the larger children.

We enjoy those treats annually and hope that the aged veteran of the S. S. cause and his co-laborers will live long and not tire in their active work of moral and spiritual growth and education.

L. J. ROBINSON,

Acting Secretary.

NOTES.

Otto Olsen was arrested at Scotia, Cal., Saturday charged with murder. It is alleged that Olsen gave liquor to the eight-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Ayres on Decoration day while the mother was away from home, from the effects of which the child died Thursday.

Conrad Nelbert, keeper of a saloon at Canby, Oregon, was shot and probably fatally wounded by robbers at his place of business on Thursday night. As Nelbert was closing up his saloon he heard a knock on the door, and upon opening it was confronted by two masked men, who covered him with revolvers and ordered him to throw up his hands. Instead of complying with the demand, Nelbert ran through an inner door, and was in the act of closing it upon the robbers when one of them fired through the panel, the ball passing through his body near the heart. The assailants then fled. Nelbert's wound is considered fatal.

Wasatch Wave: Homer Fraughton returned from the head waters of the Provo Monday where he has been prospecting for some time past. He says the snow has only just begun to melt up in that country and that we may look for higher water in the Provo than that of last Saturday, after a few days of sunshine. He reports much damage to bridges and roads from Woodland up, the bridges that were across the river near Jones' mill and at Robert Jones' ranch both being washed away. The self-supporting flume used to conduct water across the river for irrigating farms on Woodland bench is also gone, which causes much inconvenience to the ranchmen and crops will in all probability suffer for want of water before it can be replaced. The snow at McGuire's old saw mill setting near the head of the south fork is all of three feet deep, as near as Mr. Fraughton could judge, and its depth becomes much greater as the higher mountains and canyons are reached. All this has to come down and greater damage than has already been done by the flood is anticipated.

Price, Carbon county, Advocate: Everybody in Castledale who could muster a team or an ax were working like beavers to save the big bridge just south of town, early this week. After chopping down many of Castledale's beautiful aspen trees to put in the stream where the bank was rapidly being cut away by the unusually high water, and the use of load after load of rock, it was thought the bridge was safe again and unless the river rises still higher no further damage is anticipated. Arch Livingston, of Castledale came near losing his life in crossing the river near the bridge which on account of high water was unsafe. In attempting to ford the stream Mr. Livingston accidentally got into a deep hole and only with help was he enabled to get out. The team by the merest chance was saved. The water in Huntington river is said to be higher than for eight years. The Cleveland headgate is washed out. The Avery dam, just below Huntington, where the Lawrence people get their water is nearly taken away. About forty teams have been at work for three days.